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TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Christ the King Church celebrates 50th

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — "I remember being here a year ago for Confirmation and after Mass I said to Father Neil, 'you know what this church needs is stained glass windows,'" said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to a packed Christ the King Church on Sunday, Nov. 20. "Little did I know that this plan was in the works."

To commemorate the feast of Christ the King and the 50th anniversary of the church building (the parish was formed 78 years ago), Bishop Rhoades celebrated a special Mass with the Christ the King parish community. Along with the celebration came the blessing of stained-glass windows that were recently given to the church from a parish in Pennsylvania in the town the bishop was born.

"In an effort to add beauty to our place of worship, the parishioners launched an extensive renovation project. The centerpiece of the renovation is stained glass windows," said Heather Coyne, parishioner and volunteer. "The current church and rectory, built in 1961, were completed with single-pane 'temporary' windows. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the church, stained glass windows are being installed, in addition to a new floor and refinished pews."

According to Coyne, the stained-glass windows for the project have come from a parish in Pennsylvania that recently closed. Renovation work began in August.

"Funding for the project was developed through sponsorships, small fund-raisers, and a 50-mile walk by (Holy Cross) Father Neil Wack and (Holy Cross) Father Kevin Grove (parochial vicar of Christ the



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the feast of Christ the King on Nov. 20 at Christ the King Church in South Bend. The parish celebrated the 50th anniversary of the church. At the Mass, Bishop Rhoades blessed renovations including the stained-glass images that were brought to the parish from a church in Pennsylvania.

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Youths at conference honor Christ with electronic 'holy shoutout'

BY MARY ANN GARBER

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — More than 2,000 years after His birth, Christ the King was honored in a historic way with a massive electronic "holy shoutout" via texts, emails and tweets sent simultaneously from cellphones Nov. 19 by 23,000 participants at the National Catholic Youth Conference and National Catholic Collegiate Conference.

It was a fun and faith-filled way for the Catholic youths and young adults to honor God and conclude the 31st biennial national conference, held Nov. 17-19 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, apostolic administrator of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and host of the conference, asked the teenagers, collegians and all attending the closing Mass to text, email or tweet the words "Called to Glory," the conference theme, to family members and friends throughout the U.S. at the conclusion of the vibrant liturgy.

Murmurs began to spread through the quiet



HEATHER COYNE

Shown at the closing ceremonies of the National Catholic Youth Conference at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis are, from left, Briana Konkle, Adam Coyne, Amanda Fontenot and Patrick Sweeney.

otball stadium when Bishop Coyne surprised the conference participants by asking them to turn on their cellphones at the end of Mass.

"For over two hours now, we have turned this space into a holy place where holy people have listened to holy words and done holy things and received holy gifts," Bishop Coyne said.

"I want you all to dig out your cellphones, ... and turn them on because we're going to do a holy shoutout. I don't think this has ever been done ... with a crowd like this, and maybe the first time at a big Catholic gathering. I want you to type in 'Called to Glory.'"

After he announced the "holy shoutout," the teenagers, collegians and others in attendance quickly typed in the words then awaited his cue to press the "send" button on their cellphones.

"When I say, 'We are ...,'" Bishop Coyne told them, "we are going to shout out 'Called to Glory' and you're going to send it out to all those people out there on the Internet that are

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The Immaculate Conception



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

On Thursday, December 8th, the universal Church will celebrate the beautiful Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. This feast has special significance for us since the Immaculate Conception is both the patroness of the United States and the patroness of our diocese.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, at the request of the Bishops of the United States in 1846, was declared patroness of the United States by Pope Pius IX the following year, seven years before the same pontiff proclaimed the dogma of Mary's Immaculate Conception, in 1854. Six years later, on December 8, 1860, when our cathedral in Fort Wayne was consecrated, it was given the title of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Lourdes

As we approach December 8th, my thoughts go back to World Youth Day this past August. On our way to Madrid, the young pilgrims from our diocese and I spent 2 ½ beautiful days in Lourdes as spiritual preparation for World Youth Day. Many of our young people have told me that our time in Lourdes was the highlight of their pilgrimage. It was truly a highlight for me, especially celebrating Holy Mass at the grotto where Our Lady appeared to Saint Bernadette.

The apparitions in Lourdes took place in 1858. The young Bernadette did not know the identity of the beautiful lady who appeared to her 18 times. When Our Lady appeared to her on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation, Bernadette asked her name. Mary's reply, in Bernadette's native dialect, was *I am the Immaculate Conception*. In a way, this reply was a kind of confirmation of the dogma defined by Pope Pius IX just four years earlier.

Lourdes had a powerful impact on me and our young people. It is a holy place where we experienced the joy of our faith in Christ and our spiritual closeness to His Immaculate Mother. It is a place where many miraculous physical cures have occurred. It is also a place where there is much spiritual healing, a place where the sinless Mother of God continues to bring strength and consolation to her beloved children.

Meaning of the dogma

These are the words of Blessed (Pope) Pius IX in defining the dogma of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 1854:

We declare, proclaim, and define that this dogma is revealed by God and therefore to be firmly and unremittably believed by all the faithful: namely, the dogma which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception,



CNS PHOTO/COURTESY OF NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

The face of Mary is shown in a detail, side view of "The Virgin of the Immaculate Conception," a painted and gilded statue attributed to Juan Martinez Montanes. It was among the religious artworks that were displayed last spring in "The Sacred Made Real" exhibit at the National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C.

by a singular grace and privilege from Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, was kept free of every stain of original sin.

Though this dogma was not defined until the 19th century, Mary's absolute holiness was a belief of Christians since the early centuries of the Church. In the East, there was a feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary celebrated as early as the 7th century. All agreed that Mary was preserved from all personal sin, but through the centuries, especially in the Middle Ages, there was much debate about whether or not Mary had contracted original sin. Some felt that immunity from original sin would compromise the important teaching that original sin had to be remitted by Christ, the Redeemer, and no one could be redeemed apart from Him.

A theological solution to this dilemma was proposed by Blessed Duns Scotus, a Franciscan theologian of the 13th century. He defended Mary's privilege of immunity from original sin from the moment of her conception. He explained that this did not detract from the Redemption brought by Christ. Mary too was included in the Redemption and she received it from her Son at the moment of her conception. This is called "preservative redemption." That is why in the dogmatic definition, the Pope said that Mary's Immaculate Conception was "a singular grace and privilege from Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ." This settled the controversy.

