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- Oct. 6 St. Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
- Oct. 7 Respect Life Sunday
- Oct. 9 St. Denis and companions, St. John Leonardi
- Oct. 15 St. Teresa of Jesus
- Oct. 16 St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
- Oct. 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch
- Oct. 18 St. Luke
- Oct. 19 Ss. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and companions
- Oct. 20 St. Paul of the Cross
- Oct. 21 World Mission Sunday

Confirmations

- St. Mark, Emporium – Saturday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.
- Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek – Sunday, Oct. 28 at 11 a.m.
- St. Callistus, Kane – Sunday, Nov. 4 at 10:30 a.m.
- St. Mark the Evangelist, Erie – Saturday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m.

Red Mass – Oct. 18

Bishop Lawrence Persico will celebrate a Red Mass on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 5:15 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie.

A Red Mass is celebrated for judges, attorneys, law school professors, students and government officials. The Mass calls upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice and offers the opportunity to reflect on the responsibility of all in the legal profession.

150th anniversary of St. Titus Parish, Titusville – Oct. 21

Bishop Lawrence Persico will celebrate an anniversary Mass for the 150th anniversary of St. Titus Parish in Titusville on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m.



To read Pope Benedict XVI's apostolic letter, "Porta Fidei," and for resources for the Year of Faith, visit www.ErieRCD.org.

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Bishop Persico ordained 10th bishop of Erie



Photos by Tim Rohrbach

Bishop Lawrence Persico blesses the members of the faithful following his ordination.

Bishop Lawrence Persico, JCL, was ordained the tenth bishop of the Diocese of Erie Oct. 1 in front of a capacity crowd at St. Peter Cathedral in Erie as we went to press.

A special edition of *FaithLife* dedicated to Bishop Persico, including coverage of his ordination, will be available in parishes Oct. 27-28. For photos of the event, visit www.ErieRCD.org.

EWTN will air the ordination Mass in its entirety on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m.

Meet-and-greet events with Bishop Persico

Bishop Lawrence Persico has selected six days in October when he will visit the faithful throughout the Diocese of Erie. Each of the events will follow the same schedule with a parish Mass at 7 p.m. followed by a public reception. Locations include:

- Tues., Oct. 9 at St. Tobias, Brockway
- Thurs., Oct. 11 at Notre Dame, Hermitage
- Mon., Oct. 22 at St. Callistus, Kane
- Tues., Oct. 23 at St. Agatha, Meadville
- Wed., Oct. 24 at St. Jude the Apostle, Erie
- Thurs., Oct. 25 at St. Joseph, Warren



New coordinator to keep MISSION OF FRIENDSHIP going strong

By Jason Koshinski
FaithLife editor

MERIDA, Mexico — Immersed in the culture of Mexico, Tricia Pipkin spent her senior year of college studying Spanish while living with a family in Guadalupe.

"I fell in love with Mexico there," Pipkin recalled.

After graduating, she said she knew she wanted to return to Mexico and serve in some capacity. Following several stints as a volunteer, Pipkin has returned to Mexico on a more permanent basis.

Pipkin began working for the Mission of Friendship—a collaborative exchange between the Diocese of Erie and the Archdiocese of Yucatán, Mexico—at the beginning of the school year. She will direct Nueva Vida, a home for young girls, in Mérida, Mexico, where she will work with Carl Serafin and Marilyn Randolph, two longtime volunteers



Tricia Pipkin

who coordinate the mission.

Pat Marshall, director of the diocese's Mission Office, said Pipkin will take over directing the mission when Serafin and Randolph retire in the spring.

"Tricia's definitely the answer to prayer," Marshall said. "For a number of years, I've known that Cari and Marilyn have been looking to retire. Every day I would just pray for the future of the Mission of Friendship, whatever that means."

The Mission of Friendship began in 1971 through the efforts of Bishop Alfred Watson and Msgr. Jan Olowin. It provides lay and religious volunteers an opportunity to form Christian community, grow in faith with the people of Yucatán and to share their gifts and talents with those in need. The mission also coordinates and provides volunteer staff for a variety of projects that serve the poor. Initiatives include a sister parish program, a daycare center, a shelter for girls, children and family sponsorships and a medical program.

