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Thomas Harry Metzger  
January 28, 1956

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Tom's Baptism 2-12-56 by Fr. Joseph Grace.  
at St. Lawrence in Muncie. He wore baptismal  
gown his father wore at his baptism in 1924.



L to R: Donna, Mom holding Tom, Phyllis, Dad and Linda



Tom's 2nd Birthday - 1958



Tommy 3 yrs old - 1959



1957 Before and After Haircut!



Tom

In the beginning...  
**Childhood**

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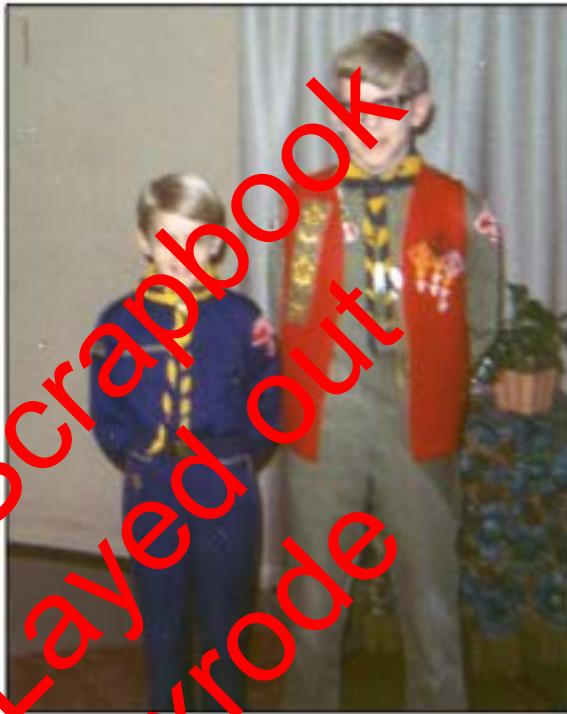
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Tom's First Communion - 1964



Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took bread, and after giving thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And in the same way he took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."



Tom Ray Scout and John Cub Scout - 1970



1971 - Catholic Scout Awards - Bishop Gallagher  
with left to right: Joe, Tom, and Steve Schmaltz, and  
John and Tom Metzger



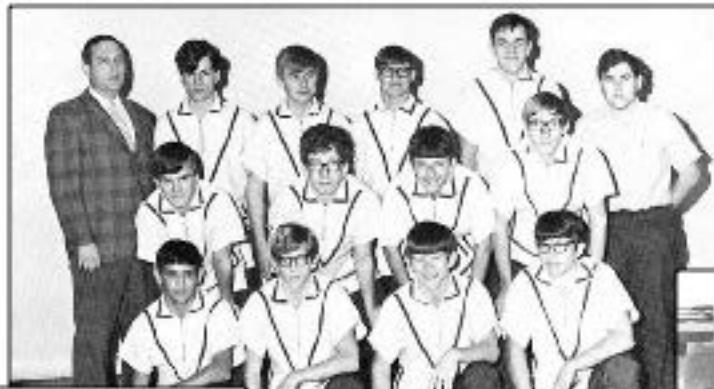
1967 - Tom  
ready for scout  
camping trip to  
Minnesota



Vacation at Shakamak Park - 1965  
L to R: Phyllis, Donna, and Tom

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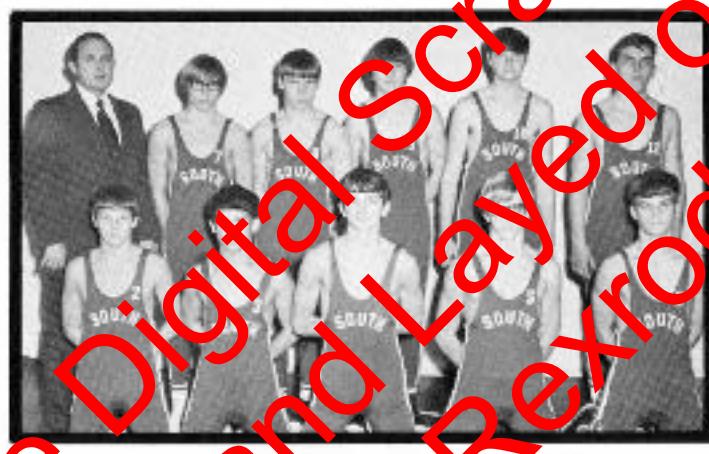
Phyl, Linda, Tom, Donna  
Harry, Rosalie, John - 1973

### From a Friend...

Aunt Betty Dewig



front: Grandma Loehr, Don Dewig, John and Tom Metzger.  
back: Fred Dewig, Bob Hayden, Harry Metzger



1973-74 GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM FRONT ROW: Sonjae Paul, Debbie John, Debbie Joann, Greg Shantz, Lucy New, Beach Tami, Barbara Hale, Sharonell, Rita, Debbie Dotney, Deb Thomas, front row.



Molly Metlikin

Tom Metzger

### Honored seniors

### Nursing, religion compose future plans of seniors

Molly Metlikin has chosen nursing as her career. She will attend Indiana University for three years. Debbie Joann Hale has chosen to go into the ministry. She will attend Indiana University for three years. Debbie Joann Hale has chosen to go into the ministry. She will attend Indiana University for three years.

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Ready for a dance  
at Southside - 1972

1973 - Junior Prom

1974 - Senior

April 19, 1974 - Southside SENTINEL

High School  
Muncie Southside

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7-18-1973

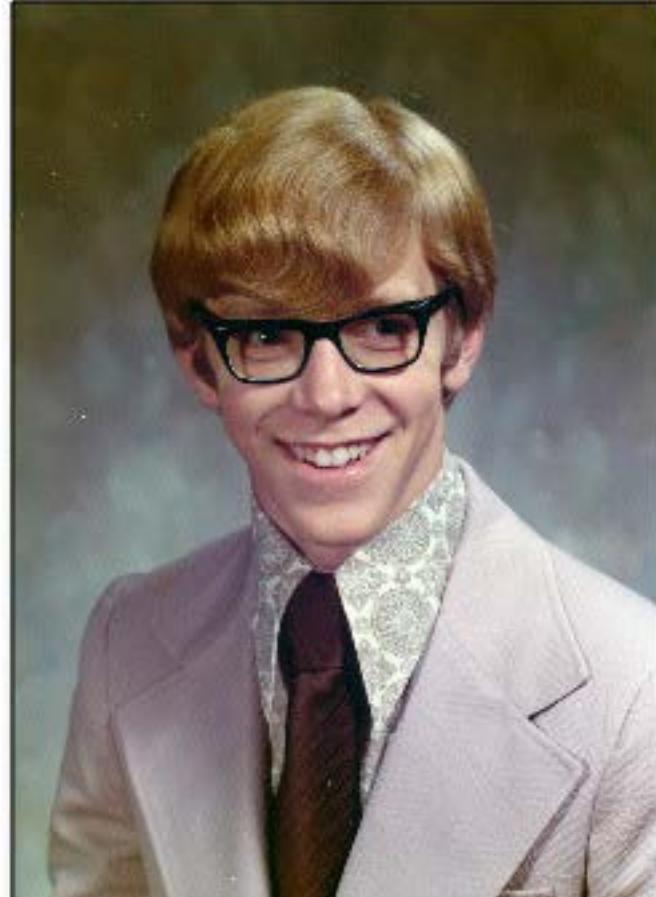
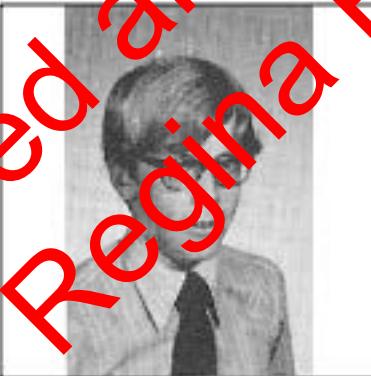
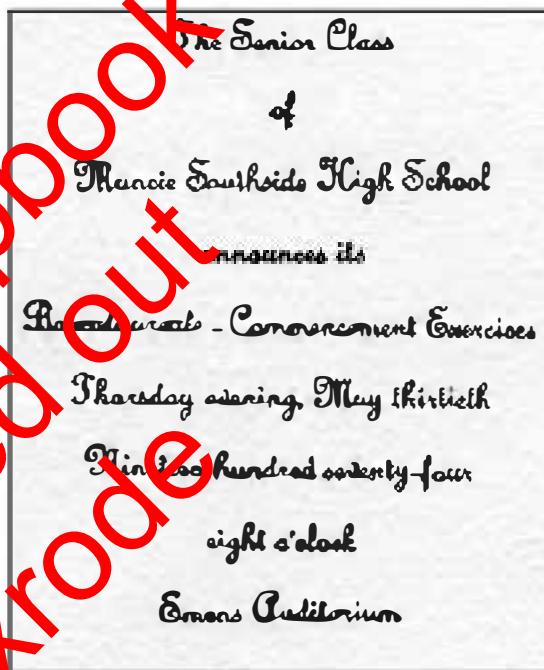
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## NEW EAGLE SCOUT

Tom Metzger was presented his Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor at St. Lawrence Catholic School Tuesday night. The presentation was made by John Mahrhoefer, a member of the Cross Roads of America Council board of directors. Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Metzger, Muncie, a member of Troop 5 at St. Lawrence Church, a senior at Southside High School and presently employed as an usher at the Strand Theater. Seated in background is Scoutmaster Charles Ruttan.

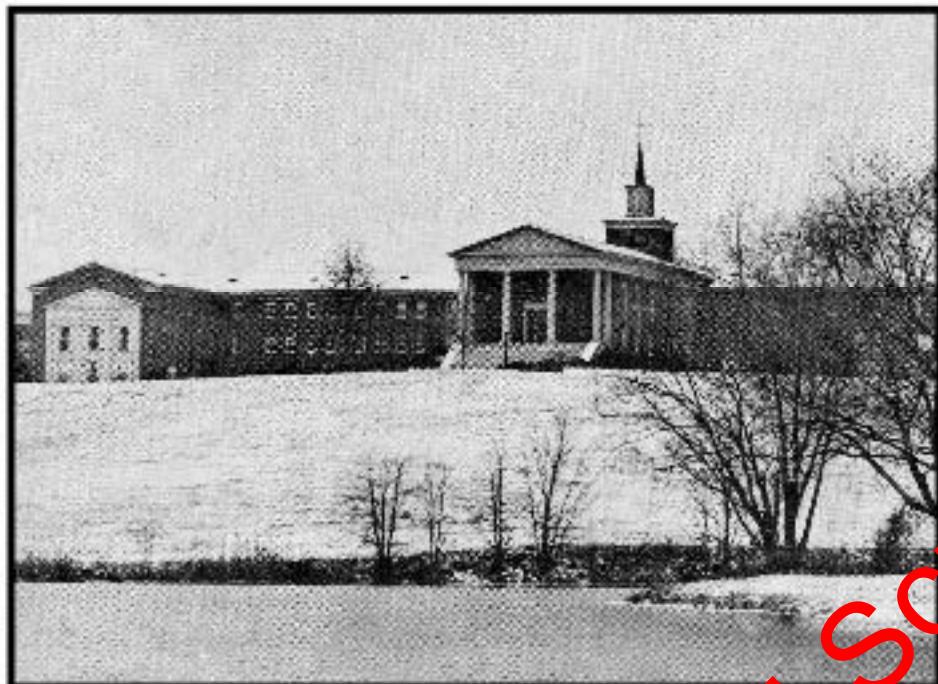
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Grotto at St. Pius X



