New Dearborn parish named for St. Teresa Benedicta

By Mary Ann Wyand

The new parish to be established on Jan. 30 in northeastern Dearborn County will be named for one of the Catholic Church’s newest saints.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein announced last week that the new parish at Bright will be named St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, the religious name of Edith Stein, a convert from Judaism who became a Carmelite nun and died at Auschwitz, Germany, during World War II.

Pope John Paul II canonized Blessed Teresa Benedicta on Oct. 11, 1998, during a ceremony in St. Peter’s Square. The for-mer teacher from Speyer, Germany, entered the Carmelite order in 1933. The formal establishment of the new parish by the archbishop during a eucharistic liturgy at 11 a.m. on Jan. 30 is the result of two years of research by archdiocesan officials concerning the needs of Catholics living in the area.

Last January, after receiving favorable reports from a task force and consulting with the archdiocesan Council of Priests and Priests’ Personnel Board, Archbishop Buechlein assigned Father William Marks to minister to Catholics in the area and explore the feasibility of establishing a new parish.

Father Marks moved to the Holy Guardian Angels rectory at Cedar Grove to minister to Catholics in northeastern Dearborn County numbers 239 homes. Our first home Mass was cele-brated on Ash Wednesday. Later we gath-ered for Liturgies in the tavern at Hidden Valley Lake. I was amazed that more than 150 people came to the first Liturgy at the tavern because it was a cold and snowy Sunday.

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Fleenor executed despite pleas for clemency

By Mary Ann Wyand

Despite continuing legal efforts and multiple pleas for clemency on behalf of convicted murderer D. H. Fleener, the mentally retarded man was executed by lethal injection on Dec. 9 at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City.

Fleener spent 15 years on Indiana’s death row for the 1982 murders of his in-laws at Madison. On Dec. 9, the Indiana Supreme Court denied a stay of execution for Fleener.

Shortly after 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 9, Fleener became the seventh man to be executed by the state since the death penalty was reinstated in Indiana.

A few hours before Fleener’s execu-tion, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein issued a statement about the inhumanity of capital punishment that listed questions for consideration by judicial and legis-la-tive officials and Indiana citizens. In the Dec. 8 statement, Archbishop Buechlein asked, “Has the death penalty curtailed crime in the last 10 years? When another means of protecting society exists—such as life imprisonment without parole—why are we intent on taking any other approach?”

Indiana Catholic Conference asks Gov. O’Bannon for a moratorium on the death penalty and creation of a study commission. See page 3.

Christmas stores bring joy

By Susan M. Bierman

Victoria Roberts looks for Christmas presents for her five children and husband at The Christmas Store in Terre Haute.

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TERRE HAUTE—Victoria Roberts found what she hoped would be the perfect toy for one of her five children. “I think my little one will like this,” she said as she put the toy in a bag and began looking for clothes for her chil-dren and her husband at The Christmas Store in Terre Haute.

Nearly 1,000 low-income people are expected to shop free at The Christmas Store in Terre Haute this year. The store, which was established in 1976, is co-sponsored by Catholic Charities of Terre Haute and the Terre Haute Deanery Council of Catholic Women.

The Terre Haute store is just one of dozens of Christmas gift programs run by Catholic organizations and parishes throughout the archdiocese. Everything in the Terre Haute store is new and is free. Most of the items are donated by department stores. The Christmas Store serves families in Terre Haute and other surrounding communities.

Thousands honor Our Lady of Guadalupe

By Margaret Nelson

In New Albany, Columbus, Greenwood and Indianapolis, thousands of the faithful gathered to honor Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (Our Lady of Guadalupe) on her feast day Dec. 12.

At St. Patrick, Father Augustin Mariscal Calderon of Guadalajara, Mexico, also concelebrated and offered the homily. In Spanish, he told the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, when she appeared near what is now Mexico City in 1531 to an Indian man, Juan Diego. After a mirac-u-lous event that convinced Church officials of her appearance, a church was built in her honor. Millions of the indigenous people were converted to the Catholic faith.

Father Calderon reminded the assembly of the Holy Father named Our Lady patron of all nations in the Americas. He asked that all the people work together as brothers and sisters for unity.

The Mexican priest asked those in atten-dance to take care of their faith, warning...
Brebeuf Jesuit names new president

By Mary Ann Wyand

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis has selected Benjamin B. Hawley, a Jesuit who will be ordained to the priesthood in June, as its new president.

Hawley began his appointment at the start of the 2000-2001 school year in August. He succeeds Jesuit Father Walter Deyo, who now serves the Society of Jesus as its administrative superior.

Jesuit Father Richard J. Baumann, provincial of the Chicago province of the Society of Jesus, said Hawley’s selection by Brebeuf’s board of trustees is “an excellent match” for the school.

Hawley brings to the Brebeuf community a variety of leadership experiences and a strong background in the Jesuit tradition. He is a Jesuit priest in Chicago. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1969, he served in the Peace Corps in West Africa for three years.

From 1977 through 1990, Hawley worked as a foreign service officer with the Agency for International Development (AID), working first in Indonesia as project manager for a $60 million local government program.

Later, as a field liaison officer in Washington, D.C., Hawley coordinated AID assistance to Lebanon, Jordan, Oman, the West Bank and Gaza. He also served the agency as director of long-range strategic and financial planning for the development program in Yemen.

Since joining the Jesuits, Hawley has taught undergraduate religion courses and counseled students at the University of Detroit Mercy. In addition to teaching, counseling and pursuing his post-graduate degrees, Hawley worked at the Open Door Shelter for homeless teen-agers in Chicago.

The Christmas Store, located near downtown, told a volunteer that she would be wrapping up all the gifts—even the ones she picked out for herself—so her children would truly believe Santa had come early Christmas morning while they were sleeping.

