

# TODAY'S CATHOLIC



## Luers basketball nets a win

BY DON CLEMMER

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School celebrated its boys basketball team's first state championship victory with a pep assembly March 24.

The team's 69-67 win over Winchester on March 22 prompted Bishop John M. D'Arcy to say at the Monday afternoon assembly, "I never doubted we would win." Bishop D'Arcy noted that Luers trailed most of the game but never gave up. "That's the history of this team all year long. They always thought they could win. That's a credit to them and to their coach."

"This has been quite a journey," Bishop Luers coach James Blackmon said at the assembly, thanking the entire Luers community for their support. He said he felt relief that the season was over and that the teams had accomplished their goal of winning the state title.

Coach Blackmon said the team was able to achieve this goal by choosing to invest a lot of hard work from the beginning of the season.

"With everything we do in life, whatever choices you make," he said, "if you give it 100 percent, good things are going to happen. And that's the credit to this ball club here."

Coach Blackmon thanked Bishop Luers Principal Mary Keefer, referring to her as the team's number one fan, and said that the real credit for the season goes to the members of the boys basketball team for pulling together all of their unique talents and roles to become a unified and successful team.

After Coach Blackmon's remarks and the presentation of medals to the team, managers and assistant coaches, Bishop Luers Athletic Director Matt Lindsay presented one of the medals to the team's "holiest fan," Bishop D'Arcy.

The lone senior of the team, Steve Williamson, spoke at the end of the presentation, thanking the student body, parents and his teammates in an emotional show of gratitude.



DON CLEMMER

The Bishop Luers boys basketball team present the trophy for the IHSAA Class 2-A state championship to Bishop Luers Principal Mary Keefer during a March 24 pep assembly at the school. Bishop Luers defeated Winchester, 69-67, in the March 22 game in Indianapolis.

## GIFT FROM THOMAS DIGNAN



MARK WEBER

Inside the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in 1860 this 36-inch high marble crucifix, a gift from Thomas Dignan, graced the main altar. Crafted by P.S. Underhill's Fort Wayne Marble Works it is on display in the Cathedral Museum in Fort Wayne.

## Two south side Fort Wayne schools to merge

### Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, to combine schools

BY TIM JOHNSON  
AND VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Bishop John M. D'Arcy has announced Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy and St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne will merge. Students enrolled at Benoit Academy will relocate to the St. John the Baptist School location on Fairfield Avenue. (See Bishop D'Arcy's statement on page 3.)

In making the decision, Bishop D'Arcy said, "As bishop you have to be concerned about the education. Is the present situation the best educationally for our children?"

Bishop D'Arcy said Benoit Academy is a great success story in its 14-year history. "It's helped many young people — Catholic and non-Catholic — who had some individual instruction," he said.

But class size was getting small. "We

just felt that educationally the children would be better in a larger classroom that was not too large. ... Some of the classes were so small you might have two grades together with five or six children.

Bishop D'Arcy added, "We kept it as long as we could. We can place all of (the Benoit students) in St. John's or other Catholic schools. And that's our intention; to get everyone, Catholic and non-Catholic, into one of our Catholic schools."

Catholic Schools Superintendent Holy Cross Father Stephen Kempinger said, "The merging of Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy and St. John the Baptist School will provide an increase in ethnic and cultural diversity. As a result of this, multicultural education must continue to be incorporated in all curricula areas."

He added, "Every effort must be made to

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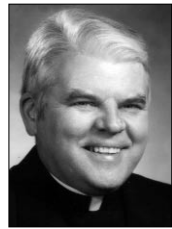
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# Easter faith: willingness to sacrifice with Christ and for him



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& NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

## Easter faith

You have probably never heard of Ignace de la Potterie, SJ. He is an exemplary scholar of the Gospel of St. John, and he has written a beautiful book on the Passion and resurrection of the Savior as recounted in John's Gospel. In examining the sentence, we heard on Easter Sunday in reference to the beloved disciple who arrived at the tomb before Peter but waited until Peter entered and then went in himself, Father de la Potterie comments on these words: "He saw and believed." It is his judgment that while John believed, it was not the fullness of Easter faith. He says that after this, John and Peter went to their homes. This, he believes, means they had not yet seen the Lord and did not fully believe.

He notes that most of the apostles and those who heard about the Resurrection did not at first believe. We will soon hear about Thomas and the words to him from Christ: "Thomas, blessed is he who has not seen and has believed." We will note the discouragement of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus who had indeed heard rumors of the Resurrection but simply dismissed them. They needed the help of "the wayfarer" who walked with them. So also, according to this learned scholar, John, at this moment believed but did not yet have the fullness of Easter faith.

What then is the fullness of Easter faith? Here is my thought with much less scholarship than Father de la Potterie. Would it not be seen in that place in the Acts of the Apostles where we read these words about the apostles. They had just been beaten after being held for a time in custody: "The

Sanhedrin called in the apostles and had them whipped. They ordered them not to speak again about the name of Jesus and afterward dismissed them."

What was the reaction of the apostles? Concerning these men who could not stay with the Lord in his hour of darkness and trouble, we read: "The apostles for their part left the Sanhedrin full of joy that they had been judged worthy of ill treatment for the sake of the name." I wonder if this is not the fullness of Easter faith. The willingness to sacrifice with him and for him; the willingness to be his disciple and to be known as such. Some thoughts on a cold but lovely Easter afternoon.

## A joyful memory

Ordinarily it is not good to have many appointments during Holy Week. But this one was exceptional. So many will remember Father Tom O'Connor, an apostle to the poor. Every year on the 17th of March, St. Patrick's Day and also the day the Father Tom died, we give an award to a person who lived up to Father O'Connor's devotion to those in need. It is the Father Tom O'Connor Award. This is the second time it has been awarded. The recipient was Sister Janet Gildea, SC. Sister Janet graduated from St. Henry's School and Bishop Luers High School. As a young woman, she was very interested in St. Mary's Soup Kitchen and Matthew 25 and showed a spirit of service. After graduating from college, she studied medicine, and it was then that she learned about the Daughters of Charity in Cincinnati. She joined that community and for many years has run a clinic for the poor in El Paso, Texas, and also over the border in Mexico. Like Father Tom, she considers it a privilege to serve the poor, and the committee rightly chose her this year for this award. Sister Janet could not be with us because she is recovering from a serious cancer, but her sister, Ellen, who teaches at Luers and several other members of the family were present along with several sisters from her religious community.

We gave the award in the presence of a small group at St. Mary Parish, where Father

Tom labored for so many years. The award is a grant of \$1,000 to Sister Janet's work in El Paso, Texas. She could not be with us because of her illness, but I hope she will come again soon and visit Bishop Luers and St. Mary's.

As Pope Benedict XVI said in his beautiful encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est": "The church can no more neglect the ministry of charity than it can neglect the sacraments or the word."

I hope that Sister Janet will be an inspiration as Father Tom was to a new generation devoted to the homeless and the hungry and those without healthcare. Think of the institutions that came out of St. Mary's: Matthew 25 and also Vincent House. This was a beautiful Monday luncheon at St. Mary's before heading to South Bend for the chrism Mass.

## Day of prayer for vocations

Next week I hope to share with our readers a reflection on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. I will try to update you on our present situation or ask Father Galic our director of vocations to do it. There are signs of hope, and there is always hope because we rely on Christ to touch the hearts of our young people.

## Our new state champions

Congratulations to Bishop Luers boys' basketball team. For the first time ever, in an exciting state championship game at Consecro Fieldhouse, they brought home a state championship in boys basketball. Imagine, in one academic year, winning two state championships in football and basketball. I enjoyed the pep rally on Easter Monday.

## Opening day is near

For the life of me, I am unable to count the games in Japan, but soon there will be box scores for breakfast and the crack of the bat in the land and the coming of spring. Never more welcome.

See you all next week.

# Pope calls for hatred to be washed away on Holy Thursday

BY CAROL GLATZ

ROME (CNS) — One's feelings of hatred must be washed away with forgiveness and humble service toward others — they should never be left to linger long enough to poison the soul, Pope Benedict XVI said.

During his March 20 celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, which commemorated Jesus' institution of the Eucharist, the pope reflected on the symbolic meaning of the ritual of the washing of the feet.

While the ritual symbolizes the call to imitate Christ by serving one another, it also means people must always and continually offer forgiveness, he said.

Through his passion and death on the cross, Jesus died for sins

that are "infinitely greater than all the debts others may have with us," the pope said in his homily at Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran.

Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant urges everyone "to not let rancor toward others become, deep down, a poison of the soul."

Holy Thursday, he said, reminds the faithful "to continually purify our memory, sincerely forgive one another, wash the feet of one another," to be able to gather around the Lord's banquet.

Pope Benedict also washed the feet of 12 priests from the Diocese of Rome for the first time in his three-year pontificate. The last two Holy Thursdays, Pope Benedict washed the feet of 12 laymen during the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

The pope poured water from a golden pitcher onto the foot of each priest and then gently rubbed each foot dry with a dry white towel.

In his homily, the pope said confession and listening to God's word are ways the faithful can purify their inner being.

"We need the washing of the feet — the washing of sins — every day and for this we need the confession of sins," he said.

He said, "Day after day, we are covered in filth of every form, empty words, prejudices, abridged and distorted wisdom; multiple forms of half-truths or blatant lies continually infiltrate our hearts."

"All of this darkens and contaminates our soul, threatening us with the inability" to discern or strive for the truth and the good,

he said.

In addition to the sacrament of reconciliation, God also cleanses his children and "makes us pure with his word and his love, through his giving of himself," the pope said.

The faithful must welcome the word of Christ with an attitude of "meditation, prayer and faith" so that its healing powers "develop their purifying power in us," said the pope.

Earlier in the day, Pope Benedict celebrated the chrism Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, leading more than 1,500 priests and bishops in the renewal of their ordination promises.

He encouraged today's priests to be honest, righteous and courageous in the face of evil, and at the humble service of God and all humanity.



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**Pope Benedict XVI leaves at the end of giving his Easter blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city of Rome and the world) in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican March 23.**

## Pope says risen Christ vanquished sin, death

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In the darkness of night in St. Peter's Basilica as well as under dark skies unleashing torrents of rain on St. Peter's Square, Pope Benedict XVI said the risen Christ vanquished the darkness of sin and death.

"It is true: In the solemn Easter Vigil, darkness becomes light, night gives way to the day that knows no sunset," he said March 23, giving his Easter blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city of Rome and the world) in St. Peter's Square during a storm.

"We pray that joy will be present among us despite these circumstances," he said at the end of the blessing, which capped a Mass punctuated with thunder and lightning.

"Even this darkness today is like light," the pope said of the slate black sky.

Tens of thousands of people packed into St. Peter's Square armed with umbrellas. Members of the Swiss Guard stood at attention despite the rain dripping off their helmets and sending red dye trickling down their backs from the helmets' soggy red plumes.

The night before, Pope Benedict celebrated the Easter Vigil in St. Peter's Basilica, lighting a fire and the large Easter candle in the darkened church.

During the Mass, he baptized five women and two men, including an Italian journalist who was born in Egypt to a Muslim family.

Magdi Allam, 55, attended Catholic schools in Cairo and moved to Italy as a young adult. Although he has described his published writings about Islam as a criticism of fundamentalism and terrorism, many Muslims have seen in them a misunderstanding of Islam and a criticism of the religion as a whole.

In an Easter Sunday letter published in *Corriere della Sera*, the Italian paper for which he writes, Allam said, "Last night I converted to the Catholic Christian religion, renouncing my previous Islamic faith."

He said his conversion was "the healthy and mature fruit" of a long and deep reflection: "The miracle of the resurrection of Christ has reverberated in my soul, freeing it from the darkness of a preaching in which hatred and intolerance for the 'different,' uncritically condemned as an enemy, has primacy over love and respect for one's neighbor."

The Vatican did not release the names of the other six adults who joined the Catholic Church at the pope's Easter vigil Mass, but said they came from Italy, Cameroon, China, the United States and Peru.

Regarding Allam's conversion, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said, "For the Catholic Church every person who asks to receive baptism after a deep personal search, a fully free choice and an adequate preparation has a right to receive it."

During his homily at the vigil, Pope Benedict said that in baptism, Jesus "comes to you and joins his life with yours, drawing you into the open fire of his love," and, therefore, into communion with all who profess faith in him.

"Believers — the baptized — are never truly cut off from one another," he said. "Continents, cultures, social structures or even historical distances may separate us. But when we meet, we know one another on the basis of the same Lord, the same faith, the same hope, the same love, which form us."

"Thus faith is a force for peace and reconciliation in the world," Pope Benedict said.

After celebrating the Easter morning Mass in St. Peter's Square, which was decorated with thousands of mostly white roses, tulips and pansies, the pope prayed for peace in the world, especially in the Holy Land, Iraq, Lebanon, Darfur, Somalia and Tibet.

"The astonishing event of the resurrection of Jesus is essentially an event of love: the Father's love in handing over his Son for the salvation of the world; the Son's love in abandoning himself to the Father's will for us all; the

Spirit's love in raising Jesus from the dead in his transfigured body," the pope said in his Easter message.

Easter, he said, is a call for all people to reject hatred and selfishness and be converted to love.

"Let no heart be closed to the omnipotence of this redeeming love," he said.

Selfishness, injustice, hatred and violence "are the scourges of humanity, open and festering in every part of the planet," the pope said.

"They are waiting to be tended and healed by the glorious wounds of our risen Lord and by the solidarity of people who, following in his footsteps, perform deeds of charity in his name, make an active commitment to justice" and bring hope to areas of the world "bloodied by conflict."

Rainstorms accompanied the pope for the entire weekend, forcing him to stay under a tent March 21 during the Good Friday rite of the Way of the Cross at Rome's Colosseum.

The meditations for the rite were written by Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-kiun of Hong Kong and were marked by prayers for those who live their faith in the midst of persecution as well as prayers for their oppressors.

At the end of the ceremony, Pope Benedict said, "The cross is the source of immortal life, the school of justice and peace, the universal patrimony of forgiveness and mercy (and) the permanent proof of a self-giving and infinite love."

The pope said that by becoming human, dying and rising from the dead, Jesus restored full dignity to humanity, a dignity that must be claimed, defended and promoted for all people.

The only outdoor event not marked by rain was the Easter Monday recitation of the Regina Coeli prayer at the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome. The pope went to the villa by helicopter after Easter Mass.

**Contributing** to this story was Carol Glatz at the Vatican.

STATEMENT BY BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

## Benoit Academy

The merger of Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy with St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne is a sound and necessary educational decision, but we make it with a heavy heart. Benoit has been a great success story. Founded in 1994, Benoit itself came from the merger of three Catholic schools — St. Patrick, Sacred Heart and St. Henry. At the outset, it consisted of 320 children. This year there are 73 students. A committee appointed by me, with the help of our Catholic Schools Office, recommended that we make every effort to place these students, Catholic and non-Catholic, at St. John's and other Catholic schools in the area. The two main reasons were financial and educational, the educational being the most important.

The school, which was once a leader educationally, has not been able to return to that level. Some classes have less than five students. This is not educationally sound. Students do better when they interact with a reasonably healthy number of other students. This provides a healthy climate, for which Catholic school tradition is known.

One of the best things about Benoit is its diverse student body. The same is true, although to a lesser extent, at St. John the Baptist School. We believe that both schools can be helped by bringing them together.

For the current year, the diocese has granted \$148,000 to Benoit Academy. This is over and above the tuition the students pay and the amount Catholic parishes are assessed for their parishioners. While \$20,000 of this came from the twinning program of other parishes, the rest, \$128,000, came from various programs in the diocese. It became evident to me, after serious study by our committee, that such funds can be used to help a larger number of students, including those who now attend Benoit.

Despite these large grants from the diocese, the debt of Benoit Academy to the diocese from July 1, 2004, through Jan. 1, 2008, is \$319,284.

A bishop must be a good steward. It is my obligation to see that our funds are used properly. I believe that we can use our special funds in a way that will help more children and create stronger Catholic schools in the area.