Pipkin volunteered at the Mission of Friendship from January 1995 to July 1996. She worked with Serafin, Randolph and a number of other volunteers.

"I really gained a lot from that experience," she said.

A teacher during the school year, Pipkin would return to the Mission of Friendship during her summers. In 2007, she went to the Congo for a 14-month mission experience where she taught English to high school girls, started a bakery and developed a library.

In 2009, she returned to the mission in Mexico where she spent four months volunteering. "The programs have really evolved," Pipkin said.

After moving to Colorado for three years, she once again had the opportunity to return to the mission. In Nov. 2011, she visited a Yucatecan family that her brother has sponsored through the Amigos program since 1995.

Talking with the volunteers, Pipkin said the time was right for her to come back, this time in a more defined role.

"It's a big comfort to all of us that she is a former volunteer," Marshall said. "She knows the people and how things work there. Our staff already knows her."

At Nueva Vida, her duties include coordinating and supporting the staff and their ideas, working with them to make sure the girls are well cared for and looking for new opportunities to help them develop as people.

"They need things that can enrich their lives," Pipkin said.

She hopes to help them by providing English classes, arts and crafts and the opportunity to spend time with music and computers.

For more information on the Mission of Friendship, visit www.ErieRCD.org/missions4.asp.

Respect Life

October has been traditionally designated as Respect Life Month in the church, an annual observance that focuses attention on the sanctity of human life at every stage and the responsibility that Catholics share to protect and defend it. This year, Respect Life Sunday is Oct. 7.



The 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade lands squarely within the Year of Faith. It is as if the Holy Father has given the church in the United States a focused time to acknowledge the great sin of abortion with all its manifold consequences and to embrace a time of penance and conversion. Above all, in this Year of Faith, may the church and all its members become living witnesses to God's longing to forgive and

to pour out his healing mercy upon all those who have promoted or been wounded by the culture of death.

Pope Benedict XVI has invited us on a journey of faith to open our eyes to the grandeur and beauty of all human life and to become courageous and effective defenders of every human life.

How will you respond to this invitation?

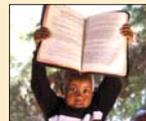
—From the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Respect Life Program*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Evangelization can never be just a marginal concern, pope says in message

There is a "renewed urgency" for the missionary mandate even as the church celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity ("Ad Gentes"), Pope Benedict XVI said in his message for World Mission Sunday.

That urgency is based on the increasing number of people around the world who still have not heard the Gospel message and the growing secularism seen in traditionally Christian countries, he said.



hidden, but shine throughout the whole house. It is the most important gift ever given in our lives and we cannot keep it for ourselves."

A special collection on World Mission Sunday will aid more than 1,150 young churches in the developing world through the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Through this collection, churches in missionary lands and the pontifical missionary societies fund the training of priests and catechists and the education of children.

The church will observe World Mission Sunday Oct. 21.

"Faith is a gift that was given so that it could be shared," Pope Benedict XVI said in his message for the day. Faith is "a light that must not stay



IN THE U.S.

Catholics must take action to protect religious liberty, speakers urge

Religious liberty is facing such grave threats in the United States that Catholics must take immediate and courageous action to defend fundamental values both in the public forum and in the privacy of the voting booth, according to speakers at a Sept. 20 forum. More than 400 people assembled at St. John's University heard impassioned calls to educate themselves about the erosion of long-guaranteed rights, form their consciences to reflect basic moral issues and agitate with compassion and civility to protect religious freedom. "Our religious liberty is under assault like never before in America, in ways that are chilling, that are alien and unimaginable on these shores," said Alan Sears, president of the Alliance Defending Freedom in Scottsdale, Ariz. "If we fail to stand, if we fail to fight, if we fail to refuse to comply, our God-given liberty... will be but a distant memory."