The universality of the redemption remains intact. Mary was really redeemed by her Son at the first moment of her existence.

Mary was truly, as the angel Gabriel announced, "full of grace." She was accorded the grace of redemption "in view of the merits of her Son." Why was this? It was part of God's plan. God destined Mary to become the Mother of his Son. How could she, even for a moment, have been in the power of the devil? The one who was to bring forth the Savior could not have been subject to the corruption that derives from original sin.

Mary always by our side

Mary's holiness is an encouragement for us to seek her help and her protection in our efforts to overcome sin and to grow in holiness. Like us, she has been redeemed by Christ, but in an eminent and a privileged way. In this, she is like a sister to us, as well as our spiritual mother.

The Blessed Mother is with us in the concrete situations of our lives. She helps and comforts us to face the trials and challenges of daily life. She watches over us from heaven. She guides our steps in the way of her Son. She helps us to make progress in our Christian lives, helps us with her motherly care to follow Jesus.

May Mary Immaculate accompany us on our Advent journey! May she lead us to know, love, and adore the Son of God who became man in her holy womb!



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Pope Benedict XVI is flanked by Cardinal Edward M. Egan, retired archbishop of New York, and Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York during a Nov. 26 meeting with U.S. bishops from the state of New York on their "ad limina" visits to the Vatican.

Addressing U.S. bishops, pope defends Church efforts on sex abuse

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a speech to U.S. bishops, Pope Benedict XVI defended the Church's "honest efforts" to confront the priestly sex abuse scandal with transparency, and said its actions could help the rest of society respond to the problem.

While the Church is rightly held to high standards, all other institutions should be held to the same standards as they address the causes, extent and consequences of sexual abuse, which has become a "scourge" at every level of society, the pope said Nov. 26.

On wider issues, including the institution of marriage, the pope encouraged the bishops to speak out "humbly yet insistently in defense of moral truth." Responding to the challenges of a secularized culture will first require the "re-evangelization" of the Church's own members, he said.

The pope made the remarks in a speech to bishops from the state of New York, who were in Rome for their "ad limina" visits. The group was led by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, who as president of the U.S. bishops' conference has spoken of the need to restore the Church's credibility and its evangelizing capacity.

The pope began his talk by recalling his 2008 visit to the United States, which he said was aimed at encouraging Catholics in the wake of the sex-abuse crisis. He said he wanted to acknowledge the suffering inflicted on victims as well as the Church's efforts to ensure the safety of children and deal "appropriately and transparently with allegations" of abuse.

"It is my hope that the Church's conscientious efforts to confront this reality will help the broader community to recognize the causes, true extent and devastating consequences of sexual abuse, and to respond effectively to this scourge which affects every level of society," the pope said.

"By the same token, just as the

Church is rightly held to exacting standards in this regard, all other institutions, without exception, should be held to the same standards," he said.

Pope Benedict's speech was the first in a series of five talks he is expected to deliver in coming months, as 15 groups of U.S. bishops make their consultative visits to Rome. He said he planned to focus primarily on the urgent task of "new evangelization."

The pope said many of the U.S. bishops had shared with him their concern about the "grave challenges" presented by an increasingly secularized society in the United States. He said it was also interesting to note a widespread worry about the future of democratic society in general, by people who see "a troubling breakdown in the intellectual, cultural and moral foundations of social life" and growing insecurity about the future.

He suggested that the Church could and should have a key role in responding to these deep changes in society.

"Despite attempts to still the Church's voice in the public square, many people of good will continue to look to her for wisdom, insight and sound guidance in meeting this far-reaching crisis," he said.

In that sense, he added, the present moment is "a summons to exercise the prophetic dimension of your episcopal ministry by speaking out, humbly yet insistently, in defense of moral truth, and offering a word of hope, capable of opening hearts and minds to the truth that sets us free."

At the same time, the pope said, the seriousness of the challenges facing the Church in the United States cannot be underestimated. He said one big problem was that secularization affects the lives of Catholics, leading at times to "quiet attrition" among the Church's members.

"Immersed in this culture, believers are daily beset by the objections, the troubling questions and the cynicism of a society which

seems to have lost its roots, by a world in which the love of God has grown cold in so many hearts," he said.

For that reason, he said, modern evangelization is not something aimed only at people outside the Church.

"We ourselves are the first to need re-evangelization," he said. That must include critical and ongoing self-assessment and conversion, and interior renewal in the light of the Gospel, he said.

The pope praised the U.S. bishops for their response to the issues raised by increasing secularization, and their efforts to articulate a common pastoral vision. He cited as examples the bishops' recent documents on political responsibility and on the institution of marriage.

In the end, the pope said, the effectiveness of the Church's witness to the Gospel in the United States is linked to "the recovery of a shared vision and sense of mission by the entire Catholic community."

He said Catholic universities have an important role in promoting this renewal and ensuring the success of "new evangelization," especially among younger generations.

"Young people have a right to hear clearly the Church's teaching and, most importantly, to be inspired by the coherence and beauty of the Christian message, so that they in turn can instill in their peers a deep love of Christ and his Church," he said.

The pope also spoke about the implementation of the revised translation of the Roman Missal, which is being introduced in the United States during Advent. He thanked the bishops for making this a moment of catechesis about the liturgy, saying that a weakened sense of the meaning of Christian worship inevitably leads to a weakened witness of the faith.

He said consolidating America's "proud tradition of respect for the Sabbath" would help renew U.S. society in accordance with God's "unchanging truth."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Dec. 4, 11 a.m. — Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Avilla
- Monday, Dec. 5, 5:15 p.m. — Mass for Notre Dame Right to Life, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame
- Tuesday, Dec. 6, 3:30 p.m. — Meeting of Indiana Bishops, Catholic Center, Indianapolis
- Wednesday, Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Indiana Catholic Conference, Catholic Center, Indianapolis
- Thursday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m. — Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, Ege
- Saturday, Dec. 10, 5 p.m. — Mass at St. Joseph Church, Roanoke

Vatican to welcome Christmas with carols this year

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican is planning to sing its way into the Christmas season this year, with a chorus and orchestra leading Christmas carols at the annual unveiling of its Nativity scene.

