

Catholic in Faith, a People Empowered

July 2025



God Bless America!



Congratulations to our Scholars!



On Sunday, July 13th, the first Bishop Jerry Memorial Scholarship was awarded to MaryJane Scott. MaryJane serves our Parish as a musician and Sunday School teacher.

The annual All Saints Parish Scholarships were awarded to James Lindenmuth and Joey Scott, who both selflessly pitch in whenever a hand is needed. A “junior” scholarship is also being awarded to Ashley Bialasik (not pictured).

Bishop Jerry Rafalko
January 24, 1955 – July 13, 2023



A message of love from Leslie on the second anniversary of Bishop Jerry's passing:

Sometimes, as we travel through this world our lives are touched by someone who makes a profound impact on us. Someone whose kindness and sense of humanity serves to make our days just that much brighter.

Someone who reminds us of Jesus and his goodness and his capacity to reach out to others. A "gentle man" who takes the time to extend his hand and open his heart to all those in need.

Someone who, like the shepherd, tends to the flock, young and old, with love and devotion. And the flock, in turn willingly follows the good shepherd's lead, knowing in their hearts that he was sent to guide them in his love and his wisdom to the greenest of pastures.

"Thank you – for the love that remains, for the courage to endure. Until we meet again."

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Rest in peace, Bishop Jerry. May your memory be a blessing, a guiding light.

Mission & Evangelism Workshop

My Thoughts on the 24th Annual Mission & Evangelism Workshop by Cathy Andersen

Summer is always a good time to refresh, renew and reinvigorate oneself. It is a time to remember how to laugh and to play and to just slow down a bit and relax. It's a reminder that our body is a temple of God – spiritual and physical. We should be taking time for self-care – getting enough sleep, eating healthy, enjoying some sunlight, and getting some movement. We should make time for additional Scripture reading and prayer, and to enjoy the beautiful world around us that God created. A great way to do this is to take a day off (or make it a long weekend) from your regular routine and do something fun and special either by yourself or with family or friends. One could also go on a retreat – again, either alone or with others.

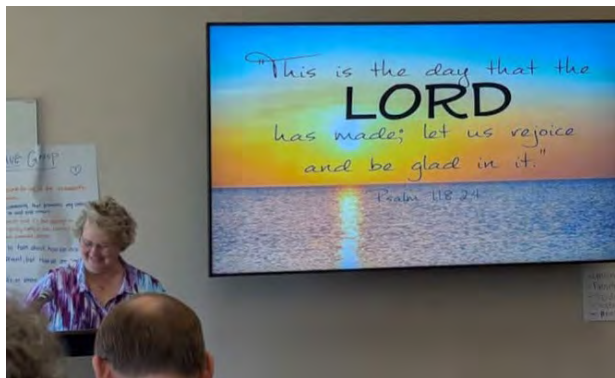
I was recently blessed to travel and attend the **24th Annual Mission & Evangelism Workshop** held May 30 through June 1, 2025 hosted by St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Denver, Colorado. The theme

of the workshop was “One in Christ” and was very well attended by representatives from various parishes throughout the United States. The hospitality, kindness, patience and assistance offered by those of the host parish were exceptional. The high energy level and teamwork among the volunteers was very evident upon my arrival.

On Friday, May 30, after our registration and a bi-lingual (English and Spanish) devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the workshop began with Session I titled “We are One” presented by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky. During this session, Prime Bishop Mikovsky emphasized that we are to concentrate on the likenesses and similarities among us, not our differences. We are one in Christ given our faith in our Triune God – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This session was followed by a delicious Mexican fiesta (including a Taco Truck and Mariachi Band). As the evening went on, it got dark outside. This allowed the children from the host parish to perform a Shadow Play depicting the Passion of our Lord which was a very moving experience. The weather was beautiful the entire weekend apart from a pop-up thunderstorm with high winds during our registration hour, which nearly took away the tent that had been set up for Friday night’s festivities. Due to quick teamwork by the host parish volunteers, the tent was secured, the rain passed, and everything went ahead as planned. God is good – all the time!