Hawley’s selection was unanimously approved by Brebeuf’s board of trustees, King said. “Truthfully, I can see the hand of God in this because he is so well-qualified and is available at this time.”

Board chairman Fred Glass of Brebeuf said Hawley is “a scholar, highly qualified teacher, counselor, manager, well-traveled foreign service worker and committed Jesuit.”

Hawley earned a bachelor of arts degree at Tufts University in Medford, Mass., a master’s degree in regional planning at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.; master’s degrees in religious studies at the University of Chicago and in social philosophy at Loyola University in Chicago.

Currently, Hawley is studying at Heythrop College at the University of London in England, where he will receive a theology degree in June. He is a deacon. Also in June, Hawley will be ordained a Jesuit priest in Chicago. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1990 and has been active in the Church in various capacities.

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Heroes of God’s Precious Infants

Monthly Pro-Life Mass at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
3922 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis

Dec. 18, 1999 ....Mgr. Harold Knueven, Our Lady of the Greenwood
Jan. 15, 2000 .............Fr. William Munshower, St. Thomas Aquinas
Feb. 19, 2000 ............Fr. Darvin Winters, Our Lady of the Greenwood
Mar. 18, 2000
Apr. 15, 2000
May 20, 2000
June 17, 2000

Schedule of Events
8:30 Mass at St. Andrew
9:00 Prayerful March to Clinic
9:30 Rosary at Abortion Clinic
10:00 Return March to Church
10:30 Benediction

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Why can’t we admit that capital punishment is more about violent revenge than it is about lawful justice? Why can’t we recognize that violence only begets more violence? The archbishop also cited a law passed earlier this year by the Indiana General Assembly that prohibits the execution of people who are mentally retarded or emotionally ill. The new law would have spared Fleenor’s life if Gov. Frank O’Bannon had decided to make it retroactive.

“Why are we taking Mr. Fleenor’s life simply because he committed his crime before the law existed?” the archbishop asked. “Shouldn’t the same principle that brought the law into existence apply in his case, even retroactively?”

Attorneys with the Midwest Center for Justice in Chicago issued last-minute appeals on Fleenor’s behalf based on diagnoses that he suffered from psychosis, paranoia and depression. A Catholic priest who serves as a chaplain at the Indiana State Prison filed an affidavit stating that Fleenor appeared to be delusional and out of touch with reality. Pope John Paul II also issued a plea for clemency for Fleenor last week via a letter to Gov. O’Bannon from Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Carmelite Sister Mary Rogers, a member of the Carmelite community at the Monastery of the Resurrection in Indianapolis, was among dozens of death penalty opponents who stood outside the governor’s residence on the evening of Dec. 8 to peacefully protest Fleenor’s execution.

“I’ve been thinking about Mr. Fleenor,” Sister Mary said, “and that he doesn’t seem to understand what is happening. I’m praying that he will have as peaceful a death as he can under the circumstances. I know God’s grace will be with him.”

Tom Benner of Carmel, a member of Amnesty International, carried a sign stating, “An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.”

“My opposition to capital punishment is simply that it’s just not right,” Benner said. “It’s not right to kill. All human beings have the right to life. It seems to me that the death penalty serves only as an act of revenge, not as an act of justice.”

St. Susanna parishioner Karen Burkart of Plainfield, the Indiana death penalty abolition coordinator for Amnesty International, said on Dec. 10 that “killing Mr. Fleenor, with questions concerning his mental competency unanswered, was a miscarriage of justice.”

The board of directors of the Indiana Catholic Conference presented the following statement to Gov. Frank O’Bannon:

“The Catholic Church will observe a moratorium on capital punishment on the dawn of the third Christian millennium. In the spirit of the ancient Judaic custom regarding jubilee years (Lv 25) that calls people and communities to reconciliation and social justice, we urge you in your capacity as governor of Indiana:

• to establish a millennial moratorium on capital punishment in the state of Indiana;
• to appoint a study commission that would thoroughly examine the criminal justice system in our state;
• the commission would determine if:
• death penalty cases are being administered fairly and impartially;
• the risk of innocent persons being executed is being minimized;
• racial or economic discrimination exists in our justice system;
• mentally retarded citizens are being executed contrary to present state law.

“Following the study, your commission’s findings should be presented to our legislative leaders during the long session of the General Assembly. Our legislators could then decide—based on the commission’s findings—whether the continuation of capital punishment in Indiana is in the best interests of humanity or whether it is inhumane and unfair and contributes to a growing culture of violence in our state and nation.”

The statement was signed by Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, general chairman of the conference; and Bishops Gerald A. Gettellinger of Evansville; John M. D’Arcy and Daniel R. Jenky of Fort Wayne-South Bend; Dale J. Melcek of Gary; and William L. Higi of Lafayette.

Lay members of the board also signed the statement. They are James Loughery of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; Diane L. Bender of the Diocese of Evansville; Patricia A. O’Hara of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend; Gregory A. Sokolowski of the Diocese of Gary; and John P. Nichols of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.
The great Christian apologist C. S. Lewis once wrote: “A man who was not God, as he claimed, he was both human and divine. Jesus of Nazareth was God made man. The only person in all human history who was both human and divine.”

His belief that Jesus was human and divine is crucial to understanding the Incarnation. But that seems to be lost on Price’s own. He apparently can’t accept the Catholic doctrine of the perpetual virginity of Mary. One would think that since he was writing about the apocryphal Gospel of James, the only place, for example, where we get the names of Mary’s parents, Joachim and Anne. The Church even has a feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple, an event mentioned only in the Protogospel of James.