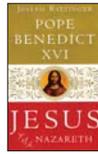
The forum was based on the Manhattan Declaration, a 4,700-word joint statement signed in November 2009 by more than 140 Christian leaders, many evangelical and Catholic, pledging renewed zeal in defending the unbroken, defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman and protecting religious freedom.



AROUND THE WORLD

Third volume of pope's 'Jesus of Nazareth' expected by Christmas

The third volume of Pope Benedict XVI's book on Jesus of Nazareth should be published before Christmas, the Vatican said. The volume, focusing on the Gospel accounts of Jesus' infancy and childhood, will be the third and final volume in the series of books the pope has written "to make known the figure and message of Jesus," the Vatican said in a statement Sept. 21. The Vatican's plan is to release the book simultaneously in the world's major languages, including English, in time for Christmas. The first volume of "Jesus of Nazareth," covering the period from Jesus' baptism to his Transfiguration, was published in 2007. The second volume, looking at his passion and death, came out in 2011.



Pope names record number of women to synod on evangelization

Choosing men and women from every part of the world and from a wide variety of professions, Pope Benedict XVI nominated 45 experts and 49 observers for the upcoming world assembly of bishops. The Oct.

7-28 gathering will include the largest bloc of women — 10 experts and 19 observers — ever to participate in a world Synod of Bishops.

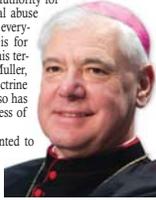
The list of papal appointments to the synod was published Sept. 27 by the Vatican. Experts and observers, who include laypeople, are not voting members of the synod. According to Vatican rules, only priests, bishops and cardinals can be full members who vote and determine the propositions to be presented to the pope at the end of the gathering. The 45 experts include priests, nuns and laypeople, many of whom are professors, rectors or supervisors of catechetical or pastoral programs. They will serve as resources for the more than 200 synod members as they discuss the theme, "New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith."

PEOPLE

New head of doctrinal congregation says abuse victims are first concern

The senior Vatican official with authority for investigating priests accused of sexual abuse said that, in such cases, "always and everywhere the most important concern is for those who have been the victims of this terrible abuse." Archbishop Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, said the congregation also has an obligation to ensure that the process of justice does not "become a lynching."

The archbishop, who was appointed to his office in July, said he believes he was appointed to the job because he is a theologian and, as a theologian, he will "try to understand what is ailing the church today. In many countries there is a strong polarization: traditionalists against progressives or whatever you would call them." A key task of the church, he said, is overcoming those divisions based on a strong, common faith in Christ.



Archbishop Gerhard Muller

New saints to be canonized Oct. 21

Catholic devotion to the saints appears to be alive and well, and Pope Benedict XVI continues to proclaim new saints at a regular pace. The official calendar of saints' feast days will grow Oct. 21 when the pope canonizes seven men and women, including Mother Mari- anne Cope of Molokai and three laypeople: the Native American Kateri Tekakwitha, the Filipino Peter Calungsod and the German Anna Schaffer.

The canonization Mass will be one of the first big events of Pope Benedict's Year of Faith, which is designed to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and to launch a strengthened commitment to the new evangelization.



Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

By the Way...



Jason Koshinski

The church in the Diocese of Erie experienced some blessed, grace-filled days Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 during the ordination of **Bishop Lawrence Persico**. St. Peter Cathedral in Erie, the mother church of the diocese, was filled with music and prayers of the faithful Sept. 30 for evening prayer prior to Bishop Persico's ordination. The cathedral was again at its capacity Oct. 1 for the bishop's ordination Mass and ceremony.

The events were not only historical for our diocese but truly showed how universal the Catholic Church is and that our connection to the universal church isn't as far off as it might seem.

Present at evening prayer and the ordination Mass was **Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò**, apostolic nuncio to the United States. As **Pope Benedict XVI's** representative to the U.S., he read an English translation of the Holy Father's official appointment of Bishop Persico as the tenth bishop of Erie.