St. Pius X Dining Room

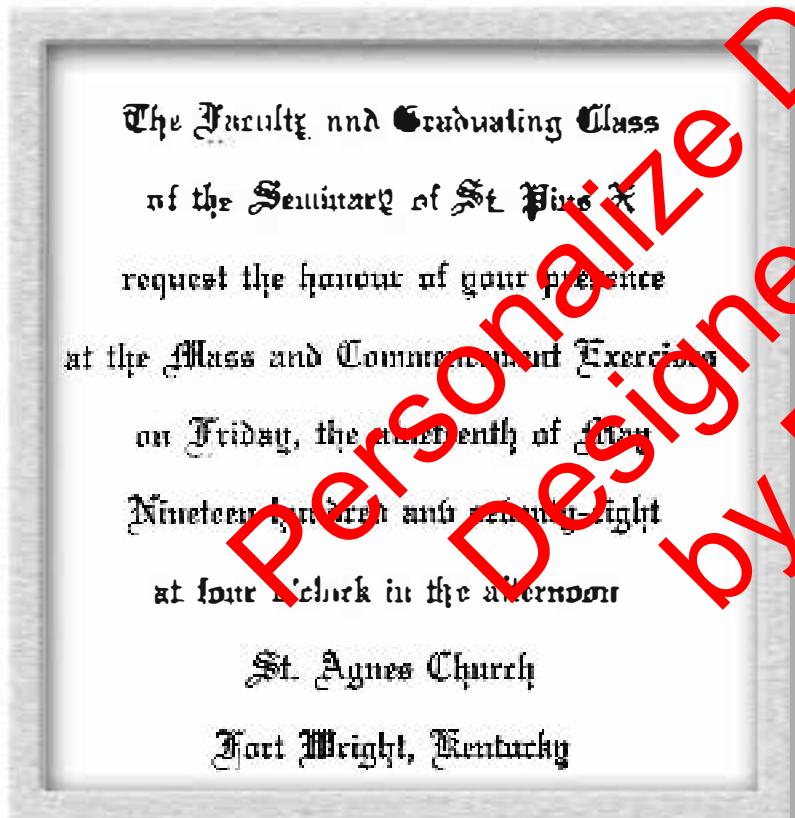
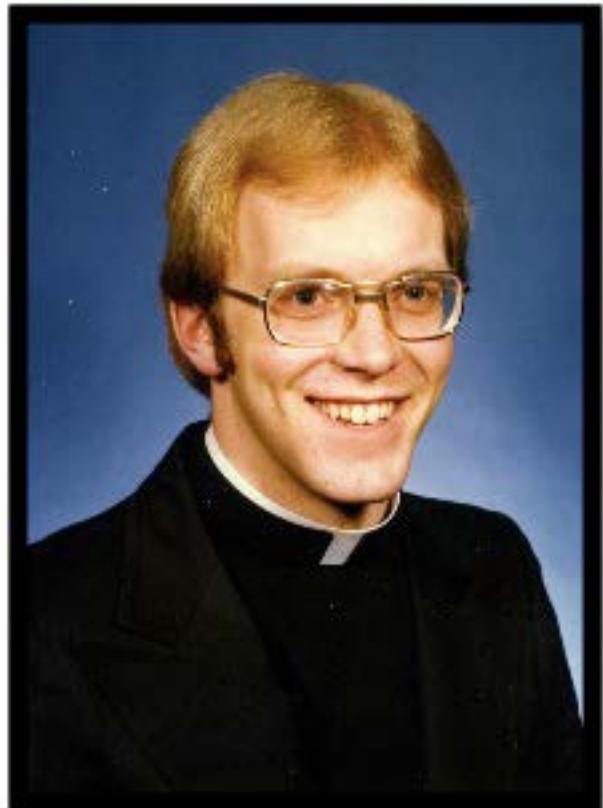


The student body of the Seminary of St. Pius X shown gathered in the chapel, wish you and yours a blessed Christmas season and a New Year that brings everlasting Peace.....

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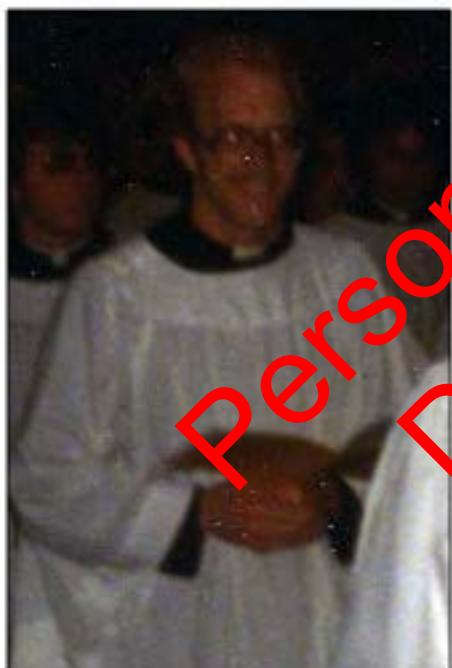
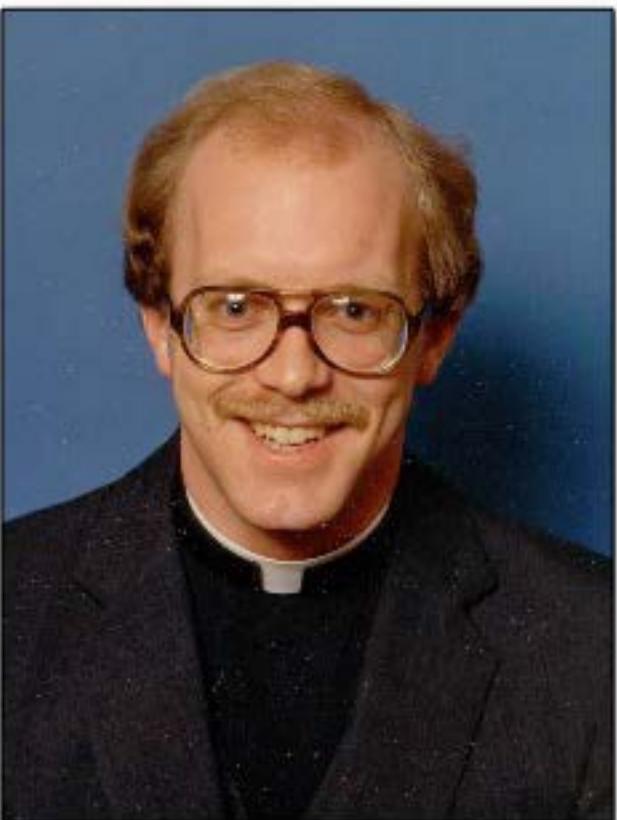
Seminary  
Erlanger, KY: 1974 - 1978

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# St. Pius X

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1979 - Candidacy



1981  
Left to Right: Eddie Shuman, Ed Raupfer,  
Tony Little, and Tom

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1979 - St. Elizabeth Seton  
Motherhouse  
Emmitsburg, MD

### From a Friend...

Richard Trombley



Pearly Gates Angelic  
Blue Grass Band



May 1979 - Metzger and Family

Seminary  
Emmitsburg, MD: 1979-1982



St. Joseph's Parish Hall



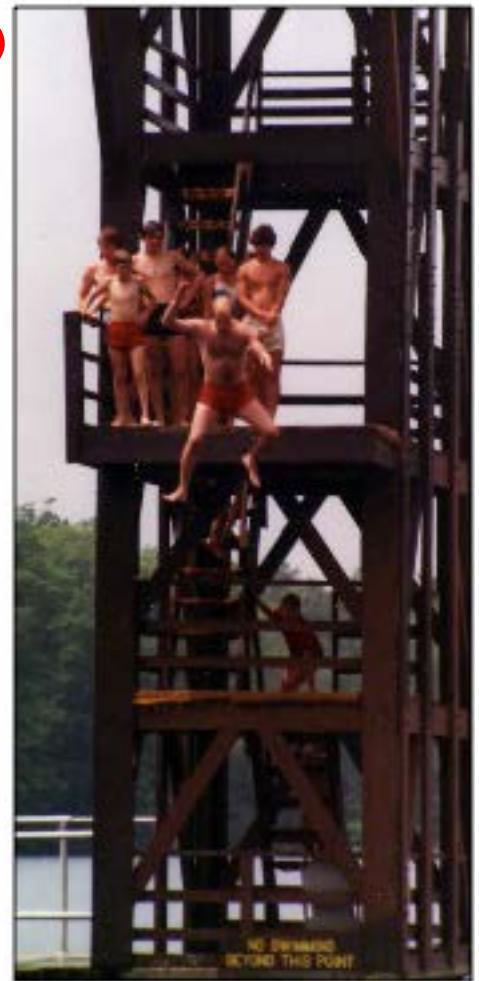
Statue between rectory and  
Church in Rochester

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1980 Summer  
St. Joseph's Parish  
Rochester, IN

Toni spent the summer here, working and  
learning with Mr. Richard Puetz.

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Vacation at Shakamak

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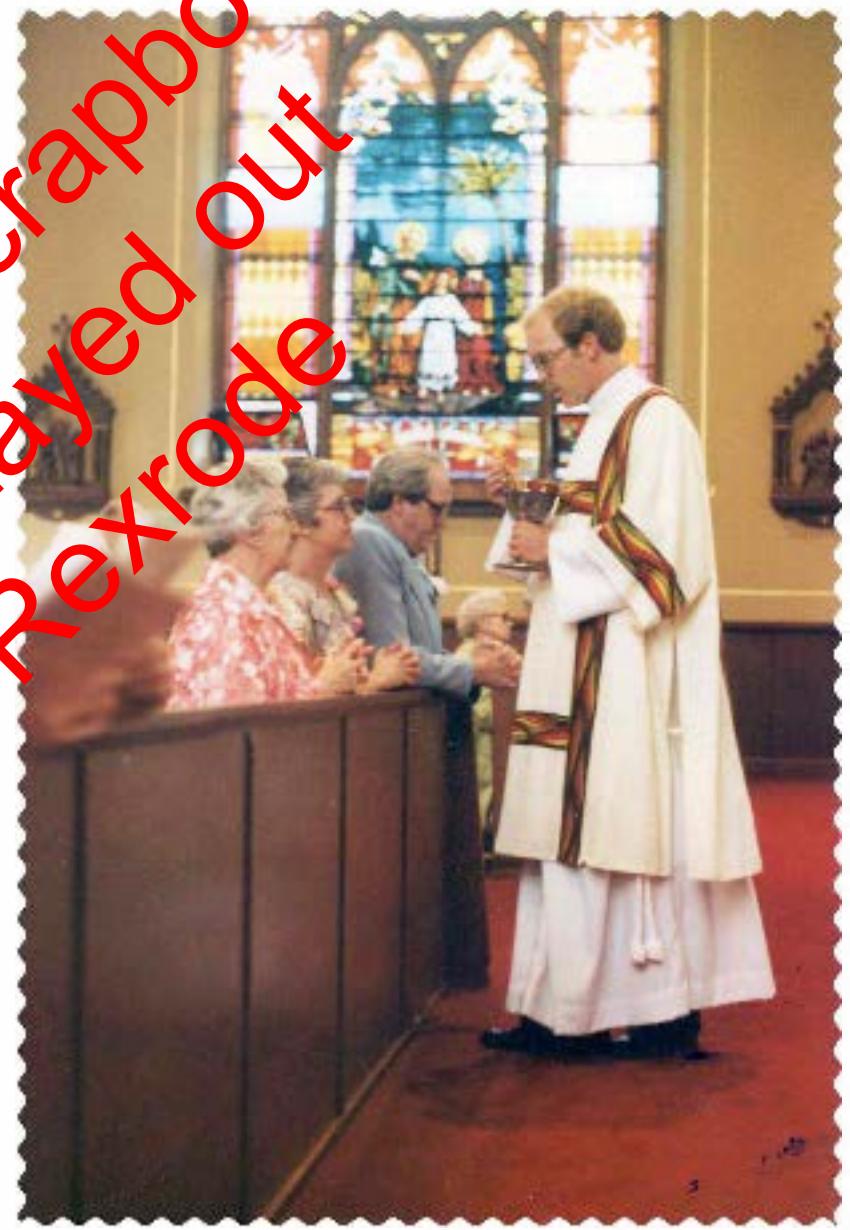
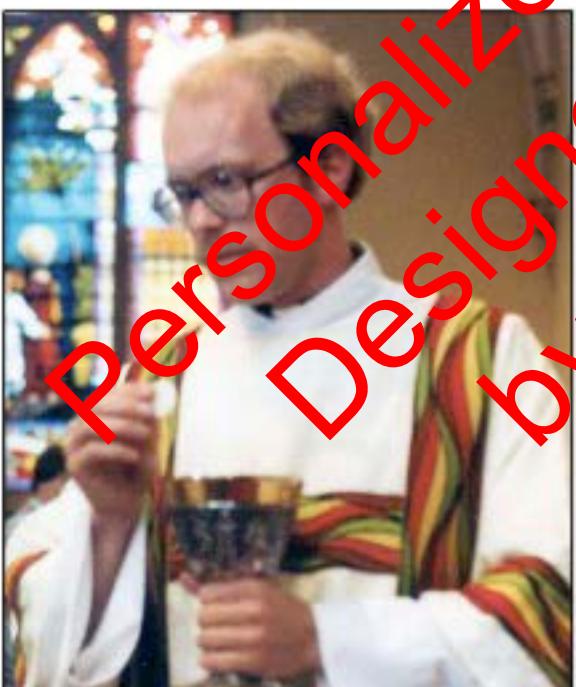
During the Litany of the Saints, Tom was prostrate to symbolize his unworthiness and to show his giving of himself.



Notice our stained glass window of the Holy Family in the background. We have such a beautiful church.



Deacon Tom Melzer receiving Bishop Gallagher at Mass after being ordained a deacon



Rosalie receiving Holy Communion from Tom. My mother is next to me, Mother M is next to her but she's sitting and you can't see her in the picture.

St. Lawrence: May 30, 1981  
Diaconate

## *Order of Deacons Ordination Saturday*

Thomas Metzger will be ordained to the order of deacons at 11 a.m. Mass Saturday in St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Charles and Hackley Streets, Bishop Raymond J. Gallagher of Lafayette will celebrate the Mass and confer the order.



METZGER

Celebrants will be St. Lawrence co-pastors, Father Raymond H. Wicker and Father John C. Scully, assisted by visiting clergy.