On Saturday, May 31, Fr Alfonso Castillo, pastor of the host parish, presented Session II titled “We Belong” relating to John 15:1-4 about “The Vine and the Branches”. We learned that we are to be grounded or in union with Christ to be fruitful. We cannot do anything useful unless we are following Him. If our lives are not in harmony with our Lord’s teachings, we are unlikely to bear fruit.



After small group discussions on Session II, Session III followed and was titled “We Are Together”. I had been asked to present on the questions “What are your natural talents and spiritual gifts and are you using them to serve God and His Church? -- To glorify God and to serve others?”. I

prepared a power point presentation which spoke about how we can increase our faith, which is the foundation for receiving and using one’s spiritual gifts. This led to how we might rekindle or reignite the Holy Spirit within us, followed by a definition of what natural talents and spiritual gifts are. I identified a list of numerous spiritual gifts (and had prepared a handout with an explanation of each of the spiritual gifts, which was then used during the small group



discussions which followed). I closed by noting various opportunities within the church and community that one might participate in to use one's spiritual gifts. Throughout my presentation, I referenced various Scripture passages which included Psalm 118:24, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, Romans 12:4-8, Ephesians 4:10-12, Mark 12:30-31 and Mathew 25:14-30. Following my presentation, Deacon Doug Scott from All Saints Cathedral spoke on his ministry as a deacon, and Margaret Rowinski spoke about her ministry as a teacher and superintendent of the SOCL at All Saints Cathedral for over 30 years.



Following these talks, we all grabbed a boxed lunch and headed to the Mother Cabrini Shrine as a group. At the Shrine, we enjoyed getting some fresh air and a lot of steps in while visiting the Gift Shop, the Main Chapel with beautiful stained-glass windows, the Meditation Walk, the Grotto Chapel and the Spring Water Font. I was unable to climb the 373 stairs up to the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue but many in our group were able to do so. It was nice to just sit and listen to the birds singing and to watch a butterfly or bee pollinating flowers. Near the end of our visit, as a group, we had a service in the Rosary Garden outside which included lit candles for each of us. As the service was being conducted, many visitors and pilgrims to the Shrine stopped and listened to our bi-lingual service. It was just beautiful!

Afterwards, our group returned to the convention center we were meeting at to enjoy another delicious dinner. Following dinner, Session IV titled "We are Together" was presented by Jorge Hernandez, Youth Coordinator at the host parish. Jorge referenced various Scripture passages including Isaiah 43:16-18, Exodus 14:21-22, Exodus 12:14, and Deuteronomy 15:15 and 24:18. The key takeaways were that we can forget our past trials and look forward to the new things that God will do for us; to God's power and deliverance; to remember God's redemption and the salvation He provides. We are to acknowledge that while we are in 2025 – a different place and time of those mentioned in the Scripture readings which Jorge had noted – we are together with those people in history and now with each other, as recipients of the same gifts of God's redemption, salvation, power and deliverance.

On Sunday, June 1, a bi-lingual Mass was celebrated which was very uplifting. Prime Bishop Mikovsky delivered a homily in English referring to the second reading from Revelation 22 which contains the last words of the Bible – "Amen, Come Lord Jesus". We can pray these words "Come, Lord Jesus" at any time or in any scenario. No matter what we are facing whether good, bad or neutral, we should know that the Holy Spirit is within us, and we should invite Jesus to join us in each and every situation throughout our daily lives. The Spanish hymns that we sang during Mass were absolutely beautiful, and we were treated to another delicious Mexican fiesta following Mass.

I had never experienced a bi-lingual mass other than English and Polish, and I was very moved by how the Holy Spirit had filled the church and how all of us were indeed one in Christ!

I was so glad I was able to make it this year to the workshop – the Holy Spirit was truly present throughout the entire weekend! All the people I encountered from the host parish, whether they only spoke Spanish or were bi-lingual, were extremely welcoming and friendly. Their hospitality, kindness, patience, assistance and love were extraordinary. The high energy level I felt upon arrival was apparent, and it was also contagious! The event was very well organized, and the content and key takeaways of all the sessions are invaluable. It was also very nice to see old acquaintances and friends, and to make new ones! I'm already looking forward to next year's workshop which is scheduled for May 29–31, 2026 at a to-be-determined location!