Price, in writing his own fictional story, says—

“the act of listening to our deeper and inner selves, our hearts and minds. The beginning of divine service (liturgy) is the creation of stillness” (Meditations before Mass, Manchester, N. H., Sophia Institute Press, 1993; Chap. 2, p.13). Silence punctuates communication and is necessary for meaning. But stillness is more than an absence of noise in our lives and at prayer. Stillness is the act of listening to our deeper and inner selves, our hearts and minds. When we come to prayer, stillness gives us the opportunity to enter into the meaning of what we are about to do. Stillness before prayer enables us to open our hearts and minds to God. At Eucharist, stillness allows us to open ourselves to the touch of God’s Word and to truly experience communion with him and with the community of faith with whom we pray and commune.

Msgr. Guardini stressed the importance of composure, which he said “is more than freedom from scattered impressions and occupations. It is something positive; it is life in its fullest and best form. It is the opposite of the aimless mindlessness of the world which turns everything into a multiplicity of things and events, and this natural inclination to distraction, Consider, for a moment, the nature of respiration. It has two distinctions: outward and inward. Both are vital for life. If one is breathless or the other is misplaced, life is in danger.”

A famous teacher of another era, Msgr. Romano Guardini, once wrote: “The beginning of divine service (liturgy) is the creation of stillness.” Stillness is not something to be added as an afterthought; it is something that is essential to everything we do. Stillness is more than freedom from distraction. It is the opposite of the aimless mindlessness of the world which turns everything into a multiplicity of things and events. It is something positive; it is life in its fullest and best form.

The same needs apply when we pray alone. St. Charles Borromeo asked the right question: What was I doing just prior to praying? Did I take time to become still and to compose myself in the presence of God? If not, as Msgr. Guardini said, left to itself, our human tendency will always turn outward toward the business and the distractions that are so much a part of everyday life.

Last week, I shared testimonials of the prayer experience of high school seniors and freshmen. Almost to a person, our youth spoke of how they enjoyed the quiet and inner peace they found during their prayer together. They spoke of our need for stillness and composure in everyday life. Stillness and composure are the fertile soil for peaceful and meaningful prayer.
La oración es un medio para convertirse más santos

Aprovechando la oportunidad para una nueva gracia que ofrece el Avenimiento a medida que nos acercamos a la Navidad y al Gran Jubileo 2000!

La oración es una de las formas para convertirnos y enriquecernos, pero oración nos acercamos a Dios, quien solo es santo. Cualquier santidad que tengamos es una reflexión de la santidad de Dios. Oramos como una comunidad y oramos solos. Esta semana, quieras hablar de la oración y seriedad como un ingrediente necesario para la oración comunal como privada.

De vez en cuando, es pido a los planificador litúrgicos recordar que la mitad de nosotros en la comunidad somos introvertidos. A veces, quien ha sido difícil para los introvertidos desde la reforma de la liturgia. El hecho es que la oración de la Iglesia es una oración común y por lo tanto requiere la participación de sacerdotes, la familia, el pueblo y el cristiano y en otras formas de la oración litúrgica. Hablamos perdido aquel sentido de la participación comunal durante los siglos, aunque Jesús enseñó “Donde hay dotes y la reunión en la Eucaristía y en una profunda oración comunal, como privada.

Cada vez más es el caso de demandar al planificador litúrgico recuerda que hay dotes y la reunión en la Eucaristía y en uno profunda oración como privada.

Ante todo, debemos tratar de que sean oídos por el exterior, pero nosotros no estamos alí para estar en común como estipula la Iglesia en las horas litúrgicas.

Pero eso no significa que no hay lugar para la seriedad y la quietud. No estamos hablando de que las personas de todas estas reuniones de oración no sean mera mente una unión superficial o nada más un fenómeno sentimental.

Y la distorsión constante? Una vez mientras predicabas a tus sacerdotes. St. Charles Borromeo les recordó que si se encuentran demasiado distraído durante la Misa, sería bueno que se pres sionara que lo hicieran en la sacristía de anteponerlo. “Lograron serenos! Somos seres humanos racionales y por lo tanto, necesitamos la seriedad y reflexión para enfocarnos en lo que somos.”

Una vez un maestro famoso de otra época, el Msgr. Romano Guardini, escribió que “el principio de servicio divino (liturgia) es la creación de la qui etud” (Mediations before Mass, Manchester, N. H. Sophia Institute Press, 1993; Cap. 2, p. 13). El silencio complementa la comunicación y es necesario para su significado. No obstante la quietud es más que una ausencia de ruido en nuestras vidas y en oración. La quietud es el acto de escuchar con la profundidad de nuestras fuerzas interiores.

Cuando nos reunimos para orar, la qui etud nos da la oportunidad de entrar en el significado de lo que estamos por hacer. La quietud antes de orar nos permite abrir nuestros corazones y mentes a Dios. En la Eucaristía, la quietud nos deja abierto al toque de la Palabra de Dios y devorar la verdadera comunión con Él y con la comunidad de la fe con quien oramos y comulgamos.

El Msgr. Guardini enfatizó la importancia de la seriedad, la cual dijo “es más que la libertad de impresiones y ocupaciones espaciales. Es algo posi tivo, es la vida con toda la profundidad y poder. Si se deja sola, la vida siempre se volverá hacia fuera a la multiplicidad de cosas y eventos, y hay que contrapesar esto inclinación natural. Pienso, por un momento, en la naturaleza de la res pirencia. Tiene dos distinciones: la exterior y la interior. Las dos son vitales; el organismo vivo que sólo respira o sólo inhala pronto se sofocará” (Ibid., p. 23). Continúa diciendo que la seriedad es la “inhalación” de una persona espiritual por la cual nos serenamos en las profundidades de nuestros seres espirituales y regresamos a nuestro centro.

