



The Life and Passing of Monsignor John

John

By: Kate

On Wednesday, August 24, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend came to know of the passing of Msgr. John Suelzer, who died at age 77. Msgr. John had been ill before his passing, though it was not long term. His funeral was Tuesday, August 30, at St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

Msgr. John was born June 21, 1939, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In his childhood and early teens, he went to St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne. He attended Lady of the Lake Minor Seminary in Syracuse and Mount St. Mary of the West Major Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In April of 1964, Msgr. John Suelzer was ordained a deacon and later went on to become a priest on May 29, 1965. He served at many different parishes including the following: St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend; St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart; St. Bernard, Wabash; St. Henry, Fort Wayne; Queen of Peace, Mishawaka; and St. Aloysius, Yoder. He also served as the pastor of St. John the Baptist, New Haven, and was later appointed as the pastor of St. Charles Borromeo in 1993.

Msgr. Suelzer had many honorable titles in our diocese and held many spots worthy of respect. He had a few appointments to diocesan committees, such as the Liturgy Committee, Committee for Retired Clergy, Priest Personnel Board, Presbyteral Council, the Board of St. Anne's Home and Retirement Community, and the Budget Review Board.

The visitation and rosary for Msgr. John Suelzer's funeral took place on Monday, August 29. There was a vigil held in his honor from the evening of August 29 until the morning of August 30 during which the people of his parish stayed with him. At his funeral, both parishioners of St. Charles and parishioners of parishes all around the diocese came together in his memory. The homily was given by one of Msgr. John's closest friends, Msgr. Kuzmich, who was the former pastor at "rival" school, St. Vincent de Paul. The themes that were used in his homily were faith, hope, and love, and the words said were enough to bring many of the attending parishioners to tears.



A New Saint is Made!

By: Isabella

St. Teresa of Calcutta was canonized in Vatican City on September 4, 2016, by Pope Francis. About 12,000 people were in St. Peter's Square for the ceremony, including hundreds of the blue and white clothed nuns from the Ministries of Charity sisterhood, which was founded by St. Teresa.

A large portrait of the saint, who is said to have performed two miracles of healing the sick, was present in St. Peter's Basilica for her ceremony. Pope Francis said this about the new saint in his homily: "Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer."

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Msgr. John was buried at the Catholic Cemetery. As said by Father Tony Steinacker, "The death of Msgr. John has caused tremendous loss for everyone who knew him. In so many ways, he touched our lives and helped us to grow in knowledge of our faith and in relationship with one another, to build up the kingdom of God here on earth. He is in God's loving care now, and forever in our hearts. Well done, good and faithful servant."

Trivia: How many seats are in the cafeteria?
-Answer: 325

Elementary Happenings

By: Audrey and Carly

We are only in the second month of school and yet so much is happening. We went around to some teachers in grades kindergarten through third grade to see the exciting things that are taking place. We started with kindergarten where Mrs. Hoersten had a lot to tell us about what is happening in her classroom. "They are learning about apples, the color orange and they even have a song about orange! They are also learning about the letter S.

We then moved onto Mrs. Ensley's first grade classroom where students are learning about plants and seeds. They went on a very exciting pollen hunt, and they got to plant fall flowers with their sixth grade buddies from Mrs. Silkworth's class.

In second grade, Mrs. Frazier's class is learning addition and subtraction. They are also learning about Johnny Appleseed. Mrs. Chaney, one of the third grade teachers, was excited to share her classroom news. Her class recently won the ice cream party for selling Yankee candles and magazines! Therefore, Mrs. Chaney received the Yankee basket prize, and she was very excited about that, too. Her class isn't as excited about multiplication and cursive, but they are hard at work at those subjects.

Great things continue to take place in our school and in our elementary classrooms. We look forward to seeing what great things they will be doing in the future.



All students placed a yellow fingerprint to create the ND stadium in remembrance of Monsignor's message to light our candles and make a difference.

New in the Library!