This year from the Legacy of Faith Endowment, \$40,500 was given to Benoit Academy. This was the largest amount given to any Catholic school in our diocese. Next year these funds will remain with the students presently at Benoit. In other words, for the following educational year the funds will follow these students and help them to be placed in nearby Catholic schools, especially St. John's, and will assist them in tuition grants. Forty percent of the children are Catholic and 60 percent are non-Catholic. We will do our best to place every one of them in nearby Catholic schools; and following our regular policies, we will do our best to see that the teachers are also placed in other Catholic schools.

I thank all those who have made Benoit such a fine school these many years. I make this decision with regret, but knowing that it is the right decision for the best education of the students involved. For next year, the funds available from Legacy of Faith will follow the students from Benoit, helping to place them in a good Catholic educational environment. We can help more students and also stop the ever-increasing debt to the diocese, and the students now at Benoit will have an increased opportunity for an even better Catholic school education. In light of all these factors, I could make no other decision.

## CHRISM MASS AT ST. MATTHEW



TRISH LINNER

The sacred oil, carried by seminarian Andrew Budzinski, is processed to Bishop John M. D'Arcy during the chrisam Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral on March 17. The chrisam Mass was celebrated in Fort Wayne at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on March 18.

# Stephen Lacroix and Andrew Gawrych to be ordained March 29

BY DIANE FREEBY

**SOUTH BEND** — The Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross will ordain two new priests on Saturday, March 29, at 2 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, located at the University of Notre Dame. Bishop John M. D'Arcy will confer the sacrament of holy orders on Andrew M. Gawrych and Stephen A. Lacroix.

Deacon Lacroix has been serving as deacon at Christ the King Parish, South Bend, and Deacon Gawrych, a native of Superior Township, Mich., has been ministering as a deacon in Goodyear, Ariz. He also coedited a book, "The Cross, Our Only Hope: Daily Reflections in the Holy Cross Tradition."

*Today's Catholic* recently interviewed Deacon Lacroix as he prepares for ordination to the priesthood.

**TC:** Please tell us a little about your family background.

**Lacroix:** I was born in Massachusetts but grew up in Sugar Land, Texas (just outside of Houston) with my mom and two older sisters. My faith has always been important to me, and I largely owe that to the example set for me by my mother, who has always been very active in our parish. I studied business at Trinity University and got my masters at the University of Arizona, and I spent a few years doing information systems work before quitting my job and entering the seminary.

**TC:** When did you know God was calling you to the priesthood?

**Lacroix:** I had thoughts about being a priest when I was a child, but it wasn't until I was in college that these thoughts started becoming more frequent. My call wasn't a lightning bolt. It was a

soft, persistent voice in the back of my head telling me that I should be a priest. The more I tried to push it to the back of my mind, the more I couldn't stop thinking about it.

Finally, after this had gone on for a few years, I worked up the nerve to talk to my parish priest about what I'd been thinking. The more I deepened my prayer life under his spiritual direction, and the more I got to know about what a priest's life really looked like up close, the clearer it was that this was where my heart found its greatest joy.

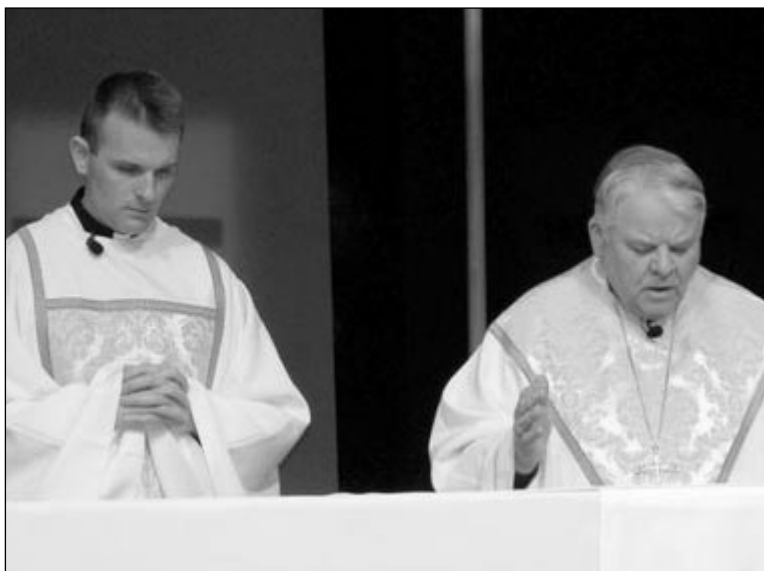
**TC:** How did you decide to become a Holy Cross priest?

**Lacroix:** After getting my master's, I spent two years working in Phoenix. During that time I went to a Holy Cross parish in Phoenix and got to know the community there. I was seriously discerning religious life at that time, and I felt a real connection with the Holy Cross priests I met there. I particularly admired their zeal for their work, prayer and community life. They seemed genuinely happy to be priests. I wanted that same joy and peace in my own life, so Holy Cross seemed to be a good place for me to explore my vocation.

**TC:** How long have you been studying for the priesthood (and where)? What has been the most challenging and the most rewarding aspect of those studies and preparations?

**Lacroix:** I entered Moreau Seminary in Notre Dame, Ind., in 2002. My time in formation has included a candidate year (a year of discernment and philosophy study), a year at our novitiate in Colorado, and three years in the masters of divinity program at Notre Dame. I've spent the past year serving as a deacon at Christ the King.

Theology studies were certainly a challenge, a real departure



DIANE FREEBY

**Holy Cross Deacon Steve Lacroix is shown here with Bishop John M. D'Arcy at the South Bend area all-schools Mass Jan. 24 held at the Joyce Center at the University of Notre Dame. Lacroix and Deacon Andrew Gawrych will be ordained priests in the Congregation of Holy Cross on March 29 by Bishop D'Arcy at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.**

from what I was used to in the business world. My time in formation was very grace-filled, though.

Not only have I grown in knowledge of my faith, but my prayer life has also deepened tremendously, and I've had a variety of wonderful ministry experiences. Probably the greatest graces have come through community life. It's been so inspiring to be with a group of men who are dedicated to growing in faith and serving the Lord. It's given me great hope for the future of the Church and the priesthood.

**TC:** We see you in the front rows during Mass at Christ the King many days. What is your role as deacon. How often do you assist on the altar? What has been your main role at Christ the King?

**Lacroix:** As a deacon, I assist and preach at Mass every Sunday and frequently during the week. I

also serve as the director of our RCIA program and try to spend as much time as I can in our parish school.

One of the great things about being part of a busy parish is that no two days are ever alike — you might move quickly from a wedding to a funeral, or from a grade school class to a hospital visit. That type of variety is really rewarding.

**TC:** What is it about the religious life that might surprise most people to know?

**Lacroix:** People might be surprised to know that the priests and brothers in our community are really just a bunch of normal guys. We've all got our own idiosyncrasies and flaws. We can even get on each other's nerves from time to time. What we all share in common is a desire to serve the Lord and his church, and that's what really makes us brothers. I truly believe that my brothers in Holy Cross have made me a better man and a better Christian than I could ever be without them.

**TC:** To what do you look most forward once you become an ordained priest?

**Lacroix:** I really look forward to sacramental ministry. Through the sacraments you encounter people at every stage of their lives, from birth through childhood, to marriage, to those approaching death. A priest is able to connect people with God in a special way at these sacred

moments through the sacraments, and I can't think of any other job that I'll ever do that could be so amazing and so completely humbling, all at the same time.

**TC:** Do you know to which parish you will be assigned?

**Lacroix:** Not yet.

**TC:** Will you say your first Mass at Christ the King? (when?)

**Lacroix:** My first Mass will be at Christ the King at 12:15 on Sunday, March 30, the day after my ordination.

**TC:** What would you tell young people about discerning their vocation in life? How can they best open themselves to hearing God's call, whatever that call may be?

**Lacroix:** The most important part of discerning a vocation is to not be afraid. Fear is something the devil puts in our way to keep us from seeing and embracing God's call for us. I firmly believe that our greatest joy in this life will come from following God's call, whatever that may be. If we spend more time praying about our future and less time worrying about it, the answers will be much clearer.

**TC:** What has it been like hanging out with Father Neil Wack, CSC, himself such a young man to be pastor of a large church like Christ the King?

**Lacroix:** I can't say enough good things about Father Neil. I'm really blessed to have landed here at Christ the King with him. Having grown up in this parish, he's got a great love for the people here and a vision of how we're being called to grow in faith. And no matter how stressful it can be to be a new pastor of a large parish, he never loses his sense of humor. His mentorship and friendship have made my time at Christ the King a really important year for me, as well as a whole lot of fun.

**TC:** What have you learned from the other two priests at Christ the King, Father Mike and Father Ron?

**Lacroix:** Father Mike and Father Ron both have served Holy Cross in so many different places, from mission work in Bangladesh to vocation work in South Bend to parish work all over the country. They've provided a lot of great guidance for me. I've been fortunate to have such a diverse group of guys here, each of whom teaches me something different about what it means to be a good and holy priest for God's people.



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# MERGE

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meet the academic as well as spiritual needs of all students. This may be evidenced through the integration of multicultural history and perspectives.

"Teachers will be prepared to offer varied strategies in instruction so that all students may experience success regardless of race, gender, ethnic and/or cultural backgrounds," Father Kempinger said. "This gift of diversity will strengthen a sense of commitment to build community that will be expressed through the weaving together of students in unity and respect much like a tapestry of the people of God."

Benoit Academy was the result of merging St. Henry, St. Patrick and Sacred Heart schools in 1994. In its 14-year history, the school enrollment has ranged from about 320 students in 1994 to a current enrollment of 73 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 8. Of that number, 28 students are Catholic, 45 are non-Catholic. The school has seven teachers.

Benoit Academy Principal Mary Schreiber noted that 56 students are registered for next year. It is anticipated that most will enroll at the merged school, but a few, because of location, may opt for St. Joseph School-Hessen Cassel in rural Fort Wayne.

"The diocese will help financially as need be to place the students in another Catholic school," Bishop D'Arcy said. The diocese also will offer assistance in placing the Benoit administrative staff and teachers, he added.

The merger, which will take place at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, will increase

enrollment at St. John the Baptist School by about 50 to 60 students. Current enrollment is 299 students in grades kindergarten through 8. St. John is starting an early education program for three-, four- and five-year-olds in the fall of 2008. "Hopefully, this will address the needs for the present pre-school families at Benoit," said St. John the Baptist Principal Jane Sandor.

Schreiber said, "Our parents will follow and trust us as long as they believe in us," and she plans parent meetings to discuss the transition and merger. Schreiber said she is willing to address each and every concern of the parents.

Multiculturalism is evident in both schools. Sandor has been participating in multicultural workshops and working with diversity. Later this August, Sandor has invited Sister Toby Lardie, a Sister of the Humility of Mary, who will speak to the staff on understanding all the different components of multiculturalism.

"We are an urban center of diversity," Sandor said. And, socio-economically, St. John School truly represents the south side of the city's financial spectrum.

St. John School adopted the motto, "Our Faith, Your Family, Their Future" in the marketing of the school this year.

Sandor said that motto represents the awareness and the willingness to bring our faith to everyone, whether it is Benoit, St. Patrick or any community. "It is through our faith that we are able to give families support and guidance," Sandor said.

"Whenever we are given the gift of a child and their education, we must see it as an opportunity to bring them one step closer to God as they travel their faith journey," Sandor noted. "The merger is simply a continuation of our journey of faith which we share with everyone."

With Benoit merging with St. John, "that's the opportunity to bring in the St. Patrick's community with its Hispanic population that is not that prevalent in our Catholic schools," noted Schreiber. St. Patrick's originally was merged as one of three schools with Benoit, "but now (St. Patrick Parish) will be linked with St. John School where it is closer, and there's more to bring them into."

Both Sandor and Schreiber have talked about ways they can bring the two communities together and how they can give the communities pastoral guidance and comfort. "We need to remember to be respectful, responsible and reverent," added Schreiber.

Already, in some Catholic Youth Organization sports, St. John the Baptist, Benoit Academy and St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel have combined teams. For the rest of the year, both principals are encouraging communications, visiting one another's buildings and inviting the HASA groups, executive boards and school boards to meet.

Schreiber noted, "When Msgr. Benoit began Catholic education (in the 1840s) right here in this area of town, he turned to Mother Theodore Guérin for help." Mother Theodore was canonized a saint in the Catholic Church in 2006.

"Mother Theodore was the one who came and sent some staff here to assist Msgr. Benoit to help Catholic education begin," Schreiber added. "Now it's going in reverse, because Mother (Theodore's legacy) helped to begin St. John the Baptist with the Sisters of Providence. Presently, Msgr. Benoit Academy, which bears the Catholic schools' founder's name, needs the help. These saints keep helping each other back and forth."

"It was a wise thing to name Benoit, Benoit Academy,"

## St. John the Baptist School history in brief

- 1926 — diocese purchases ground for a new parish in Fort Wayne
- 1927 — Bishop John F. Noll appoints Father S. Joachim Ryder as pastor; Father Ryder constructs a school and temporary chapel
- 1930 — school and chapel are dedicated
- 1940 — convent is built and occupied by the Sisters of Providence who are in charge of the school
- June 24, 1955 — church is dedicated
- 1980s — construction of the parish activities center
- 2008 — St. John the Baptist School and Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy merge

## Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy history in brief

- 1994 — Bishop John M. D'Arcy announces the merger of St. Patrick, St. Henry and Sacred Heart schools into the Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy. It will be located in the former St. Henry School.
- 2000 — Christ Child Society begins tutoring program for students
- 2005 — diocese holds "Filling Schools — Fulfilling Lives" initiative to sponsor Benoit students
- 2008 — Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy and St. John the Baptist School merge

Schreiber said. And St. John is exploring means to keep the Benoit name an active part of the merged community.

Father Daryl Rybicki, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, told *Today's Catholic*, "We welcome the opportunity to strengthen Catholic elementary education in south central Fort Wayne, continuing the rich tradition begun and envisioned by Msgr. Benoit and St. Mother Theodore Guérin of schools that are truly "catholic" — that is, with room for all."

He added, "We open our hearts and our doors to the students and families from Benoit Academy and are considering several possible options for including the tradition-rich name of Msgr. Benoit into the St. John the Baptist tradition that has been active for nearly 80 years."

Father Daniel Durkin, pastor of St. Henry Parish, where Benoit Academy is located, and Sacred Heart Parish, said, "I know many will wonder what we will be doing

with the school building now that it will be empty. We know that it has been kept in good shape and it is to St. Henry's benefit to have it used. We will soon be putting together a committee to explore its many potentials."

Bishop D'Arcy told *Today's Catholic*, "We are very grateful to the pastor there, Father Dan Durkin, who has been very devoted. I know this breaks his heart, and I am sorry about that. But we had to do what is best educationally for the children."

Father Durkin mentioned he has always enjoyed working with young people, especially in a school setting. He plans to be as involved as much he can in the new Benoit-St. John the Baptist School framework so the Benoit students will see in him a familiar face that will make the transition go more smoothly.