The son of Harry and Isoselle Metzger, 2911 S. Bright St., Metzger will serve his deacon in the parish of St. Alphonsus Church, Zionsville, where the pastor is Father David Douglas, also a son of St. Lawrence Church.

"I will work there," says Metzger. "With a year or dained in the priesthood in the spring of 1982 except during the fall semester of the only year that I will spend at Mount St. Mary Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md." He will be graduated with a A.B. degree in systematic theology in spring of 1982.

A graduate of St. Lawrence, Wilson Middle, and Smallside High schools here, he was graduated cum laude from St. Pius X Seminary, Erlanger, Ky., in 1978 with an A.B. degree in philosophy. He recently completed his third year at Mount St. Mary's.

Tom has a younger brother, John, and three older sisters—Donna Young, Linda Voke of Muncey and Phyllis, a nurse, in Oakland Park, Fla.

As a deacon he will preach, assist at Eucharistic celebrations, and lead public prayers. He may also baptize, assist at marriages, bring the Sacrament of the sick to the ill, and lead burial rites. A deacon may also perform acts of charity in the name of the bishop or pastor in which he serves.

After the Mass ladies of St. Lawrence will have a reception in St. Lawrence School.

## *Celebration in St. Lawrence School after Tom's ordination as Deacon*



L to R: Juli North, Barb & Rick Kocher, (by window—Rick Voke, Bob Kinnaman, Beily & Fritz Dewig, Grandma Loehr (back to camera) Leona Kinnaman / Standing: Donna Young & Linda Voke holding Monica Young

Dear friend in Christ,

"Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called children of God; and that is what we are." (1 John 3:1)

John's words lead us to reflect on the fact that God has called each of us to that special, intimate relationship with him which we call being a child of God. This call is totally undeserved and we can do nothing to earn it. The Father calls us to be one with him in the person of his Son, Jesus the Christ, and within the body of Christ he calls us to fulfill different functions, all of which are important to the body.

The way in which the Lord is calling me at this time is to be a Deacon & assistant. The deacon's role is to assist the bishop and priest in a ministry of the word, of the all-in-one of Christ, as a deacon, I will preach, assist at the Eucharistic celebration, and lead public prayer. I will baptize, assist at marriages, give communion to the sick, and lead the rites of burial. I will perform works of charity in the name of the bishop or pastor.

My deaconate Mass will last approximately 40 days, after which I will ordain to priest.

Reception to the Order of Deacons, my father and the loving son of Denis and Elizabeth Raymond J. Gallagher of the Diocese of Lafayette, will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 1982. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated at St. Lawrence Church, Muncey, Indiana.

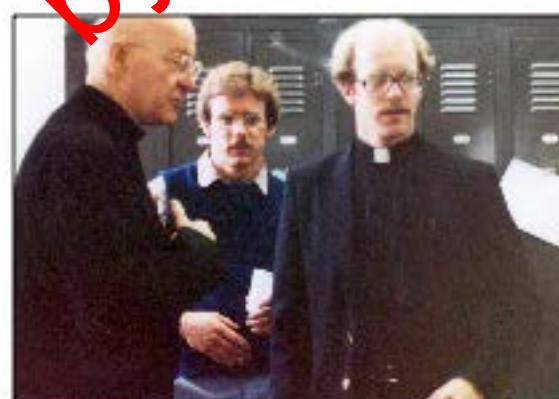
You have invited many friends to this moment. Mrs. I would like to invite you to share with me this special moment in my life. If you are unable to come with my family and me to the Eucharistic celebration, please remember us in your prayers.

In Christ's love,

*Tom Metzger*

If you plan to celebrate this Mass, please bring albs and stoles and vestments to St. Lawrence Cemetery.

There will be a brief reception for all those attending the Mass, in the assembly hall of St. Lawrence School directly after the Mass.



L to R: Bishop Raymond Gallagher, Jack Creiner, life long friend of Tom and Deacon Tom



Three of the members of The Pearly Gate Angelic Bluegrass Band - Deacon Tom, Fr. Vic Lloyd and Fr. Kevin Kavanagh

Father Metzger is one of five children of Harry O. and Rosalie C (Loehr) Metzger He attended St. Lawrence School, Wilson Jr. High and Southside High School Graduating from St. Pius X Seminary, Erlanger, Kentucky, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy, cum laude, in 1978, Fr. Metzger prepared for the priesthood at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland, from which he received a Master's degree in theology in 1982. He served seminarian summer assignments at St. Joseph Church, Rochester, 1980 and St. Alphonsus Church, Zionsville, 1981. Bishop Gallagher ordained him a deacon on May 30, 1981, in St. Lawrence Church Muncie. From December 1981 to May 1982 he has served as deacon of St. Alphonsus Zionsville.



May 30, 1981

Tom, Rosalie, Harry & Bishop Raymond Gallagher



July 1981

Fr. Barry Gross, assisted by Deacon Tom Metzger  
Parent's 35th Anniversary



Christmas 1981

L to R (front): John, Grandma Metzger and Linda  
(back) Donna, Grandma Loehr, Tom and Phyl

From a Friend...

Fr. Leroy Kinnaman



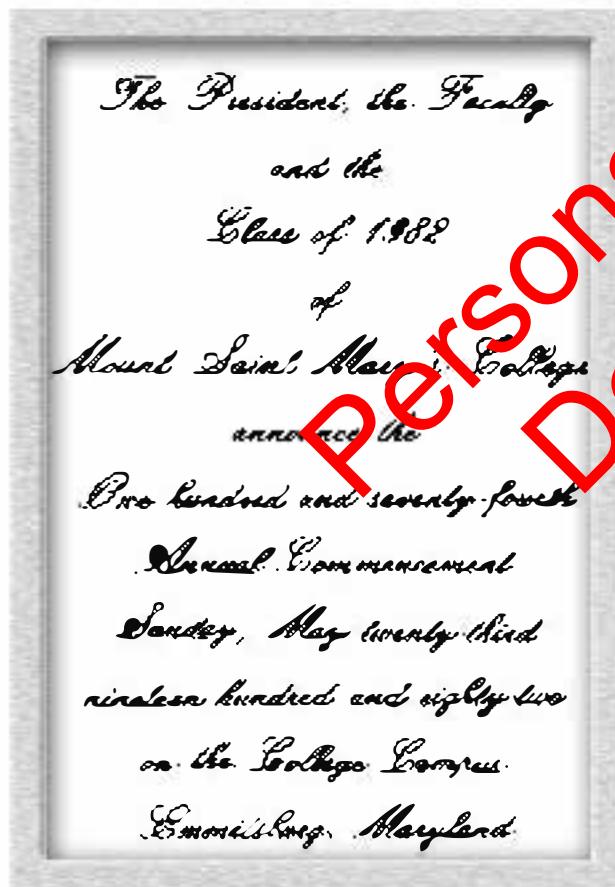
Enjoying the hospitality of Leona and Bob Kinnaman  
(parents of Fr. Leroy K.)

L to R: Bob Kinnaman, Betty Mae Dewig, Tom, Leona,  
Friz Dewig, Harry & Sister Judy Dewig

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# Jubilee



I look up to your heavens,  
at the moon and the stars  
which you set in place.  
What is man that you should  
care a thought for him?  
for you have made him  
little less than a god . . . (Psalms 8)

God the Almighty Father, in his great love,  
has chosen to share the gift of  
the priesthood of his Son, Jesus the Christ,  
with his son, Thomas Metzger  
through the invocation of the Holy Spirit  
and the laying on of hands  
by Bishop Raymond J. Guiterman  
on Saturday, June fifth,  
nineteen hundred and eighty-two,  
at eleven o'clock,  
at St. Mary Cathedral  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

As you have shared in our lives  
to this moment, we invite you  
with great joy and gratitude  
to share this occasion with us and  
to join in the celebration of  
a Mass of Thanksgiving  
on Sunday, June sixth,  
nineteen hundred and eighty-two,  
at two o'clock in the afternoon  
at St. Lawrence Church,  
Muncie, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Metzger  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young and Family  
Miss Phyllis Metzger  
Mr. and Mrs. Rick Voke and Maria  
Mr. John Metzger and Miss Juli North

Music will begin twenty minutes before Mass.  
A brief reception will follow in the  
St. Lawrence School building.



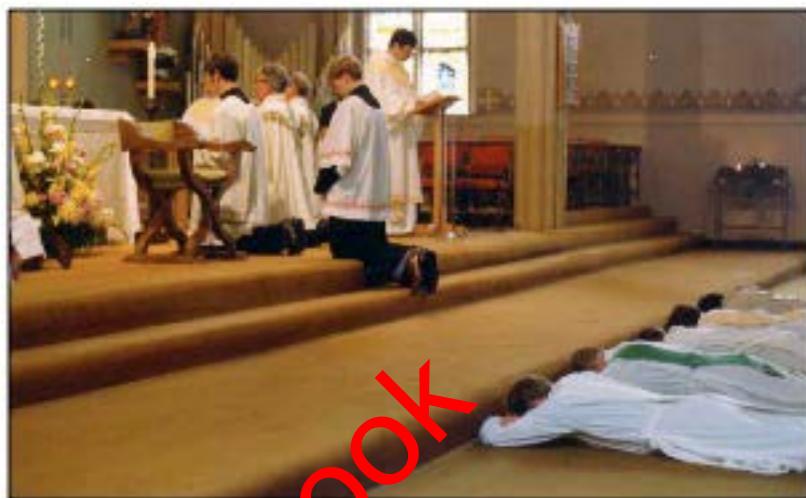
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Tom (and other deacons to be ordained to priesthood) in first row at St. Mary's Cathedral. Behind Tom is Emil A. Schewier.



The five deacons to be ordained lying prostrate during the Litany of the Saints. Tom is at the left.



Msgr. Emil Schewier assisting Tom with vestment.



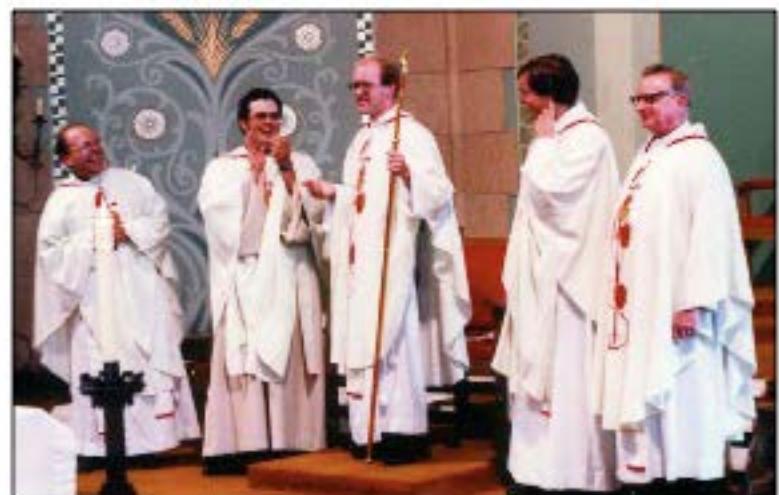
Bishop Gallagher consecrating Tom's hands



Bishop Gallagher imposes hands on Tom and blesses him.



Father Tom presenting the Precious Blood to an acolyte. Seminarian Dennis Gath is on his right.



(This brought forth laughs and applause)  
During the picture-taking session, after ordination at Lafayette, Tom is holding the Bishop's crosier while the Bishop left for a few minutes.