Si dejamos por alto esta necesidad humana de quietud y seriedad antes de celebrar la Eucaristía juntos, es muy probable que la experiencia de oración se exabra por la falta de lo que las nuevas iglesias hacen provi nencia para un nártex o “espacio de reunión” brindan oportunidad de saldar las brecas y divagar brevemente antes de penetrar al altar de culto. Una vez más, necesitamos el espíritu de que estar quietos y serenarnos para tener una experiencia digna de oración, y si necesitamos un tanto serio más profundo de comunidad.

Se aplican las mismas necesidades al orar solo. St. Charles Borromeo hace la pregunta correcta. ¿Qué hacía yo antes de orar? ¿Tomé el tiempo para ponerme quieto y serenarme ante Dios? Si no, como dijo el Msgr. Guardini, dejando sola, nuestra tendencia humana siempre se volverá hacia fuera, al negocio y distracciones que son una parte íntegra de la vida cotidiana.

En la semana pasada, compartí testimonios de la experiencia de la oración para los estudiantes del 8º y 12º grado. Casi a una persona, nuestra joven, un ser humano que debo de que ganaron de tranquilidad y paz interna que encontraron durante su oración comunal. Hablaron de la necesidad de quietud y seriedad en la vida cotidiana. La quietud y seriedad son esenciales para la oración tranquila y significativa.

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Ex conde documente potentially detrimental

I wish to comment on Dan Conway’s “From the heart of the Church” (The Criterion, Dec. 10) and the related CNS article regarding the bishops’ adoption of the Catholic university norms. I believe that the rationale of this adoption is potentially detrimental to the academic freedom historically enjoyed by our Catholic universities, as well as another opportunity for divisive individualism to be exercised by the bishops in their respective dioceses.

The adoption by the U.S. Catholic bishops collectively is not the problem. It is in the power of the individual bishop in his diocese to interpret this according to his views that the problem arises. The 27 Jesuit universities in this country are an example. There is an old saying that there are only two things that God does not know: His thoughts and how many orders of nuns there are. I can’t speak to the latter, but the former might be a worse sin. However, I believe that I can safely say that when it comes to theological orthodoxy, that these Jesuits’ actions of higher learning are closer together than the orthodoxy of the Franciscan universities of St. Bonaventure and Steubenville. Yet does one any believe that Creighton will be treated the same as Marquette. That Georgetown will have the same latitude as Xavier. I don’t know for sure, but it is probably a fact that these 27 institutions are a separate group. A wall has been opened, allowing those bishops who are so disposed to meddling with the religious orders of nuns. Where does the institution go for relief. Not to the new U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, who have adopted these norms they have no power to interfere with the actions of any individual bishop acting in his diocese. As an alumnus of Georgetown, I cannot say that I am proud of some of the actions or lack thereof of the present president. He is an认真学习 and a disgrace. But though Cardinal Hickey was right in expressing his displeasure, some of the religious orders really isn’t his province to interfere. This is up to the students, the parents, the alumni and the benefactors themselves. It is not the responsibility of the bishops to interfere with the proper order and decorum and they have done that.

Anthony A. Romweber, Batavia

Response: Mr. Romweber rightly assigns the responsibility to maintain “the propri order and decorum” on Catholic college campuses. But does he not agree that there are serious reasons, names may be withheld, that the institution go for relief. Not to the present president, he is an认真学习 and a disgrace. But though Cardinal Hickey was right in expressing his displeasure, some of the religious orders really isn’t his province to interfere. This is up to the students, the parents, the alumni and the benefactors themselves. It is not the responsibility of the bishops to interfere with the proper order and decorum and they have done that.

— Daniel Conway

Argument against capital punishment

Having reversed my opinion on capital punishment a few years ago, I read with interest Mr. Jaffe’s letter (The Criterion, Dec. 10) supporting its use. In his letter, Mr. Jaffe makes some reasonable and practical arguments in favor of capital punishment; however, a careful consideration of his final statements actually highlights a compelling moral argument against capital punishment. His words are if the condemned is convicted and repents ... he is assured of entering God’s kingdom, as was the thief on the cross. A death sentence would be a gross injustice because of the possibility of God’s grace to those condemned. His reasoning against capital punishment is strong when considered to the former might have some merit.

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The Choir of Sacred Heart Parish in Indianapolis will present a Christmas cantata, “The Canticle of Joy,” the latest work by Joseph Martin, on Dec. 19 at 4 p.m. The concert will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union St. Dr. John Gates will direct the free concert. For more information, call 317-638-5551.

HospiceCare Inc. is looking for volunteers to work as a group or individually with terminally ill patients and their families for a few hours a week or a month. Many positions are open for volunteer work at the corporate office. For more information, call 317-580-9336 or volunteer work at the corporate office. For more information, call 317-257-1505.

The public is welcome to join the monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad as they celebrate Christmas in the Archabbey Church. Vigil prayers begin at 8 p.m. and Mass will be celebrated at midnight on Dec. 24. Christmas Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Dec. 25. The hours for the Abbey Press Gift Shop are Dec. 24, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.; Dec. 25 and 31 and Jan. 1, closed. All other days have normal business hours.

Partners in Wellness will offer a free cancer support group on Dec. 22 from 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. at Wishard Hospital, 1001 W. 10th St., in Indianapolis. The group will meet in the multipurpose room on the first floor of the Myers Building. Cancer patients, caregivers, friends and family members are invited to attend this free support group facilitated by a licensed psychotherapist. For more information, call 317-257-1505.

Free transportation is available and may be arranged by calling The Little Red Door Cancer Agency at 317-925-5595.

The St. Louis Archdiocese’s commemorative papal visit book is now available in bookstores and can be ordered on-line. “John Paul II: The Pastoral Visit to St. Louis” is a 156-page coffee table book commemorating the January visit of Pope John Paul II to St. Louis. The book uses a variety of color photographs and some text to tell the story of the Pope’s visit to the Gateway City. All homilies and speeches delivered by Pope John Paul II while in St. Louis are also printed in the book. The following bookstores have the book currently in stock: Pauline Books and Media, 317-965-3512; Catholic Supply, 314-351-0277; St. Peters Catholic Book, 314-970-1043; Left Banks Books, 314-367-6731; Barnes and Noble, 314-843-9480 or www.bn.com; B Dalton Bookstores, 314-821-2424; Borders Books and Music, 314-352-3575 or wwwBorders.com; and Waldenbooks, 636-278-8736.