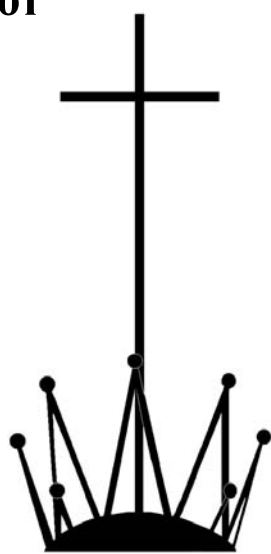
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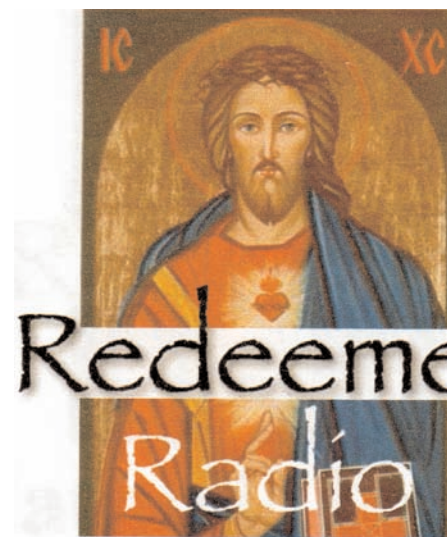
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## Pope asks that dialogue, tolerance replace violence in Tibet

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI asked that dialogue and tolerance replace the tensions and violence that recently erupted in Tibet. “With violence, problems are not solved, only aggravated,” the pope said in a March 19 appeal at the end of his weekly general audience. Pope Benedict asked that God would grant courage “to each and every one to choose the path of dialogue and tolerance.” He said he was following “the news coming from Tibet these days with great trepidation” and felt “sadness and grief in the face of the suffering of so many people.” With such events taking place at the time of Holy Week, it “helps us be particularly sensitive to their situation,” he said. What began March 10 in Tibet as relatively peaceful protests to mark the 1959 uprising against Chinese rule turned to rioting and a crack-down by Chinese troops. Chinese authorities said the final death toll was 13 people, while Tibetan exile groups put the figure at more than 80.

## Belleville priests issue statement calling for bishop to resign

BELLEVILLE, ILL. (CNS) — More than half of the active priests of the Diocese of Belleville have signed a public statement calling for Bishop Edward K. Braxton to resign, citing frustration with his leadership and their conclusion that “he has lost his moral authority.” In response the bishop issued a letter to Catholics in the diocese dated March 20, Holy Thursday, in which he stated he intends “to serve as bishop of the Diocese of Belleville for as long as the Holy Father wants me to do so.” In their March 14 statement, the priests said that “because of the bishop’s lack of cooperation, consultation, accountability and transparency, it is the judgment of a great number of the presbyterate that he has lost his moral authority to lead and govern our diocese.” “Therefore, it is requested that Bishop Braxton resign from his office as bishop of the Diocese of Belleville for his own good, for the good of the diocese and for the good of the presbyterate,” it said. Forty-six priests signed the statement, which was sent to local news media, who posted it on the Internet. The Official Catholic Directory lists the Belleville Diocese as having 77 active diocesan priests.

## Vatican dismisses bin Laden’s charges of pope’s anti-Islam campaign

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican spokesman dismissed Osama bin Laden’s accusations of an anti-Islam campaign by Pope Benedict XVI, noting the pope’s efforts at dialogue with Muslims. Bin Laden, citing the controversy over cartoons ridiculing the prophet Mohammed, said the pope was part of a “new crusade” against Islam. “The content of the accusations makes no sense,”

# NEWS BRIEFS

## CHRISTIANS PRAY AT STONE OF UNCTION IN JERUSALEM



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People pray at the Stone of Unction inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem on Easter March 23. The stone is believed to mark the spot where the crucified body of Jesus was anointed before burial.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, told Catholic News Service March 20. “But these kinds of allegations are not new,” Father Lombardi added. The Vatican responded to similar accusations by al-Qaida’s deputy leader, Ayman al-Zawahri, last December. The Vatican spokesman said it was not surprising for bin Laden to name the pope among his many “perceived enemies,” but said the more moderate Muslim world knows the pope’s commitment to good inter-religious relations.

## Three women excommunicated for participating in ordination ceremony

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — Two Catholic women who participated in a ceremony to be ordained as “womenpriests” last November and a third woman who officiated were served a “declaration of excommunication” March 12 by St. Louis Archbishop Raymond L. Burke. The women are Rose Marie Dunn Hudson of Festus, Mo., Elsie Hainz McGrath of St. Louis and Patricia Fresen, who now lives in Berg, Germany. Hudson and McGrath were allegedly ordained; Fresen officiated. They are part of a group called Roman Catholic Womenpriests. Begun in 2002, it claims to have had “womenpriests” ordained every year since then. The ceremony took place Nov. 11 at a synagogue, the Central Reform Congregation in St. Louis’ central west end. The declaration said the three incurred excommunication “by reason of the crime of schism” and it

imposed a censure of interdict “for having pertinaciously rejected a definitive truth of the faith after having been admonished by the ordinary.” Fresen also was disciplined for “the crime of simulation of the administration of the sacrament of holy orders.”

## Nuncio says pope comes to strengthen faith, hope, love of U.S. church

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When Pope Benedict XVI celebrates his first papal Mass in the United States, it will be a “familial” gathering at the apostolic nunciature in Washington, said the Vatican ambassador to the United States, Italian Archbishop Pietro Sambi. The pontiff also will celebrate his 81st birthday that day, April 16. Archbishop Sambi said the approximately 30 staff members at the nunciature are “all excited to have this morning” with the pope. He also said he hopes the message U.S. Catholics get from the papal visit is “one of the things that the pope pronounced the first day after being elected pope: Don’t be afraid. Jesus Christ takes away nothing from you, but he will enrich you.” Aside from a meeting with President George W. Bush and a major U.N. address the pope will deliver April 18, the papal trip is first and foremost “a pastoral journey,” said Archbishop Sambi. The pontiff “comes to strengthen the faith, the hope and love of the Catholic Church in the United States,” the archbishop said, adding that he hopes the pope’s visit will “bring a new wind of Pentecost ... a new springtime” to the U.S. church.

## Pope offers condolences after death of Mexican Cardinal Suarez

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI offered his condolences to the people of Monterrey, Mexico, after the death of Cardinal Adolfo Suarez Rivera, 81, whom he said had served the church “so intensely and generously.” The cardinal died March 22 after being hospitalized for a stroke the previous day. A few hours before the cardinal’s March 24 funeral, Pope Benedict sent a telegram of condolence, encouraging members of the cardinal’s family and his archdiocese to draw strength and hope from the resurrection of Jesus. The death of Cardinal Suarez left the College of Cardinals with 197 members, 119 of whom are under the age of 80 and, therefore, eligible to vote in a conclave. Eleven months before being inducted into the College of Cardinals by Pope John Paul II in 1994, then-Archbishop Suarez was a key figure in bringing an end to the fighting in the southern state of Chiapas that followed the uprising of the Zapatista National Liberation Front.

## Iraqi archbishop appealed for help in letter released after his death

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The kidnapped archbishop of Mosul, Iraq, recently found dead there, had asked for prayers for Iraqi Chaldean Catholics and said he would be the last person to leave Mosul. “We are asking for your

prayers to remove this cloud from our country and our church,” said Chaldean Catholic Archbishop Paulos Faraj Rahho of Mosul, in a Jan. 18 letter to the New York-based Catholic Near East Welfare Association. The letter, which the association sent to Catholic News Service March 17, referred to a series of church bombings in Mosul in early January. “We want to stay in our beloved land, despite the situation and the sufferings, especially after these last bombings,” said Archbishop Rahho. The archbishop asked for support from the association and said that “as a result of immigration, violence, kidnappings, bombings and unemployment” the church’s revenue had declined by more than 25 percent.

## Office promoting JP II’s sainthood cause seeks testimonies in English

ROME (CNS) — The office in charge of promoting Pope John Paul II’s sainthood cause is looking for English speakers who have a story to tell about their meeting with the late pope, their prayers for his intercession or graces received after asking for his help. In a March 17 statement, the Rome diocesan office for the sainthood cause said English submissions to the cause’s Web site were seriously falling behind those in Italian, Polish and French. The Web site — [www.vicariatusurbis.org/Beatificazione/English/credits.htm](http://www.vicariatusurbis.org/Beatificazione/English/credits.htm) — also has space set aside for testimonials in Spanish and Portuguese. A spokeswoman for the office said: “It does not have to be a miracle or something extraordinary. We would like to hear and share stories about an encounter or a grace received or a hope.” “This part of the site is very active in other languages, but few English speakers seem to know we have a site and a magazine where they can send these things,” she said.

## Leavitt says ethics opinion violates physicians’ conscience rights

WASHINGTON (CNS) — U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt has expressed concern that an ethics opinion from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists would infringe on the right of physicians to refuse to perform procedures they find objectionable, including abortion. Deirdre McQuade, director of planning and information for the Office of Pro-Life Activities at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, praised Leavitt “for defending federal laws protecting the conscience rights of physicians.” The opinion, issued in November, states in part that physicians “have a duty to refer patients in a timely manner to other providers if they do not feel they can in conscience provide the standard reproductive services that patients request.” Leavitt urged the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, which certifies physicians, to reject it.

## One-man play 'Damien' to be performed at the University of Saint Francis

FORT WAYNE — The School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Saint Francis will present the one-man play "Damien" on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St. Admission is free.

Father Edward Danylo Evanko will portray Damien in the story of a Catholic missionary who devoted his life to ministering to the lepers on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. "Damien" was written by Aldyth Morris.

For more information, please contact Adam DeVille at (260) 399-7700 ext. 8120.

## Bishop Dwenger announces honorees for 2008 Hall of Fame

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School will hold its fifth Annual Hall of Fame Dinner on Friday, April 25, at the Pine Valley Country Club in Fort Wayne.

This year's honorees include the following: Dr. Rick Reifenberg, M.D., '83, Alumnus of the Year; James Houlihan '78, Athletic Hall of Fame; Mark Bonahoom '77 and Elizabeth Ledo '93, Visual and Performing Arts Hall of Fame; and James Reifenberg, Citizens of Two Worlds Award. Tickets to this year's event are \$40 per person and must be purchased in advance. Please call the Bishop Dwenger Development Office at (260) 496-4710 for more information. Tickets may also be purchased at the school's Web site, [www.bishopdwenger.com](http://www.bishopdwenger.com).

## Holy Cross College convocation celebrates honor students and faculty award winner

NOTRE DAME — The annual Holy Cross College Honors Convocation will be held March 27 at 7 p.m. in the college's Driscoll Auditorium. The event's keynote address will be given by Brother George Klawitter, professor of English literature at St. Edward's University. Klawitter will speak about his latest book, "Holy Cross in Algeria," about Father Basil Moreau's first attempt at a foreign mission.

The 2008 honors convocation will be a celebration of Holy Cross education. It will feature the students who have attained at 3.50 or above grade point average in the spring, fall or both semesters of 2007. It will also recognize Dr. Justin Watson, dean of faculty and professor, who is the recipient of the college's Excellence in Teaching Award.

Watson's student nominations stated that his classes were always enjoyable due to his patience, passion, high academic standards and unwavering positive attitude. The students find his courses a valuable learning experience that combines the abstract course material with its real world, contemporary applications. His colleagues' nominations described him as compas-

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Students at St. Bernard School, Wabash, hosted "Marsh Madness" on March 14, a day of fun and learning. Hands-on activities involving marshmallows included graphing, creative writing, designing sculptures, a marshmallow trivia basketball game, marshmallow songs and a marshmallow fling. In addition, students in grades four through six designed marshmallow catapults. The day ended with a marshmallow relay race and marshmallow dodge ball, with students teaming up against the teachers.

sionate, respectful, helpful and mission-driven.

Brother George Klawitter became a Holy Cross Brother candidate when he was only 13 years old and professed his vows in 1960. He has taught at several Holy Cross schools since then, including Holy Cross College in the early 1980s. For the past 14 years he has been teaching at St. Edward's University, serving as the English Literature Department chair for the past eight. He has published 13 books including four of his own poetry. His latest book contains translations from the French of 80 letters written by the early Holy Cross men who were sent to work in Algeria 1840 to 1849.

## NCEA holds meeting and religious education convocation

INDIANAPOLIS — More than 8,000 delegates are heading for Indianapolis next week for the annual convention, exposition and religious education convocation of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). The gathering March 25-28 marks the first meeting in Indianapolis in the 105-year history of the association. The theme for the convention

is "Crossroads: Where Challenge Meets Opportunity."

The conference is open to anyone working in or interested in Catholic education. Liturgies and meetings will be held at the Indianapolis Convention Center and RCA Dome. The annual convention features keynote addresses, department meetings and more than 400 workshop presentations dealing with special interests for school board members, directors of religious education, parents, priests, principals and teachers. The convention is expected to draw delegates from throughout the country.

The annual convocation of the National Association of Parish Catechetical Directors, an NCEA organization, will meet in Indianapolis concurrent with the convention. Parish catechetical leaders and coordinators of religious education will gather for workshops, prayer and fellowship with hundreds of colleagues from across the United States.

## University Singers and Jazz Ensemble to perform free spring concert

FORT WAYNE — The University Singers and Jazz Ensemble of the University of Saint Francis will

combine for a spring concert on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St.

The concert will feature a variety of musical styles, including Broadway musical numbers, gospel selections, solos, and ensembles by the University Singers. The Jazz Ensemble will present favorites from different decades of jazz literature.

The University Singers, under the direction of Don Donaldson, is in its third year and will perform selections from Gospel Mass by Robert Ray, a well-known composer from California. His music has been featured at major choral conventions in bringing new gospel literature to the listener.

The Jazz Ensemble, directed by Robert Mayer, will feature many selections that spotlight special soloists. The Jazz Ensemble plays for numerous events and banquets during the year. This will be their final performance this academic year.

The concert is free and seating will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, please call (260) 399-7700 ext. 8001. The School of Creative Arts (SOCA) is an accredited school by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

## ND professor to receive Catechetical Award

NOTRE DAME — Dr. Gerard F. Baumbach, director of the Center for Catechetical Initiatives, Institute for Church Life, and concurrent professor in the department of theology at the University of Notre Dame, is this year's recipient of the Catechetical Award given annually by the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL). The award is presented in recognition of exemplary contribution to the ministry of catechesis.



Gerard F. Baumbach

Criteria for determining the awardee include: a life of witness to the word of God; a magnanimous spirit of love and service to the church; a ministry characterized by a pioneering spirit and ecclesial vision; and a dedication and significant contribution to the ministry of catechesis.

Baumbach, whose professional catechetical career spans more than three decades, has served in a variety of roles. He has been a parish catechetical leader, author, editor, speaker and university faculty member.

In 2003 Baumbach accepted his current position at the University of Notre Dame, where he has spearheaded the development and implementation of the Echo Faith Formation Leadership Program.

Echo is the first major service program of the Center for Catechetical Initiatives, which also is honored to be recognized by this award. Echo, an initiative that forms new parish catechetical leaders for service in dioceses and parishes in the United States, takes its mission directly from the U.S. bishops' challenge in the National Directory for Catechesis: "The single most critical factor in an effective parish catechetical program is the leadership of a professionally trained parish catechetical leader..."

Baumbach has taught a course in catechetics in the diocesan Notre Dame master's program. He will be the featured speaker of the Office of Catechesis-sponsored Catechetical Day at Wawasee Middle School, Syracuse, on Nov. 8.

Baumbach will receive the award on April 8, in Houston, Texas, at the 72nd annual meeting of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership.

Commenting on the significance of this award, Baumbach noted, "I will admit to great excitement about the NCCL Catechetical Award. I have watched from my table during the annual NCCL Awards gathering while applauding champions of our ministry and field during this annual recognition. Now, to be counted among them and to rejoice with NCCL, is a joy to my heart and a call within me to accept this award with a spirit of deep humility and in affirmation of prior awardees' great gifts to the church. I also accept this award on behalf of the Center for Catechetical Initiatives and as a recognition of catechesis as a scholarly discipline in its own right: rigorous, challenging, and rooted in the Gospel and alive in the church."

# Adult stem cell, anti-pornography legislation pass

INDIANAPOLIS — Property tax reform was not the only accomplishment made during the 116th session of Indiana General Assembly. Two proposals supported by the Indiana Catholic Conference, a proposal to encourage adult stem-cell research and another to limit pornography in Indiana, will soon become law.

Increasing access to an ethical source of adult stem cells through the creation of a public umbilical cord blood bank is the goal of legislation, authored by Rep. Peggy Welch (D-Bloomington), which passed the Indiana General Assembly March 13.

The proposal requires the state agency of Family and Social Service Administration (FSSA) to: 1) create a governmental nonprofit corporation to establish and operate an umbilical cord blood bank; 2) establish an umbilical cord blood donation initiative; and 3) promote public awareness concerning the medical benefits of umbilical cord blood.