June 5, 1982

Ordination

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Celebration after ordination at K of C



The Family

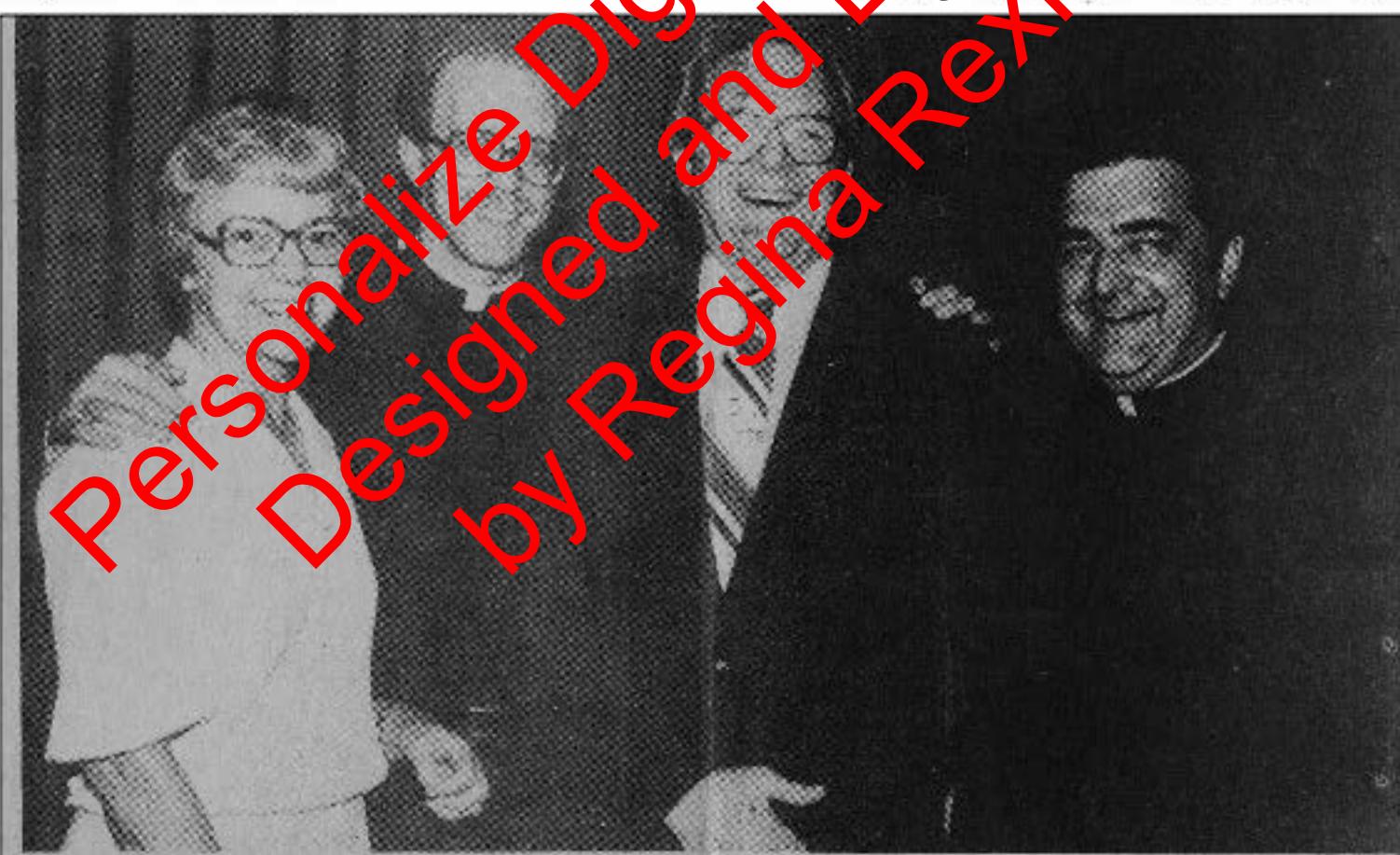
Thy stedfast love, O Lord, extends  
to the heavens,  
Thy faithfulness to the clouds.  
Thy righteousness is like the mountains  
of God.

Psalm 36:5-6

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Dawigs (Aunt Betty and Uncle Fritz) and Grandmas



### New Priest Ordained

Father Douglas Metzger had ~~just~~ celebrated his first

Zionsville Newspaper Clipping

this photo was taken. He had just celebrated his first mass as an ordained priest. Father Tom was ordained on June 5, and his first mass was celebrated on June 11.

Shown enjoying the occasion with him are his mother and father, Rosalie and Harry Metzger, and Father David Douglas, pastor at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Zionsville.

Father Tom will be stationed in Anderson, Ind., at St. Mary's Parish, where he will serve as assistant pastor.

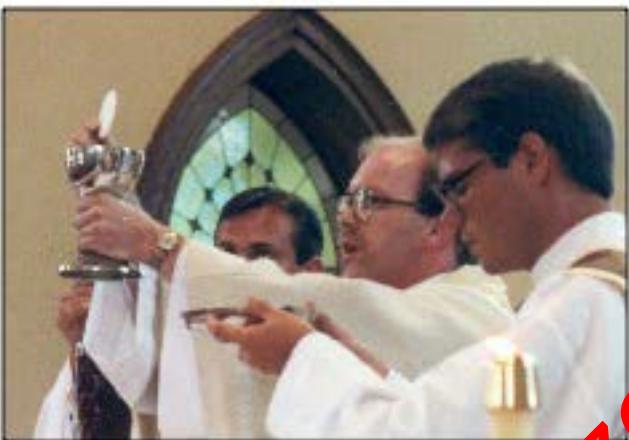
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Fr. Tom with other priests concelebrating his first Mass.



Beginning of Offertory Procession:  
Linda Voke, John Metzger, Donna Young,  
Phyllis Metzger, Jack Young, Rick Voke  
With Fr. Tom - Deacons, Philip Mahalic  
and Robert Bernotas, Ministers,  
Dennis O'Keefe and Dennis Gath



Elevation



Ready to distribute Holy Communion  
L to R: beside Fr. Tom, Fr. Raymond  
Wieber, Fr. Edward Greive, OSC, Agats-  
Amat, Indonesia - Dennis O'Keefe,  
Dennis Gath, In sanctuary, Fr. Pat Clide,  
Fr. Robert Williams



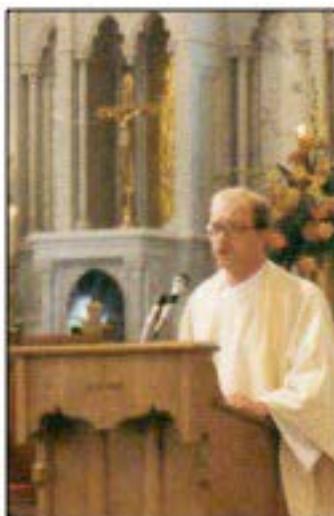
Fr. Tom with Deacon Phil Mabalic after  
Communion.



Grandma Loehr receiving Holy  
Communion from Fr. Tom



Mom and Dad



Giving a special talk at the  
end of his first Mass

First Mass

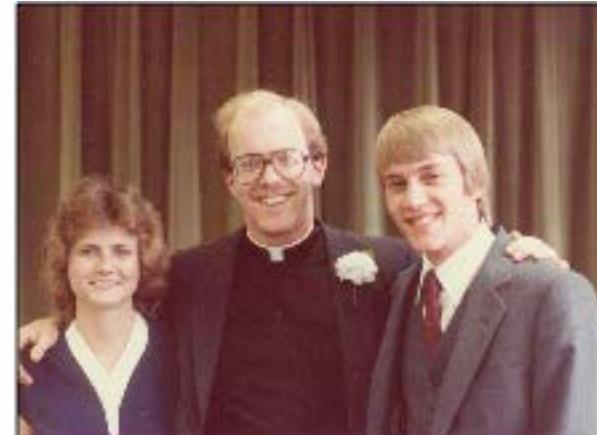
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# Celebration after Tom's first Mass in St. Lawrence School



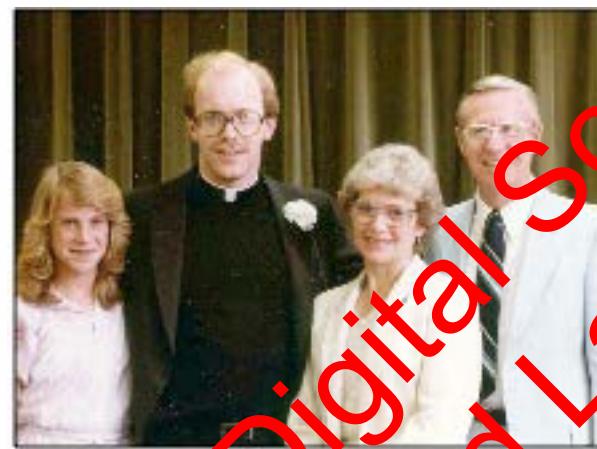
Mom and Dad



Tom with his brother John and Juli North



Tom with Aunt Betty & Uncle Fritz Dewig and cousin Sister Judy Dewig, OSB



Tom with Aunt Lucie & Uncle Paul Hayden and cousin Deanna



Tom with Phyllis, Sr. Jeanine Funk (former teacher) and Linda



Stephanie Wilkinson and John O'Brien, friends from Mt. St. Mary's



Grandma Metzger

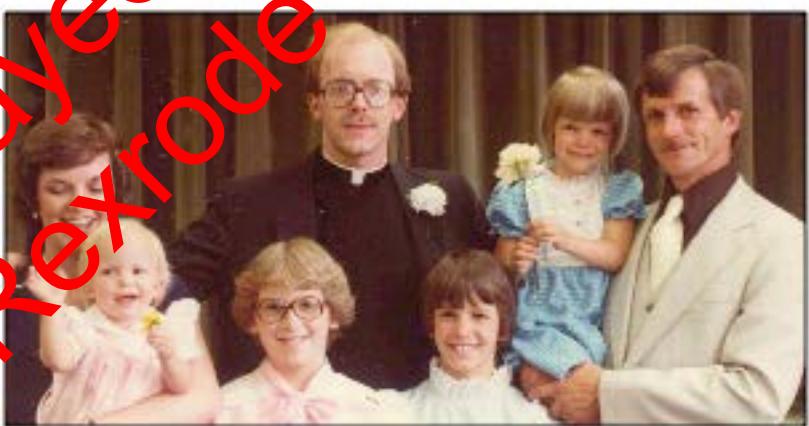


Grandma Metzger and Grandma Loehr

# Jubilee



Tom with Helen Schmaltz, a good family friend, who baked the cakes with the help of her daughters for the celebration.



Tom with the Young Family - Donna, Monica, Christy, Theresa, Rebecca, and Jack

## From a Friend...

St. Mary Luann Bender SND

As students at St. Pius X Seminary in the Diocese of Covington, KY, Rev. Tom Metzger, Tom Farrell and Jerry Britt (deceased) did a field placement at St. Charles Care Center where I have been stationed for 30 years. Tom Farrell, Jerry Britt and I traveled to Abenue for Tom Metzger's first Mass. Tom Metzger will always be held fondly in my memory, down to the last prayer and dear to my heart.



Mass at St. Charles Care Center

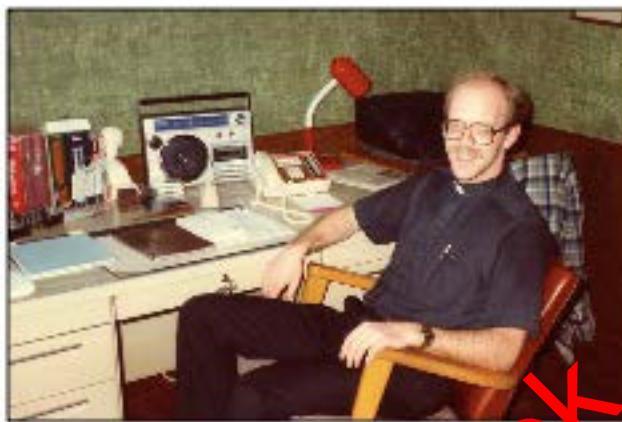


Day of First Mass-pictured with newly ordained from Covington, KY-Tom Farrell and Jerry Britt

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Fr. Tom - St. Mary's Rectory



Fr. Tom - St. Mary's Office



Fr. Marty Sandhage, Fr. Tom, and Fr. Bob Williams



Family Reunion - 1986 Evansville



Easter Sunday - 1984



Tom with his 1980 Chevette - 1983



1987 - Ski Trip



Celebrating First Anniversary of his ordination - Linda Vole with baby Katie, Monica Young by her chair, John and Fr. Tom - 1983



Thanksgiving Day - 1982  
Mass in our house -  
Grandma was not able to get  
out of the house because of  
bad weather.

Fr. Tom officiating at his brother's  
wedding - John & Julie's wedding at  
St. Lawrence Church, Muncie.  
August 7, 1982



1987

St. Mary's  
Anderson: 1982-1988 1st Assignment

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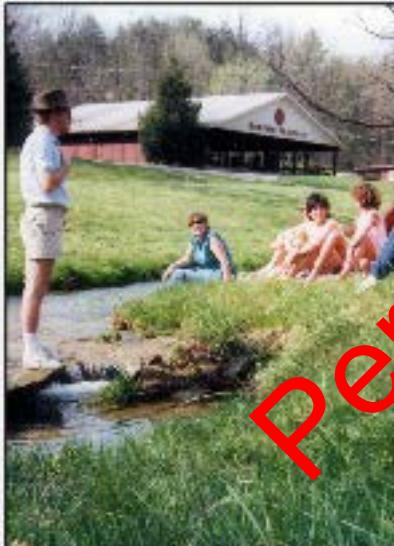
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Ron and Mary Rhoten



St. Mary's Parish Renewal - 1984  
K of C Hall



CYO Retreat/Camp 1984

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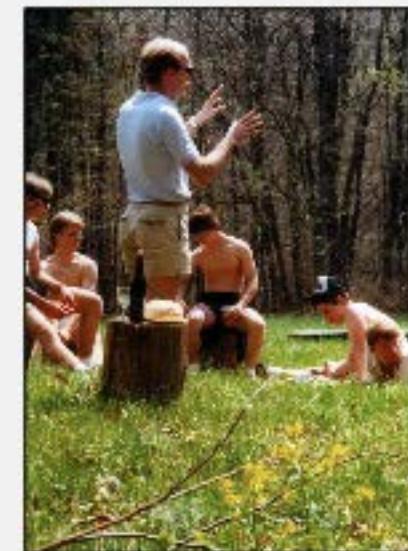
June 15, 2007

Dear Father Tom,

We have been blessed to have you in our lives. As we reflect over the years, many things come to our minds: associate pastor, pastoral council meetings, "Bob and Tom" show, CYO high school retreats, parish renewal, CYO meetings, K of C dances ("Blues Brothers"), picnic days, baptisms, weddings, and faith family get togethers. We have shared blessings, sorrows, disappointments, and many happy times together. Thank you for being a part of our lives.