Most Rev. Charles Chaput, archbishop of Philadelphia, served as the ordaining prelate. It is a custom among Pennsylvania bishops to have the metropolitan archbishop serve as the principal consecrator at episcopal ordinations. The ecclesiastical province of Pennsylvania is made up of all the dioceses in the state, headed by the metropolitan archbishop of the regional capital, Philadelphia.

Bishop Donald Trautman, who served as a co-consecrator for **Bishop Lawrence Brandt's** episcopal ordination, served as a co-consecrator for Bishop Persico's ordination, along with Bishop Brandt, who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Erie. The co-consecrators represented Bishop Persico's new and former dioceses.

It was the first time St. Peter Cathedral was home to an episcopal ordination since 1965 when **Bishop Alfred Watson** was consecrated as an auxiliary bishop. Bishop Watson was later named the seventh bishop of Erie in 1969. **Bishop Michael Murphy** and **Bishop Trautman** both came to the Diocese of Erie already ordained as bishops.

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The ordination wasn't the only major event in the diocese this week. More than 500 teenagers celebrated their Catholicity at the annual high school youth rally Sept. 30 at **Elk County Catholic High School** in St. Marys. Even during the busy time of his ordination, Bishop Persico greeted the teens by video. Look for a story on the youth rally in the Oct. 21 issue of FaithLife.

Speaking of our next issue, the Oct. 21 edition will include a **voters' guide** that is being put together by the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. For more resources for Catholic voters, visit www.pacatholic.org.

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Second Vatican Council approved 16 documents

By Catholic News Service

Editor's note: Pope Benedict XVI has announced a special "Year of Faith" to help Catholics appreciate the gift of faith, deepen their relationship with God and strengthen their commitment to sharing faith with others. The observance begins Oct. 11, 2012 — the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council — and concludes Nov. 24, 2013 — the feast of Christ the King. A goal of the Diocese of Erie's Year of Faith committee is to have the faithful come to an appreciation of what was achieved by the Second Vatican Council.

WASHINGTON — Here are the 16 documents approved by the Second Vatican Council, which ran from Oct. 11, 1962, to Dec. 8, 1965, and their dates of promulgation:

- **Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy** ("Sacrosanctum Concilium"), Dec. 4, 1963, ordered an extensive revision of worship so that people would have a clearer sense of their own involvement in the Mass and other rites.
- **Decree on the Instruments of Social Communication** ("Inter Mirifica"), Dec. 4, 1963, called on members of the church, especially the laity, to instill "a human and Christian spirit" into newspapers, magazines, books, films, radio and television.
- **Dogmatic Constitution on the Church** ("Lumen Gentium"), Nov. 21, 1964, presented the church as a mystery, as a communion of baptized

believers, as the people of God, as the body of Christ and as a pilgrim moving toward fulfillment in heaven but marked on earth with "a sanctity that is real, although imperfect."

- **Decree on Ecumenism** ("Unitatis Redintegratio"), Nov. 21, 1964, said that ecumenism should be everyone's concern and that genuine ecumenism involves a continual personal and institutional renewal.

- **Decree on Eastern Catholic Churches** ("Orientalium Ecclesiarum"), Nov. 21, 1964, stated that variety within the church does not harm its unity and that Eastern Catholic churches should retain their own traditions.

- **Decree on the Bishops' Pastoral Office in the Church** ("Christus Dominus"), Oct. 28, 1965, said each bishop has full ordinary power in his own diocese and is expected to present Christian doctrine in ways adapted to the times. It urged conferences of bishops to exercise pastoral direction jointly.

- **Decree on Priestly Formation** ("Optatum Totius"), Oct. 28, 1965, recommended that seminaries pay attention to the spiritual, intellectual and disciplinary formation necessary to prepare priest-



nood students to become good pastors.

- **Decree on the Appropriate Renewal of the Religious Life** ("Perfectae Caritatis"), Oct. 28, 1965, provided guidelines for the personal and institutional renewal of the lives of nuns, brothers and priests belonging to religious orders.

- **Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions** ("Nostra Aetate"), Oct. 28, 1965, said the Catholic Church rejects nothing that is true and holy in non-Christian religions, called for an end to anti-Semitism and said any discrimination based on race, color, religion or condition of life is foreign to the mind of Christ.