The hourlong evening ceremony Dec. 24 will feature traditional Christmas songs in several languages, performed by a 100-person choir and orchestra in St. Peter's Square.

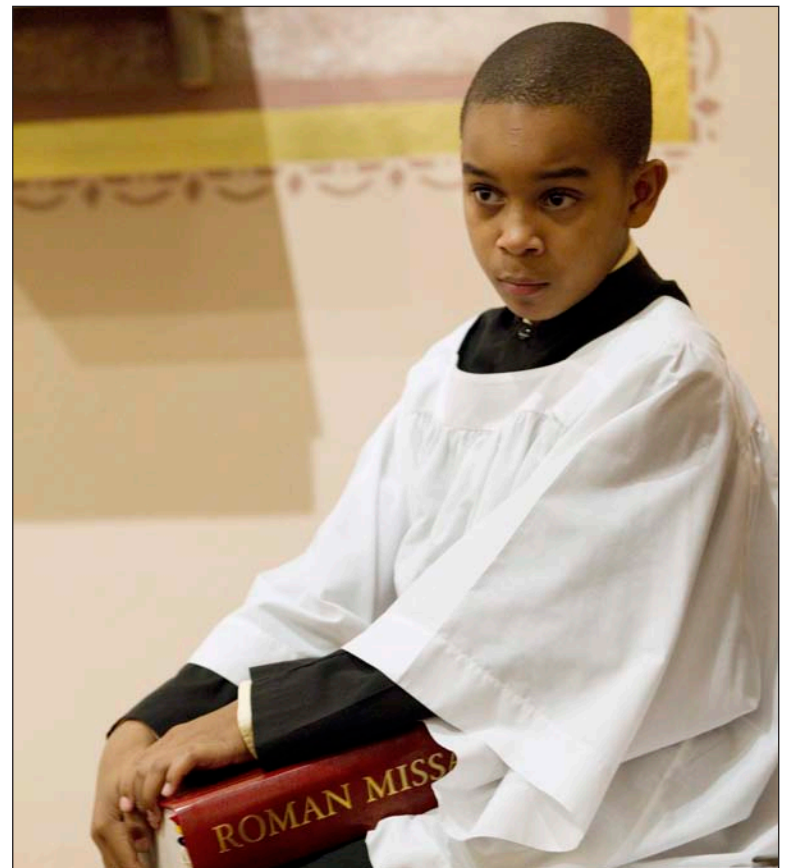
The Vatican is arranging for worldwide television broad-

casts of the event, according to Archbishop Claudio Celli, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. He described it as a "sung meditation" on Christmas.

As usual, Pope Benedict XVI is expected to bless the gathering from his apartment above the square.

Vatican workers were already building this year's Nativity scene, which features larger-than-life statues of the Holy Family and the Magi, plus new elements each year.

ALTAR SERVER HOLDS ROMAN MISSAL



CNS PHOTO/NANCY PHELAN WIECHEC

Altar server Aaron Johnson holds a copy of the new English translation of the Roman Missal during Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Alexandria, Va., Nov. 27. The new missal was used for the first time in churches across the nation on the first Sunday of Advent. Churchgoers at St. Joseph's took the changes in stride and with good humor as they stammered through the new wording.

Penn State crisis shows sex abuse pervasive in US society, many say

BY LIZ O'CONNOR

LEVITTOWN, Pa. (CNS) — The child sexual abuse crisis at Penn State University brings into focus the harsh reality that the problem is pervasive in U.S. society, according to experts in the field and Church officials.

Former defensive coach Jerry Sandusky has been charged with sexually assaulting eight boys over a 15-year span. Other college officials have been indicted for a failure to respond appropriately to reports that Sandusky was seen engaging in sexual behavior with children recruited through his connection with a children's charity.

The school fired football coach Joe Paterno, who was in his 46th year, and the university president for not doing enough to act on reports of the alleged abuse.

Linda L. Dunlap, a psychology professor at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., said if the 74-year-old Paterno had "just been some coach at some college somewhere," and not a coach with such a stellar reputation, the Penn State case might have made the local news, but not drawn national attention.

Such abuse of children "is not happening more with coaches than with other groups," Dunlap said; most abusers are family members.

The news of Penn State's problems "has reopened a wound in the Church as well," New York Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan said Nov. 14 at a news conference in Baltimore during the bishops' fall general assembly.

"It shows the scourge (of sex abuse) is not limited to any one faith and certainly not limited to priests," said the president of the U.S. bishops' conference. "It's in organizations, in universities, all over the place, in families and, yes, in priests."

Archbishop Dolan said the Church's own sex-abuse scandal "makes us a little timid about wanting to give advice — glass houses and all that."

But he said the Church's experience with providing safe environment training to help children and their parents, as well as clergy and Church volunteers, become more aware of the warning signs of child sex abuse has been "phenom-



CNS PHOTO/TIM SHAFFER, REUTERS

Penn State and Nebraska football players and staff join at midfield for a prayer prior to their NCAA football game in State College, Pa., Nov. 12. Many say the Penn State abuse crisis shines the spotlight on just how pervasive the abuse problem is in U.S. society.

enally advantageous" over the past decade.

"We've got a long way to go, but we have made major strides," he said.

The Penn State situation makes everyone aware that "we're looking at a societal issue," agreed Deacon Bernie Nojadera, executive director of the U.S. Catholic bishops' Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection.

The Church's response — in line with the bishops' "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" first adopted in 2002 and revised in 2005 and last June — focuses on reporting, putting the children's needs first and ongoing education, Deacon Nojadera told Catholic News Service.

"Education has been absolutely key" to giving parents and children a voice, he said. "Anyone working with a vulnerable population"

should absolutely know about ways to prevent abuse and how to report abuse if they suspect or witness it. "Our children should know that they are safe and protected."

What the Church specifically has to offer, Deacon Nojadera said, is that "we realized we made mistakes" in the past "and we're learning from those mistakes."

The Church also is aware, he said, that simply acknowledging past mistakes doesn't mean the need for action is past, or ever will be past.

"Vigilance (remains) paramount, and the call is for everyone to be vigilant in this matter."