May God continue to bless you, fill you with His faith, love, and wisdom as you shepherd your flock, and may our friendship continue to blossom a m'age. Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Our Peace and Love.  
Ron and Mary  
Ron and Mary Rhoten



# 25th

## From a Friend...

George and Kitty Zink

Fr. Tom -

Friday, June 15, 2007

How wonderful that you have included us in your twenty-five year celebration! We're honored! Of course, we feel you over us. After all, we've raised you, right?

Hope you know how lucky you are that St. Mary's, Anderson, was your first assignment. ANY number of people helped in your upbringing. (We'll have to give your parents credit and maybe you too a little; we had good material to work with.) The list is too long to name the individuals.

And isn't it that every pastor assigns his young associate to work with the high school youth? You were no exception. I think you experienced quite a bit of growth during those years even though that particular ministry wouldn't have been your first choice we're sure. For some reason, though, it was really difficult for you to batch on the fact that everything that was scheduled in the preparation of a youth retreat didn't necessarily happen as was scheduled. If at all sometimes. Seems you were most adept at the hiking trips. And that's all right. Religious ministry is what it's all about.

Those were your formative years and I think your pastor had a hand in it as well. We won't count the ways. But we hope you assimilated (and we think you have) some of his "disorderliness" and that you have ascertained that not everything needs to be "ordered."

At any rate, we're happy to have been a small part of your growth and excited to help you celebrate. We miss your smile, your humor, your perfectionist personality and sometimes even your sarcasm. It's always great to reunite with you periodically and we appreciate that you always make it seem that you miss us, even searching us out when we don't notice you're there.

You survived and thrived through the ups and downs of the priesthood for the first TWENTY five years and wear it well. Here's to another twenty-five and more.

We love you,

George & Kitty Zink



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## From a Friend...

Tony L...

### The REAL Bob and Tom Show

Fr. Tom & Fr. Bob have been a great influence in my life. He was never just a friend, a confessor, a spiritual leader, a good model of priesthood in many ways. He was one of the reasons I became a priest. Of course, I am no longer an active priest. And as such as I would like to thank Tom for this. I know he has taught me many things that he will have been teaching me because I would not have had the chance to remain a priest.

God's first gift above shared fun and laughter have to be near the top. Here is an example of one. I had MANY to choose from. When Fr. Tom arrived at St. Mary's in Anderson in 1982 in company with Fr. Bob, Willin' to be active already a well-known Bob & Tom duo going strong in Ireland. That particular Bob & Tom had a very popular morning TV show, are an Irish & popular billboard or display in Ireland. You may remember that billboard Bob & Tom in rustic, illogical clown shirts, etc.

Two months in Anderson, their illness and other places kept them away. So they approached me to do a certain project. They asked me to create a billboard convincing to all of Anderson to own a morning show at St. Mary's featuring our own very talented Bob & Tom show. They wanted our two priests on a billboard destroyed in their billboard business buildings and rebuilt smaller, BUT dressed just as the Bob & Tom in flip-flops, clown shirts, etc. You get the picture. After much prayer and discernment, I believed at least one, if not second passed. I agreed to their arrangement. Unlike the original Bob & Tom, I did not sign their names, not with identity or name unknown (which).

The couple involved (I don't know who) the name of the billboard was St. Mary's Bob & Tom. And asked the Bob & Tom to do a original morning show with a certain date of start. They offered a wonderfully succulent treat dinner if the Bob & Tom could come with identify the alpnts. If they could not, they would get hot dogs.

On the big evening of creation the Bob & Tom showed up at the rectory after adjusting their ribs. They were greeted by some men (just like Martin Scorsese) who said the ~ to wait until the priests were "ready." When they heard the men requesting, "Okay, we're ready," the door was opened to reveal fathers Bob & Tom dressed just as they were portrayed in the new famous billboard.

Sadly, our famous fathers' billboard ended up missing the day morning it made its debut. No one knew where the billboard ended up. All we do have pictures...and tons of similar experiences that have created a treasure of great memories to bear.

I don't know if I ever told to him St. Mary's Bob & Tom - The followers refer to him as a good priest who I am proud to call my friend. Thanks!

Ad Multos Anno.



St. Mary's  
Anderson: 1982-1988  
1st Assignment

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# Jubilee

## From a Friend...

BILL (and Barb) Wylam -  
Holy Spirit at Geist  
former St. Mary's,  
Anderson)



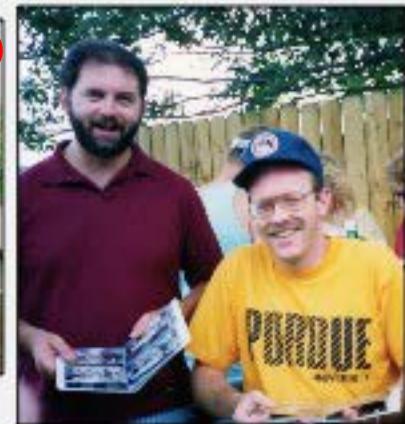
## From a Friend...

Julie Broderick

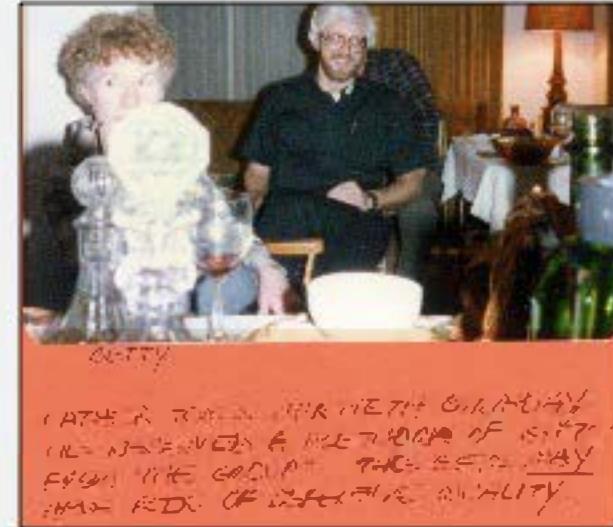
ST MARY'S PARISH, MURFRESCOON.  
OUR SMALL GROUP WAS  
FORMED IN 1985; FATHER TOM  
WAS PRESENT FOR MANY OF  
OUR CELEBRATIONS.  
FRONT ROW: DENY KACZMAREK,  
ROBERT CHIARO, RITA SIEBEL  
MIDDLE ROW: JENNIFER GLOSONI,  
LAURENNE NAPOLI, BETTY REINHOLDZ,  
SUZIE WILCOX  
BACK ROW: PAT BAKER, ERINNA  
BLOOM, TILICE HANDELL, MARIE RETT  
BRADLEY, MARY E. KNOBLE, HARRIET



EACH SUMMER FOR  
SEVERAL YEARS  
THE GROUP VISITED  
THAT AND OTHER COUNTRIES  
OVER COLORADO, CANADA,  
AND MEXICO. WE  
ENJOYED THE OUTDOOR  
LIFE WHEREVER IT WAS.



Celebrating the  
Christmas Season



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From a Friend...

Dave Papai - Anderson



Isle Royale, Michigan - 2004



Youghiogheny River, PA - 1983



Youth Planning - 1984

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St. Mary's  
Anderson: 1982-1988      1st Assignment

On Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter, at Mass we read about St. Paul leaving the church of Ephesus: "...Paul knelt down with them all and prayed. They began to weep without restraint, throwing their arms around him and kissing him, for they were deeply distressed to hear that they would never see his face again. Then they escorted him to the ship."

Every year when I hear that reading, I think of all the guys who are receiving new clergy assignments. I guess from the very beginning of the church's history, those farewells have been difficult to handle, as we see in the case of Paul.

As you know, Fr. Tom will be leaving us soon. I doubt that there will be such a dramatic scene, but believe me, the farewell will not be easy. He has been here at St. Mary's for six years. That's a longer-than-average stay for associate pastors nowadays. It would be great if he could stay even longer as far as I'm concerned, but for the good of the bigger church a fete-maria-cut is in order.

It's been great working with Fr. Tom. I remember those first days when I arrived, and when I was still trying to get organized, he had already outlined all the things that had to be changed immediately. It was really hard to keep up with him, and still gee my own work done. And what a worker he has been ever since! He really deserves credit for so much of what has been done around here. I know of a lot of parish ministry that can be credited to Fr. Tom. Sometimes folks give me credit for some project that really was all his work. It has been great working with him!

A lot of the good liturgical changes have been under the inspiration and initiative of Fr. Tom. (And here you thought all along that it was the me!) He has done a great job in youth ministry, and every other area he has been involved with. It's pretty obvious he rates high in my book.

All of course, there is the long list of his personal qualities that I'll miss: his weird Lenten discipline; his outrage every time a newcomer uses incorrect grammar; measuring the ingredients for meatloaf (is this too driven, or what?); doing the same old mince at every party; his outrage when someone thinks he is the pastor and I'm the associate (I'll let you guess the reason); his knowing even gaffes during cathedral liturgies; his knowing sick jokes; the table at certain meetings; making fun of Irish folk music that he won't admit he loves; staying three steps ahead of me at the key points of prayer while reciting a litany of things that need to be done around here; and finally, giving a whole new meaning to the word "funny."

Next weekend, after all the liturgies, there will be a chance for everyone to say a personal farewell to Fr. Tom in the atrium. Please stop in for a few minutes.

Thanks, Tom, for everything! Come back often.

Jubilee

While the Cat's Away

What an odd title for my last column in St. Mary's bulletin, since the cat's not away but I soon will be. But, that's the title I've always used, and there's no sense changing it now.

Fr. Bob asked me to write this column this week as I prepare to move on to St. Thomas Aquinas parish at Purdue, and I'm glad to do so. I'm also speaking briefly at all the masses this weekend, so you'll get a double dose. I hope you can stand it. The temptation for me is either to brag, or to become maudlin, and I'm going to try to avoid both. Instead, I'd just like to share a few memories from my six years here at St. Mary's.

So here, in no particular order, are some memories that will go with me to St. Tom's and beyond:

CYO backpacking trips, which always brought rain to wherever we were camping. (I writing again last week when I camped at Brown County.)...

Knights of Columbus Chicken Fries (good food, cheap food, and lots of food!).

High school retreats at Brown County, French Grove, Angola, and Tippecanoe. Sleepless nights that were worth it...

Sixty, whenever the opportunity presented itself: the Mass of Creation during summer of '88, Irish Brigade dinner, parish neighborhood carry-ins, acoustic gatherings of every sort...

All Easter Vigil celebrations. Each one was better than the last...

Late night talks with Fr. Bob about how things used to be, how they are, and how they could be...

The renovation of the church building: all the inconveniences (the scaffolding, the different location of daily Mass, the constant adjustments from one Sunday to the next), then the rededication Mass, which almost got bombed out (the Bishop did)...

The changes in the parish. The liturgy, the school - to which some responded with awe, some with phobia, some with enthusiasm and energy, and not a few with an "I-don't-know-about-this-but-let's-give-it-a-try" attitude. There were many in this last category, and they are perhaps the biggest heroes of all.

Sunday Eucharist, the center of our life: the great moments of profound worship and the comical moments of pure humanness, both too numerous to count...

The seasons of Advent and Lent, which are taken seriously here...

The closeness I shared with our staff: we worked, played, and fought together, on and off the job, and I will miss them terribly...

Visiting Haiti, and having Haitian visit us in the person of Fr. Bea; the parish's generous response and hospitality...

Comments about the length of my homilies; believe it or not, I really tried to keep them short...

The Martin Luther King Day observance here in January of 1987; a black Gospel choir filled the sanctuary, and a rabbi spoke with the crucifix as the backdrop...

Bishop Higgin's visits to the parish for Confirmation, weekend Liturgies, and (ugh!) Fruitful Beloit meetings; his tremendous support and his vision for the renewal of the Local Church have made a difference around here...

Parish Renewal weekends, which I really believe were the spark for much of what is still happening at St. Mary's in terms of renewal, outreach, and formation...

Presiding at infant baptisms, weddings, funerals, First Communion Masses, Rites of Adult Initiation; being involved in the reconciliation of inactive Catholics; being at the deathbeds of your loved ones; privileged moments, all of them...

The constant attempts of the school faculty to pull a good one on the bald priest, attempts which finally bore fruit in a drought-inducing water balloon assault on June 3 (revenge is mine)...