The Catholic Choir of Indianapolis will present a free concert of Christmas music at 4 p.m. on Dec. 24 at Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., in Indianapolis. Following the concert, the choir will accompany Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general and moderator of the curia for the archdiocese, for the Christmas Eve Mass.

Mozart Vespers will be included in a weekend retreat on the music and the theology of Mozart Jan. 21–23 at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. Benedictine Father Noel Mueller, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, is the presenter. The cost for the weekend retreat is $125 per individual and $225 per married couple. The deadline to register is Jan. 5. For more information, call 317-545-7651 or check the Web site at www.archindy.org/Fatima.

A Mozart Day of Reflection at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis, will be held on Jan. 24 from 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. For more information, call 317-565-7681. Benedictine Father Noel Mueller, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, is the presenter.

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Single Catholic women, ages 20–40, who want to learn about religious life, are invited to attend a Benedictine Life Weekend Jan. 7–9 at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand. The weekend will focus on the theme “Stability—Commitment to Life.” Participants will have the opportunity to experience the Benedictine way of life as they participate in prayer and community life with the sisters of Benedict. The program is free. For more information, call Benedictine Sister Anita Louise Lowe at 800-738-9999 or benedictinavocation@thedome.org. The deadline to register is Jan. 3. Information about the vocation program of the Ferdinand Benedictines is also available at http://thedome.org.

The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand are turning to the newest technology to help their oldest members. Their three-year-old gift shop, “For Heaven’s Sake,” which provides support for retired sisters, now has an online store for Internet shoppers. The address is http://www.foreverheavensake.org.

A Bereavement Support Group, a series of meetings open to any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one, will be held on Jan. 18 and 23 and Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers’ Hospice Office, 438 S. Emerson Ave., in Greenwood. Sessions will be held in the afternoon from 3 p.m.–4:30 p.m. and in the evening from 6:30 p.m.–8 p.m. Registration is required. To register, call 317-865-2092.

Caterpillar Kids, a bereavement support group for children ages 5–12 who have experienced the death of a loved one, will be held Jan. 26 and Feb. 2, 9, 16, and 23, and March 1 at Christ United Methodist Church, 8540 U.S. 31 South, in Indianapolis. Registration is required. To register, call 317-865-2092.

Choir members are needed for the special Jubilee 2000 Mass at 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 31, 1999 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Rehearsals will take place at the cathedral from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Dec. 21 and Dec. 30. Those wishing more information may call Bill Hill at 317-870-8610 or 317-359-6580. †

Leo and Mary Jean Halbleib of Floyds Knobs were recently presented the 1999 Preston Young Outstanding Volunteer Award. The Halbleibs received the award for 24 years of volunteer service with Right to Life of Southern Indiana. The Halbleibs have held various offices during their involvement with the organization. †
Documentary explores cardinal’s life, beliefs

NEW YORK (CNS)—The efforts of a crusading cardinal are examined in the biographical documentary “Author of Reform: The Cardinal Suenens Story,” airing at 4 p.m. on Dec. 19 on WTIU, Channel 69, the Butler University station in Indianapolis. (Check your local programming guide.)

Belgian’s Cardinal Leo Jozef Suenens (1904–96) was a close confidant of several popes. When Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962, Cardinal Suenens saw the proposed agenda as an obstacle to needed reform within the Church.

Encouraged by the pope, he wrote his own proposals, which eventually shaped needed reform within the Church.

Four years. He envisioned the Church as the people of God, all equal without the need to defer to the bishop. At Pope John XXIII’s funeral Mass in 1963, Cardinal Suenens delivered the eulogy and was considered the strongest non-Italian candidate for the papacy.

Vatican II continued under Pope Paul VI. As one of four appointed moderators, Cardinal Suenens pushed for equality, a greater role for the laity, permanent deacons and ecumenism. He felt the Church should wear modern dress and called for optional celibacy for the clergy.

According to the documentary, his friendship with Pope Paul VI was strained when Cardinal Suenens read a draft of the papal encyclical “Humanae Vitae.”

Unable to agree with the pope’s position on birth control, he asked Pope Paul VI to rewrite it after consulting with other bishops. When this did not happen, he became disillusioned about collegiality. After being criticized by the pope, his career suffered. He later became involved in the charismatic renewal movement.

A compilation of more than six years of weekly columns—316 columns—from The Criterion, this book brings together in one place the day-to-day concerns and reflections of an archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church.

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A visit from the archbishop


Father Thompson died in an automobile accident on April 21, 1960, near Loogootee. He was returning to Bradford after attending a funeral for Father Joseph Brown, pastor of St. Michael from 1951–1960.

St. Michael was founded in 1835. It now numbers nearly 1,200 persons in 418 households. Former Saint Meinrad Benedictine Archabbot Bonaventure Knaebel is the administrator of the parish.

From our readers:
Msgr. Richard Lawler, pastor of St. Mark Parish in Indianapolis, tells us that the picture of the graduating class of St. Mary School, Richmond, that appeared in the Dec. 10 issue of The Criterion was the class of 1948. “I graduated in 1947,” he says, “and since we had only 13 students in our class, we were with these [students] most of the time. I have a sister and a cousin in that class pictured.”

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families, he said. They have gathered for eucharistic liturgies at 5 p.m. on Saturdays at the Providence Presbyterian Church in bright and at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays at the Hidden Valley tavern.