The two most common sources of stem cells are embryonic and adult stem cells, but a lesser known source comes from postnatal tissue, which is discarded after the birth of a child. The postnatal tissue includes the umbilical cord,

the cord blood, the placenta and the amniotic fluid.

Stem cells also can be taken from adult tissues and organs such as bone marrow, fat from liposuction, regions of the nose and even cadavers.

Welch explained that people would donate cord blood to a public cord blood bank the same way people currently donate blood. "When a person donates blood, they do so in order that someone else may benefit from it. That would be the same motivation for donating to a public cord blood bank," said Welch. "The priority of the cord blood bank would be for transplants, the secondary purpose would be for research."

Dr. Scott Goebel, who is a stem-cell transplant doctor responsible for cord blood transplants at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis said, "We have children and adults in Indiana as well as around the country who die each year from the lack of a suitable hematopoietic stem cell (marrow or cord blood) donor, which is correctable with more cord blood banking."

Only two out of 10 cord blood donations are of transplantable quality. The other eight would have research value.

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"What is exciting about this legislation is Indiana will be receiving hundreds of thousands of umbilical cord blood units with postnatal tissue for transplants and research," said Welch.

"The goal is that we will increase the number of transplantable stem cells, help save lives of cancer patients, provide more research quality stem cells and improve the quality of life for Hoosiers both physically and financially," said Welch.

Welch anticipates a public blood bank will bring more researchers and a significant amount of research dollars to Indiana further helping state's economy. Welch said, it is estimated that the public cord bank would be self-supporting in two to three years from its inception.

Private and public umbilical

cord blood banks have proven invaluable to the medical community. Many blood and immune diseases have been successfully treated using cord blood. Doctors use cord blood cells to treat about 70 diseases, mostly anemias or cancers of the blood, such as leukemias and lymphomas.

An anti-pornography proposal authored by State Rep. Terry Goodin (D-Crothersville) also passed the Indiana General Assembly. A store, which opened in Rep. Goodin's district, gave residents the impression it would be selling books, movies and snacks. But when the store opened, it was selling sexually graphic materials. Goodin said, "Had the residents been notified, they could have petitioned to keep the retailer out." Goodin's anti-pornography bill was not only a response to this incidence but also is designed to create stronger, more consistent

pornography regulation statewide.

The anti-pornography legislation requires that a person or business intending to sell sexually explicit materials, products or services to register with the Secretary of State. The bill imposes a \$250 filing fee and requires the Secretary of State to notify certain local officials of the county in which the new business will be located. A person that offers for sale or sells sexually explicit materials without registering and filing the statement of intent commits a Class B misdemeanor, which can result in up to 180 days in jail or a \$1,000 fine. The bill will apply to businesses established after June 30, 2008 or any existing business that moves to a new location. It is not retroactive to existing businesses that remain in the same location.

The Indiana General Assembly adjourned March 14.



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# Sister Janet Gildea given Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ Award

BY DEB WAGNER

FORT WAYNE — St. Mary Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, and Bishop John M. D'Arcy representing the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend named medical doctor and sister, Janet Gildea, a Sister of Charity, the recipient of the second Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ Award.

This year the award was presented to family members, people who nominated her and members of her religious community. Sister Janet was unable to attend due to recent surgery.

Sister Janet is a native of Fort Wayne and daughter of E. J. "Bud" and the late Carol (Suelzer) Gildea whose "quiet, steady faith" provided a strong foundation. She attended St. John the Baptist and St. Henry, Fort Wayne, and graduated from Bishop Luers High School.

Her first commitment to serving the poor and needy began as a volunteer for Lutheran Hospital and also at Matthew 25 Health and Dental Clinic in Fort Wayne.

She reflects on her experiences at Matthew 25 as a high school junior in this way, "Little did I realize the impact that brief experience would have on my life. On weekday evenings and Saturdays when I hung out at the small house on the street behind

old St. Mary's, I had the opportunity to meet and to serve the sick, poor of our city and learn a few basic medical skills. More importantly, in retrospect, I met Catholics who believed that health care is a basic human right, not a privilege of only those who could afford it."

She says Matthew 25 shaped her view of the world and has influenced her choices ever since.

After high school graduation, she attended the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was there that she decided to pursue her career as a physician while considering an invitation to vowed life as a Sister of Charity. After graduating from Indiana University's School of Medicine in 1982, she entered the Sisters of Charity Congregation, and in 2007, she celebrated her 25th year as a Sister of Charity.

Upon entrance into the community and following her family practice residency in Covington, Ky., she moved to Santa Fe, N.M., and learned to speak Spanish in order to work with medically needy families. Sister Janet says that in addition to family practice, she feels that she has a specialty in "poverty medicine" and that specialty supports her Community's Charisma of Charity.

Most recently Sister Janet has been serving her community's



DEB WAGNER

**Sister Janet Gildea, SC, M.D., was selected as the recipient of this year's Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ Award. She is the director of La Clinica Guadalupana, a nonprofit, primary care clinic that provides health care to those who live in extreme poverty on both sides of the United States-Mexico border. The award was presented to family member Ellen Douglas — a sister of Sister Janet's who spoke on her behalf and shown at the podium — people who nominated her and members of her religious community. Sister Janet was unable to attend due to recent surgery.**

vocation team and as medical director of La Clinica Guadalupana, a nonprofit, primary care clinic that provides health care to those who live in extreme poverty on both sides of the U.S. and Mexican border.

Sister Janet ministers to and administers her medical expertise

to those who live in shack-like dwellings at the end of the U.S. water source near the Mexican border. A thrift clothing store is also on the property.

Conditions are a little more primitive at the Santa Nino Clinic in Mexico where there is no running water. Santa Nino Clinic

volunteers often drive on dirt roads to pick up children with disabilities who are sometimes unsupervised and in severe need of medical treatment, food, a bath, clothing and some love before returning them home until the next visit by the Sisters of Charity.

The Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ Award is presented near March 17, the feast of St. Patrick and the anniversary of Father Tom's death in 2004. It is given to an individual whose work reflects the strong values exemplified by Father Tom in one of the following areas: Peace and justice, racial/cultural diversity, nonviolent resolution of conflict, education, food for the hungry and shelter for the homeless. One of these categories is designated each year for nominations.

The category for 2008 was racial/cultural diversity. The award carries with it a gift of \$1,000 given in the name of the recipient.

The award will go directly to aid in Sister Janet's work in El Paso, Texas and Anapra, Mexico. Bishop D'Arcy said the award was created to encourage "the next generation of Father Toms."

The inaugural award was presented in 2007, by Bishop D'Arcy to Cliff Kindy, a member of the Eel River Church of the Brethren, Silver Lake, Ind.

## Education for Ministry program offers tools of evangelization

BY TIM JOHNSON

Many adults throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend have grown in their love and awareness of the church through a special program offered through the diocesan Office of Catechesis called Education for Ministry. This program began in 1992. Intended for adults interested in growing in their knowledge of the church, Education for Ministry has nurtured directors of religious education, youth ministers, Catholic schoolteachers, parish catechists, home-schooling parents and RCIA team members. A generous grant from Our Sunday Visitor makes this program free of charge.

Here's what an Education for Ministry instructor and former participants say about the courses.

"There is nothing like teaching something in order to learn it better," said Meg Hanlon, who heads the Bishop Luers High School theology department and graduated from the diocesan-sponsored master's program.

"Although I adore my high school students, teaching adults is a blessing," she said. "They bring so much life experience and a real desire to learn."

Hanlon added, "I am most humbled by our converts who are on fire. It is a real testimony to our parish RCIA programs that these new Catholics have a hunger for more."

Hanlon will teach a new initiative on the Vatican II documents. This class has been requested over the years by graduates of the Education for Ministry program and is at capacity for this year.

Janice Martin completed the Education for Ministry program and now also has a certificate in theology through the Notre Dame program. Martin, who is a catechetical assistant in the diocesan Office of Catechesis and baptized into the faith in 1997, recalled hearing Bishop John M. D'Arcy say, "to fully learn and embrace the teachings of the faith that we must pass them on to someone else."

"I found this to be true when I was a catechist at the second grade level," Martin said.

"Then the more I studied the more that I realized the beauty and richness of our faith and wanted to make sure that the children were able to come closer to Jesus Christ and his church."

Martin said, "While some people think that catechesis stops after confirmation, it should continue well into our adult years — in fact, it should continue our whole lives. Our understanding of the faith doesn't stop because we have completed the sacraments of initiation. We are called by God

at every age to know him more deeply."

Linda Thomas has participated in the Education for Ministry program beginning in August of 2003. Today she is the RCIA coordinator and involved in religious education and sacramental programs at St. Therese Parish in Fort Wayne.

Thomas said of the program, "It has given me a more solid Catholic foundation and identity. It has given me a stronger spiritual outlook on this earthly journey."

"Through the courses of

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JANICE MARTIN

morality, prayer and theology of ministry," she said, "it helped me to understand how this life is really not about me but others. Therefore, I must base my decisions and actions on how it affects others and not necessarily base it on what happens to be the newest habits in society."

Mike Gibson, who is a campus minister for the diocese, said the training he received in Education

for Ministry was helpful, and he often refers to his notes and handouts as reference tools.

"In the class we were asked to apply our knowledge through the writing of reflection papers and through discussions in faith sharing groups," he said. "I felt these were key components in taking the teachings and bringing them to life. As I wrote the reflection papers, I gained a greater desire within to spread the message and evangelize. As I received the papers back, I was able to see how the message was received through the instructor's comments, what was good in the delivery of the message and what areas needed work."

Those notes and papers have also served Vicki Jacobs well. She joined the Catholic Church in 1997 having grown up in an Evangelical

Protestant home and background, including undergraduate and graduate degrees in theology and biblical studies and religious education and church administration, from a Protestant perspective.

"After coming into the (Catholic) Church, I found myself quite hungry for a structured, deeper study of Catholic faith, theology and practice," Jacobs told *Today's Catholic*, "and by

2003, my schedule had settled down to the point that I had the time to dive into the Education for Ministry program. During my two years in the program I learned far more than I ever expected, my understanding of my Catholic Christian faith was immensely strengthened, and my faith life was tremendously enriched."

Karen Bohnstedt, who works for Bishop D'Arcy's office, also converted to the faith — in 2001. She said the classes "reinforced the knowledge I had gained during RCIA in addition to expanding my understanding of the church."

Bohnstedt said, "I utilized the information to help with my son's religious education and to help answer questions my family might have. As of October last year, the terminology I learned during this program has helped me in my new position."

Connie Bruner, who is the associate director of catechesis in Fort Wayne, coordinates the Education for Ministry program for the diocese. A new program will begin in late August. This program will run in both Fort Wayne and South Bend for 2008-2010. For a brochure on this program, call Bruner at (260) 399-1439 or through e-mail at cbruner@fw.diocesefwsb.org. Those interested in the program from South Bend may call Jaclyn Irving at (574) 259-9994. For information about Education for Ministry, visit [www.diocesefwsb.org/OC](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/OC).

# Spring sports sure to be a highlight at diocesan

## Saint Joseph's High School

BY JOE KOZINSKI

**SOUTH BEND** — As Saint Joseph's High School continues to have successes, the spring sports programs may be highlight of this year's graduating class.

"Last year we finished second for the Northern Indiana Conference All-Sports trophy," explained Eric Gohlke, the Saint Joseph's High School athletic director. "I believe that is excellent when looking at the size of the schools we are participating against."

"I think our successes are a reflection of our overall strength throughout our entire athletic program," Gohlke said. "Right now we are playing catch up for the Bishop's Trophy but it looks like our spring teams are ready to compete."

"The staff we have for the spring sports are veterans and have seen some promising progress from the kids," continued Gohlke. "We are really looking for a big spring ... weather permitting (as snow was predicted in the immediate future)."

### Baseball

The Indian baseball team will have some big shoes to fill this year as they follow behind a team that made it to the semi-state last season only to fall to the eventual champions Norwell.

"We lost nine seniors from last year's semi-state team," Coach John Gumf told *Today's Catholic*. "What we return to this team is quality in three starters; Ryan Richter, Mike Krzyzewski and Ted Pajkowski."

"We have some leaders back, but will be a relatively young ball club," Gumf continued. "Our strength will be in our pitching with transfer Dustin White, David Osowski, Jacob Brewer and with Richter, who threw over the summer."

"It looks like we will have to manufacture some runs on offense and play very good defense," Gumf said. "We are young, but that makes it fun and very exciting for the staff to see what we can become."

### Softball

A solid season was the label put on last season's Indian team that steadily improved and was knocked out of the state tournament by the score of 1-0 in 17 innings.

"This season will depend on pitching, pitching and more pitching," Coach Earl Keith said. "We return eight seniors and one pitcher with five games experience and a sophomore that hasn't pitched at the varsity level, they can handle it."

"Good leadership is back with our brains behind the plate a senior catcher and captain, Lauren Paczkowski," remarked Keith. "Another senior captain, Christie Nurkowski, brings with her even more leadership."

"We will have to score some runs and play good defense. Offensively we expect big things from two of our juniors Ashley Zappia at shortstop and Lexie Czarnecki at third base," continued Keith. "We play in a very tough conference but this should be another fun season."

### Boys track

Good things, no, great things are expected from Indian track team that went 9-0, won the city meet and the sectional last season.

"Our goal is to win the regional this year, we were just eight points short last season," Coach Mike McCarthy said. "We were hurt with injuries down the stretch and everyone that I asked that is returning has said the goal is the regional."

"We have Taylor Summerlin back, who is the only athlete in the state that qualified in four different events," McCarthy said. "Marcus Johnson, who just finished a great basketball career, will score points in the jumps, both high and long."

"Zack Matthews, a junior, another state meet qualifier will compete in the relays and hurdles," continued McCarthy. "Michael Bradley has experience at AAU level track will be a big plus in the 800 meter and the mile."

"Marcus Macellari is back and healthy and will score big in the shot put and the discus," McCarthy said. "I think that Marcus has the ability to be a state finalist in both."

"Our success is driven by the kid's commitment and excitement for the sport," added McCarthy. "We have together built a good solid program that will continue to compete at the highest levels."

### Girls track

From a team that was just two points away from being 9-1 to a team that will be right in the thick of things in the Northern Indiana Conference, the Indians are both experienced and young.

"We will have some very good depth in the long jump with both Maddie Toth and Meghan Czarnecki both jumping more than 17 feet each," McCarthy said. "Our hurdles will be very strong with Kristine Kowalski, Toth and Czarnecki and should score multiple high places."

"Tayler Turner will be our speed girl, who has returned this year with a great attitude and a fantastic work ethic," remarked McCarthy. A couple of freshmen have an opportunity to be all-conference in the 800 meters — Ellen Bachmanhuff and Ali Connelly.

"Melissa Macellari is already stellar at the field events," added McCarthy. "We have good senior leadership and we are on the verge of being an elite team, we just need a little more depth."

### Boys golf

Everyone is back from a team that came in fourth in the conference, just behind the three teams that advanced to the state finals.

"We lost no lettermen and I feel that this team can be labeled opportunistic," said Coach John Troeger. "Ryley Fitzsimmons is a four-year varsity player that has been working on his leadership; he is the first one there and the last one to leave."

"Tyler Kanczuzewski is another returning letterman that we expect big things from," Troeger continued. "Seniors Brooks Demarias and Jay Dobson along with junior Andrew Thomas bring some more of that seasoning."

"Last season Tyler Bliha, made All-Conference as a freshman to round out the group," Troeger said. "This should be a nice well rounded group with experience that may be able to put it all together."

## Bishop Luers High School

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

**FORT WAYNE** — With moderate weather promising to make an appearance in the Fort Wayne area, Luers athletes are more than ready to "spring" into action. Sports on the agenda include boys track, baseball, golf and lacrosse and girls track, softball and tennis.

Girls softball coach Jeff Doll is excited about the upcoming season because he says "everybody's back" and the team boasts lots of experienced players.

