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## She takes Golden Rule to next level

BY SAM LUCERO | THE COMPASS

**APPLETON** — Raised in a family where faith is important, Haley Bridges has always followed the Golden Rule.

“I’ve grown up with being told to be nice to others, so it’s like second nature to help anyone in general,” said Bridges, a junior at St. Francis Xavier High School. Last month, friends and strangers witnessed how Bridges put into practice that teaching found in Matthew 7:12.

Bridges began a part-time job at Chick-fil-A in Appleton last August. Two months later, Hokule’a Taniguchi, who had moved to Neenah from Hawaii to live with her sister, began working at the fast-food restaurant.

The two became fast friends.

“When she first talked to me, she started off with a very cheesy pickup line,” said Bridges. “She’s just very goofy like me, so we both got along very well together.”

Bridges soon learned that Hoku, as friends call Taniguchi, rode a bike to and from work, which was about a five-mile round trip.

“One day, she asked me to



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**Haley Bridges, left, and Hokule’a Taniguchi, who had moved to Neenah from Hawaii to live with her sister, met each other while working at Chick-fil-A in Appleton. Hoku, as friends call her, rode a bike to work until Bridges, who won a car at her work’s Christmas party in January, gave her the car.**

take her home after work,” said Bridges. “That’s when I found out about her whole living situation. I was kind of shocked because, obviously, Wisconsin weather is kind of bad. I would

always help her if she needed rides and make sure she would get there safely.”

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### FRANKLY, FRANCIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There is no day more wonderful day than the one we are living. Those who live always thinking about the future: “But the future will be better...”, but do not take each day as it comes are people who live in their fantasy, they do not know how to deal with concrete reality. ... Jesus comes to meet us today, the day we are living. And it is prayer that transforms this day into grace, or better, that transforms us: it quells anger, sustains love, multiplies joy, instills the strength to forgive. Sometimes it will seem that it is no longer we who are living, but that grace lives and works in us through prayer. And when an angry, an unhappy thought comes to us, that moves us toward bitterness, let us stop ourselves and say to the Lord: “Where are you? And where am I going?” And the Lord is there. For prayer is always — to use a profane word — positive.

+ Pope Francis, Feb. 10, 2021

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## Teen delivers message of community care to homeless shelter guests

BY JEFF KUROWSKI | THE COMPASS

**GREEN BAY** — Delaney Gallagher knew that she wanted to help guests at St. John’s Homeless Shelter, so it didn’t matter when her plan slightly changed. Gallagher, who had past experience providing meals at St. John’s, initially inquired about supplying socks at the shelter, but discovered that there was a greater need to protect guests from the elements.

Gallagher, a sophomore at Notre Dame Academy in Green Bay, created Long Johns for St. John’s, a program to collect new and gently used long underwear. She placed donation boxes at nine locations — the five Festival Foods stores in the Green Bay area, Notre Dame Academy, Active Chiropractic in Green Bay, Salon Forte in Green Bay and St. Mary Church in Ledgeview, where she is a member.

“My dad (Matt Gallagher) has been a really

great help with the fundraiser,” she said. “He’s helped me to reach out to people at the different locations to see if our fundraiser is something they would like to partner with. Our sponsors have been great.

“We check the boxes (at the drop-off locations). We’ve taken quite a few donations from some of the Festival locations.”

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# 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## About veiling statues

BY PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

- 1 Some parishes will veil statues on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.
- 2 Prior to 1970, statues and crosses were draped with purple veils. This tradition dates back about 900 years, but was discontinued after Vatican II. Lent's Fifth Sunday was then called Passion Sunday.
- 3 The Gospel for Passion Sunday — Jn 8: 59: "But Jesus hid and went out of the temple area" — was cited as a reason for veiling statues.
- 4 In November 2001, U.S. bishops voted to allow parishes to again use veils. It was not required.
- 5 Stations of the Cross are not veiled and the main crucifix is uncovered on Good Friday.

## Observing the Lenten season during pandemic

Dear friends and followers of Jesus:

As Wednesday is the beginning the season of Lent. We are also approaching one year since our world was turned upside down by the COVID-19 pandemic. As



### BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop David Ricken

you may recall, it was a few weeks into Lent last year when we made the difficult decision to cancel public masses.

While we are all looking forward to a return to "normal," the truth is that none of us will ever completely return to normal. As Pope Francis has said about the pandemic, "We do not come out of a crisis the same as before: either we come out

of it better, or we come out of it worse." Perhaps then, during Lent this year, we can take some time to reflect on how the pandemic has affected us and commit to coming out of this better than we were before. As I reflect on the impact of this time for the church, a few things come to mind.

It is an understatement to say that this past year has been difficult and painful for many. Whether through the loss of a loved one to COVID, the loss of a job or a business, or the loss of regular contact with the people who are most important to us, we are all mourning losses from this year. We must acknowledge

these difficulties, take them to God in prayer and ask Jesus to heal any wounds we have received during this time.

While this year has presented challenges, we have learned a lot as well. For one, we have witnessed a great increase in our ability to connect with people from a great distance. So many priests and parish staff have found ways to connect with their people by communicating virtually and livestreaming masses and other events. Who knew that so many pastors would embrace these new forms of technology?

I'll admit, it's not always easy and it doesn't replace being together in person, but it makes such a difference to our people. It truly is a tool for evangelization that we can continue to use going forward. I frequently hear from people about how much they have appreciated our regular Sunday TV Mass. I encourage you to take time to thank God for what you have learned through this pandemic.

This year has also provided us a great opportunity to grow spiritually. You know, by living in the 21st century in the United States, we can be easily spoiled by how comfortable life is. While comfort can be good for us, it can also be a roadblock to growing in our spiritual life. When we are too comfortable, we may fall into the trap of thinking we don't need God.

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## Parish SNAPSHOT



The membership committee of SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Hortonville reached out to every parishioner in February. Each member visited with 70 families to check on their health. Additionally, cookies were baked, decorated and packaged for distribution at Masses Feb 11, 13 and 14, and a Valentine was sent to each parish family.

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