On Dec. 9, Father Marks said, members of the Sunman Dearborn School Corporation approved a new policy allowing outside groups to rent facilities at the Bright Elementary School, so liturgies will be scheduled there until a permanent worship space is available.

The need for property on which to locate the new church was resolved recently when Greg and Vicky Gavin donated 20 acres of land to the archdiocese.

“I told the people that in God’s time we would have land for the parish,” Father Marks said. “We’ve only been in existence since February and already have received this wonderful gift of land. The property is beautiful and is centrally located within our boundaries. We have been blessed to receive it.”

St. Teresa Benedicita of the Cross Parish will serve Catholics living within the established boundaries “beginning at the Indiana-Ohio state line where it intersects with I-74, following I-74 west to Whites Hill Road (for the boundary on the south); then following Whites Hill Road south to its natural extension to the Miller-Lawrenceburg Township line (for the boundary on the west); then following the Miller-Lawrenceburg Township line east to the Indiana-Ohio state line (for the boundary on the south); then following the Indiana-Ohio state line north to the point of beginning (for the boundary on the east).”

Mgr. Joseph F. Slaedel, vicar general, said all territory within these lines will be “the geographic canonical responsibility of the proposed new parish at Bright.”

However, Mgr. Slaedel said, “because of the unique circumstances posed in the Hidden Valley Lake subdivision, either St. Teresa Benedicita Parish or St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg will register any persons now living there or persons moving there in the future. People currently registered at either place will be encouraged to remain where they are now registered. Neither parish may insist that persons living in this area be registered in their specific parish. Persons currently registered in another parish in the area, such as St. John the Baptist in Dover, St. Paul in New Alabas, St. Joseph in S. St. Leon, may remain in their present parish.”

Father Marks says plans for development of the parish property will be based on discussions with parishioners and the archdiocese. While plans necessarily must focus on the physical needs of the new parish, Father Marks said the people have demonstrated a great spirituality and desire for community.

“While the spirit that is present in the community, the openness and faith of the people, how they want to have a Catholic identity, is powerful,” he said. “In the midst of all the gifts that God gives us as a community, we truly can see his grace as a gift that sustains us.”

St. Teresa Benedicita of the Cross will be a stewardship parish, Father Marks said. “We’re doing sacrificial giving, and 2 percent of our weekly collection goes to anyone in need. We know that we’ve been blessed with so much and that we need to give back to the community. We prepared Thanksgiving food baskets for eight families in need and established a giving tree during Advent. The children brought in candy for Christmas stockings.”

Oldenburg Franciscan Sister Jeri Fuhrmann, part-time director of liturgy, said she has been able to “see the Spirit working” in plans for the new parish.

“I tell people we have no church, but we certainly are Church because God is present,” Sister Jeri said. “God has been helping in so many ways. When the Gavins donated the property, I said, ‘If anybody doubts that there is a God, tell them to call me.’ Greg and Vicky Gavin said their decision to donate the land to the Church resulted from what they believe to be a miracle when their 8-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, was injured in an accident on the property last year.

After debris propelled by a lawn mower nearly severed an artery in her leg, Elizabeth was transported by helicopter to Children’s Hospital in Cincinnati for emergency surgery. Area residents heard about the accident and gathered at the Gavins’ home to pray for her recovery.

“Young daughter must have had an angel on her shoulder,” a physician told the Gavins after he treated Elizabeth.

“Community was praying for her so we thought we would give something back to the community,” Greg said. “From the time people started talking about a new parish, I always had it in the back of my mind that we would like to donate the property. I thought God was calling, and we answered.”

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They were 12 ordinary men who came from obscurity to change the world. Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to proclaim God’s love and salvation. As a result of their ministry, they were accused of blasphemy and sedition, and chose to die rather than deny their faith.

“The Twelve Apostles” is the result of a co-production involving nearly every muscle and bone in the body. The program was inspired by the premise that people know about the apostles and can name at least a few of them, but most people don’t know much about them.

The documentary looks at their backgrounds, lives, accomplishments and ultimate fates in spreading the Good News of God’s love. According to tradition, the apostles traveled as far as Spain in the west, India in the east, Russia in the north and Ethiopia in the south, converting many to their new faith while meeting with severe opposition.

The program also includes stories of other followers of Jesus—such as Mary Magdalene and the pivotal role she played among Jesus’ followers, as well as the controversial story of Paul, the Jewish zealot who persecuted Christians until he was called to spread Jesus’ message.

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The Western world’s great art, such as Byzantine, Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance art, is also used to visually capture the luminous quality and exceptional beauty of the New Testament.

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Andrew, John, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Jude, Thomas, Matthew, James the Less, Simon, Judas Iscariot and Peter all were hand-picked by a charismatic Jewish preacher named Jesus to complete a daunting mission—to tell no less than the entire world about God’s plan for salvation.

They risked their lives building the foundation for what would become a worldwide religion.

The two-hour documentary, narrated by actor Martin Sheen, airs at 9 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Dec. 20. It is rated TV-G and is suitable for viewing by all ages.

“The Twelve Apostles” airs Dec. 20 on cable.
them that many in the U.S. lose their faith for dollars. He asked them to keep the message of Jesus Christ.

Father Calderon told the assembly not to have doubts about the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego. The priest reminded the people of the authenticity of Juan Diego’s cloak with the image of the Blessed Mother—still preserved at the basilica in Mexico City.

At the noon Mass at Our Lady of the Greenwood, the procession included flags from the 34 individual countries in the Americas and that of the Vatican. The readings were given in English and Spanish. Father James Rogers read the Gospel in Spanish and concelebrated the Mass with Msgr. Harold Knueven, the pastor, presiding.