...and more. An old friend of mine, Jack by name, talks about our friendship in terms of "making memories." Whenever Jack and I get together, we always do a lot of reminiscing. Remembering the past helps us to get a perspective on the present and set a direction for the future. As Jack would say, let's keep on making memories.

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# THE SUNDAY VISITOR

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## Bishop Higi announces clergy assignments

Rev. Thomas H. Metzger, parochial vicar of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, West Lafayette, is appointed diocesan Vocation Director.

August 19, 1990

### New Vocation Director plans focus on formation

**LAFAYETTE** — As new vocation director for the Local Church of Northcentral Indiana, Father Thomas Metzger said one of his goals will be to enhance the sense of Local Church among seminarians.

"The men sometimes seem to identify themselves in terms of the temporary they attend because I am where they spend most of their time," he said. "But we want them to emphasize that they are being ordained priests for this Local Church. One of my goals is to strengthen the identity between the seminarians and the Local Church in their own understanding, giving them the context of the Local Church."

In addition to ministry at Purdue University's St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center for the past three years, Father Metzger was appointed Vocation Director by Bishop William Higi. He will continue to remain at St. Thomas Aquinas until his appointment as the parish's associate pastor in addition to his responsibilities as Vocation Director.

While enhancing the sense of Local Church is an important goal for Father Metzger, he is busy with an initial goal of meeting with each of the diocesan seminarians.

"The meetings are just to pick their brains to ask them what their vision of ministry is. What brought them to this point in their life and why they are interested in the priesthood," he said. "I'm also building out what their parish ministry experiences are, if they have been any, have been like and what their missionary experiences are."

In the past Father said, the number of seminarians has been decreasing recently. He said the Local Church needs to focus more on pastoral formation. "The parishes, each parish and the people are the recruited ministry in my opinion. The pastor and people do the recruiting by giving structures and places of program and also see my role as pastoral formation person, to support those institutions and their formation. My role is different than the vocation director, it's more at the seminary side of recruitment, the pastor in a summertime recruitment, but altogether it's a functional role."

Father Metzger is working with Father Michael Bennett, Vicar for Clergy and Director of the Emmanuel House, who has formed a task force to make recommendations on pastoral formation of seminarians. Those recommendations, if accepted by Bishop Higi, will become Father Metzger's primary agenda, he said.

The activities of campus ministry will give Father an anchor, he said. "Being on a campus parish,

would be beneficial for the exposure of the Vocation Office and for my seminaries to gain some kind of stability so that ministry won't be totally administered or only directed toward our seminarians. We will still have no control in the sense that we will still have the things that are going on day to day."

He will continue to assist St. Thomas Parish with the RCIA and a parish involvement down at the Antioch House where six young college students in a Christian community are learning ministry. As administrator of the Vocation Office, he will oversee the daily operations and keep communication open, idea flowing, and build relationships between seminarians and seminarians, seminarians and priests, and seminarians and parishes."

Father Metzger also said he's looking forward to visiting the two college seminaries and the schools of theoboy 35 where the 21 diocesan seminarians are studying. "I want to see what kind of experiences are there, flowing on my own days in the summer, I can see ways to improve the experience and strengthen their formation."



Local Church seminarians include the Catholic Pastoral Center in Lafayette on July 31 for a Day of reflection. The theme for the day was "Understanding the Priorities of the Local Church: The Basics of Planning." Seminarians with Bishop William Higi are Chris O'Neal, Frank Torres, Richard Daen, Tony Levi, Joe Westfall, Alex Paternoster, Bob Klemm, Bruce Koenig, Jack Trippel, Mike McKinney, Chris Miller, Bob Osborne, Kelly Courtney and Victor Loman.

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St. Thomas  
Purdue:Lafayette: 1988-1992      2nd Assignment

From a Friend...

Jack Hoffman



Congratulations! I am proud of you.  
Your friend, Raymond L. Barnell  
  
You are a true blessing to all that know you the remainder of your life up to God!  
Congratulations on your 40th year, here's hope a God give the people you care for a long life - Tom  
GOD SEES HER WEEPS & CRIES AS WELL  
Tom - you have always been a valuable asset to St. Thomas and congratulations on this your 25th year!  
Bill

I am honored to call you friend & Doctor! God bless you in a special way. Yours, Al

Congratulations to you! How wonderful it is to see that through the years you have made many memories... I remember this picture from the book of my tapes. Tom - you have always been a valuable asset to St. Thomas and congratulations on this your 25th year!

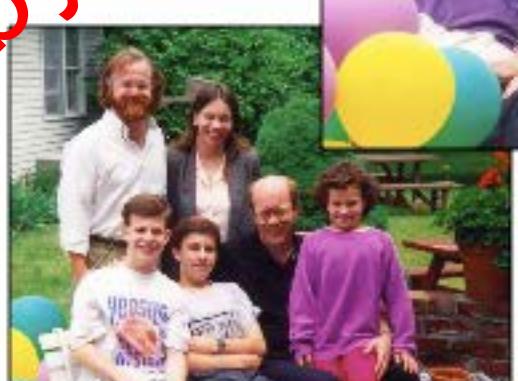
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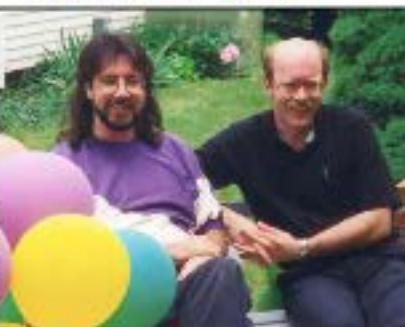
Tom and his Zither - 1991



Tom at St. Lawrence after St. Stephen Memorial Mass December 26, 1991



John & Carol Sherman & Family Friends from Search Youth Program at St. Lawrence.



Fr. Vic Lloyd  
(classmate  
from Mt. St.  
Mary's)

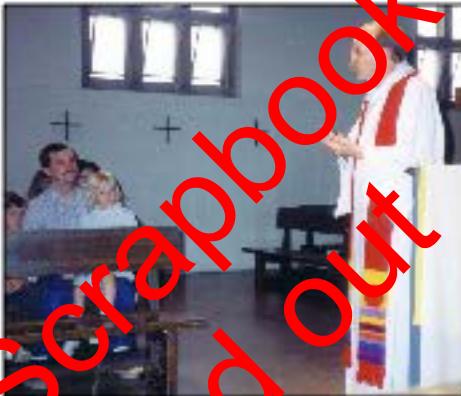


St. Thomas friends and Barb Wylam from St. Mary's



Fr. Ed Stone and Fr. Bob Williams and parishioners from St. Mary's, Anderson

## Jubilee 10th Anniversary Celebration June 6, 1992



Prayer Service at St. Thomas Aquinas



David Papai



Bill Wylam



Special T-Shirt



Linda & Steve - Kelly & Ryan Koerner - Hosts for celebration

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## Bishop Higi announces clergy assignments

Rev. Thomas H. Metzger, Vocation Director, was appointed Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Lebanon, May 20, 1992.

Lebanon Reporter - July 8, 1992

### Fr. Thomas Metzger named pastor of St. Joseph parish

Father Thomas Metzger has been named pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lebanon, by Bishop William Higi.

Metzger's appointment was announced officially in the diocese newspaper last week.

Metzger, who recently celebrated his 10th year in the priesthood, was born and reared in Muncie.

He graduated from St. Pius X Seminary in Kentucky in 1978 with a BA in philosophy and from Mt. St. Mary's theological seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, in 1980 with a masters in theology.

This is his first pastorate. "I am very excited about the opportunity," he said.

From 1982 to 1984, Fr. Metzger was an associate pastor at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Anderson. In 1984 he went to St. Thomas Aquinas parish at Purdue University, where he was in full-time campus ministry until 1990.

He was named diocese vocation director in 1990, a position he still holds.

The diocese vocation office will be transferred to Lebanon, Fr. Metzger said.

He was ordained in St. Mary's Cathedral, Lafayette, in 1980 by then Bishop Raymond Gallagher.



Fr. Thomas Metzger



July 5, 1992

### Off the Top of My Head...

I'd like to thank the people of St. Joseph's for the wonderful reception they've given me. I only arrived last weekend, but during the weekend when I was here as administrator as well. I'm really happy to be your pastor!

I met with the Parish Pastoral Council last Saturday evening (nothing like striking while the iron is hot!), and started with them my three primary goals for the next year and a half or so. They are, as no particular order: to establish the Parish on a solid financial footing; to sustain and upgrade parish ministry efforts; and to enhance the effectiveness of the parish pastoral council.

I'll tell you more about the first two goals in upcoming weeks. I'll be working with the council itself to acquire an \$80,000.00. Who knows what the outcome will be! In the meantime, we'll study church law, diocesan guidelines, and models of successful ministries. So, the council will be doing business as usual for the next few months, but they'll be working!

Now that I've been named pastor, I'm going on vacation. I've had a trip to Europe with Fr. Dick Neisendorfer planned for almost a year. Fr. Dave Nollan, Fr. Francis Muncie and Fr. Bob Quirk (St. Thomas Aquinas, West Lafayette) will be home for Masses the next two weekends. Welcome them as you have me!

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Good News! Sister Mary and Sister Gertrude have decided to remain at St. Joseph's as pastoral assistants. After two months off for retreat, home visits, time at the international, they will be returning to us at the end of August.

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3rd Assignment  
St. Joseph  
Lebanon: 1992-2002

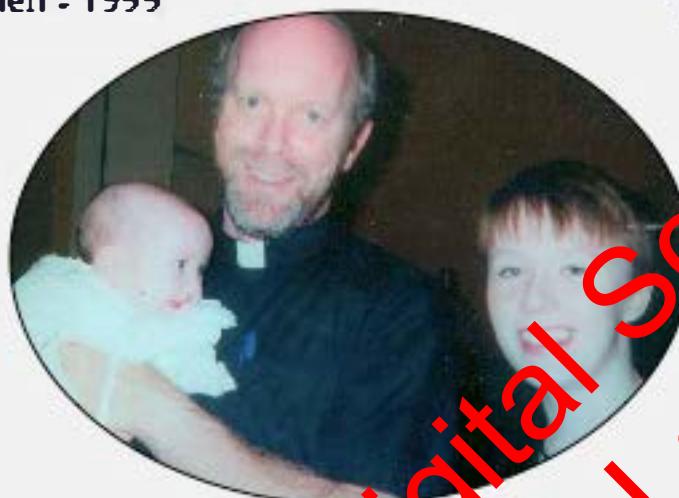
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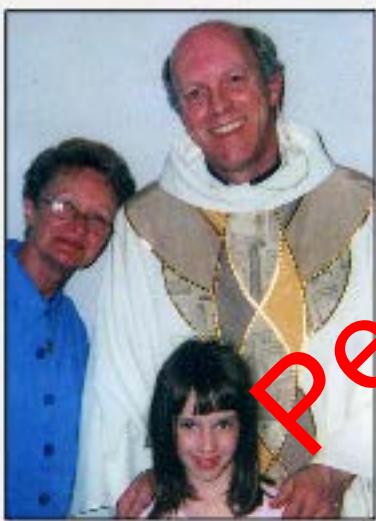
Jordan Williamson



Then - 1999



Fr. Tom & Kennedy Anna Williamson  
after Kennedy's Baptism at St. Joseph's -  
October 16, 1999



Now - 2006



Fr. Tom, Kennedy Anna Williamson, Linda Williamson - May 7, 2006

Fr. Tom and Gina Williamson (older  
mother of Kennedy)



Lebanon, IN



Fr. Tom at St. Joseph's on June 12, 2001.  
New members received were Bob  
Green, Ron Lind, & Linda Williamson



Fr. Tom baptizing his first great  
niece, Kayleigh, held by her mother,  
Christy August 23, 1992



1993 with parents and  
Grandma Loehr



The "Great Room" in the  
Rectory with Dad



Tom, the Chef, preparing fish for his  
mom and dad at the Rectory 3-26-93

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Off the Top of My Head....

July 26, 1992

Have I told you lately how glad I am to be your Doctor? Well, I can do it again.

I haven't said much about my other job -- I co-chair of Diocesan Director of Vocations (that's vocation, not vocations, despite my recent error!). Well, does the Director of Vocations do? To oversimplify it, I try to address everything first before the time a person first thinks about priesthood all the way through to ordination.

That involves working with groups of all kinds to encourage vocations of priesthood and religious life, facilitating the application process and helping in the choice of a seminary, the "care and feeding" of diocesan vocations (this is a biggie), finance, the whole bit. How will all this benefit the parish? Hopefully, I hope one thing is certain: this parish will be one of the best informed in the diocese on vocations "stuff". I also work with a couple of different committees on vocations, and plan on holding our meetings here at the parish, along with training sessions throughout the diocese at every opportunity. We have S.V.D. The contact should be mutually beneficial.

I will need to be away from the parish some in the coming months, such as the annual induction to the fall, bi-annual regional meeting, and seminary visits. As I'm already finding, I will be able to leave the parish in relative hands during those intervals.