- **Declaration on Christian Education** ("Gravissimum Educationis"), Oct. 28, 1965, affirmed the right of parents to choose the type of education they want for their children, upheld the importance of Catholic schools and defended freedom of inquiry in Catholic colleges and universities.

- **Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation** ("Dei Verbum"), Nov. 18, 1965, said the church depends on Scripture and tradition as the one deposit of God's word and commended the

use of modern scientific scholarship in studying Scripture.

- **Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity** ("Apostolicam Actuositatem"), Nov. 18, 1965, said the laity should influence their surroundings with Christ's teachings.

- **Declaration on Religious Freedom** ("Dignitatis Humanae"), Dec. 7, 1965, said that religious liberty is a right found in the dignity of each person and that no one should be forced to act in a way contrary to his or her own beliefs.

- **Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests** ("Presbyterorum Ordinis"), Dec. 7, 1965, said the primary duty of priests is to proclaim the Gospel to all, approved and encouraged celibacy as a gift and recommended fair salaries.

- **Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity** ("Ad Gentes"), Dec. 7, 1965, said missionary activity should help the social and economic welfare of people and not force anyone to accept the faith.

- **Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World** ("Gaudium et Spes"), Dec. 7, 1965, said the church must talk to atheists, a continual campaign must be waged for peace, nuclear war is unthinkable and aid to underdeveloped nations is urgent. It also said marriage was not just for procreation and urged science to find an acceptable means of birth regulation.

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Briefly

Catholic charismatic conference

ERIE — Word of Life Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center is sponsoring its annual Catholic Charismatic Conference at St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd. in Erie, Oct. 12-13. The theme, "Intercessory Prayer - Clothed with Power from on High," will be presented by Father Robert Franco, bishop's delegate to Catholic Renewal Ministries in the Diocese of Cleveland. In addition to the main track, a young adult track for ages 18-30 will also be presented by Father Jason Feigh. For further information or registration, call Word of Life Center at 814.824.1286.

18th annual rosary march

ERIE — The 18th annual rosary march, sponsored by the Diocese of Erie's World Apostolate of Fatima, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 14. All are invited to gather at St. Peter Cathedral, West Tenth and Sassafras streets in Erie, at 2 p.m. to begin a walk through downtown. The rosary procession will extend through the downtown area before returning to the cathedral. For those unable to participate in the march, the rosary will also be recited in the cathedral. The guest speaker will be Father Daniel Hoffman, vice chancellor of the Diocese of Erie. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place inside the cathedral.



Speaker to present on 'How the Sexual Revolution Failed Women'

CLARION — Dr. Angela Franks, a speaker, author and teacher on such subjects as the history of Planned Parenthood, sexual ethics, life issues and the theology of the body, will present, "How the Sexual Revolution Failed Women" on Monday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in Hart Chapel on the campus of Clarion University. Franks has a doctorate in systematic theology and a master's degree in philosophy. She is the author of "Margaret Sanger's Eugenic Legacy: The Control of Female Fertility." She is the director of theology programs for the Theological Institute for the New Evangelization at Saint John's Seminary. For more information on Franks, visit www.angelafranks.com. This event is sponsored by Clarion Students for Life. For more information, contact Dr. Thomas Rourke at TRourke@Clarion.edu.



Dr. Angela Franks

L'Arche Erie to host seminar on including people with disabilities in faith communities

ERIE — Join L'Arche Erie for a morning of discovery and discussion about calling forth the gifts of all faith community members. "That All May Worship," a seminar and conference, will be held Saturday, Oct. 20 at L'Arche Erie Inc., 3745 W. 12th St. in Erie, from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Light refreshments included. Cost is \$5. Scholarships are available. The keynote speaker is Ginny Thornburgh, who has spent the past 40 years as an advocate for people with disabilities. Thornburgh serves as the director of the Interfaith Initiative of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) based in Washington, D.C. She has authored and co-edited "That All May Worship," an award-winning handbook for religious congregations working to include people with all types of disabilities. RSVPs may be made by calling 814.452.2065 or e-mailing office@larcheerie.org.