By Theresa

Ms. Svarczkopf had a great idea at the beginning of the school year. She introduced the new "Author of the Month" section in the library. Each month, one or two authors are featured in the library. In September, the author of the month was Roald Dahl. Dahl is the author of many great books including *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The Witches*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *The Magic Finger*. All of these titles were recommended by Ms. Svarczkopf.

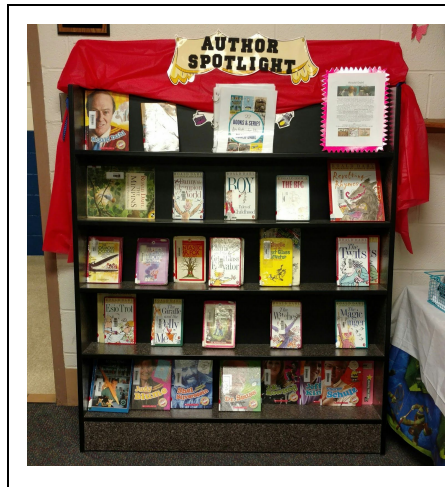
There are two authors for the month of October. For the younger grades, David Shannon was chosen. He writes popular picture books including *Duck on a Bike*, *A Bad Case of Stripes*, and the *Diaper David Series*. Look for his newly released book *Duck on a Tractor!* And for the older kids, Jon Scieszka was chosen. His more popular books are *Time Warp Trio*, *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, and *The Stinky Cheese Man*. Be sure to check out these great books in the library today!



Totally Terrific Torch!

By Catherine and Kaylee

What is the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay? Believe it or not, it is Indiana's 200th birthday! The torch relay is when a group of people carry a torch through all 92 Counties in Indiana. This started in southern Indiana on September 9th in the city of Corydon in Harrison County. The torch will be in Allen County on Saturday, October 1st, where it will pass through Fort Wayne. Finally, the race will end on Saturday, October 15, in our capital, Indianapolis, Indiana, in Marion County.



Shout Outs!

By Adam

Shout out to Monsignor John for giving us a good, Christian example to follow.

Shout out to all Cardinal Fest volunteers and helpers!

Shout out to Mr. Hoersten for coordinating our candle and magazine fundraiser.

Shout out to our priests, Fr. James, Fr. Gregerson, and our new pastor, Fr. Shoemaker, for coming together to support our parish and church!

Totally Terrific Torch! (continued)

Alanah, who is in fourth grade, said, "Abe Lincoln lived in Perry County, Indiana, when he was 17 years old."

Fourth grader, Dominick, shared, "The Football Hall of Fame is in Wayne County."

Kate, who reported on Jay County, said that the first concrete bridges were found there.

Those fun facts have been discovered as fourth graders have learn about Indiana counties. Make sure that you walk down the fourth grade hallway and see on the map where the torch is now!

Students, if you are interested in contributing to a future edition of *The Cardinal Chronicle*, please see your teacher.

Falling Into Sports

By Anna

St. Charles is very active during fall with sports. St. Charles participates in four fall sports. In cheerleading, the cheerleaders are preparing for a competition on October 1st. They have to learn a 2½ minute routine. The football players have a game every Sunday. On September 18th, the 7th and 8th grade St. Charles team played Central Catholic and won 40-0. The girls' volleyball team had a tournament that they recently won. They beat St. Vincent! On September 20th, the cross country team had a meet called *Lutherun* and the boys won the meet.



Advice from Miss Pineapple

Dear Miss Pineapple,

My friend said that I can't be friends with her if I stay friends with another girl. What should I do?

From, Caught in the Middle

Dear Caught in the Middle,

She may not want you to be friends with the other girl because she is afraid of losing you as a friend. You can tell her you really want to be friends with her but do not want to have to choose between friends. Plan activities to include both friends. Get help from a supportive adult.

From, Miss Pineapple

Dear Miss Pineapple,

I have a lot of missing assignments! I either forget to do them or forget to bring home the stuff I need to do my work, or misplace them.