St. Mary in Indianapolis had a full church for the 1:15 p.m. Spanish Mass. Archbishop Buechlein presided, with Fathers O’Ma, Fox and Calderon concelebrating. Father Calderon delivered the homily. Deacon Russell Zint, who is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood in June, read the Gospel in Spanish.

Above, at St. Patrick Church in Indianapolis, members of a mariachi join the procession beginning Mass on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

At left, children bring roses to the sanctuary at Our Lady of the Greenwood Church to place them before the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe during a special noon Mass last Sunday.

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Understanding evolves from search for truth

By Fr. John W. Crossin, O.S.F.S.

Who is the best teacher you ever had? I can name a few teachers who were skilled in maintaining interest and conveying information. They increased my understanding of a subject.

Understanding, of course, is not just for the classroom. I've had many teachers who weren't associated with my school experiences. I've learned the most from those mentors who have a deep understanding of people. They have a "knowledge of the heart" that rivals formal learning.

One friend says he learns the most by continually studying other people. This study involves seeing and listening. We see how others act or the example they give, and we learn from them. We listen to others and drink in their wisdom. However, this listening can be difficult because we have many external and internal barriers to understanding. Understanding involves getting past obstacles. With God’s grace, we can be healed and learn to listen with head and heart. Understanding even embraces listening to those who disagree with us. They may be speaking God’s word in ways that are unfamiliar better or that challenge our preconceptions.

A fair amount of humility must go hand in hand with understanding. We need to acknowledge our lack of understanding. We have to admit we don’t have all the answers. We have a list to learn, and our teachers may be the most unlikely people. In Catholicism, understanding involves the search for the fullness of truth about our own humanity.

Years ago, in an exhibit at the Dachau concentration camp in Germany, I noted the philosophical errors which nourished Nazi oppression. Misconceptions of our human nature justified wars, concentration camps and the Nazi “final solution.” Coming to understand the truth of the human person is absolutely essential for our own humanity.

We reflect on God’s working in our lives. We ponder the magnificence of human artistic creations as they speak to us of human creativity and divine goodness. We marvel at the wonders of the physical universe that are made known to us in science.

Understanding is a virtue for earth and heaven. In seeing God face-to-face, we will come to a fullness of loving knowledge. An artist may have a more intuitive or creative way of looking at the world. We can always understand them better.

By David Gibson

The virtue of understanding functions like preventive medicine in human relationships, guarding them from breaking down. But understanding does more than protect the status quo. It helps to build relationships up, and paves the way to deeper bonds. This virtue also fulfills a large role for damaged relationships by helping heal them. Can reconciliation be achieved without it? Understanding is a multitaled virtue for relationships among humans. But what about the divine-human connection? Our misunderstandings of God can weaken this connection for us. It’s important to remember that God understands us!

(David Gibson edits Faith Alive!)

Humility enhances understanding

This Week’s Question

What is needed for people—or peoples—to understand each other?

“Humility is needed, [and] having a sense of the importance of the other person.” (Jim Kolar, St. Paul, Minn.)

“We must be honest with ourselves and with others.” (Mgr. James Oberschick, Mobile, Ala.)

“Through respect we listen to each other more.” (Alice Hagedorn, Lincoln, Neb.)

“You cannot understand a man who hates unless you have harbored his grief. You cannot give him love when you seek love only for yourself.” (Linda Early Astley, Sylvania, Ga.)

“I think it takes tolerance of the other person’s ideas, faith and culture, because with tolerance we see better where a person is coming from.” (Linda Rychlik, Austin, Texas)

“Everyone needs to get out of his/her safety zone and get to know others who are different. From different races or cultures we can learn a new language, new recipe, new music and, best of all, make a new friend.” (Patricia Barbee, Pembroke, Ga.)

Lend Us Your Voice

An upcoming edition asks: As a woman helping to carry out the work of a diocese or parish, tell what you do.

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Vatican II: Religious liberty seen as U.S. issue

Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

It's time to quit talking and start listening

From what I've heard, going on retreat used to be rather a grim business. For example, some crusty retreatants and their friar friends relate war stories about high school days when they attended in “the old days.”

As a convert and a young married woman with a grow- ing family and a growing business, I have difficulty putting the pin away.

During the ensuing years, most of my retreats were spent running through an agenda while I talked to God nonstop. Then I realized there came a period of trendy retreats in which we mostly dia- logued with each other, not much to God. None of this was bad or anything, but any ongoing spiri-

...God has a lot to say to me, and time is short. So here comes the season that it’s time, particularly on retreat, to listen. God has a lot to say to me, and time is short. So here comes the season of Advent in the nick of time, and, I believe, I’m all ears.

(Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Greencastle, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.)

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

Sweets that made me sick now more thought-provoking

One Christmas Eve afternoon when I was a girl, my parents allowed me and my siblings to have a few hours a day. The Church taught that the adult-day, the boys must be at its disposal and who all must not con-
fend an argument about how best to keep the Church open. The latter was the core of their spiri-
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The Sunday Readings

Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999

• 2 Samuel 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16
• Romans 16:25–27
• Luke 1:26–38

The Second Book of Samuel provides the first reading in the Liturgy of the Word for this Fourth Advent weekend. Central in the story is David, one of only two kings of Israel who were deserving of great acclaim. (The other was Solomon. David’s son and successor, Solomon, was much more than merely a political authority. David was the father and the guide of his people.

David’s primary task was to lead the people of Israel; God’s own people; in ways of piety and in a process of growing more deeply united with God. This weekend’s reading recalls an event that was very much a part of David’s efforts as king. He built the temple in Jerusalem, the people of God’s house and place of prayer. This temple was to be a substitute godparent — will set the stage for the coming of the Redeemer. Through Jesus, God also will answer all the private, concealed needs, God comes in great wisdom and love, in great power and in great kindness. Through Jesus, God also will answer all our doubts and anxieties.