Ginny Thornburgh

Crawford County Citizens for Life sponsor pro-life banquet

Crawford County Citizens for Life's sixth annual pro-life banquet will be held on Friday, Oct. 26 at Smith's Country Gardens in Blooming Valley. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Steven Mosher, president of the Population Research Institute, will be the guest speaker. Mosher is an authority on the one-child policy in China, a policy which includes forced late-term abortions, and population control issues in general. Mosher was a headliner at the National Right to Life Convention in June. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 children 10 or under. A family price of \$60 is also available. For tickets or more information, contact Aola DeFrancesco at 814.967.3436 or aolab@windstream.net.



Dr. Steven Mosher

Holy Redeemer Parish in Warren celebrates

100 years

WARREN — Holy Redeemer Parish in Warren is a very affirming community of faith, according to Msgr. John Lucas. Msgr. Lucas, who just retired from active ministry, served as pastor of Holy Redeemer for 14 years—1998 to 2012—and oversaw the parish's recent centennial celebration. "It's a very generous parish," he said of Holy Redeemer. "They've always been supportive of everything we did. It is a marvelous faith community, very wonderful." In September 2011, the parish began a year-long celebration of its 100th anniversary with a Mass Aug. 11 celebrated by Bishop Donald Trautman. A church, constructed of brick and native stone on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue East and Russell Street, was formally dedicated in June 1913. Under the leadership of Father Michael Dailey, who guided the parish through the Depression years, Holy Redeemer established a Boy Scout Troop and formed a Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Father Joseph Seybold began his pastorate at Holy Redeemer in 1958. Father Seybold was instrumental in chartering the Holy Name Society and led the congregation through the reforms of Vatican II. In 1972, Msgr. John Carter was appointed pastor. During his tenure, Msgr. Carter initiated construction of the parish center which was completed in 1974. He sponsored the reception of the international pilgrim virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima which led to the formation of the Holy Redeemer Blue Army Chapter. Upon the arrival of Father Joseph Finuccane in 1981, a series of educational programs was introduced including RENEW. Msgr. Edward Kosik became the pastor in 1985. Under his direction, construction plans for a new worship space got underway. Construction began in 1993 and the new church was dedicated by Bishop Donald Trautman in 1994. Father Jim Gutting was recently appointed pastor of Holy Redeemer for six years, effective Sept. 1.



Photos by Rich Papalia

A large crucifix hangs on the stone façade of the church at Holy Redeemer Parish in Warren.



Holy Redeemer Parish in Warren concluded a year-long observance of its 100th anniversary with a Mass Aug. 11 celebrated by Bishop Donald Trautman.

ish began a year-long celebration of its 100th anniversary with a parish picnic. The festivities and commemoration continued throughout the year with a Forty Hours devotion, a parish mission and a number of dinners. The year culminated with an Aug. 11 anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Donald Trautman. "It was a very beautiful celebration," Msgr. Lucas said. "We had a wonderful committee that put it all together."

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Elk County Catholic High School celebrates 50 years

ST. MARYS — Elk County Catholic High School in St. Marys is celebrating a golden milestone in its history this year. On Sept. 10, the school marked 50 years to the day that it opened its doors to students. An anniversary Mass was celebrated with Bishop Donald Trautman presiding. In addition to the students, faculty and staff of the Elk County Catholic School System, other attendees included alumni from the high school's first graduating class as well as members of the original faculty and staff. Mass was followed by a rededication ceremony. A tree was recently planted in honor of the school's 50th anniversary to symbolize new life and growth for the school.



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A time capsule was also started. Items will continually be added throughout the school year to provide future classes with an idea of what was happening at Elk County Catholic 50 years prior. Elk County Catholic High School will continue to celebrate its 50th anniversary throughout the school year.

Bishop Donald Trautman blesses the congregation and Elk County Catholic High School as part of the rededication ceremony celebrating the school's 50th anniversary Sept. 10.