Doll says he's counting on returning skilled seniors like catcher Haylee Eckert, center fielder Madison Pepe, third baseman Bridgette Wyss and outfielder Josi Rowdabaugh to provide leadership both on and off the field.

Also returning is sophomore pitcher Amy Morrison, who posted 200 strikeouts and 10 walks as a freshman and looks to be on track to break all Luers pitching records before graduation. Doll is enjoying her success and says a player with that kind of ability is like "a needle in a haystack for a coach."

Currently in his ninth year as head coach, Doll will be assisted by Bill Nix, Kerry Girod, Karilee Thompson and Skye Tuttle.

Twenty-six regular and tournament games are on the schedule. Last year's softball squad boasted a 22-7 record and went to state competition, losing only to Andean of the Gary Diocese.

"That was a fun ride," says Doll. He is cautiously optimistic about the upcoming season but says the girls are determined to win it all this time.

Rookie head boys' golf coach Ryan Leffers is a former Luers and University of Saint Francis player who works full time, takes classes and still finds time for the sport he loves.

With most of the team back and assistance from his brother Brandon, Leffers says he expects to improve on last year's 6-6 record so his golfers qualify for regionals.

Starters and returning lettermen are seniors Ryne Gurney,

Aaron Litchfield and Lucas Braun and junior Cody Miller. The fifth spot is still undecided, says Leffers, but senior Ryan Eifred is a likely contender.

The season officially begins with an April 12 invitational to test his players' mettle. Leffers is optimistic. "Talking to my guys, it looks as if we're in for a pretty good year," he says.

Boys baseball coach Gary Rogers hosted 36 players at early tryouts and a few late entries after they completed their winter sports seasons.

Rogers says he has a "good, hard-working group of seniors" like catcher and three-year starter Isaac Baker and pitching corps anchors Kevin Kiermaier, Joe Crouch, Dan Wyss and Cameron Baker.

Kiermaier, Rogers' "number one guy," posted a 4-2 pitching record and played shortstop and outfield last season. Crouch went 5-2, Wyss was 5-0 and played third base, and Baker was strong in relief.

Returning position players include outfielder Tyler Watts and junior pitcher-outfielder Tyquan Hammock. Watts batted .469 and led in hitting and RBIs last year and this year was named a pre-season TPX Louisville Slugger All American.

Seniors Spenser Millard and Tyler Bunn will also play important supporting positions and have a big impact on how the team does, says Rogers.

Twenty-seven games are slated this season, beginning March 25 at Woodlan and running till June "if we're fortunate enough," says Coach Rogers. Last year's 23-9 record was good enough to win the Belmont Sectional, but this year will be a bit different since Luers has dropped to Class 2-A. Nevertheless, says Rogers, "We're excited," and optimistic about the season.

Head coach Wayne Schmidt says lacrosse is the oldest as well as the fastest growing sport in North America today. As proof of its growing popularity, he points to the 45 players on his varsity and junior varsity squads who have been in training since early February in preparation for a March 26 opening game.

"I think we're going to have a great team," he says, with a good mix of upper- and lower-classmen.

Returning seniors include Brent Nichter at offensive attack, middies Alex Andorfer and Jay Wyss and defensemen Eric Frenz and Austin Miller. Co-captains Nichter, Andorfer, Wyss and Miller are expected to provide strong leadership on and off the field.

Schmidt points out that Luers competes in three leagues, the Indiana Lacrosse Association League, the Indiana Catholic League and the Indiana North League. With only 26 high school lacrosse teams in Indiana, the squad will put in a bit of travel time.

In Luers' nine-year participation in the sport, the school's team has been in the state play-

offs eight times. So with a strong experienced squad and the able assistance of Lonny Nichter and Clark Brauner, Coach Schmidt has equally high expectations for the coming season.

Coach Brady McArdle welcomed 36 potential players to the girls tennis team for the first eligible practice in early March. A March 19 scrimmage was the only run-up for the official opening match slated for April 8 against New Haven.

McArdle saw his entire varsity squad return this season, including seniors Amber Gottfried, Brittany Witte and Lauren Tobe, juniors Katy Konzem, Rachael Anspach and Mandy Scher and sophomore Jordan McArdle.

Singles player Gottfried was named first team all-SAC last year. Konzem went undefeated at singles and was named second team all-SAC along with Anspach, Scher and Witte, so McArdle expects a good showing from them in early court action. They'll also have lots of backup from "extras" on the roster, he says.

Second-year head coach McArdle has two assistants, Staci Kichefski and volunteer coach John Wright.

The girls are ready to play and anxious for the weather to break. "It should be an exciting season," says McArdle. "We definitely have high goals."

### Bishop Luers High School has announced the following summer camps:

- Football — July 21-24, grades 5-12, 8-11 a.m., Luersfield. Cost — \$60 per camper, \$100 for two campers, \$145 for three or more, practice jersey and mouthpiece included.
- Wrestling — June 3-5
- Girls basketball — July 7-10, grades 4, 5 and 6, 9-11 a.m. Cost: \$50. Bishop Luers gym
- Track and field — dates to be announced, grades 5-12, Luersfield, \$10 per session, \$50 max, discounts available for families or teams
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## Bishop Dwenger High School

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

**FORT WAYNE** — As winter in northeast Indiana loosens its icy grip, high school athletes are hitting the courts, the links, the tracks and the fields in earnest. A full complement of spring sports is on the agenda at Bishop Dwenger High School, including boys track, golf and baseball and girls track, tennis and softball.

The boys track team saw early action in an invitational at Taylor University, which was a qualify-

# in high schools

ing meet for the indoor state finals on March 22, says first-year head coach Eric Ade. That was the culmination of an indoor track season that began in January. Now the team continues to train as the outdoor season kicks into high gear.

Though Coach Ade welcomed 65-70 athletes this year, he says at least one-third of them are either freshmen or new to the sport, so he has his work cut out for him. To balance out the roster, however, he also has about 25 returning lettermen.

Senior Kevin Schipper, who was runner-up at state in the pole vault last season, is expected to be a strong contender. Also returning are seniors John Goodman, Ryan Lee and Dan Khorshid, along with junior Joe Colone, the team's "main sprinters" who also made it to state last year in the 4 x 100.

Last year's team was runner-up at sectionals and regionals and placed eighth in the state meet. But Ade feels this year's team is stronger, depth-wise, so they should legitimately "have a shot at the top 10," he says.

The Dwenger girls track team is also under the tutelage of a new coach this season, as long-time assistant Jessica Hayes has stepped up to take over the top job.

Sixty-four runners, at least half of whom are brand new, have been in training since early February, and the team already has three meets under its collec-

tive belt. "I have lots of new people — and many, many freshmen," says Coach Hayes. But with six dual and triangular meets and six invitationals on the docket, everyone should have a chance to compete.

On the plus side, Hayes also has some "good returning seniors" in Chloe Mack who runs the 400 and 800 and Megan Reiling, who also runs the 400 as well as the 300 hurdles. Senior Erin Sherburne will specialize in the short sprints, while senior Maddy Goheen is strongest in the distance events, says Coach Hayes. Others expected to add points are juniors Mary Marqueling in the shot and discus and Yvonne Rush in the high jump.

Hayes will be assisted by Erin Brady, Therese Roberts, Kathleen Sherburne and Herb Wizner.

In contrast, boys golf coach Dave Scudder is no newcomer to the sport with 20 years as head coach under his belt. In fact, he's now seeing a second generation of players. "I coached some of their parents," he says with a chuckle.

Weather permitting, tryouts will be held in late March with the first outing slated for Apr. 10, a three-way contest pitting Dwenger against Blackhawk and Leo. Eighteen matches in all will round out this season's schedule.

Returning seniors T. J. Mueller, Rob Galmeyer, Tim Sedlmeyer and Alex Budzon are expected to play well this year, with assistance from junior Tyler

Eifert and sophomore Tim Burns, says Scudder.

Last year's golfers went 16-2 and won the SAC, while the team has won the city title and been second or third in sectional play the past several years. After losing five players to graduation, Scudder says this season's golfers are "kind of untested." Still, his expectations are high for continued success.

Baseball coach Larry Windmiller is ready for warmer weather and drier diamonds with his team's opening game scheduled for Saturday, April 5, against New Haven.

Final cuts in mid-March left him with 28 varsity players, 20 reserve players and lots of experienced talent, he says, but there

are still some slots to be filled.

Returning lettermen include senior Matt Maringer, second baseman and .380 hitter last season, along with junior Corey Marchant, shortstop and .375 hitter. Left fielder and .275 hitter Cory Sokolowski is also expected to add his talent to the overall effort. They're our "everyday starters," says Coach Windmiller.

Pre-season hitting in the cages looks good but "we've got to find new pitching," he confides, since several players at that position were lost to graduation.

Some potential candidates on tap include Marchant, Scott Scheumann, Gus Springman, Trevor Yerrick and Matt DeJoyn, all of whom look promising in the preseason. Windmiller admits

it's hard to tell how they'll fare until he sees them in game situations, but he says, "I think some pitchers will come around."

Currently in his 20th year as head coach, Windmiller is assisted by John Tone, Kevin Jefferson and Steve Johnson

Last year's squad won the conference and went 8-1 in the SAC, so Windmiller is optimistic about the upcoming season. "We expect to have a good year."

Girls tennis coach Anne Schenkel also lost eight experienced players to graduation but still thinks the prospects are favorable for a successful 2008 season. With some strong freshmen players on the roster, the

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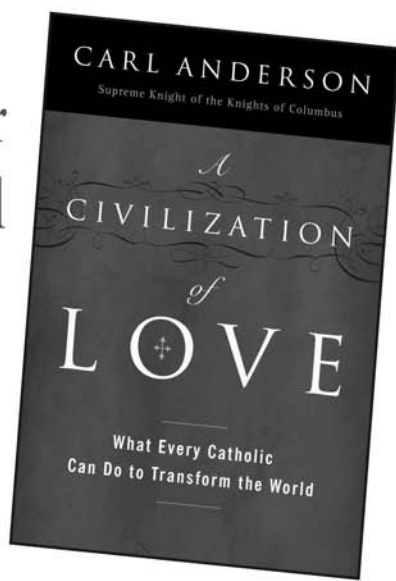
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team will have good depth. That's "the key to high school tennis," says Schenkel.

Returning are senior singles player Danielle Rose and sophomore doubles player Ali Beach. Incoming freshman Ashlyn Rang is ranked in the area and also expected to be a strong contributor to the team effort, says Schenkel.

The season kicks off April 8 against Belmont, the first of 12 dual matches on tap. Three invitationals are also slated. Last year's squad won the SAC with a 9-0 record and went 10-4 overall. One doubles team went on to sectional play as well.

Coach Schenkel calls her girls "really nice, enthusiastic kids," and she's looking forward to her players hitting the courts.

Girls softball tryouts in early March yielded 25 players for Coach Dave Moyer's roster, with the varsity squad made up of four seniors, four juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen.

Four-year varsity and all-conference player her first three years, senior co-captain Chelsea Sanders will take the field at shortstop or on the mound. Junior co-captain and all-conference catcher-shortstop Lauren Rossworm will join her. The third team co-captain, senior Charlese Hillman, is hoping for a better season after recovering from injuries she suffered in an accident. Outfielder Nikki Sikori and infielder-outfielder Ali Lynch round out the senior roster of team leaders for the 2008 season.

Two "very talented" freshmen pitchers are Andrea Filler and Ashley Burkhardt, says Coach Moyer. In addition, other probable starters are junior third baseman Karen Earnest and junior outfielder Mary Black. Junior Alicia Swain and sophomores Maureen Denihen, Nicki Martino, Anna Garner and Alison Colligan will also see playing time.

This year's squad will be very competitive, says Moyer. They're young but they have a great attitude and won't be intimidated. "I'm probably as excited as I've ever been" at the team's prospects, he adds.

Moyer's assistants on the field will be Beth Peters and Colleen McNutt. "We're anxious, ready to go," he declares.

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- Boys youth soccer camp — June 2-6, at the Plex, 5-6:30 p.m., grades 4-8 (2008-09 school year). Cost \$30

- Girls soccer team camp — June 9-13 8-9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Northwood

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## Marian High School

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — As the snow clears and the sun warms the dormant fields, tracks and courses, the Marian Knights are prepared and ready to compete.

"We have had some good successes lately and there are some things that we are working on," said Reggie Glon, athletic director. "All of our coaches are returning, the spring brings with it excitement.

"Our baseball and softball teams are set to have good seasons and our golf team is traditionally strong and this year should be no exception," commented Glon. "The rugby team is working hard and brings with it some experience.

"A very good thing is the interest in women's tennis," Glon said. "We have so many girls going out for the team that we will start an intramural tennis program for the overflow.

"As for our facilities, we will be redoing our football field," Glon said. "We will again be working on the East Complex putting in some smaller soccer fields for the Catholic youth programs."

### Baseball

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last year's team, but they are returning a host of accomplished upper classmen.

"We were 23-8 last season, one game out of first in the Northern Indiana Conference," said Coach Tim Prister. "We lost a first team All-Conference player in Eric Prister and a couple of players that are playing college baseball in Bobby Rinard and Walter Lehmann, eight seniors in all.

"The good news is that we have 10 seniors on this year's team," Prister commented. "I believe that this team is as strong as the 1998 team that won the regional.

"Our strength is going to be in our pitching, we have two seniors back in Pat Asdell and Nassir Charvat and a real nice looking junior in Jordan Niespodziany," Prister said. "I think that our infield defense is very good and our team speed is up there.

"A solid senior leader is behind the plate with Stephen Barany and our offensive punch is in the package of our shortstop Dylan Brammer," continued Prister. "We can definitely run from top to bottom of our lineup, with our senior class, this should be a very exciting season."

**Softball**

Coming into the season with a number four ranking the Knights have a couple of things to prove to themselves as well as the competition.

"Most of our kids played in summer tournaments against all-star teams and we did pretty well, we even won a couple," Coach George Grenert said. "Five of our girls played in the 16 and under Little League World Series Championship game.

"Our strengths are in pitching, fielding and speed," explained the 20-year veteran Grenert. "I will reserve judgment on our hitting for now, but we do have our leading hitter back, Ashley Bousquet hit .386 last season.

"Our best pitcher is back, senior Sami DeFord, and we have quality senior leadership with Erika Shellen and Michelle

Laux," explained Grenert. "Defensively sophomore short-stop Alex Bousquet and junior outfielder Marissa Krugh will highlight that part of our team.

"Our goals are to win the Northern Indiana Conference title and continue on to the sectional and regional," Grenert commented. "As for expectations, I'll keep them to myself for right now."

**Boys track**

The boys track team at Marian is growing and with added experience the Knights look to improve from last season's team.

"We were competitive last year in a very strong conference," explained Coach Chris Killilea. "All three of our relays are looking good (4 x 100, 4 x 400 and 4 x 800) and we look strong in the jumping events and our middle distances.

"We are really hoping that we can get all three of our relays out of sectionals," Killilea said. "Corey Walz is one of the top hurdlers in the area and will be on all three relay teams, Jake Zielinski is also a very good hurdler and will be on two of our three relays.

"Other runners that we expect to do well are sprinter Connor Creevey and our middle distance man Ben Krucina," continued Killilea. "David Street and Matt Neuhooff should do well in the high jump and Paula Ogren and Tommy Blum are anchoring the long jumper.

"With 48 athletes out, our focus is to improve and compete," Killilea concluded.

**Girls track**

The Marian Knights qualified six runners in the state meet last season and with only one returning, Elizabeth Majewski, the other athletes have some pretty big shoes to fill.

"The team is a little down in numbers, but it will give us a lot of opportunities for some leadership rolls," stated Coach Natalie Sandoval. "Newcomer Kate Murphy is really taking charge in the leadership category.

"We should be strong again in our middle and long distance

events," explained Sandoval. "Junior Catilyn Koscinelski is going to be extremely competitive in long distance.

"We have a sophomore, Emily Griffith, who will compete as a sprinter and hurdler and is very versatile," continued Sandoval. "Abigail Majewski is only a freshman but we are expecting good things from her in the sprints and middle distance.