All in all, I believe that my having two hats (the Doctor and Director of Vocations) will end up being good for the parish, the office, and me.

Frank Tolopek and Joseph Montalvo have the distinction of having to be on the hotlist. (I don't know if that's good or bad for them!) Joseph will be accepted as a candidate for ordination in the Rite of Ordination on Sunday, August 16, during 10:00 Evening Prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral in Tolopek. He is one of six who will be experiencing this rite. It's the final ritual step before ordination as a priest. I always tell people that their colleagues will be asked to pray for him.

Please, dear God, Tolopek's parishioners will be in attendance at the rite in August. This is a great way to show our support for Joseph and St. Joseph's. At your pastor's last Vocations Directory, I extend this hearty invitation:

Off the Top of My Head....

August 16, 1992

I want to say thanks for all the support and welcoming words I received last week during Bishop Bligh's visit and the installation. I'm happy to report that I'm finally home! I still have pictures to hang and tables to stack, but at least I'm home now. Editorial note for young people: VHS tapes are flat, black vinyl discs that play music. It's what we had before compact discs (CDs.)

Speaking of welcome, I had the opportunity to meet with the Welcoming Committee a couple weeks ago. This is a new group that fell under the umbrella of "Ministry of Joy". The group's objective is to welcome new families to the parish. (This is primarily for Catholic families in the parish.) I was so affine to the initiative, and I plan on being involved by helping with any planning and/or direct involvement. Hospitality is an important ministry and I believe it will prove once again beneficial at the parish.

Thankful Harvest dinner on You'll find an update in this bulletin. Dan Lauer and Ray Kooy and I have been working on it... and we're seriously updating it, as they say. The dinner line, literally, is the deadline of September 12. We're looking for volunteers, but let's keep up the effort! Dr. Jim Clifford continues to do what he can to help organize the dinner. Dave's address is 1600 South St., Indianapolis 47905. Keep Dr. Dave in your prayers, as well as his family, and all those who are close to him. And a "thank you" for our efforts.

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Surprise! January 28, 1996



1994 - Mom and Dad with the kids



May 30, 1996 - with cousins and siblings in Evansville, IN

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by Pegeina Rexode

# Jubilee



John, Eddie & Juli Metzger  
Fr. Tom, Mom & Dad  
December 26, 1999

May 12, 2001 - John, Juli &  
baby Claudia Grace  
Metzger with Godparents  
Phyllis & Fr. Tom



1999



**WINNERS:** Fr. Tom Metzger and Alice Buckley claim the trophy for Lebanon Kiwanis after winning the Project Literacy spelling bee.

## See spellers buzz off with prize

It was a win-win-EXI spelling their way to victory during Project Literacy, Boone County's spelling bee at the Boone County Courthouse Sept. 18. The winning trophy went to Kurt Kiwanis — Fr. Tom Metzger and Alice Buckley — who netted the six other teams by losing only one of the 45 words each. Boone County Project Literacy

makers came in second and the TUS Club team was third. Others vying for the prize were Lebanon Rotary, Delta Kappa Gamma and Purple Wholesale. Each team's entry fee goes to support Project Literacy.

Bob Smith served as emcee for the event, which took place as part of the "Back to School" Fair held in the Simpler Building.



March 22, 2002 - Fr. Tom baptizing his nephew, Nicholas Anthony Metzger - adopted from Ukraine by Tom's sister Phyllis. Godparents: John and Juli Metzger

June 29, 2001

**LEBANON REPORTER**

# Religion

Lebanon, IN

St. Joe's celebrates building's centennial

Father Thomas Metzger, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, stands at the rear of the chancery.

The third decade of St. Joseph's Catholic Church is celebrating its 100th birthday Sunday at 314 E. Court St. Lebanon. Metzger said it was located where the Boone County Chamber of Commerce is at 221 N. Lebanon St. in Lebanon where the former Frerardines building stands.

According to Father Tom Metzger, several different things will take place throughout the year-long anniversary. Metzger said he will attend the three services, one on Sat. night and two on Sunday, Father's Day.

As Rev. CSSR, a pastor of the parishes for the 1900s, plans to be part of the services as well. A parish picnic will follow the 10 a.m. service offering games for the children and possibly some games for the adults said Father Metzger.

If the people float will be in the beautiful July parade for the first time ever and throughout the end of the year, diverse persons also will be visiting the parish. The persons are former members of the congregation.



December 3, 2001 - Great Uncle Tom baptizing Nathan Ray West in St. Lawrence Church, Layayette, IN Grandparents: Donna and Jack Young and Parents Christopher and Dale West



May 12, 2001 - John, Juli &  
baby Claudia Grace  
Metzger with Godparents  
Phyllis & Fr. Tom

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Molly Ann Riggs, Trustee  
Center Township, Pennsylvania  
1122 N. Lebanon Street, Suite C  
Lebanon, PA 17042

May 14, 2001

To: Winsor & May Collection  
Father Tom Melcher Books Information

Want to know Trustee eight years ago Father Tom Melcher was at St. Joseph's Church in Lebanon. That was one of the first things that ever happened to me.

He was there to assume my position and friend. Treated very nicely on his arrival, collision, and good common sense. I still miss him everyday.

One of the things that builded brotherhood, the local column meetings among churches and school over local service concerning the needs of the poor. We invited the available local several semi-service groups and a known local church to discuss the problems and "No Name" was born.

Our group, "No Name", has grown to include nine entities who deal with the problems of the disadvantaged and quite a few of them church.

Pastor Scott Marsh of Trinity Lutheran wrote his column, editorial for the Lebanon "D&R" referring to who does God things just that Father Tom is PMS.

We invited ourselves "No Name" because we wanted to be able to spontaneous help others without the paperwork of an organization getting in the way. No big deal as long as there is no formal formal like meetings, etc., etc. It would be our concern to resolve the problems to help those that put it their people to help the community and that was a great lesson for Father Tom to leave Lebanon.

#### The Central Jerome County Conspiracy

I know in my heart that I am glad that the Cold War is over, but I sure do miss the coldness, of experience, and the thrill that I had from being a propagandist. I was always a sucker for total manipulation, action, power, and all those things that I could do with the masses. I was creating, like, the image of a great man, a great king, a great thinking, even when he with no reason at all by mysterious means, exist only by a lot of initials in a book, manipulating and viewing their best, only up to the center of the world. This was certainly the "Power" breakdown. In addition I fancy myself a thought leader, like a great stone creation.

After all, there is a group leaders in our own back yard, who are not tall men. They need not be tall, but tall and willing to be the face of them, smaller efforts, although I don't know who is who. They are not mean looking. In fact all of them are very nice. They just look like some sort of a figure, that's all (ex. MR), and they are manipulating people over the world. The seven days are probably to take over the country, and this is what the conspiracy members are.

This group is called NO NAME, and they are conspiring together. They are conspiring together to friends, enemies, who struggle with having family members or even family members. They are trying to provide health, home, transportation, food, clothing, housing, medicine, mental health, security, and everything else in a certain kind of. We must be on the look out for this group. If they succeed we might actually create a community that's made up of small towns and small cities for Christians to live together in.

As I looked around the room I saw Lutherans, Methodists, Episcopalians, Evangelicals, Disciples of Christ, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Baptists, Nazarenes, and I am sure there are others from religious convictions that I'm just unaware of. Such an unlikely group of religious individuals they go by the name "The Name Group". I have never seen all these different denominations working together. This is not what we see on TV or in the news. Frank was supposed to be talking with each other over coffee right now. Sorry!

Actually, I think this is the way God would want it to be. All of us working together and using our talents to provide a better community that lives in peace. I am proud to be a part of this group. Although we haven't accomplished everything that we would like to do, you can rest assured that the conspiracy in Boone County is alive and well and we are out to free-control. Control over power, richness, and cultural interests. Sleep well Boone County. I'll read me No Name until you back.

Peace,

Rev. Scott Marsh  
Pastor Trinity Lutheran Church

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Disciple in Christ and PMS. The beginning.

Continuing on and additional readings to you on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Father Tom's departure:

For better or worse, Father Tom and I served in the same small town of Lebanon, Indiana. From our earliest days, in my childhood, through adolescence, I often supported Father Tom's priesthood and included in his weekly book for missions and ministry. In particular, I taught myself, and Father Tom really did my head aches, historical introductions to our brothers in Christ. These took place on airplanes and whenever my employer would not expect me to do this. Strong Encouraging words, a local Lutheran youth Fellowship, a youth group in Central, spiritual writings and outreach has strengthened the soul. It was a wonderful family to work with and look forward to many more years.

As I do my memory comes, Father Tom and I had similar backgrounds in Father Tom's life. I firmly suspect that the similarities are almost identical.

I have been blessed by the example and faith of many people along the way, both non-members and Father Tom. He Lord is good to him, and to us all and may the love of Christ's appear to everyone.

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Scott Marsh*  
Pastor St. Paul's



November 18, 2001 - Fr. Tom with parents after performance with the Lebanon Follies of 2001. He participated in the cast each year from 1993-2001

# Jubilee

From a Friend...

Jacqueline Wetherholt



Dragonwood -  
January 1994



The Ireland Four group!



Dragonwood -  
February 1994



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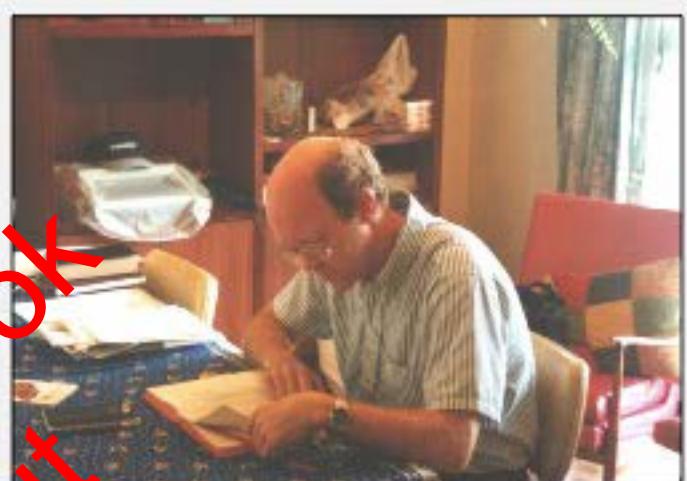
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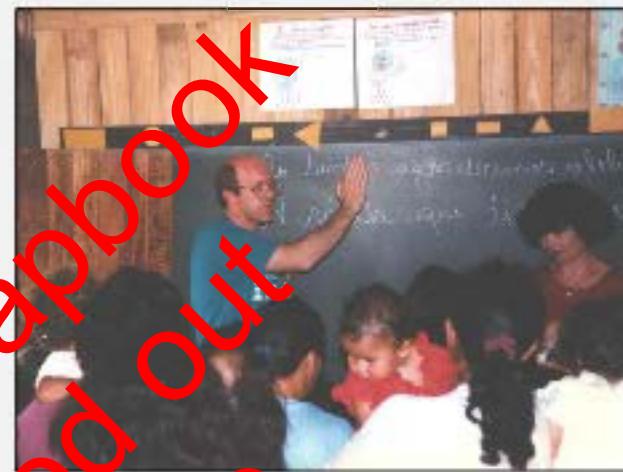
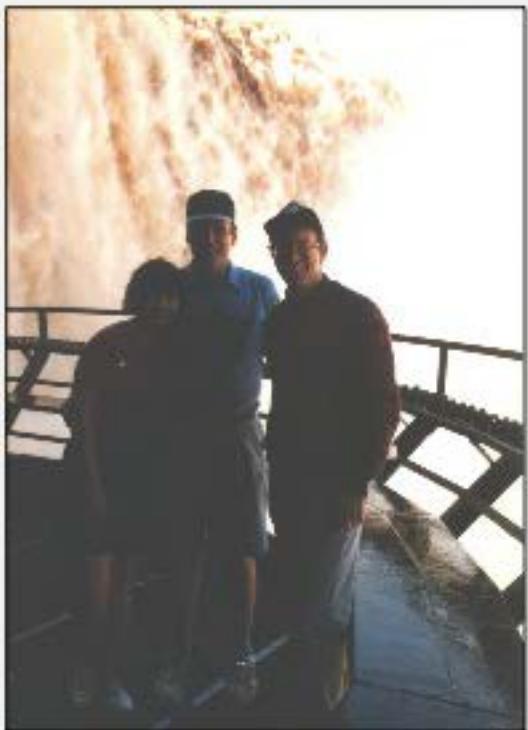
Dave and Kathy Leuck

