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Rev. Lux

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The Rev. Joachim Lux, OFM, 58, assistant pastor of St. Anthony Church since 1985 and a native of Streator, "has taken leave from parish ministry for personal reasons. He will use the coming months for a program of renewal."

This written statement was made in the Sunday, April 28, church bulletin and followed an earlier verbal announcement made by the Rev. Basil Westendick, pastor, after masses on the weekend of April 6-7.

In the earlier verbal announcement, the pastor said that Lux had left a few days earlier and would be getting treatment for an illness and "hoped he would be back soon."

Monday, Westendick, who has been at St. Anthony Parish since June 17, 1990, said that he could only repeat what was in the church bulletin, that Lux "is on a sabbatical — no location given — and I'm not certain how long the sabbatical will be."

Westendick said that even Lux's parents, Albert J. and Frances Lux, Streator, do not know their son's current location. "Nobody else would be able to give you more about his sabbatical or location," Westendick said.

Westendick added, "He's a good priest and people love him,

on sabbatical from parish

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but he did not want even myself to know where he is, because he wants to be away from St. Anthony parish."

The pastor said that Lux had been with the Streator parish for a long time — six years — and when he concludes his sabbatical — whether three months or six months or a year — he probably would not be returning to the parish.

Westendick said there were no problems between the pair — pastor and assistant pastor — "Oh God, there was no problem between us two...he came up two weeks ago, in back of the church so no one would know he was here. He had bags with him...cleaned up everything. It worked out OK. We embraced about five minutes — we were

close to each other." Westendick added, "The bishops and superiors tell us to take time — sabbaticals are extremely good for us. That is really what he is into now — getting any physical and spiritual help that he needs. I do not know where he is and his path."

The pastor said that next month a meeting will be held at the motherhouse of the Franciscan Order in Cincinnati and the provincial, vice provincial and six definitors will hash things over as to what major moves will be made.

"Some might say they won't go where assigned and then there will be some negotiating," said Westendick. "By the end of the month, we should have all the OKs back from the bishops and out of 300 Franciscans, there might be 25 to 35 who are moving."

Lux was ordained into the priesthood on June 13, 1961.

31 pints collected at
Red Cross bloodmobile

The American Red Cross bloodmobile collected a total of 31 pints on Friday, April 26, at City Hall. There were 34 registered donors, three deferrals, 15 walk-ins and four first time donors.

Donors who reached gallon levels in donations were Deborah Keesee, 4 gallons; Jeannine Casey, 3 gallons; Kathy Fogarty, 3 gallons; Carol Wargo, 2 gallons; Carolyn Benckendorf, 1 gallon; and Dawn Bergeson, 1 gallon.

Donors were:
Florence Matas, Susan Gage, Deborah Keesee, Raymond Rieck, Lois Rammie, Michael Jurgeloni, Jeannine Casey, Dorothy Farkas, Carolyn Benckendorf, Thomas Purcell, Thomas Gordon, Mary Mackey, Sandra Beavers, Edward Beavers, David Bernabei, Luella Wrighton, Sally Zur Linden, Alvin

Delong, Donald Perisho, Joseph Centeno, Brian Overocker, Barbara Neal, Gale Neal, Jill Hayward, Thomas Hutchinson, Richard Zur Linden, Thomas Conness, Robert Dady, Kathy Fogarty, Diane Bergeson, Dawn Bergeson, Gary Wargo, Carol Wargo and Andy Daurison. Volunteers were:

Warren (Skip) Leonard, Kevin Hicks, Betty Spirduso, Charlene Van Deventer, Linda Joh, Betty Trengove, Rita Corrigan, Beth Robertson, Josephine Brozak, Harriet Carter, Virginia Hutchinson, Leona Cox, Eleanor Barnum, Pauline Barickman, Nina Lechner and Marjorie Ambler.

The next bloodmobile will be Friday, May 3, from 11:30 to 2:30 p.m. at City Hall.

OBITUARIES

Walter
Hagie

1906-1991

Walter H. Hagie, 84, of 250 Porter St., Grand Ridge, died at 5:25 p.m. Monday, April 29, 1991, at St. Mary's Hospital.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Grand Ridge Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Grand Ridge Cemetery.

Nellie
Davis

1925-1991

Nellie M. Davis, 65, of Rural Route 4, Madison, Ind., died at 12:15 a.m. Monday, April 29, 1991.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Vail-Holt Funeral Home, Hanover, Ind. The Rev. Mark Fisher will officiate.

Burial will be in Grandview Memorial Gardens.