Bishop Blase J. Cupich of Spokane, Wash., immediate past chairman of the bishops' Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People, agreed that the work of the Church, especially the "causes and context" study done in conjunction with

the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, has shown the abuse of children is a problem throughout society.

The situation at Penn State, where college officials to whom the abuse was reported failed to follow through with investigation and report to law enforcement even after all the publicity, he said, is "stunning — that they didn't see it (the scandals in the Catholic Church) as a wake-up call."

The bishop said a complete, organic safe environment program must be in place, including background checks, clear guidelines for reporting abuse, and the education of children and adults about what is and isn't appropriate behavior with children and young people.

"This work is never over. We have to create a culture where kids come first," he said.

Al Notzon of San Antonio, chair of the bishops' National Review Board, also addressed the importance of reporting abuse. "You report it when you see it, and you report it to law enforcement," he told CNS. It also should be reported within the organization involved, but must be reported to legal authorities.

Charol Shakeshaft, professor and chair of the Department of Educational Leadership at Virginia Commonwealth University, was an early researcher in the area of sexual abuse of children in public schools.

She said the first thing the Penn State staff should have learned from the Catholic Church's experience was to "report immediately."

Too often, she said, reports are made within institutions but go nowhere. Despite any concerns for the reputation of the institution or individuals, she said, "when you do start to disclose, disclose fully and honestly."

Preventing abuse in the first place is the most important thing, Shakeshaft said, and being aware that a seemingly kind, good person may be an abuser.

In fact, several experts note that abusers are often seen as the most popular, generous, congenial people in a group — characteristics that give them access to children.

According to Shakeshaft, many organizations have a protocol that keeps the mandated reporting of suspected child abuse within the organization, as happened at Penn State.

But, she said, "when you see a child being abused, you are witnessing a crime, and you call the police." Just as with any other crime, "if you view it, if it's reported to you, you call the police."

She said progress has been made in preventing child abuse, including good training programs, some of them developed within the Catholic Church; taking the problem seriously; and wider reporting of offenses. But the Penn State case, she said, shows us how much further we still have to go.

Any place where there are children, she said, there's likely to be sexual abuse, because "people who sexually abuse kids go to places where there are children."

As Notzon put it, "healthy adults do not socialize one-on-one with children," and there should be no relationships that involve keeping secrets from the child's parents or from supervisory personnel.

Other examples of boundary violations mentioned by experts included such things as a teacher having breakfast alone with a child before school, giving a child his or her personal cell phone number, driving alone in a car with a child to a school sports event, or giving a child a valuable gift.

Training must be ongoing, Notzon said, because there are always new children, coaches, teachers, priests and volunteers coming into the system, and organizations have to keep monitoring and evaluating their policies.

"Every institution in society" has to look at everything they are doing with a focus on children, he said. "We've got to protect them."

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San José, LaGrange,
12 de diciembre del 2011
5 p.m. — Apariciones~Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y San Juan Diego, Drama
5:30 p.m. — Misa Presidida por Monseñor Kevin C. Rhoades

San Vicente de Paul, Elkhart
10 de diciembre del 2011
4:30 a.m. — Rosario, seguido inmediatamente por el drama de las Apariciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, mañanitas y desayuno.
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12 de diciembre del 2011
6:30 p.m. — Misa Bilingüe y dra.m.a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe por los estudiantes de educación religiosa

San Patricio, Fort Wayne
10 de diciembre del 2011
7 p.m. — Obra Apariciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en el Auditorio del Liceo
11 de diciembre del 2011
12:30 p.m. — Misa, seguida por las Apariciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
12 de diciembre del 2011
5 a.m. — Mañanitas a la Santísima Virgen de Guadalupe
5:30 a.m. — Misa, Seguido por Pan Dulce y Chocolate
6 p.m. — Misa

San Jose, Fort Wayne
11 de diciembre del 2011
11:30 a.m. — Misa, seguido por un almuerzo "putluck" patrocinado



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6 a.m. — Las Mañanitas
8 a.m. — Misa en Honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

San Juan Evangelista, Goshen
11 de diciembre del 2011
1 p.m. — Misa (Regular) y convivencia
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11 p.m. — Misa — Vigilia Solemne
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7 p.m. — Rosario, seguido por refrigerios
12 de diciembre del 2011
11:45 p.m. — Mañanitas, Misa y

cena en honor de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

San Patricio, Ligonier
11 de diciembre del 2011
11 p.m. — Apariciones y Mañanitas
12 de diciembre del 2011
4:30 p.m. — Nos reuniremos en el Gazebo al lado de la estación de bomberos para organizar la procesión
5 p.m. — Procesión hasta la Iglesia San Patricio
6 p.m. — Misa en honor de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

San Miguel, Plymouth
10 de diciembre del 2011
5 p.m. — Misa seguida por una gran celebración y fiesta en honor de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
11 de diciembre del 2011
11:30 p.m. — Mañanitas
12 de diciembre del 2011
6 p.m. — Misa

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3 al 10 de diciembre — Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
6 p.m. — Rosario en el edificio de las oficinas de San Adalberto
11 de diciembre del 2011
9 p.m. a 10 p.m. — Interpretación Musical en la Iglesia por grupo local
10:30 p.m. — Rosario
11 p.m. — Mañanitas
11:30 p.m. — Danza Azteca
12 Media Noche — Misa Español
12 de diciembre del 2011

6 p.m. — Rosario
6:20 p.m. — Danza
7 p.m. — Misa Español
8 p.m. — Cena Edificio Escolar

Nuestra Señora de Hungría, South Bend

10 de diciembre del 2011
7 p.m. — Celebraciones continuas en este orden: Danza de Niños, Apariciones, Rosario, Mañanitas con Banda, Misa, Convivio en el gimnasio de la escuela
12 de diciembre del 2011
7 p.m. — Mañanitas, Misa, Convivio en el sótano de la Iglesia

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw
Homenaje a La Santísima Virgen de Guadalupe

3 al 10 de diciembre del 2011
6 p.m. — Novenario: Misa con Rosario y Convivio
11 de diciembre del 2011
11 p.m. — Misa
12 Medianoche — Mañanitas con Mariachis y Convivio
12 de diciembre del 2011
5 p.m. — Danza
6 p.m. — Misa de Clausura