Trip to Brazil which was a  
highlight in all our lives -  
October 1996



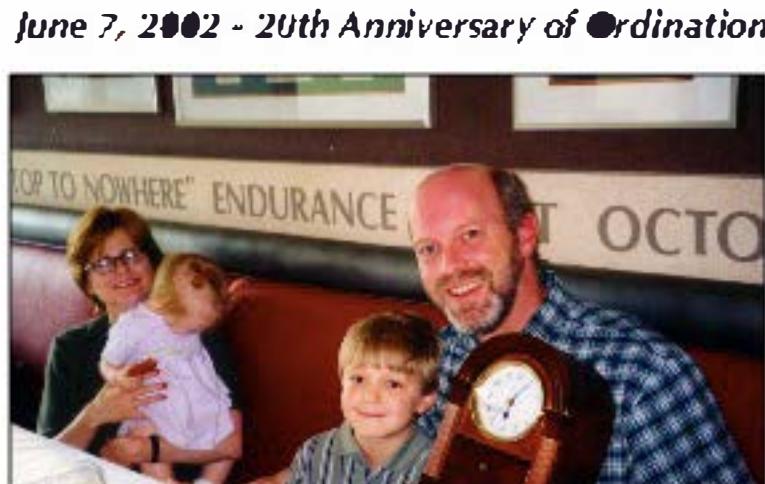
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More pictures of our trip  
to Brazil - October 1996



Juli Metzger, Claudia & Eddie with Fr. Tom

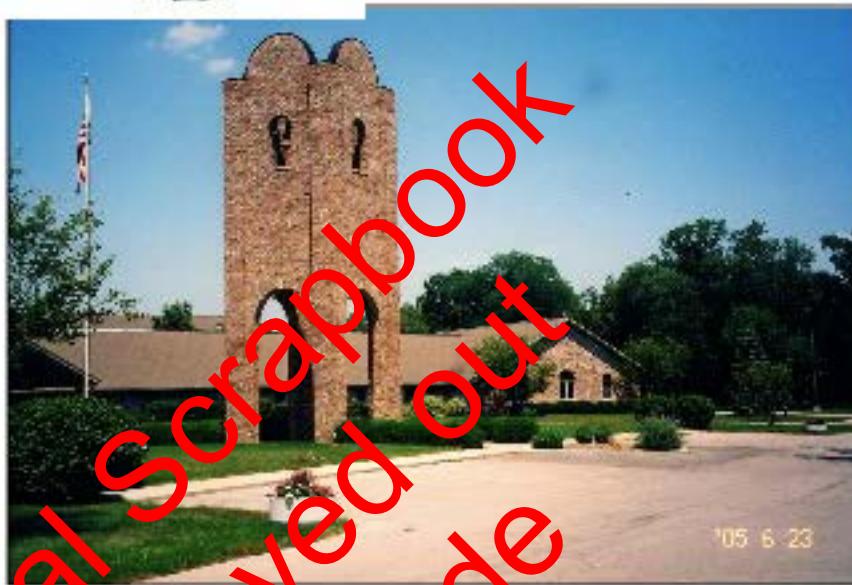


Fr. Tom, Dad, Linda & Rick Vake, John,  
Juli, Eddie, & Claudia Metzger

June 7, 2002 - 20th Anniversary of Ordination - Celebrated at Vince's Restaurant - Muncie, IN



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Jack & Donna Young, Dad & Tom in front of the Rectory - Tom's new home. January 2003



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# **Education center blessed at Our Lady of Grace**

By Kim Krebsen-Holm

נַחֲרֵי-תְּמִימָה. – תְּמִימָה אֲמֹר  
אֶל-יְהוָה כִּי-זָהָב אָתָּה בְּעֵינֵינוּ  
וְכִי-בְּעֵינֵינוּ תְּמִימָה. – וְכִי-  
בְּעֵינֵינוּ תְּמִימָה. – וְכִי-  
בְּעֵינֵינוּ תְּמִימָה.

**B**lessing the rain  
before the harvest  
comes back again.

Let this 14th day of new  
Year come to be a witness to  
all - the date of this Commit-  
ment & your signature of the  
parties hereto shall be the same  
as is annexed thereto and  
be this done at Boston.

*Esther* has enclosed the  
instructions of the Building Ser-  
vice by the will now in her hands.

the first will turn  
dark until after midday, see  
such signs as I wanted done in  
the Castle Green, he said.  
The old man will tell you  
that you have to live at Castle  
Highway.

The Pratt class contains over one thousand of the most valuable

Another I learned 14. Monday 2  
December at 10:15 AM. The Chinese  
missioned people who helped  
the earthquake victims were  
also said to have individual  
and organizational members in  
the present building and disaster  
commissions, especially with  
and responsible from their  
respective funds.

... showed that positive dilution  
enriched administration was beneficial  
but preferable to all the rest they

A black and white photograph of a memorial plaque mounted on a wall. The plaque is rectangular with a dark border. In the center is a circular portrait of a man, identified as Dr. Louis M. Pfeifer. Below the portrait, the text reads: "DR. LOUIS M. PFEIFER", "WORLD WAR I VETERAN", "Lieutenant", and "U.S. MEDICAL CORPS". The entire image has a grainy, high-contrast texture. A large, semi-transparent red watermark reading "Scrapbook" is visible in the lower right corner.

Our Lady of Grace pastor Father Thomas Metzger and Bishop William Murphy joined during the Aug. 14 celebration all the parish's ministries at center, dedicated in honor of former pastor Father James A. Balos. (Photo by Kelli Krueger)

also represents all of us who have such stake in this project and who have in our own ways helped to bring it into being and look forward to its use," he said.

Father Misner revealed plans dedicating the new addition in honor of Father James Bates, who acted as minister from Our Lady of Grace Church after serving as pastor for 17 years.

Father Metzger and the Father Bates was instrumental in transforming the idea of the school.

which proceeded to proceed to the Fishery  
as their element of the Shanty  
Searched Kharai 775' and Sajna  
Anil. Muzara Gadar also  
speculated as part of the new  
expedition.

"I am like a man who has sown good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went his way. But when the harvest was made, the reapers gathered them into the same basket, and brought them to the master of the house, who said to them, 'Do you not know that I sowed good seed in my field? From where then does the weed come? Answer him, "The field of the Lord is the world; the harvest is the sons of men; the reapers are the angels; the weeds are the sons of the devil; and the basket is hell, the place where the weevils are cast up."

Memorial to the Virgin made  
with wands decorated by Saint Sera-  
tin, the saint that built the church.  
On either side of him is a lion,  
at the feet of the Virgin, or the  
giant who is named by the com-  
munity and friends of Sainte-Agnès a  
gentleman at Our Lady of Gouy.  
He died without leaving any children.

**John Kohl, Abbot of the  
Lady of Grace Abbey, and the  
Cistercian community will help  
to provide a vast service in  
the area. The abbey is 1500  
Catholic school children in  
the diocese of Rockford.**

202. (Phasmas) *Phasmididae* (Käferherren) 202. (Käferherren) 202. (Käferherren)

Mr. Kehoe said the school expects to grow up to 1000 in the next few years and will add an upper elementary floor. The school has two classes in each grade, kindergarten through first grade, and will add one class per grade each successive year during next year.

~~RE~~ The new school year began on Sept. 1. Our family of four and our friend's family of three moved into a new home in the middle of the month. We are very happy in our new home.



The new \$3,000,000 facility at Our Lady of Grace more than doubles the size of the original, which is the parish school that was dedicated in 2000. In addition to housing grades one through seven, the center provides a home for the parish's religious education and youth ministry programs.



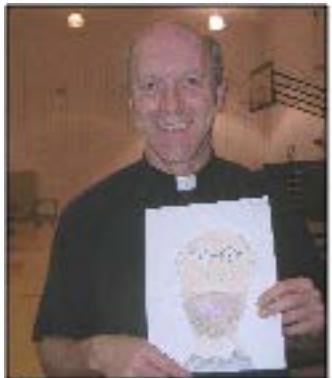
Parishioners proceed to the blessing of the new St. Shieil Snakent Flattery Walk and Jayne Ambro Garden. The garden, featuring statues of Mary and the crucified Jesus, is surrounded by a stone path in the shape of a Rosary. The entrance to the garden is flanked by walls with tiles painted by children of the parish.



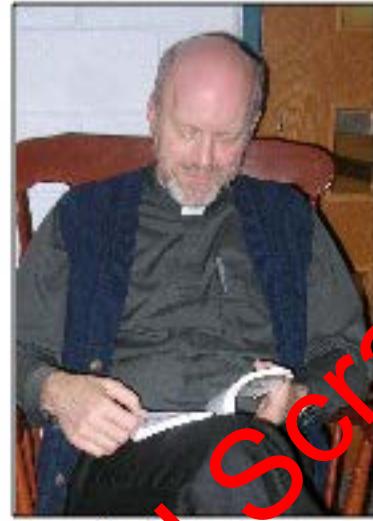
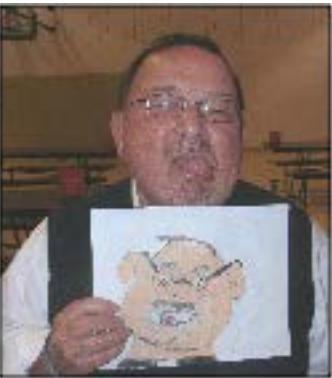
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in education  
Preschool  
K-8

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Kids drew cartoons of Fr. Tom and Fr. John.



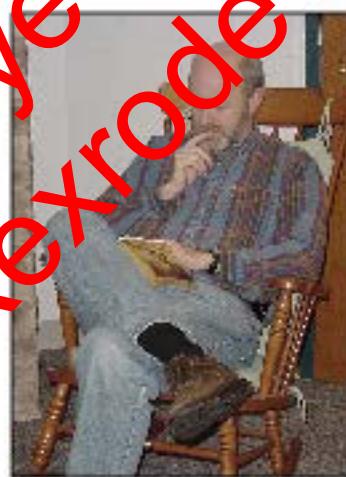
Reading to class



Fr. Groove and Kids



Bus trip to New Orleans



Reading to class



Fr. Tom Groove



JLMP - Fr. Tom



Fr. Groove in Gem Car

# Jubile

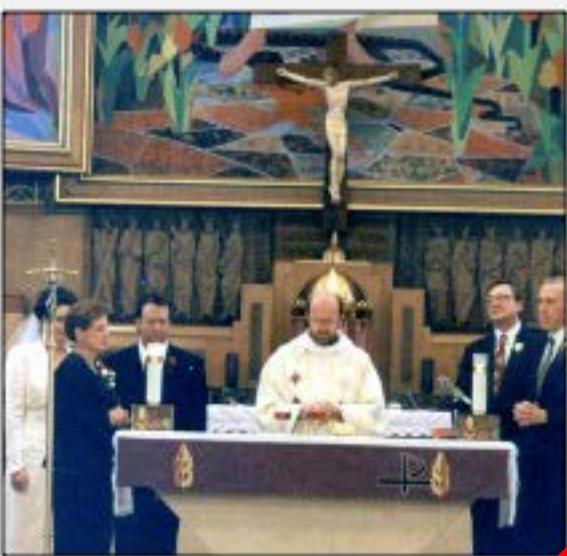
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Michelle and David Drabold



Michelle Papai and David Drabold - Married December 5, 1992 at Our Lady of Hungary Church, South Bend, IN



Tom's 50th Birthday dinner at Vince's - Munster

**From a Friend...**

Andy Ebsco



Fr. Tom after victory at Chinese Checkers



Christmas Eve 2006 - Fr. Tom holding his latest great-niece, Ava Christine West born November 27, 2006



Fr. Tom - The Stiltter



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At our favorite coffee shop in Noblesville

4th Assignment

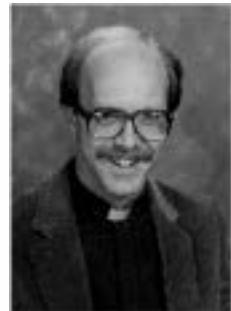
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# Father Tom's 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

1982 to 2007

AT OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Join us in this momentous Jubilee Celebration  
for our beloved priest, Father Tom Metzger!*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2007**

6:00 PM MASS IN CHURCH  
7:30 PM COCKTAILS AND DINNER & DRAWS  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS  
IN GRACE HALL. CASH BAR OPEN UNTIL 10:00 PM.  
8:00 PM DINNER IN GRACE HALL.  
9:00 PM DANCING.  
11:00PM CONCLUSION OF THE EVENT.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$30.  
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT AFTER ALL MASS.  
CHURCH OFFICE: 219-426-4712  
EMAIL: OLGJubilee425@gmail.com

**SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2007**

BRUNCH AFTER THE 8:00 AM MASS  
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER.  
ALL ARE WELCOME AT NO EXPENSE.

*All are welcome!*

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**From a Friend...**

Dick & Peg Major



'Hand and Foot' competition during vacation  
in Florida - February 2007  
Note! The girls are winning!

**From a Friend...**

Tom & Brooke Whitten



Thank you for all  
that you do!



Fr. Tom holding  
his Godchild,  
Thomas James Whitten  
baptized in October 2007

Congratulations Fr. Tom on your 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

... This digital scrapbook was compiled by Gina Rexrode,  
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*Congratulations*

Thomas Harry Metzger

June 15, 2007