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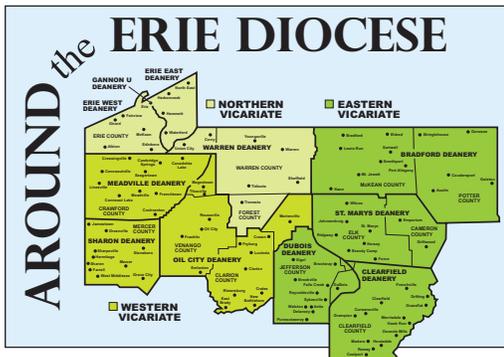
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St. Gregory School, North East, celebrates grandparents

NORTH EAST — Students at St. Gregory School in North East honored their grandparents Sept. 14, which was National Grandparents Day. Grandparents were invited to spend the day with their grandchildren at school.

Mariah Rodemeyer celebrates National Grandparents Day with her grandparents, **Dr. Robert and Kathie Towsey**.

Many Catholic schools in the Diocese of Erie have begun inviting grandparents for a day with their grandchildren each year. The days include everything from special liturgies and presentation to the creation of family trees and, of course, a family lunch.



Senior retreat at Elk County Catholic High School

ST. MARY'S — The Elk County Catholic High School class of 2013 spent Sept. 17 at Parker Dam State Park removing brush, planting trees, cleaning up litter and performing a variety of other tasks on their annual service-oriented retreat.

The day's theme was "Faith" and class members wore T-shirts with the words "Live Like That," a song by the Sidewalk Prophets that speaks about devoting oneself to God and others.

The seniors also had an opportunity to celebrate Mass together, participate in a scavenger hunt, bond as a class and share some desserts provided by the ECC faculty.

Pictured (left to right) are **Brock McCullough, Scott Reichard, Kyle Proudfit** and **Father Ross Miceli** cleaning the fire pits at Parker Dam.



Mustang winner at St. Michael School, Greenville

GREENVILLE — St. Michael School in Greenville held its car raffle fundraiser drawing Sept. 23 at Pine Hill Golf Course following a golf scramble.

Father Chris Hamlett, pastor of St. Michael Parish, and **Dawn Blair**, principal of St. Michael School (both pictured), drew the winning ticket.

Robert Johnson of Bountsville, Ala., won the 2013 Mustang. **Michael Rusnak** of Grove City won the \$1,000 second prize and **Donna Morris** of Concord, N.C., won the \$500 third prize.

The winner of the super seller prize of \$1,000 was **Dr. Lynne Johnson** of Greenville, who has two children attending St. Michael School.

All proceeds benefit St. Michael School. While the final numbers are still being tabulated, school officials said this year's car raffle was one of the most successful ever.



Tech conference presented at DuBois Central Catholic

DUBOIS — Teachers and faculty members at DuBois Central Catholic School recently learned unique, free and easy ways to integrate technology into the school's curriculum, primarily using the iPad and laptop.

Adam Bellow, who works for the College Board as senior director of AP Student Services and Education Technology, was the keynote presenter during an Aug. 22 technology conference at DCC. Bellow, the founder of eduTeacher, a free web service for teachers, gave a full-day seminar on "The Tech Commandments: 10 Ways to Revitalize Education with Technology." His message to teachers focused on creating a



successful infusion of technology and free web-based tools into the realm of today's education.

During the seminar, teachers were given free web tools and iPad apps for classroom use. This professional development

event was made possible through the school system's Tech 21 Initiative.

In addition to DCC's faculty, several teachers from surrounding schools also attended the event and earned Act 48 credit.

Playtime at St. Joseph School in Lucinda raises money for St. Jude's

LUCINDA — Students at St. Joseph School in Lucinda recently participated in a play-a-thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The students played board games and raised money by securing pledges for the time they played. A total of \$1,600 was raised to help fund cures for childhood cancer.

Pictured are (front) **Madilyn Baker**, (middle row) **Gabe Martz, Logan Swanson**, (back row) **Trinity Thompson, Lucas Baker** and **Jordan Thompson**, who were among the top fundraiser contributors.



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