St. Dominic, Bremen

11 de diciembre del 2011
después de la misa de 12:30 p.m. (medio día) una Fiesta en honor de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe con "Potluck" (Fiesta de Traje)
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U.S. priest serving at doctrinal congregation is new nuncio to Ireland

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named U.S. Msgr. Charles J. Brown, a longtime official of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, as the new apostolic nuncio to Ireland. With the appointment, he was named archbishop of the titular see of Aquileia. The appointment, announced by the Vatican Nov. 26, comes at a delicate moment in Vatican-Irish relations. In July, the Vatican recalled its previous nuncio, Archbishop Giuseppe Leanza, after Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny and others sharply criticized the Vatican's handling of clerical abuse. In early November, the Irish government announced it was closing its embassy to the Holy See for economic reasons, although keeping diplomatic relations open. Archbishop-designate Brown, a 52-year-old priest of the Archdiocese of New York, has worked since 1994 in the doctrinal congregation, which was headed by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger until his election as pope in 2005. As nuncio, he will act as the Holy See's ambassador to Ireland and will also serve as a liaison with the Catholic Church community there. Vatican officials said it was unusual to appoint a non-diplomat to such a position. Some observers pointed to the fact that the doctrinal congregation has overall responsibility over cases of clerical sex abuse of minors, and said the Vatican appears to expect the nuncio to play a key role in the healing of the scandal.

Death penalty opponents praise Oregon governor for declaring moratorium

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — Catholic and other opponents of the death penalty praised Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber for placing a moratorium on the use of the death penalty for the rest of his term. "Those of us who respect the dignity of human life from conception to natural death applaud this decision," said Portland Archbishop John G. Vlazny. "This is what we have been praying for and asking for," said Ron Steiner, a member of Queen of Peace Parish in Salem and an organizer for Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. Kitzhaber announced his decision Nov. 22, saying he regretted allowing two men to be executed during his first time in office in the 1990s. A Democrat, he was out of political life for eight years before being elected again in November 2010. His new term began in January and ends in January 2015. Having received letters and petitions from Oregon Catholic leaders and other foes of capital punishment, the governor said he is morally opposed to the practice and supports life without parole as the most serious sanction for aggravated murder. With the moratorium in place, Oregon joins 16 other states and the District of Columbia that do not have the death penalty. Of those 16, Illinois is the most recent one to abolish it, in 2011. His decision halts for now the planned execution of

NUN WALKS THROUGH MUD FOLLOWING SICILIAN LANDSLIDE



CNS PHOTO/ ANTONIO PARRINELLO, REUTERS

Nuns walk in the mud following a landslide in Sicily Nov. 23. A young boy died and at least three others remain missing after mudslides triggered by torrential rain on the Mediterranean island destroyed several houses, local authorities said.

double-murderer Gary Haugen, who was set to die by lethal injection Dec. 6. Haugen, who had sought his own death, is one of 37 men on Oregon's death row. All now have at least a temporary reprieve. Kitzhaber, his voice trembling, sounded as if he wished he had established the ban 15 years ago, before the executions of Douglas Wright and Harry Moore in 1996 and 1997. Like Haugen, the two men refused to continue legal appeals. "I do not believe those executions made us safer," Kitzhaber said during a news conference. "Certainly I don't believe they made us nobler as a society. And I simply cannot participate once again in something I believe to be morally wrong."

Pakistan to review list of obscene words that includes 'Jesus Christ'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Pakistani telecom agency backed off a ban on "obscene" words — including the name Jesus Christ — in text messages on mobile phones. The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority released a list of more than 1,600 words that it considered to be "vulgar, obscene or harmful" and ordered phone companies to block text messages containing those words. However, an official from the authority told Agence France-Presse that it would review and shorten the list before issuing the ban. It did not list a time frame. Father Nadeem John Shakir, secretary of the commission for social communications

for the Pakistani bishops' conference, told the Vatican missionary news agency Fides Nov. 21 that "the Catholic Church of Pakistan will put pressure on the government to eliminate the name of Christ from the prohibited list. We understand the desire to protect the minds of young people but why include the name of Christ? What is obscene? Banning it is a violation of our right to evangelize and hurts the feelings of Christians," Father Shakir told Fides. "If the ban is confirmed, it would be a black page for the country, a further act of discrimination against Christians and an open violation of Pakistan's constitution," he said.

State high court says backers of Prop 8 have standing to appeal ruling

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — The faith-based groups that sponsored Proposition 8, the state's 2008 voter-approved ban on same-sex marriage, have the right to appeal a federal judge's 2010 ruling the ban is unconstitutional, the state's high court said. The California Supreme Court issued a unanimous opinion Nov. 17. Catholics are among the backers of Prop 8 who appealed to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals the ruling that it discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation and gender. As the circuit court took up the issue, its judges needed to resolve a question: Do the backers of the proposition have the legal right to defend it in court

when two elected officials, the former governor and the former attorney general refused to do so? The appellate judges put the case on hold and asked the California Supreme Court to decide the matter. Chief Justice Tani Gorre Cantil-Sakauye, writing for the court, said that "it is essential to the integrity of the initiative process ... that there be someone to assert the state's interests in an initiative's validity on behalf of the people when the public officials who normally assert that interest decline to do so." That was a victory for ProtectMarriage.com as a proponent of Prop 8, and it allows the 9th Circuit now to resolve the critical question in the case — whether or not Prop 8 is constitutional — although it is expected the U.S. Supreme Court will have the final word. Andy Pugno, general counsel of ProtectMarriage.com, said: "This ruling is a huge disaster for the homosexual marriage extremists. The court totally rejected their demands that their lawsuit to invalidate Proposition 8 should win by default with no defense. Their entire strategy relied on finding a biased judge and keeping the voters completely unrepresented. Today, that all crumbled before their eyes." He added, "(The) decision is a critical step in our three-year battle to uphold marriage between a man and a woman."