"It may seem like a small thing but we plan to push each other to not only pass the girls individual thresholds but the ones that I have set for them," Sandoval said. "If we can reach our potentials, this will be a very good year."

**Boys golf**

The tradition rich boy's golf program is building upon this year's quest for state medals on depth, balance and camaraderie.

"We have a good nucleus with five returning seniors and three juniors," longtime golf coach Jim Kryder said. "The team is highlighted by state runner-up junior Adam Sumrall, but the depth is

one of our assets.

"Seniors Stephen Sexton, Danny McShane, Michael Goefrich, Michael Stratigos and Curtis Staun and juniors Bryant Demeter and Nick Fitzpatrick all bring a lot of competition on the course," continued Kryder. "It will be extremely difficult to pick a lineup.

"With the courses still being closed, we may have to start with a rotation of experienced golfers early and let head-to-head competition determine starting times later in the season," explained Kryder. "The thing that I'm impressed with this team is the way they make each other better and their improved course management."

"They all believe in their selves but believe in the team," exclaimed Kryder. "Our motto is, 'It Starts with Me,' but its not about me, their goal is to be the last names called at the state tournament."

**Rugby**

This year's Marian rugby team must be tough, their expect-

tations are high, but their numbers are down.

"This year we have 20 kids out for the team and we play 15 on a side so staying away from injuries is a must," Coach Larry Daher said. "We like to pride ourselves on the quality not quantity approach to the season.

"We return a very good senior class and a good sophomore class highlighted by sophomore Collin Rahrig who is on the USA's under-17 team," boasted Daher. "Nate Milligan is our inside center and backline captain and Ian Blair is our forward captain and both are outstanding.

"Our goal is to make it to the nationals, our depth will be the big question mark," explained Daher. "I think that if we can stay away from injury, we can be pretty good."

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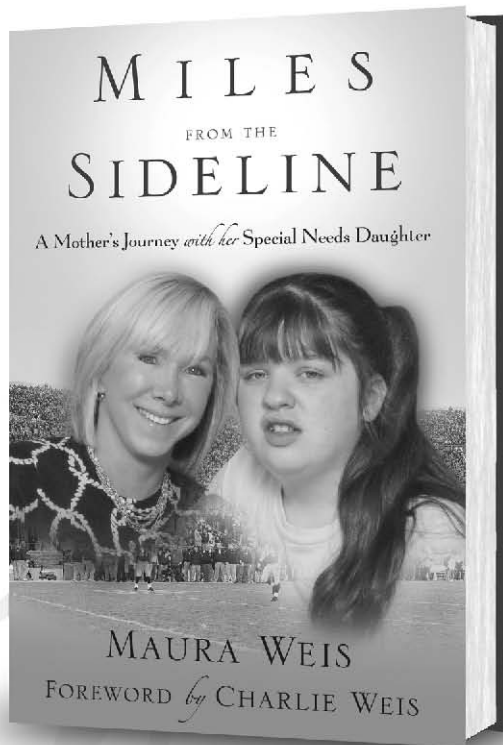
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## Baseball and girls track fill the spring sports ICCL roster

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Though the winter still breathes its chilling snows and bitter winds, planning stages are in full swing for spring sports sponsored by the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL).

"Though these are our last contests of the school year, more importantly they are the last opportunities for our eighth graders to participate with their classmates at this level," commented Tony Violi, president of the ICCL. "It is so important that we make sure that these sports (baseball and girls track) are given the best we have to offer.

"I'm excited that we consolidated the directorship of all of our baseball under one umbrella, and that John Krzyzewski is running the program," Violi said. "Our girls track program is again being run by Mark Kopinski, and he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table.

"Our main focus as always is the kids, and safety will be heavily emphasized," continued Violi. "We will spend some time doing a safety study in the lower levels of our baseball program to ensure the players are playing in a constructive manner and not destructive."

"We will have 12 varsity teams with two divisions, the St. Martin De Porres Division and the St. John Bosco Division," Krzyzewski said. "We have 22 teams in the lower levels with 14 teams in the 'A' Divisions (St. Martin De Porres and St. John Bosco), and there will be eight teams in what we affectionately call the Father Mike (Heintz) Division.

"We will be experimenting with the designated hitter at the varsity level to get more bats in the lineups," Krzyzewski stated. "We will also chart pitch counts in the lower league to see how pitching may affect the young arms.

"With the advent of the travel teams and the presence of Little League some of our kids struggle with their time commitments," Krzyzewski said.

"We expect to play nine games per team plus a single elimination post-season tournament," continued Krzyzewski. "Hopefully the snow will cooperate soon."

While the boys are breaking windows in their gyms, the girls track teams have begun conditioning and are focused to start competing right after spring break.

"We have a very aggressive track season," Kopinski said. "We will have a four-week season with eight dual meets scheduled.

"We have 12 teams that will compete in three different classes with runners spanning from the fourth grade to the eighth," commented Kopinski. "It is important in this format that the teams average from 30 to 40 participants to fill the spots during a meet.

"All of the hard work and competition is designed to culminate with the ICCL championships scheduled for May 17 at Adams High School in South Bend," said Kopinski. "The scheduling is still in process but it looks like we will have a fantastic season, snow permitting."

With all the pieces being put together by an experienced and dedicated team, the ICCL should send the graduating eighth graders out with a bang, snow permitting.

## Softball, soccer and track CYO spring sports

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth League Organization (CYO) business administrator Ava Meyer reports that there will once again be three different sports offered for 2008 — softball, soccer and track.

The track teams will begin racing on April 17. Meets will be held at both Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger. All teams for the ladies softball will begin games the week of April 8. Diamonds to be played on this year will include Havenhurst, Queen of Angels and St. Charles. Girls and boys soccer will also begin their matches just after the spring break on April 8 at Foster and Kreager Parks.

In girls' softball action, St. Vincent came out on top in the 2007 tournament. This year, there will be seven teams. They include: St. Charles 8; St. Vincent; St. Joseph, Decatur; St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth, St. Therese, St. John, Fort Wayne, St. Aloysius; Queen of Angels, Precious Blood; St. John New Haven; and St. Charles 7.

The schools who will be participating in boys' soccer for the 2008 season are: St. Charles 8; St. John, Fort Wayne; St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth, St. Therese; St. John, New Haven, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel; St. Jude; St. Vincent 8; St. Charles 7; and St. Vincent 7. The St. Jude Eagles are the defending tournament champions from 2007.

St. Charles 8; St. John, Fort Wayne; St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth, St. Therese 8; St. Jude; St. Vincent 8; St. Charles 7; St. Vincent 7; and St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth, St. Therese 7 will field girl's soccer teams this season. St. Jude was the winner a year ago.

In boys and girls track, there will be eight teams represented: St. Charles; St. Vincent; St. Jude; Queen of Angels, Precious Blood; St. John, Fort Wayne, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Benoit; St. Therese, St. Aloysius; St. John, New Haven; and St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth. Last season, in a record-breaking city meet, the Raiders from St. John, New Haven, took top honors in both the boys and girls divisions.

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## EDITORIAL

## Sin is a rejection of God's law

Many Catholics were no doubt bemused when they read newspaper headlines earlier this month proclaiming that the Vatican had generated a list of "new deadly sins." An article in the British newspaper *The Daily Telegraph* ran the headline "Recycle or go to Hell, warns Vatican" and suggested that seven new deadly sins like polluting the earth were replacing old deadly sins like envy.

An article by the Associated Press was entitled "Vatican Updates Its Thou-Shalt-Not List." CNN headlined its story: "Vatican official: New sins on horizon."

Unfortunately, all these headlines got the story wrong, caused a great deal of confusion and gave the impression that Vatican officials simply create lists of sins on a whim.

The problem began with misinterpretation of a March 9 interview in the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano* with Bishop Gianfranco Girotti, an official of the Vatican tribunal that deals with the "internal forum," meaning matters of conscience.

Bishop Girotti was interviewed at the close of a Vatican program designed to train priests in administering the sacrament of penance. The interviewer asked him what were the new sins of modern times, and the bishop talked about issues prevalent in contemporary times, like pollution, destructive experimentation on human life, drug trafficking and the growing disparity between rich and poor. And because of globalization, he explained that such sins have a great impact on society.

Somehow media around the world picked up this interview and spun the silly headlines cited above, implying that Vatican officials were somehow changing the criteria for what is sinful and what is not. Totally missing from media reports was an understanding that sin is a rejection of God's law, and God's law does not change.

Fortunately, in its coverage, the *South Bend Tribune* was wise enough to consult two local experts on Catholicism: Father Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral who has a newly earned doctorate in theology; and Professor Lawrence Cunningham of the Notre Dame theology department. Both men were able to set the record straight.

Professor Cunningham said the most significant part of the Bishop Girotti's message was missed in the articles: In the past, we tended to think of sin purely on an individualistic basis, but with globalization, we need to start paying attention to social consequences.

He said the bishop wasn't speaking for the church or giving a "sin update," but rather was explaining that "certain things happen in culture that make it imperative to judge their moral worth." For example, "No one a hundred years ago could have made a judgment, say, about genetic manipulation or something of that nature. So, new circumstances require new appreciations."

Father Heintz explained that "technology and globalization, both of which are in themselves ambivalent (capable of enormous good or enormous harm), have made possible activities and practices which were heretofore only imaginable." Furthermore, advances in technology and communication "have added to the repertoire of 'man's inhumanity to man.'"

This incident reminds us of something Pope Benedict XVI said in his annual message for the World Day of Social Communications earlier this year. He cautioned that the media can be used to "create events," and he called for a code of ethics for news and information media. Such a code would be welcome indeed, and so, too, would an effort by all the secular media to consult authorities before publishing incorrect and misleading stories about the Catholic Church.

## A season to rejoice, extend a welcome

We rejoice that many new Catholics were received into the church last weekend at Easter Vigil services all over the diocese.

These new Catholics have gone through an intense and exciting time as they learned about the faith, participated in the rituals of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and then received the sacraments on Holy Saturday. However, some new Catholics have reported feeling let down and even lonesome after all the excitement of their reception into the church has passed.

We can prevent that from happening in our parishes. If we don't know the new Catholics, we can ask our priest to introduce us to them, and then make a point of greeting them when we see them. And we can ask them to participate in parish activities with us, maybe by inviting them to join a parish committee or simply by asking them to sit with us at the parish pancake breakfast. Any little gesture like this will help new Catholics feel comfortable and welcome in their new spiritual home.

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## Do embryos have souls?

People are sometimes surprised to hear that the wrongness of destroying a human embryo does not ultimately depend on when that embryo might become a person, or when he or she might receive a soul from God. They often suppose that the Catholic Church teaches that destroying human embryos is unacceptable because such embryos are persons (or are "ensouled").

While it is true that the church teaches that the intentional and direct destruction of human embryos is always immoral, it would be incorrect to conclude that the church teaches that zygotes (a single-cell embryo) or other early-stage embryos are persons, or that they already have immortal, rational souls. The magisterium of the church has never definitively stated when the ensoulment of the human embryo takes place. It remains an open question.

The Declaration on Procured Abortion from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 1974 phrases the matter with considerable precision:

"This declaration expressly leaves aside the question of the moment when the spiritual soul is infused. There is not a unanimous tradition on this point and authors are as yet in disagreement. For some it dates from the first instant; for others it could not at least precede nidation (implantation in the uterus). It is not within the competence of science to decide between these views, because the existence of an immortal soul is not a question in its field. It is a philosophical problem from which our moral affirmation remains independent."

That being said, the moral teaching of the church is that the human embryo must be treated as if it were already ensouled, even if it might not yet be so. It must be treated as if it were a person from the moment of conception, even if there exists the theoretical possibility that it might not yet be so. Why this rather subtle, nuanced position, instead of simply declaring outright that zygotes are ensouled, and therefore are persons? First, because there has never been a unanimous tradition on this point; and second, because the precise timing of ensoulment/personhood of the human embryo is irrelevant to the question of whether or not we may ever destroy such embryos for research or other purposes.

Interestingly, ensoulment has been discussed for centuries, and so-called delayed ensoulment was probably the norm for most of Christian history, with immediate

ensoulment gaining some serious momentum of its own beginning in the 1600s (and representing the position most widely held today).

Augustine seemed to shift his opinion back and forth during his lifetime between immediate and delayed ensoulment. In the 1200s, Thomas Aquinas held that human ensoulment occurred not right at the first instant, but at a time-point removed from the beginning. This, he argued, would enable the matter of the embryo to undergo development and become "apt" for the reception of an immortal soul from God (by passing through simpler initial stages involving "vegetative" and "animative" souls).

Even today in various quarters, the discussions continue, with new embryological details like twinning and chimerization impinging upon the debate, and new conceptual questions arising from the intricate biology surrounding totipotency and pluripotency.

We must recognize that it is God's business as to precisely when he ensouls embryos. We do not need an answer to this fascinating and speculative theological question, like counting angels on the head of a pin, in order to grasp the fundamental truth that human embryos are inviolable and deserving of unconditional respect at every stage of their existence. Rather, this moral affirmation follows directly on the heels of the scientific data regarding early human development, which affirms that every person on the face of the planet is, so to speak, an "overgrown embryo." Hence, it is not necessary to know exactly when God ensouls the embryo, because, as I sometimes point out in half-jest, even if it were true that an embryo did not receive her soul until she graduated from law school, that would not make it okay to kill her by forcibly extracting tissues or organs prior to graduation.

Human embryos are already beings that are human (not zebra or plant), and are, in fact, the newest and most recent additions to the human family. They are integral beings structured for maturation along their proper time line. Any destructive action against them as they move along the continuum of their development disrupts the entire future time line of that person. In other words, the embryo exists a whole, living member of the human species, and when destroyed, that particular individual has perished. Every human embryo, thus, is unique and sacrosanct, and should not be cannibalized for stem cell extrac-



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tion.

What a human embryo actually is, even at its earliest and most undeveloped stage, already makes it the only kind of entity capable of receiving the gift of an immortal soul from the hand of God. No other animal or plant embryo can receive this gift; indeed, no other entity in the universe can receive this gift. Hence, the early human embryo is never merely biological tissue, like a group of liver cells in a petri dish; at a minimum, such an embryo, with all its internal structure and directionality, represents the privileged sanctuary of one meant to develop as a human person.

Some scientists and philosophers will attempt to argue that if an early embryo might not yet have received its immortal soul from God, it must be okay to destroy that embryo for research since he or she would not yet be a person.

But it would actually be the reverse; that is to say, it would be more immoral to destroy an embryo that had not yet received an immortal soul than to destroy an ensouled embryo. Why? Because the immortal soul is the principle by which that person could come to an eternal destiny with God in heaven, so the one who destroyed the embryo, in this scenario, would preclude that young human from ever receiving an immortal soul (or becoming a person) and making his or her way to God.

This would be the gravest of evils, as the stem-cell researcher would forcibly derail the entire eternal design of God over that unique and unrepeatable person, via an action that would be, in some sense, worse than murder. The human person, then, even in his or her most incipient form as an embryonic human being, must always be safeguarded in an absolute and unconditional way, and speculation about the timing of personhood cannot alter this fundamental truth.

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# Fans behaving badly have made sporting events distasteful

I suppose it really began in earnest with the arrival of ESPN in 1979. Then along came the Internet and YouTube, and before you knew it, we had wall-to-wall coverage of everything that happened in the sporting world.

Suddenly, if it happened on the field of play, you had to see it. You were entitled to see it.

Of course, the collapse of sportsmanship and the arrival of the theatre of the absurd at sporting events in the United States coincide with a society that, as a whole, no longer feels an obligation to monitor its behavior in public.

You know the old saying now. I paid for my ticket; I'm entitled to act in any way and say anything that I want.

Uh, no, you're not.

For the fan that can't afford the price of a flight and ticket to a game, we now have message boards, which allow us to behave badly under the protection of a code name. Great. Now we can use abusive and vulgar language without anyone knowing who said it.

