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## Young singer turns bullying experience into opportunity to help other teens

BY AMANDA LAUER | FOR THE COMPASS

**APPLETON** — Bullying has been around since biblical times, as the story of Cain and Abel can attest. But with the dawn of the internet and social media, bullying has intensified. It now can be done surreptitiously rather than face to face.

Franki Moscato, 16, a member of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish in Oshkosh, knows this firsthand. She was the target of bullies as the result of her burgeoning singing career.

"I've been singing since I can remember. I never really sang in public much until I was about 11," she said. "It really started with me singing with our local veterans. Traveling around with them to different cities, they'd have little memorials or I'd go to the elementary school and the high school and I'd perform with the veterans behind me as they did the color guard."

She started singing the national anthem at events. She even sang at the Green Bay Packers' Family Fun Night when she was 11.

At that time, Moscato was



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Franki Moscato, a member of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish in Oshkosh, is an accomplished singer and songwriter. Her singing talents led to bullying at school, which she has turned into a cause to help others who suffer from bullying.

attending a local public school. Classmates started to bully her when her career took off. "Franki wouldn't even talk about the productions she was in because she knew it was going to cause major bullying," said her mother, Kathy Sakschek. "She tried to be secret about everything but she couldn't."

Music was Moscato's saving grace.

"My outlet has been writing songs and talking about it and then also making music videos about it," she said. "We made my first music video called 'Me, Myself and I' in 2017. It won Best Music Video in the London Independent Film Awards and the LA Film Awards."

Our full story appears in the Oct. 19 issue.

### FRANKLY, FRANCIS



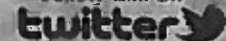
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on the Ten Commandments, we now consider the injunction against killing. We could say that every evil is caused by a disregard for life. Assaults upon life occur in many situations, from war and exploitation to the suppression of the vulnerable, elderly and unborn. Ultimately it is fear that gives rise to the rejection of life. To welcome the other, however, challenges such fear. We see the attitude that welcomes rather than rejects life in the heart-rending concern of parents for a sick child. Their desire to protect and save is a sign of life's precious value, seen above all in those who suffer, who are in fact God's gift, and who help us to grow in his love. God's love is the only authentic measure of life, whose secret is revealed by Jesus, who embraced the rejected, weak, poor and sick throughout his life and upon the cross.

+ Pope Francis,  
Oct. 10, 2018

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## 'Dollar Challenge' raises \$14,302 for food bank

BY JEAN PEERENBOOM | FOR THE COMPASS

**DARBOY** — One dollar can go a long, long way to feeding the hungry, Greyson Peters, 9, has learned through one small act of kindness and a little help from social media.

On Sept. 7, he decided to do an "act of kindness" as part of Kindness Day at school, offering to pay for his friend Austin Slinger's

lunch. Austin was having lunch with his mother, Angela, and other friends at Woodland Elementary in Harrison.

"(He) handed me a \$1 bill," said Angela. "I asked him what it was for and he told me it was to help pay for my son's meal. ... He said, 'Mrs. Slinger, this dollar is for you. If you use it the right way, you could feed the entire world.'"

"I figured I must not have heard him right, so I

asked him to repeat what he had said," she said in a Facebook post. "While I know we won't feed the world, I would love to challenge you each to match this third grader's \$1 (or more!) to Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin."

The challenge to raise money for the hungry was on.

Our full story appears in the Oct. 12 issue.

# 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## Christ the King

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- 1 This Nov. 25 honors the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.
- 2 Pope Pius XI began this feast and first celebrated it on Oct. 31, 1925. Thereafter, the feast was held on the last Sunday of October until 1970. Then it was moved to the last Sunday of the church year.
- 3 The 1925 celebration closed Pope Pius XI's Holy Year to honor world missions and pray for peace.
- 4 In Pope Pius' day, the feast focused on Christ's reign over the world and its governments.
- 5 The 1920s were a tense time: the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 ushered communism into Russia; Benito Mussolini came to power in Italy in 1922; and Germany began defaulting on war reparations in 1923.

## Listening sessions

Brothers and Sisters,  
Several weeks ago, as part of my action steps to accountability in response to the sexual abuse crisis in the church, I announced plans to host a series of listening sessions at parishes throughout the diocese. These listening sessions



### BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop David Ricken

have taken place over the past couple of weeks and today I want to share with you some of my experience at these sessions.

First of all, I want to thank everyone who attended one of the seven listening sessions, as well as those who have shared their thoughts and feelings over the phone and in writing. In a special way, I want to acknowledge the victims-survivors who attended the listening sessions.

You have suffered greatly and I thank you for your courage in sharing your experience with me and others who attended.

I also want to thank the parishes that hosted our listening sessions. We did not give them much time to plan and prepare, but out of care and concern for the people of this diocese, they responded with a willingness to help and provided a space for people to come forward and share how they have been impacted by this tragic situation.

I will be perfectly honest. These listening

sessions have not been easy for me. Hearing people express anger, sadness, frustration, distrust and even despair because of the evil done by church leaders was heartbreaking, and I have felt the weight of this pain physically, spiritually and emotionally. But I needed to hear what you are feeling. Understanding the ways you are being affected by this crisis helps me to serve you better and I thank you for your willingness to challenge me and the church as a whole to do better.

One of the things that was most apparent from these listening sessions was how personal this topic is for people. This is especially true for victims-survivors and their loved ones who live with this reality every single day. I have sat with some of you before, but being at the listening sessions and hearing how the current crisis is affecting you served as a useful reminder that every person's path to healing is unique and often a winding road. We will continue to provide support to you and pray for your healing.

At the same time, I heard many personal accounts from folks who have not experienced abuse personally, but have still been deeply affected by this scandal. I wish I had words to relieve their concerns, but the personal nature of this issue means that each of us will have to wrestle with questions like these as part of the healing process.

The entire column appears in our Oct. 12 issue.

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## Parish SNAPSHOT



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Members of the St. Matthew Parish "Generations of Faith" program in Allouez participate a "Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack" at Green Bay Community Church in Howard. The ecumenical project Oct. 1-4 included three Green Bay area parishes and one Catholic school, helping to pack 785,000 meals that were sent to Haiti and other poverty-stricken countries.