Hundreds fill Atlanta cathedral for Archbishop Donoghue's funeral

ATLANTA (CNS) — The poignant sound of bagpipes rang through the cool Georgia morning air as bishops and priests, family and friends gathered to celebrate the life of retired Archbishop John F. Donoghue of Atlanta at his funeral Mass Nov. 17. Wreaths made of magnolia leaves with black ribbons adorned the entryways of the Cathedral of Christ the King as hundreds of clergy from Georgia and neighboring states, came to recognize the legacy of Archbishop Donoghue, who died Nov. 11 at age 83. In August 1993, Archbishop Donoghue was installed as the fifth archbishop of the Atlanta Archdiocese and during his tenure he was responsible for the opening of additional Catholic schools, encouraging Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration chapels and establishing the annual Eucharistic Congress, a gathering that draws nearly 30,000 Catholics from across the Southeast. Prior to his arrival in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Archbishop Donoghue served as the second bishop of the Diocese of Charlotte, N.C., for nine years. "He saw what had to be done and he did it," said Joseph Kane, who attended the funeral Mass with his wife, Connie, of the late archbishop's achievements. Kane's brother, Msgr. Thomas Kane, went through seminary with the young Donoghue and also attended the funeral. "He was a friend of the family," added Kane, who has been a parishioner at All Saints Church, Dunwoody, for 25 years. "He will be very dearly missed." A stately procession, with more than 50 deacons, about 150 priests and a dozen bishops and abbots, walked solemnly into the church, as the Cathedral Choir led the assembly in singing "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus."

Pope says economic crisis demands courage, reflection on causes

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI said the global economic crisis demands the "courage of brotherhood" between the world's rich and poor, and calls on the Church to look at the causes of poverty. The pope, addressing officials of Caritas Italy Nov. 24 at the Vatican, said true charity requires not only concrete gestures but also announcing hope and asking questions. "Responding to the needy means not only giving bread to the hungry person, but also reflecting on the causes that led to his hunger, with the gaze of Jesus who knew how to see the deep reality of the people who came close to Him," he said. The Church needs to look closely at the current economic crisis and consequent flows of human migration, the divide between the North and South, and the injury to human dignity suffered by many people, he said. All of this "calls us to a charity that is able to widen, in concentric circles, from the small economic systems to the big ones," he said.

St. Joseph, Garrett, hosts mission

GARRETT — St. Joseph Church in Garrett will host a parish mission from Dec. 10-14, with Franciscan Father David Mary Engo as speaker each evening at 6:30 p.m. The theme is "The Door to Christ is Open."

An evening of Reconciliation will be held Dec. 13 with Father Andrew Nazareth of St. Joseph Parish and other area priests.

A closing 6:30 p.m. Mass on Dec. 14, will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Light refreshments will be served. Childcare will be provided Dec. 10, 12 and 14.

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School wins in 'We the People' competition

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School eighth graders competed and one class won in the overall class score at the district competition of "We the People" on Nov. 11 at the University of Saint Francis.

"We the People" is a program that promotes civil competence and responsibility among upper elementary and secondary students. Since the program's start in 1987, more than 30 million students have participated in this innovative course of civic study.

The students, broken up into six units, prepared four-minute speeches to present before a panel of judges, and then responded to question-and-answer sessions. Among the units questions were: What were the founders' basic ideas about government? What shaped the founders' thinking about government? How was the Constitution used to establish our government? How does the Constitution protect our basic rights?

"We are so proud of our entire eighth grade," said St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School Principal Lois Widner. "They did an excellent job preparing for this competition. What an outstanding group of students. We are looking forward to the state competition on Dec. 17."

Class 8A, moderated by junior high teacher Kristi Hagan, also won first place in units 2, 4 and 5. The class of 28 students will now travel to the "We the People" state competition at Plainfield High School in Indianapolis on Dec. 17 to compete against the other school district winners from throughout the state of Indiana.

SJSE student receives Carson scholar award

FORT WAYNE — Leah Schroeder, an eighth grader at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School in Fort Wayne, was recognized in Indianapolis on Nov. 14 at the Carson Scholars



LEAH SCHROEDER

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FOOD GIVEAWAY AT MISS VIRGINIA HOUSE



JOE ROMIE

Sacks of Thanksgiving food were given away to over 700 low income people, who formed a long line at Miss Virginia's Mission House on South Hannah Street in Fort Wayne on Tuesday, Nov. 22. Bishop Dwenger graduate and former NFL player Jason Fabini led a team of volunteers, including Fabini's four sons and father, in distributing the food. Two-hundred-eighty turkey roasts were donated by Cooper Farms, and additional holiday food was provided by the students of St. Charles Borromeo School and Community Harvest Food Bank.

Awards ceremony. Schroeder was selected by her teachers based on the following criteria: academic excellence, service to school and community, and being a role model to others. The Carson Scholarship is a monetary college scholarship created by Dr. Ben Carson and his wife Candy.

Past SJSE scholarship recipients who have renewed their status as Carson Scholars are Michelle Adgalanis, Mark Hellinger and Samantha Rahrig.

Live a life of no regrets

DECATUR — Robert Rogers will be speaking at St. Mary's of the Assumption Parish on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. Rogers experienced a tragedy when he lost his wife and all four children in a flash flood in Kansas in 2003. Rogers started the "Mighty in the Land" ministry in January 2004 to change the way people live their Godly and family relationships — through a compelling message of hope, encouragement and priorities.

Rogers has risen above his pain to share his compelling story of how one can "Live a life of no regrets." Rogers has also released several music CD's of hope and praise that will be available the

night of the talk. Call (260) 724-2605 for details.

USF hosting 'Star of Bethlehem 2011'

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host an annual Christmas presentation, "Star of Bethlehem 2011," in the Edwin Clark Schouweiler Memorial Planetarium in Achatz Hall of Science for three weekends in December.

The show will present possible explanations for the biblical Star of Bethlehem, taking the audience back in time to follow the journey of the Magi under the Middle Eastern sky of 3-2 B.C. "Star of Bethlehem" begins with the sky of Christmas this year and the current planet positions.

Following the formal show, planetarium staff will lead a tour of the night sky and instruct on how to see all five visible planets in one night. A preview of the May 2012 Venus/Jupiter conjunction, similar to a conjunction reported biblically as seen by the Wisemen in 3-2 B.C., will also be discussed.

"Star of Bethlehem" is open to the public, and tickets can be purchased at the door. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior

citizens and children under age 18. The maximum charge per family will be \$14. The staff advises parents of children under age 5 to prepare their youngsters to sit quietly in near-darkness for 35 minutes. The entire show lasts approximately 90 minutes.