I've been to some of the more vile venues in college football over

the last 26 years. I had never felt unsafe covering a sporting event until I attended the 1989 Notre Dame-Miami football game. The Irish had knocked off Miami the previous year in Notre Dame Stadium, and the Irish were now in Miami riding a 23-game winning streak.

The Miami fans weren't there to cheer on their Hurricanes; they were there to spew as much filth as they could muster toward Notre Dame and its fans.

Hundreds of Irish fans returned home that night after having been spat upon and verbally harassed. Miami won the game. Mission accomplished.

Only a trip to Ohio Stadium for a Notre Dame-Ohio State game in the mid '90s rivaled what I experienced in Miami that night. But the overall hate toward the visiting team remains palpable virtually wherever I go to cover the Irish.

I still love my job and thoroughly enjoy covering Notre Dame athletics. But I deplore what the game has become on the outside where fans have truly transformed into fanatics, fueled by overindulgence in alcohol and a



## FROM THE SIDELINES

BY TIM PRISTER

distorted view of athletic competition.

*Sports Illustrated's* Grant Wahl recently wrote a story about the "extreme vulgarity and taunting by college basketball fans" that has reached a new low this season. Parents and family of visiting players are no longer safe in the opposition's arena. UCLA freshman Kevin Love, an Oregon native, received death threats on his cell phone in the days leading up to the Bruins' trip to Eugene.

The embers of bad behavior at sporting events are stoked by message boards and talk radio that not only provide a venue to act inappropriately, but encourages it.

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# The power to forgive sins



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

### 2nd Sunday of Easter Jn 20:19-31

Last week, with great joy and hope, the church celebrated Easter. It is too important an event, and too overwhelming in meaning, however, to be confined to one day's celebration. So the church continues the celebration it began a week ago literally for weeks.

Important to understanding Christianity, and the church itself, is in realizing that Acts continues St. Luke's Gospel. This fact is not that apparent since for centuries biblical translators have inserted St. John's Gospel between Luke's Gospel and Acts, blurring the connection between Luke and Acts.

The link shows that the redemption secured by Jesus did not end with the Lord's Ascension, nor did the Lord's miracles, nor preaching. Vitally important is the fact that all these realities associated with Jesus continued by the apostles in the context of the infant church.

This weekend's reading describes the first Christians, most of whom likely knew Jesus, as reverently following the apostles, of being together in a most realistic sense of community, of eagerly caring for the needy, of

praying, and of "breaking the bread," a term referring to the Eucharist not only in Luke but elsewhere in the New Testament, such as in Paul's writings.

The First Epistle of Peter provides the second reading, revealing the utter centrality of Jesus among the early Christians. Regardless of the onslaughts of the prevailing pagan culture, divisions among themselves, and finally cruel persecution, these first Christians loved the Lord above all else. Nothing was more important than to be with Jesus.

St. John's Gospel provides the last reading. It is a very familiar resurrection narrative of the reluctance of the Apostle Thomas to accept that Jesus truly had risen to life, and then of the great faith of Thomas.

The apostles assure Thomas. He is unconvinced. Then, dramatically, Jesus appears. He invites Thomas to believe. In awe, and the uttermost faith, Thomas declares that Jesus not only is teacher and Redeemer, but indeed that Jesus is God.

The Lord then confers upon the apostles that most divine of powers, the power to judge what is sinful and to forgive sin. It is a divine power, since sin affronts God. Thus, only God can forgive sin. Jesus forgave, being the Son of God. He transmits this power to the apostles, men who will form the church and entrust this power to the church for all the generations to come.

### Reflection

This weekend is observed as Divine Mercy Sunday. It focuses upon God's loving mercy for each of us, given in the coming of the Lord Jesus and sealed in

the Lord's triumph over death.

Two points in the readings support the theme of divine mercy. The first is the absolute love for the Lord, seen in the second reading, brings forth divine mercy. This love is much more than a pious feeling. It means being faithful to the Lord's example of total obedience to God regardless of challenges.

The second point is that of the apostles. They were so much more than the Lord's companions and most frequent students. They represented the Lord. They possessed the Lord's authority and power and bore this authority and power after the Ascension.

Majestic among these powers was their ability to forgive sins, an ability expressly conferred upon them by Jesus.

The first reading, from Acts, tells us how well the first Christians realized the role of the apostles. It tells us that the first Christians lived as a community, united in trust in the Lord, loyalty to the apostles, and in the Eucharist. Through the apostles, they found divine mercy.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

## CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

This week's quiz looks at the life and times of St. Katharine Drexel.

**1. Although having the same name, as far as we know, Katharine was not related to Jeremias Drexel, who was a professor and member of this order:**

- a. Society of Jesus
- b. Nova Scotian Bagpipiers
- c. Augustinians

**2. Katharine was born into a family that was**

- a. poor
- b. middle class
- c. extremely wealthy

**3. She was born in this fraternally loving city:**

- a. New York
- b. Frateria Amora, Wis.
- c. Philadelphia, Pa.

**4. Her birth took place just before this cataclysmic event in U.S. history:**

- a. The Boston Tea Party
- b. The Civil War
- c. The Mexican-American War

**5. The Drexel family was atypical because in the time of the "Robber Barons" they taught their daughters that**

- a. money was on loan and only of valued if used as a means to good ends
- b. only people with money could be saved
- c. money was the root of all gravy

**6. Young Katharine's life was changed when she and her family visited the west where she saw first hand the plight of**

- a. transplanted New Yorkers forced to dine without dinner jackets
- b. the Native Americans (Indians)
- c. the Russians left behind by the Tsar's abandonment of Alaska

**7. Her first foundation was to create a religious school for the group (answer above) in this aptly named New Mexico town:**

- a. Scholastica
- b. Indio
- c. Santa Fe

**8. Katherine, believing in starting at the top, visited this man and asked him for advice:**

- a. Pope Leo XIII
- b. Crazy Horse
- c. President Grant

**9. He gave her some unusual advice:**

- a. become a missionary herself
- b. hunt buffalo as it was lowest in calories and fat
- c. start collecting wooden nickels

**10. What did Katherine do with that advice?**

- a. She started the first bison farm east of the Mississippi.
- b. She decided to dedicate herself to missionary and service work.
- c. She asked the president to coin the first gold dollar piece with a bison on it.

**11. She got approval for this from**

- a. Santa Ana, president of Mexico, then governor of New Mexico
- b. Falls in Bucket, the spiritual successor to Crazy Horse
- c. Her spiritual director, Bishop James O'Connor

**12. Katherine extended her mission to serve these people:**

- a. the Amish in Western Utah
- b. African Americans
- c. the 49ers who arrived later than 49

**13. In addition to opening and staffing more than 50 schools, Katharine opened Xavier University of Louisiana. This was the only one in the USA to be**

- a. mainly Black
- b. mainly Catholic
- c. mainly African-American and Catholic

**14. When she died at over 90 years old, her legacy was continued by her order:**

- a. The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament
- b. The Sisters of the Southwest
- c. The Sisters of the Schools (Scholastic Sisters)

**15. Drexel was**

- a. beatified by John Paul II in 1956
- b. beatified by Pope John Paul II 1980
- c. beatified by Benedict XVI in 2001

### ANSWERS:

- 1.a, 2.c, 3.c, 4.b, 5.a, 6.b, 7.c, 8.a, 9.a, 10.b, 11.c, 12.b, 13.c, 14.a, 15.b



# At the end of time there will be the resurrection of the body

## What is the meaning of our bodies?

Anonymous

We should not take our bodies for granted. My body is an integral part of my person. My body and I are one. We are composites of a material body and an immaterial soul: both are irreplaceable and indispensable. My soul, when separated at death from the body, is in an unnatural state. At the end of time there will be the resurrection of the body, and a new, glorified, body will become my new condition.

It would be wrong to think that my real self is my self-awareness, or consciousness, and that my body is a mere appendage — a box I am trapped in — to which I can do anything I choose, e.g., sterilize, abuse with drugs, alcohol, smoking, obesity, clone, abort. The body is not something sub-personal, something not to be identified with whom I really am. What I do to your body, I do to you, e.g., a pat on the back, or a kick in the shins. What you do to my body, you do to me.

When we want to consider someone's well being, we must take his or her body into consideration. Think of how parents care for their child(ren): food, clothing, housing, exercise, recreation and hygiene. Our higher human needs still involve our bodies: the need for hearing, seeing, touching, tast-

ing, well-coordinated movement; our need for affection, companionship.

By means of our bodies we are present to one another. We want to see and hear our friends in person, sense their presence, and not just read their letters, hear their phone calls or recall memories. By means of our voice, gestures and expression of emotions (body language) we enhance our communication with others. A person with multiple sclerosis has lost much of his ability to do this through his body.

We want to be with our friends. Spouses want to be with each other. Parents want to be surrounded by their children. Even at a ball game, there is a certain thrill in being "part of the crowd."

## Why are we bodied persons, and why is sexuality so important for us?

Anonymous

Because God designed us as either male or a female — a male-bodied person or a female-bodied person — we are both sexual and fertile. Adam complements or fulfills Eve, and Eve Adam. All of this is part of God's plan when he designed us in his own image and likeness. We are capable of entering into a communion of persons. Especially is this the case with spouses. Because we are fertile as well as sexual, there is a life-giving dimension to this communion

## THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

of persons. The spousal act is inseparably love-giving and life-sharing.

The angels, by contrast, have no bodies. They are pure spirit-persons, and there are billions of them. They have no fertility or sexuality. They do not procreate "baby angels." They do not cooperate with God in the procreation of another person who will live forever.

The highest human act is to love other persons. Recall the two great commandments. When we love, we choose to pursue the good, the best interests, of the one we love. Think of the second great commandment. When we love, we want to make the total gift of ourselves to the one we love. Think of the first great commandment. Making the total gift of self to another means that we reach deeply into the core of ourselves, and give that away to the one with whom we want to share a communion of persons. The spousal

act is the greatest expression of this gift of self that we have as bodied-persons. This tolerates no reservations, no conditions, and no keeping one's options open. It also means that we accept the total gift of self from the beloved. For a husband this means accepting his wife just as God made her: feminine, sexual and fertile.

The celibate and single person makes the total gift of self to God and to human beings in a non-genital manner. This is also the way God makes the total gift of self in the Divine Communion of Persons, which is the archetype of all personal love. And in heaven, this will be the manner in which all the blessed will make their gift of self-donation.

While on this earth, we all need

to think about the meaning of our bodies, as male or female, fertile and sexual. How do we, as bodied persons, advance in human maturity? How do we learn to grow in our ability to love? How can we reach more deeply into the inner core of our person and then offer this as our gift to others?

Contraception is completely at odds with this. The theology of the body helps explain to us God's plan for spousal love, and how contraception / sterilization deform and empty the meaning of this.

**Father Matthew Habiger**, a priest of the Kansas Benedictines, answered this week's questions. Visit his Web site at [www.nfpoutreach.org](http://www.nfpoutreach.org)

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for March 30, 2008

Acts 2:42-47

Following is a word search based on the first reading for Divine Mercy Sunday, Cycle A: the story of the first days of the life of the Church. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

ACTS	APOSTLES	DEVOTED
BREAD	PRAYER	CAME UPON
WONDERS	SIGNS	ALL WHO
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# Easter vs. irony

At the beginning of Lent, I was sent a moving account of the recent funeral procession of a young American soldier, which took place near his hometown in the South. The most striking section read as follows:

"... the most incredible thing happened following the service on the way to the cemetery. We went to our cars and drove to the cemetery escorted by at least 10 police cars with lights flashing. ... Everyone on the road who was not in the procession pulled over, got out of their cars, and stood silently and respectfully, some with their hands over their hearts.

"When we turned off the highway, suddenly there were teenage boys along both sides of the street ... all holding large American flags on long flag poles, and again with their hands on their hearts. We thought at first it was Boy Scouts on 4-H Club or something, but it continued — for two-and-a-half miles. Hundreds of young people, standing silently on the side of the road with flags. At one point we passed an elementary school and all the children were outside, shoulder to shoulder — kindergartners, handicapped, teachers, staff, everyone. Some held signs of love and support. ... No one spoke, not even the very young children. ... The love and pride from this community (which) had lost one of their own was the most amazing thing I've ever been privileged to witness."

I forwarded the message and the accompanying photos to a friend, who responded in a most thoughtful way:

"There you see a culture

untainted by irony. That is exactly the environment in which I was born and lived for my first 18 years; imagine my surprise when I reached Princeton and discovered higher criticism, debonair nihilism and the enervating paralysis of irony."

All of which, I suggest, is worth a Passiontide meditation.

The Jesus of the Gospels is a figure devoid of irony. Yes, he tells what scholars call "parables of inversion," in which the worldly pecking order is turned upside down and inside out; but there is no irony in his teaching — and certainly no cynicism about the rich and the powerful getting theirs at last. In his Passion, Jesus confronts a supreme ironist, Pilate, who imagines the question, "What is truth?" to be both clever and a rhetorical show-stopper. The sign Pilate has affixed to the cross — "The King of the Jews" — reeks of irony, as so the taunts of those who wanted a messiah who better fit their understanding of power.

Perhaps the trouble so many highly-educated people have in accepting the gift of faith today is that their spiritual faculties have been dulled by the irony in which modern and postmodern high culture abounds. Very little today is what it once was thought to be: what we once regarded as good, we are now taught was base; what we once honored as noble, we are now informed was merely self-serving; what we once thought to be self-sacrifice, we are now told was just self-delusion. Innocence is ignorance; only the ironic sensibility befits a well-educated modern. Or so we are told.



## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

The Danish philosopher Kierkegaard had a rather different view: "Irony," he wrote, "is an abnormal growth; like the abnormally enlarged liver of the Strasbourg goose, it ends by killing the individual." Kills, that is spiritually: for irony is no part of that childlike openness with which, Jesus tells us, the Gospel's invitation to faith must be received. If western culture is dying spiritually, perhaps the pathogen responsible is irony.

On the cross, Jesus is crushed by the weight of irony and cynicism. Easter, then, is God's answer to the ironic: the New Life first manifest in the Risen Lord is God's response to the ironic, God's definitive proclamation that the ironist will not have the last word. In the church, the body of Christ which is the Risen Lord's real presence extended in time and space, we encounter the truth and love than transcend the ironic and let us see things as they really are.

Irony no longer reigns. He is risen!

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# PRISTER

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"The abuse that fans are bringing day to day, whether it's on talk radio or in the stands, is going to ruin the game eventually," said Michigan State men's basketball coach Tom Izzo.

"I hate to say this because freedom of speech is at issue, but this isn't what freedom of speech is intended for."

When Indiana guard Eric Gordon played at Illinois — where he had verbally committed before deciding to play for the Hoosiers — he heard one fan yell, "I wish you would die!" Another said, "I hope you break your leg!" Gordon's mother was hit in the back of the head with a cup of ice water. Love's family was hit with popcorn cartons and empty cups.

What's to prevent the next projectile from being a D battery or a baseball? Then what, bricks?

We, as a society, have a twisted view of sports and the way in which we are supposed to cheer. Hey, here's a novel concept. How about going to a game and cheer-

ing for your team? Go ahead and make all the noise you want when the opposing team is on offense in football or is shooting a free throw in basketball. Boo if you would like. But get rid of the vulgar insults and abuse of opposing fans.

It's happening earlier than the college level, too. I've been to a high school basketball game in which the visiting student fans taunted, "Small town, white trash," toward the home team, and not a single coach, parent or student administrator from that school did anything about it.

We need to start changing the way we think as fans. Crude, abusive behavior cannot be tolerated. It begins with adults acting like adults, and then in turn teaching our children the proper way to behave at a sporting event or in public in general.

It may be too late. We may have reached a point of no return. One of America's greatest sources of entertainment has been polluted, and it may be beyond repair.

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# Despite life's messiness, 'Circling My Mother' captures the love we embrace

BY YORK YOUNG

A well-written memoir includes, at the minimum, (1) a clear understanding of the author's goals — at least by the end of the tale; (2) a strong connection to the background material, including the historical and cultural setting; (3) well-detailed secondary characters; and (4) strong writing skills.