My attendance at the years Mission & Evangelism conference in Denver was a great experience. This was my first time attending and Fr. Alfonzo and the folks at St. Francis of Assisi Parish made it a very enjoyable experience.



The people were so accommodating and friendly, it seemed that they couldn't do enough for us during our stay. They were very well organized from the sessions, transportation and meals. We were told that they have been planning for a year for this event and it certainly showed.

The presenters were very good as well as the small group discussions. But, I most enjoyed our visit to the Mother Cabrini shrine. It was beautiful up in the mountains and I found myself very peaceful as I visited various parts of the Shrine.

If you have never been to one of these conferences, I would recommend you at least try to attend once. I'm glad I did.

Margaret Rowinski



How YOU Can Help

Mark Kowalsky has again graciously volunteered to Chair this event. We are in need of volunteers! Please contact Mark at 630-664-5547 for more information and to volunteer. There are also sign-up sheets in the vestibule.

Prize Donations

We still need donations of NEW items for **Bingo (\$15 value)** and **Cherry Tree (\$5 value)**. Place your donations on the table in the Gathering Room.

Sponsor an Attraction

You can also help the effort by sponsoring all or part of the cost of the band and the inflatable attractions (our highest costs). Donations can be made to the office.

Raffle Tickets

Tickets for the 50/50 cash raffle are now available. Your help in selling these tickets will be greatly appreciated, as they are a significant source of income for this event.

Sell Your Products

We are accepting a limited number of requests from parishioners to display and sell products such as handmade craft items. You will be asked to provide samples or photos for approval. If you are interested, please contact Mark as soon as possible.

Invite Your Family and Friends!

Summerfest flyers are in the vestibule. Please take as many as you need, and invite your family and friends to enjoy the food and fun with us!

GOOD NEWS

Our own **Kara Lindenmuth** was named to the Daily Herald All-Area Softball Team with an honorable mention. Kara will be a senior at Maine West High School next year. Congratulations!

*Do you have some good news to share with your Parish Family?
Send your Good News items to info@ascpncc.org.*



PARISHIONERS: Mark Kowalsky, Mary Scott, Sherry Lapinski, Sylvia Smolka, Teri Heath, Bob Maycan, Diane Hughes, Sonny Collinet, Phyllis Collinet, Donald Pagels, Mary Andersen, Adeline Kozak, Lorraine Truskolaski, Joan Pagels

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Barbara Boyle, Karen Skorczewski, Luz Raygosa, Eluid Raygosa, Larry & Linda Przebieda, Suzanne Eberle, Margaret "Gosia" Szajowska, Richard Kitching, Ed Davis, Derek Jones, Nubia Duarte, Alivia Lindbeck, Abbey McCall, Ray Lasinski, Kathy Joseph, Richard Ciesla, Greg Kurzynski, Sherrie Sekyra, Tony Kilroy, Tina Tziolas, Rosetta Bizzotto, Barbara Consentino, June Felski, Jill Ziegler, Rita Bader, Eugenia Czaban

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: Stephanie Rowinski

PRAY FOR ALL OUR TROOPS DEFENDING FREEDOM but especially for: Martin Venegas (USAF), Michael Warren Sobczyk (USAF), Hannah Sobczyk (USAF), Noe Corral-Galvan (USAF), Anna Wietrecki (USA)

Remember to let us know when you or a loved one can be removed from the Prayer List. Thanks!



The **AUGUST** issue of the All Saints Newsletter will focus on introducing our church to our **Summerfest** guests. We will feature articles and photos about our worship, our organizations, the Christian education we offer and the social activities we enjoy.

Submit your pictures and stories to our new email: ascpncc@gmail.com

DEADLINE is Wednesday, **August 6th**.

All Saints Cathedral Parish Cemetery Veterans Memorial and Perpetual Care Fundraiser

Campaign Objectives

- Raise \$100,000 for the Perpetual Care Fund Endowment
- Install a Veterans Memorial Monument in our Cemetery
- Create an online “virtual” Veterans Memorial with photos and stories of our beloved veterans
- Promote our Cemetery as a desirable final resting place



The site for the monument has been chosen! It will be installed on the left side of the walkway as you approach the mausoleum.

Monument selection and site design are underway.

Packets with full details – including how to submit the photos and stories of your beloved veterans – will be mailed soon!