From, Lost and Frustrated

Dear Lost and Frustrated,

First, make sure you write down your assignments in your planner. Next, check your planner when you are packing a backpack, and take home everything that you need. Check planner when you begin your homework, and put finished work in a folder so you know where it is.

From, Miss Pineapple

Monsignor John

By Joe

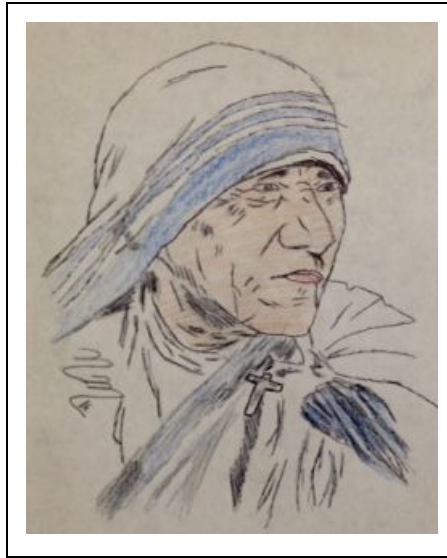
Msgr. John was a great leader of St. Charles. He had a big influence on many of the members of the school and church. He also had many great homilies that would change people's views on something or help people get through something that they may have been struggling with. Msgr. John was definitely a major influence for many people and a good person to be around.

He was also a great person to talk to. First of all, his homilies were really well thought out. I noticed in the eight years that I have been at St. Charles that his homilies were toned down for the younger grades and got more deep (as in meaning) as grades progressed. He really knew how to explain the Catholic faith to all of the generations of the school. His homilies have stuck with many of the eighth graders. A lot of them remember him quoting St. Francis of Assisi by saying, "Preach the Gospel, and if necessary, use words."

Msgr. John also liked to talk to the students and servers. He would often ask us about school and how our summer was going. One time, during a pizza party for the servers that served at the Corpus Christi Mass, he and some of the servers were talking, and he asked us if any of us played Pokemon Go. A few of the servers did and had to explain the game to him. This took awhile and in the end, he still did not understand the goal of the game. It was rather funny.

I personally remember Msgr. John talking to us as we got our stuff ready to serve for Mass. He would tell us about what he did earlier in the week such as baptisms and trips he went on. I also remember that he usually got my brother's and my name mixed up. Msgr. John was a great person to talk to because he was really kind and funny. Another memory that I have of him is when he would say, "Now a word from our sponsor," which would make the congregation at church and the servers laugh. And everybody remembers him saying, "I always have the last word," which was also pretty funny.

Editorials



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Msgr. John was a great man. He really had a huge influence on many of the students and people at St. Charles. He was a very funny man and also a very holy and humble man, too. He had many words of wisdom that have stuck with people of the parish. One of his greatest things that he said was that we should fill in for the missing right hand of the charred cross and be the light of Christ to the world.

The Influence of Saint Teresa of Calcutta

By Morgan

I learned about Mother Teresa when I was younger, maybe six years ago. I remember being inspired about her life, especially how she loved God and others. I respected the fact that she put others first. St. Teresa of Calcutta loved helping other people, which is something I try to do in my life. Like Jesus, she helped children who were orphaned, cared for the sick, fed the hungry, and gave shelter to the poor. St. Teresa of Calcutta treated all people with respect. She brought hope to people by treating them like they were created in the image and likeness of God, with the dignity they deserved. Her example makes me determined to do the same. I want to help other people that need help.

St. Teresa of Calcutta trusted God. She put her faith first, like I do. I love my faith. Praying to God brings me closer to Him, and His son, Jesus. St. Teresa spoke to God all the time and was very close to Him. St. Teresa was a very holy woman who taught others so much. I can try to be holy like she was in my own little ways by praying, going to church, helping others, and being respectful to those around me. St. Teresa of Calcutta is one of my favorite saints. She was just a little girl who turned into a holy woman who loved God.