There are plenty of published self-tomes that meet two or even three of those criteria; rarer is the combination of all four. Mary Gordon, somewhat successful (as book authors are measured) and well-respected in the fraternity, has mixed all four skills to great effect in "Circling My Mother" (Pantheon Books, \$24).

She was the only child of Anna, who married late (for that time period) and like Sarah (of the Old Testament) gave birth to Mary after her 40th birthday when the family thought she couldn't. This memoir surrounds Anna, the eldest girl of five — there were four boys, too — in an early 20th-century U.S. Catholic family that was reflective of the times: the clan's father came from Sicily, their mother from Ireland, a combination of contrasts right out of the movies.

Reading the story, you might think Anna was unique, but uniqueness was rampant among families that lived their Catholicism on their sleeve, not uncommon of immigrant families making their way in the New World. And as opposed to the stereotype that these Catholic families were insular, quickly married, had plenty of children and started the cycle again, there were plenty of dynamics that led to these unique stories.

As mentioned, Anna married late, and had been in the workforce as a secretary for a lawyer since her early 20s. In fact, her income went to supporting her parents and their family — tales of unappreciation, jealousy, etc., ran through the family. Even after marriage and motherhood, Anna didn't give up her career, but her new focus financially brought more recriminations.

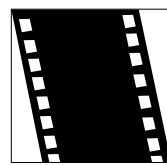
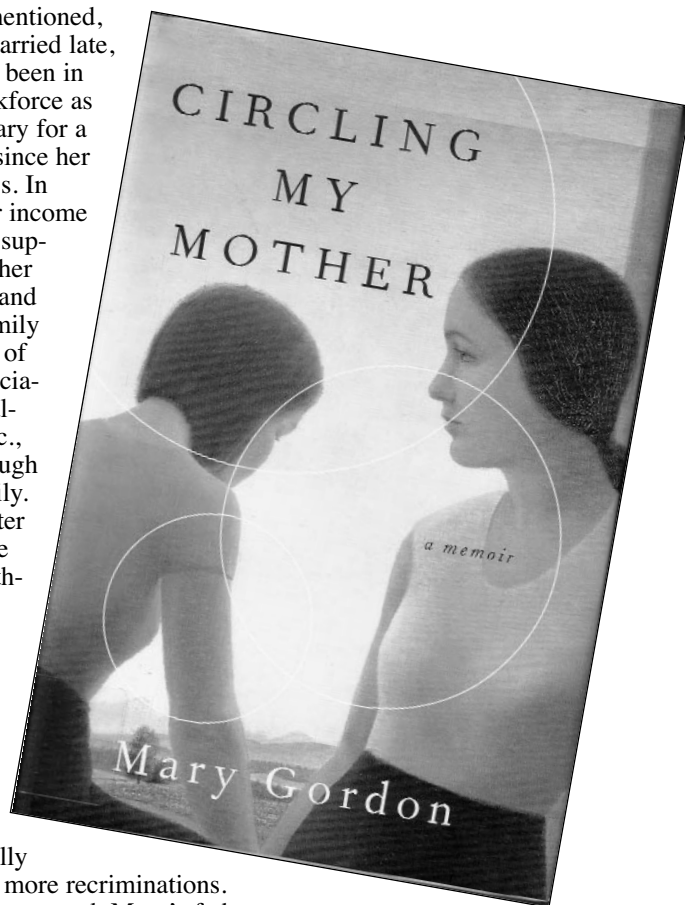
As Anna aged, Mary's father died when the child was 9 years old. She first continued to care for Mary and her larger family, and then Mary took over care duties for her mother, such as it became. Much of the saga here focuses on how those changing dynamics influenced Mary, who, of course, being a child of the 1960s (meaning she entered adulthood in that decade), challenged not only her mother, but her church.

Gordon's descriptions of many moments with her mother are strongly worded, with a touch of the carnal. But the truth is, family's interactions are often messy, rude, even appearing harshly

unkind to outsiders.

What comes through strongly, though, is the love we embrace, despite the messiness, as Catholic families. Anna's final days, coming as they did in her 90s, was filled with health and hygiene issues that often accompany senility and other diseases of the mind. This puts us off, even when it's our parents.

But as we struggle through that, as Mary did, may we remember the incarnation of Christ, who came to be human like us, and may we see him in those humans we come in contact with.



MOVIE CAPSULES

**NEW YORK (CNS)** — Following are capsule reviews of movies issued by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting.

## "10,000 B.C." (Warner Bros.)

Familiar but only fitfully involving epic taking place at the end of the Ice Age about a young tribal hunter (Steven Strait) pursuing marauding slave raiders who have kidnapped the young woman he loves (Camilla Belle), while fighting predatory birds, saber-toothed tigers and mammoths along the way. Director Roland Emmerich's often silly epic holds few real surprises, and has the sort of cliché-filled script standard for this genre, but the digital effects are quite impressive, especially the bustling pyramid-studded slave colony that brings the hero and his companions to its predictable action-packed climax. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

## "CJ7" (Sony Classics)

Generally enchanting though somewhat flawed comic fable about an impoverished, shunned Chinese schoolboy (Xu Jiao) whose life is transformed when his hardworking, widowed father (Stephen Chow) brings a toy home from the garbage dump that turns out to be a doglike alien critter with supernatural powers. Chow, who also wrote and directed, hits the mark both humorously and dramatically, and his film offers a telling critique of cut-throat materialism, though its positive message and humane, even specifically

Christian, values are undercut by a few distasteful scenes focused on the alien's doggy poop. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

## "College Road Trip" (Disney)

Unobjectionable, though uninspired, family comedy in which a wildly overprotective father (Martin Lawrence), despite the misgivings of his sensible wife (Kym E. Whitley), insists on accompanying his 17-year-old daughter (Raven-Symone) on a visit to a distant university she's considering, meanwhile trying to convince her to attend a college much closer to home and discovering along the way that his small but precocious son (Eshaya Draper) has stowed away for the ride, accompanied by his pet pig. Director Roger Kumble's film is generally pleasant and conveys good messages about parental concern and the need for trust. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G.

## "Married Life" (Sony Classics)

Sluggish period melodrama — based on John Bingham's 1950s' crime novel, "Five Roundabouts to Heaven" — in which a businessman (Chris Cooper) decides to poison his wife (Patricia Clarkson) believing (wrongly) she'll be bereft without him when he ultimately leaves her for his mistress (Rachel McAdams), not knowing the latter is being romantically pursued by his best friend (Pierce Brosnan). Though co-writer-director Ira Sachs seems to want to explore the challenges and compromises of long-term relationships, the stilted dialogue, lumbering pace and stylized old-movie artifice undercut an ostensibly suspenseful plot, solid performances and handsome production design. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

## "Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day" (Focus)

Colorful though uneven comedy taken from Winifred Watson's 1938 English novel about a prim governess (a fine Frances McDormand) who, after being unfairly fired, blossoms as the social secretary to a flighty American actress (Amy Adams), helping her sort out the three men in her life: her musical accompanist (Lee Pace), a nightclub owner (Mark Strong) and a budding producer (Tom Payne), while herself falling for a prominent fashion designer (Ciaran Hinds). Director Bharat Nalluri's film, though more farcical than necessary and not always hitting the mark, is nonetheless well acted and plushly designed, while the story underscores the value of seizing second chances, discerning what's important in life and being true to one's finer self. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

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## DEVOTIONS

### First Saturday devotions

Saturday, April 5, devotions will be held at the following locations: St. Joseph, Fort Wayne, 7:15 a.m.; St. Rose, Monroeville, 8:10 a.m.; St. John, New Haven, 6:55 a.m.; St. Charles, Fort Wayne, 8 a.m.; Sacred Heart, Fort Wayne, 7:30 a.m.; St. Patrick, Arcola, 7:15 a.m. Call (260) 749-9396 to have your listing added.

### All family rosary

Fort Wayne — The all family rosary will be recited on the last Sunday of this month, March 30 at MacDougal Chapel from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The intention is for all families especially those families with difficulties. Everyone is welcome.

## MISC. HAPPENINGS

### Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, April 4, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under.

### Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, April 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7.50, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$7.50 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

### Singles conference announced

Chicago — A National Catholic Singles Conference will be held April 25-27, in Chicago, Ill. Social events and dynamic national speakers on the single life will be featured. Register at [www.NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://www.NationalCatholicSingles.com) or call (815) 828-5094.

### Garage sale offers great deals

Fort Wayne — The St. Vincent de Paul HASA will have a garage sale Friday, April 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, April 5, a \$3 bag sale from 8 a.m. to noon at the parish hall.

### Rummage sale

New Haven — A rummage sale will be Friday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Louis Besancon Parish hall, 15529 Lincoln Hwy East. Bag sale on Saturday for \$2.

### Wine tasting event planned

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish will host a wine tasting event Saturday, April 19, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Contant Center, 11521 S. U.S. Hwy 27. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$45 per

couple. Advance ticket sales only by calling (260) 639-3259.

### Soup and salad luncheon

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus #553 ladies soup and salad luncheon will be Monday, March 31, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 553 E. Washington St. Tickets are \$5 and include beverage. Carry-outs available.

### Card party and salad bar

New Carlisle — St. Stanislaus Kostka will have a card party and salad bar Sunday, March 30, at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 each in advance by calling Louise at (574) 654-3364 or Nancy at (574) 289-2986. All proceeds will purchase church linens, candles, etc.

### Spring fling

Elkhart — A Spring Fling Auction Night will be Saturday, March 29, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 112 E. Lexington Ave., from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and includes a beverage, pasta dinner and salad. A cash bar, silent and live auctions, door prizes and raffles will take place throughout the evening. Tickets may be purchased by calling the school office at (574) 293-8451 or Jody McDonough at (574) 320-2675. Proceeds will subsidize two years of school equipment needs.

### Dinner dance and auction planned

Notre Dame — Holy Cross College will host a dinner, dance and auction night on Saturday, April 12, at Marian High School's Bishop Crowley Activity Center. Proceeds benefit a new student center on campus. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and a Polish style dinner will be at 6 p.m. Live and silent auctions will be throughout the night. Live entertainment by "This End Up." Tickets are \$25 per person through the admissions office at Holy Cross or by calling (574) 239-8400 by April 4.

### Queen of Angels announces Royal Fest

Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish will host Royal Fest Friday, April 18, from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 19, from 6-11 p.m. Friday is family night with a carnival theme and Saturday features a casino night for adults. Silent and oral auctions both days. Festival permit number 112676.

### Legion of Mary ACIES

South Bend — The Legion of Mary will have the ACIES ceremony on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony de Padua Church. Call Elsie at (574) 259-6215 or Connie at (260) 486-1001.

## SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

### Round-up time

Fort Wayne — St. Therese Catholic School's preschool and kindergarten round-up will be Wednesday, April 16, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All students of ages 3-5 by Sept. 1 are invited to attend. Call (260) 747-2343 for details.

### Registration announced

Monroeville — St. Joseph School is now accepting registrations for the 2008-09 school year. Call (260) 623-3447 for information.

## REST IN PEACE

### Auburn

Rosina E. Drew, Immaculate Conception

### Elkhart

Margaret H. Kijak, 86, St. Vincent de Paul

### Fort Wayne

Sandra Bryan, St. John the Baptist

Howard W. Schmidt, 84, St. Vincent de Paul

Doris Ann Cary, 79, Queen of Angels

Marie I. Archer, 89, St. Vincent de Paul

Charles F. Beckman, 70, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel

Helen L. Perrey, 87, St. John the Baptist

Geraldine J. Roethle, 96, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Frances M. Smola, 88, Saint Anne Home

### Mishawaka

George P. Cleppe, 85

Sheena L. Kiska, 23, St. Monica

Bertha Morin, 97, St. Bavo

Sister Mary Ellen Grish, OSF, 91, St. Francis Convent

### Notre Dame

Father Clarence Durbin, CSC, 94, Sacred Heart Basilica

Jean T. O'Meara, Sacred Heart Basilica

Sister M. Georgina Wilson, CSC, 90, Our Lady of Loretto

### South Bend

Nicholas Mester, 89, Christ the King

Tillie C. Gnot, 93, St. John the Baptist

Catherine Spridgeon, 91, St. Jude

Jackie E. Gaertner, 66, Christ the King

Ernest A. Szekely, 99, Our Lady of Hungary

### Warsaw

Robert J. McGrath, 61, Sacred Heart

## Let Your Light Shine Forth!

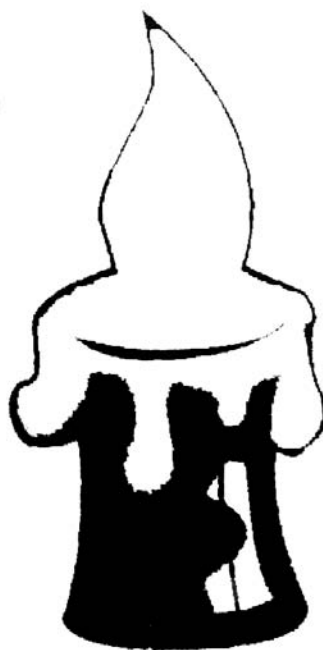
**Pro-Life Youth Rally  
for Middle School and  
High School students.**



**A day for students to  
have fun doing various  
activities and listening to  
Pro-Life speakers while  
learning about the  
Sanctity of Life.**

**APRIL 5, 2008**

LaFortune Ballroom  
University of Notre Dame Campus  
South Bend



**Register at [www.nd.edu/~proflife/youthrally](http://www.nd.edu/~proflife/youthrally)**

**Fee: \$15 Online • \$20 at the door**

## DIRECTOR

### Campus/Young Adult Ministry

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend seeks a full-time director for the Office of Campus/Young Adult Ministry. The Director reports to the bishop and is responsible for implementing the U.S. Bishops' vision for ministry to Catholic students and parish young adults, ages 18-40; for managing a staff of five persons, who serve seven college campuses and in all parishes within the diocese; and for coordinating all diocesan efforts related to these ministries.

**Qualifications:** Bachelor or Masters degree in an educational, theological or pastoral area. Solid pastoral and/or administrative experience a must. The religious or lay practicing Catholic must possess good foundational knowledge of the Catholic faith; strong leadership, managerial and communication skills and a demonstrated ability to relate to college students and young adults.

*Applicants can apply via email by April 15, 2008, to the office of Bishop John M. D'Arcy:*

[mschott@fw.diocesefwsb.org](mailto:mschott@fw.diocesefwsb.org) or by US mail to:

Bishop John M. D'Arcy P.O. Box 390 - Fort Wayne, IN 46801

# Easter triduum scenes from across the diocese



DEB WAGNER

Father Joe Gaughan, pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne, washes the feet of parishioners during Holy Thursday Mass while members of the choir and others look on.



KAY COZAD

Veneration of the cross at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church drew parishioners there during the Good Friday Service.



TIM JOHNSON

Father Dominique Carboneau, pastor of St. Aloysius, Yoder, blesses the fire and Easter candle at the Easter Vigil.



TESS STEFFEN

Catechumen Jennifer Meeks is being baptized by Father Daryl Rybicki. St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, celebrated the Easter Vigil with three candidates and three catechumens.



PROVIDED BY MARC LASSUS

The sacrament of confirmation is bestowed upon a catechumen by Father Tom Shoemaker at St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne.



## Divine Mercy Celebration Sunday, March 30, 2008



Immaculate Conception Church  
500 East Seventh Street - Auburn

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
and Benediction, Divine Mercy Chaplet*

2:00 - 2:45 PM Confessions

3:00 PM Celebration

Homemade food and refreshments  
provided afterward by  
Ladies Cenacle Prayer Group  
*Literature on Divine Mercy available to purchase.*

We welcome representatives  
from the  
**CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE**  
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**JESUS, WE TRUST IN YOU!**

WE OFFER PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING  
AS WE CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH ON THIS SITE!



TRISH LINNER

St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, displayed the open tomb revealing the risen Lord.