Contact Judie Szydlowski

630-222-0334

veteransmemorial@ascpncc.org



Nicaea at 1700, The Creed and the Council

Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

A presentation by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky regarding the Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 325 A.D.

It will examine the Nicene Creed, the Council itself and the Canons of the Council and how these aspects are still operative within the Polish National Catholic Church today.

If you wish to join the Zoom presentation send an email to pbmikovsky@pncc.org and you will receive a link to join.

If there are any questions, please send an email or call 570-346-9131.

Please join us for a spiritual and informative time to reflect on the Council of Nicaea.



The JUNE issue of the PNCC Newsletter “God’s Field” is available in our vestibule and online at www.pncc.org. Here are some highlights:

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*St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Cedar Lake, Indiana
invites you to attend a Celebration Honoring*

*The Very Reverend John P. Kowalczyk, Jr.
on the occasion of his*

40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

*25th Anniversary as Pastor
of St. Michael the Archangel Parish*

*5th Anniversary as a Senior Priest
in the Polish National Catholic Church*



Sunday, August 24, 2025



Holy Mass 9:30 a.m.

*St. Michael the Archangel Parish
6629 W. 133rd Avenue - Cedar Lake, Indiana*



Celebratory Brunch 12:00 p.m.

*The Lighthouse Restaurant
7501 Constitution Avenue - Cedar Lake, Indiana*

*\$40 per adult / \$20 per child (10 yrs & younger)
Check payable to: St. Michael the Archangel Parish*

Reservation Deadline August 1, 2025

Contact Christine Wachna 847-927-9534



If you plan to attend the brunch, please contact Father David
who is coordinating reservations and travel.



The **Clean Kids Backpack Program** is a new ministry of our Future Directions Committee. It provides toiletry items anonymously through local school districts to homeless children attending school. Items needed include soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, sanitary pads and tampons, combs, hairbrushes, and band aids. This is now an ongoing collection effort so you can give at any time. Please bring items as often as possible to church and place them in the collection bins provided. For those who prefer making a financial donation, a Contribution Fund has been established. Write "Clean Kids" on your donation envelope, or use Online Giving.

Collection of NEW items for **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** has resumed.

Suggested items for July - Clothing
T-shirts, socks, flip-flops, bandanas, homemade dresses, scarves, hats gloves, sandals, underwear (all children sizes), sunglasses, tote bags, cinch sacks purses, backpacks, baseball caps

You can also give a monetary donation through Online Giving or by writing "Operation Christmas Child" on an offering envelope and place it in the collection basket.



Reminder
Absolutely NO liquid or paste items can be accepted
Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse International Relief.
(www.samaritanspurse.org)



The Women's Society will be organizing more food drives to benefit the New Hope Community Food Pantry in the near future. You can always donate directly online at newhopefoodpantry.com.



We have now collected and forwarded **\$4,837** in donations to MorningStar Mission Ministries since 2020! Thank you for your continued generosity.



Remember that **WINGS** does more than help clothe the needy. See their website for ways to give:
www.wingsprogram.com



July 23 – Nicene at 1700 – Zoom presentation
by Prime Bishop Anthony
August 10 – Summerfest (English mass 10 am)
September 21 – Bring a Friend to Church Day,
Women's Society Gift Card Raffle
September 28 – Semi-Annual Congregation
Meeting
October 5 – New Sunday School year begins!
October 26 – PTO Halloween Bingo
November 16 – Brookfield Zoo Tree Decorating

MEETINGS, ETC.

(unless otherwise announced)

Cemetery Trustees
September 9

Future Direction Group
July 20

Parish Committee
August 19 (ZOOM ONLY)

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
September 7

Women's Society
August 17 at 10:30 am

Saint Cecelia Choir Rehearsal
Rehearsals resume in the Fall

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

(see Weekly "Blue Sheet" for schedule changes)

Sunday Masses
9 am English / 11:30 am Polish

School of Christian Living Classes
10:15 am October - May

Bible Study with Father David
Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom

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EMERGENCIES, SICKNESS or DEATHS
Please report to Father David immediately.

CEMETERY

Visiting Hours: 8 am – 5 pm
Office Hours: By appointment only
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