Those arriving early for tickets will be seated in adjacent Gunderson Auditorium for a pre-show update on International Space Station (ISS) news, recent cargo and crew transport launches and the on-orbit work of ISS crew members. A schedule follows.

- Saturday, Dec. 3, at 3 and 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 4, at 1:30 and 3 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 10, at 3 and 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 11, at 5 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 17, at 3 and 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 18, at 5 p.m.

Achatz Hall of Science is located on Leesburg Road. For more information, visit www.sf.edu/planetarium, call Jean Sorg at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8211 or email to jsorg@sf.edu.

THANKSGIVING DINNER SERVED AT ST. MARY PARISH



MARK WEBER

A Thanksgiving Day guest at St. Mary Parish, Fort Wayne, was among approximately 1,500 who were served a full course turkey dinner with dressing, potatoes, cranberries, rolls and dessert. Everyone present joined Father Phillip Widmann, pastor, in an opening prayer and Thanksgiving song. It was one of the largest number of guests ever served at St. Mary's at this annual event.



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JOSEPH DERBISZEWSKI

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass at Christ the King Church in South Bend on Nov. 20, the feast of Christ the King. The parish is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the church building. New stained glass windows, top right, were recently added to the church to celebrate the anniversary. Above, Bishop Rhoades greets the faithful after Mass and celebrates Mass. Holy Cross Father Neil Wack, right, pastor of Christ the King, addresses the parishioners at the Mass.

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King)," said Coyne. "Father Neil is pastor at Christ the King and a 1984 graduate of the school. Father Wack is excited to be completing the work begun by Father Funke (Holy Cross Father Clement Funke, pastor at that time) and parishioners who built the church 50 years ago."

Coyne noted that founded in 1933 as an offshoot of Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame, the little white church by the highways opened its doors in 1935. It was not long before the parish community outgrew the small church, so plans were made to build a bigger church on the property. The new church was completed, but without the resources necessary to include the stained glass windows in the original plan.

Members of the Knights of

Columbus and several Holy Cross priests accompanied Bishop Rhoades down the aisle at the beginning of Mass. He thanked the community for their generous donations and support of this church.

"It is a wonderful demonstration of your faith, your commitment to your parish, and your desire to make this sacred place, dedicated 50 years ago to the glory and honor of Christ the King, an even more beautiful house of God. We remember in our prayers today all the faithful and generous parishioners since this parish's founding in 1933, 78 years ago. We remember all the priests and sisters who have served here. In a special way, we remember the first pastor of Christ the King Parish, Holy Cross Father Clement Funke. I am using Father Funke's chalice for this Mass today," said Bishop Rhoades.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades talked about the kingdom of God and the differences between Jesus and other rulers and kings in his-

tory.

"In today's Gospel, we heard the last teaching of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel before His entering Jerusalem to face His crucifixion and death. The parable presents the great scene of the last judgment, with the Son of Man, Christ the King, seated upon His glorious throne. The Lord of history and King of the universe separates the sheep from the goats. The judgment is based on their acceptance or rejection of Jesus, who identifies Himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the ill and the imprisoned," said Bishop Rhoades.

"After Jesus taught this parable, He made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem," continued Bishop Rhoades. "Christ the King entered into the holy city not on a great chariot of war, like other kings, but He entered riding on a donkey, the animal of the common man and of the poor. He is not a king who dominates by political or military might. He is the King who reigns with humil-

ity and meekness.

"Our King entered the world as an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger," he said. "Our King brought peace to the world through the cross, the sign and instrument of reconciliation and forgiveness, the sign that love is stronger than violence and hatred, stronger even than death. Through the cross, evil is conquered by good, by love."

The homily was concluded with enlightenment on the feast of Christ the King and how it enters God's people through the Mass and carries through to daily life.

"Here in this newly-beautified church, your parish community enters into communion with Christ and one another through the Eucharist, the sacrament that makes the Church. Christ's sacrifice of love becomes present on the altar. We who are nourished by Jesus' Body and Blood are thus strengthened to go in peace when the Mass is ended, to go forth as loyal subjects of Christ the King, not with weapons of war or earthly power, but with the

gift of self, with love carried even to our enemies.

"Jesus does not conquer the world with the force of arms, but with the force of the cross, which is the true guarantee of victory (Pope Benedict). As disciples of Jesus, we are to be His envoys, His ambassadors, as St. Paul said. This means that at times we will be treated as He was treated. Jesus said that to be His disciples, we must deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow Him. The Eucharist strengthens us to do so," encouraged Bishop Rhoades.

He concluded, "Being members of a parish with the title of 'Christ the King,' you are particularly led to reflect on the mystery that the whole Church celebrates today: the mystery of Christ's Kingship and His Kingdom. We honor and serve our King when we practice the works of mercy, when we recognize Him in the least of our brothers and sisters. May we all serve our King with love and fidelity."



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Pope's critique of global economic system resurfaces in Africa

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A few minutes after landing in Africa, Pope Benedict XVI delivered a stern warning against the “unconditional surrender to the law of the market or that of finance” in Africa and throughout the global economic system.

His words were immediately seized upon by those wondering where the German pope stood on a recent Vatican document that proposed the creation of a world political authority to regulate financial markets and rein in the “inequalities and distortions of capitalist development.”

In short, it seemed the pope was speaking the same language as the document's authors.

In his own document unveiled during the Nov. 18-20 trip to Benin, the pope asked all members of the Church to “work and speak out in favor of an economy that cares for

the poor and is resolutely opposed to an unjust order which, under the pretext of reducing poverty, has often helped to aggravate it.”

He specifically denounced business groups that exploit African resources and leave local populations impoverished.

All of this seemed to echo the tone of the 41-page text on global financial reform released in late October by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

Such admonitions, however, are nothing new for Pope Benedict. Those who have paid attention in recent years know that the pope has consistently taken a wary and critical view of the global economic system and the disparities it has generated.

Above all, he has taken aim at the patterns of consumption that seem to be built into the structures of modern capitalism. He has done so repeated-

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ly, in language that leaves no doubt about where he stands.