David was the father of the Redeemer, Jesus. David’s efforts as king. He built the temple in Jerusalem, the precursor of more temples as yours, states that the bishop of a diocese may officially designate a substitute godparent. Having a caring godparent is always valuable, according to Bishop Dietzen, because a godparent is present, who knows what God's plan is, who knows what God wants for the child of his or her own initiative.

Bishop must approve substitute godparent

Question Corner/Fr. John Dietzen

Is there a way we can change the godmother of our child? The person who was chosen several years ago has left the Catholic faith and is certainly not the example we chose several years ago has left the Catholic faith and is certainly not the example we felt a godmother should be for him, now or later on. Another relative has shown much love and care for our children and would be an excellent baptism sponsor. She is willing to be named as godmother.

We’ve heard that’s possible. What would we need to do? (North Carolina)

Unfortunately, your circumstance is not unique. Some situations are more comforting than others, but when a child’s godparent has died or has proven unwilling or unable to serve appropriately in that role, it’s understandable that good Christian parents want someone else in that capacity for their child. Having a caring godparent is always important. It is particularly so should the parents die or become incapacitated, which, of course, is one reason sponsors should be chosen carefully.

The process of changing is not simple, however. The Congregation for the Sacraments, acknowledging such circumstances as yours, states that the bishop of a diocese may officially designate a substitute sponsor, whose name would be inscribed in the official parish baptism register. (Bishop Dietzen, Nov. 13, 1984, to bishops of the United States and Canada; in 1985 issue of Roman Replies of the Canon Law Society of America.)

Baptism records can be quite important for civil and religious purposes in later years, which is why a parish priest or secretary cannot simply change such names on his or her own initiative. There may, on occasion, be a good reason for this kind of official change of godparents. However, a loving, concerned friend or relative, such as the one you mention, can usually do just as much for the child, now and in the future, without going through all this formality. You might even make it "official" for your family by asking the adult you speak to as act of godparent for your child. When your son is old enough to understand, explain what you have done. Among other advantages, it could help him be aware of the importance of baptism and how you are concerned that this sacrament be lived out properly in his life. It is possible that a note from you to your son’s present godmother would be another expression of goodness toward her? It may move her to reflect on where she has turned. After all, only a few years ago, you were saying she was the one who had come to her aid.

We’ve heard that’s possible. What would we need to do? (North Carolina)

Bishop Dietzen notes that there are many situations and places — where people could gather in solemnity and formally worship God — set the stage for his reign. More compelling than the need to build a house of God, however, are the words of God, spoken through Nathan the prophet.

Nathan voices the holy words. God has established David’s line to lead and protect God’s people. Redeemption is not just some great, global, transcendent event, although in its view and purpose it embraces all creation. Redemption also is intensely personal. To each of us, in our most personal and even

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The Active List

The Criterion welcomes announcements of archdiocesan church and parish open-to-the-public activities for “The Active List” Please be brief—listing date, location, event, sponsor, cost and time. Include a phone number for verification. No announcements will be taken by telephone. Notices must be in our office by 10 a.m. Monday the week of (Friday) publication. The Criterion, The Active List, 1400 N. Meridian St. (hand deliver); P.O. Box 1717; Indianapolis, IN 46206 (mail); 317-226-1593 (fax); mklein@archindy.org (e-mail).

December 17–19
Fatima Retreat House, 5355 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis. Advent Silent retreat, presented by Jesus Father Donald McLean, Mother Teresa’s spiritual director. Information: 317-545-7861.

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Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis.
Tridentine (Latin) Mass, Mon.–Fri. noon; Wed., Fri., 5:30 p.m. Information: 317-636-4478.

Weekly
Sundays
Holy Rosary Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis.
Tridentine Mass, 10 a.m.
St. Anthony of Padua Church, Clarksville. “Be Not Afraid!” holy hour, 6 p.m.
Christ the King Church, 1827 Kessler Blvd. E. Dr., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m.; rosary for world peace, 8 p.m.
St. Anthony Church, 799 N. Wartman, Indianapolis. Rosary and Benediction for vocations, 2 p.m.

Mondays
Our Lady of the Greenwood Chapel, 335 S. Meridian St. Greenwood. Prayer group, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays
Holy Name Parish, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. Christmas concert XXXVIII, 3 p.m.
St. Anthony of Padua Church, Clarksville. “Be Not Afraid!” holy hour, 6 p.m.
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Thursdays
St. Lawrence Chapel, Indianapolis. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Mass.
St. Mary Church, New Albany. Shepherds of Christ prayer for lay, religious vocations, 7 p.m.
St. Patrick Church, Shelby St., Salem. Prayer service, 7 p.m.
St. Malachi Church, Brownsburg. Liturgy of the Hours, 7 p.m. Information: 317-852-1395.

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Divine Mercy Chapel, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. Confession, 6:45 p.m.; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 7:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Rd. W., Sellersburg. Eucharistic adoration, one hour after 8 a.m. Mass.
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Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 5333 E. Washington St., Indianapolis. Adoration, prayer service, 7 p.m.

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St. Joseph Church, 2605 St. Joe Rd. W., Indianapolis. Adoration, confessions after 9 a.m. Mass—5 p.m.; rosary, noon.

Sacred Heart Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament after 8 a.m.—Mass—noon confessions.

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St. Vincent de Paul Church, Bedford. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, after 8:30 a.m. Mass—9 p.m.; reconciliation, 4 p.m.—4 p.m.

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St. Joseph University Church, Terre Haute. Eucharistic adoration, after 9 a.m. Mass—5 p.m., rosary, noon.

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St. Mary Church, New Albany. Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation, after 9 p.m. Mass—midnight.

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Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 355 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Devotions and sacrament of reconciliation, after 8 a.m. Mass.

Holy Angels Church, 28th and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sts., Indianapolis. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 11 a.m.—noon.

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