In 2007, for example, he deplored materialistic ideologies that tell people: “Take everything we can get in this brief moment of life. Consumerism, selfishness and entertainment alone are worthwhile. This is life. This is how we must live. And once again, it seems absurd, impossible, to oppose this dominant mindset

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A reason for hope



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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2nd Sunday in Advent Mk 1:1-8

The second part of the Book of Isaiah provides the first reading for this second Sunday of Advent.

When this book was written, God's people were very happy. Their long, dreary exile of four generations in Babylon was about to end. They were looking forward to returning to their homeland. This reading well captures the people's joy and relief. It certainly captures their longing to return to their homeland.

Also, and importantly, these verses well convey the sense that this happy circumstance has occurred as a result of God's mercy and of God's faithfulness to the Covenant.

It was not as if the people had earned God's munificence in this regard, or that they had been unusually loyal to the Covenant themselves. To the contrary, their sins had brought misery upon themselves.

But, nevertheless, God's mercy endured! So, the prophet insists that upon returning to their homeland, the people must go to Jerusalem, to the holy mountain where stood the temple, and there proclaim aloud the goodness of God.

For its second reading this weekend, the Church presents a passage from the Second Epistle

of Peter. Its theme differs from that of the first reading. The first reading was wonderfully optimistic. This reading is grim in its predictions of dark days and of unwelcome possibilities in the future.

However, and this is critical, it does not predict everlasting death. Bad things will happen. Difficult times will come, but God always will protect the faithful. In this last reassurance, the reading parallels the message of the first reading.

St. Mark's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is the beginning of the Gospel, as the first verse of the reading states, and the very opening verse states the purpose of this Scripture. It is the “Good News” about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

In these relatively few words, the entire reality of salvation is revealed. Something new is being proclaimed, utterly different from the sad moods and dreariness of human life, unbound by the variances of earthly existence. The news, furthermore, is good! Jesus, the Son of God, both conveys this Good News and brings its effectiveness into human life.

This reading quotes Isaiah's prophecy that God will send a representative to guide the people from death to life, from the deadly effects of their sins to the bright realms of God's forgiveness. God has been true to this pledge. He gives us Jesus.

The Gospel then tells of John the Baptist, who went throughout Judea calling people to repentance. John recognized Jesus. Anyone can recognize Jesus, the Son of God. Too many, however, create an unrealistic image, an invention to confirm the easy way out or excuse us from the task of genuine conversion.

Reflection

In Advent, the Church clearly, frankly and directly calls people to remember who they are as humans and to realize sin's devastating results. Such was the message of John the Baptist.

These steps require frankness and humility. We first must admit our sin and also our human limitations. We must see what sin, or total estrangement from and rejection of God, actually is. It is the cause of eternal death and often of misery in earthly existence.

The ultimate message, nevertheless, is not of doom and gloom. While we are limited and have sinned, while we may have made quite a mess for ourselves and for others, all of this weekend's readings remind us that God's mercy is overwhelming and unending. So, we have reason to hope. God will forgive us. God will strengthen us.

The key to obtaining this mercy personally is in admitting our personal sin and repenting. God does not drag us kicking and screaming into heaven, so we must turn to God — wholeheartedly.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab-14 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10-13 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Advent etiquette

During the beginning of Advent, I always hope to come up with something more meaningful, amazing and inspiring than the previous year. This is silly. While we've done, as a family, some wonderful Advent readings, made some pretty nice Advent calendars, and spent fruitful time lighting Advent candles and trying to integrate spiritual reading with family traditions, I never seem to remember, until after I've fretted about the current year's preparations, that Advent is not about outdoing oneself year after year. It's about making a simple preparation for Jesus and His birth at Christmas.

The best Advent “kickoff,” if I may borrow a phrase from the Thanksgiving football hubbub, is a trip to Confession with the family, followed by frequent reception of the sacraments, and a renewed determination to make room in one's heart for the Christ and the graces He wants to pour forth each Advent season. It really is that simple.

I was searching last week for an old document I had written and came across something very special that I had almost forgotten about. I am sure it was no coincidence that God allowed me to find it just when I did. It was a memo written by a dear priest to his students, and is a gem of wisdom for all of us. I would like to simply share a few choice points as we start “setting our souls” right for Advent. Not following some of these recommendations do not necessarily mean we are committing sin, but adhering to them makes us better people, for sure. It was written for young people, and should be shared with them, but I'm thinking that we can all use the reminders. I know I can. Thank you, Father S., for your advice and wisdom, given so many years ago, which still lights our paths and leads our way in practical and yet timeless ways.

Here they are:

- We should wear clothes to church that will not draw attention to us.
- We should keep a proper mental attitude at Mass. We should remember we are going to worship God and by offering the same sacrifice that Jesus offered Him. Everything we have comes from Him; He is our whole future.

- Inside church — charitable silence.

- On arriving at the place we plan to worship, we should genuflect and go to the middle. We should not sit on the end and make everyone else stumble over us to get in. If we are with a friend or relative, we stop at the place. The woman genuflects first and enters, and the man genuflects and follows the woman.

- Once inside, we touch our right hand fingers to the holy



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water and make the sign of the cross. While doing so, we quietly pray, “May this holy water cleanse my mind from all vain, evil or distracting thoughts.”

- We are expected to fully participate in the prayers and singing at Mass. We are not attending a performance or a movie and simply observing.

- At Communion time we must remember to be sure there are no personal mortal sins and that the Eucharistic fast (one hour) has been observed. To receive Holy Communion in mortal sin is another mortal sin of sacrilege (disrespect of Jesus). It is bad form to consciously look to notice who receives Communion and who does not.

- At Communion time, we simply follow the pattern established in the church where we are attending Mass. When it is convenient, it is good manners for the man to step back and allow the woman to precede him to the Communion line.

- Once the recessional song is finished it is a sign of proper church etiquette to once again kneel and pray for a few minutes in thanksgiving for receiving our Lord.

A few non-church related suggestions include the following and struck me as excellent codes of behavior that I am going to strive towards this Advent season. I've already shared them with my children. Perhaps you would like to share them with yours.

- Do not ridicule anyone or be witty at another's expense.

- Avoid criticism and fault-finding. This is a defect, which grows, and it can develop to such an extent as to make one unbearable in conversation

- Abstain from all low and vulgar words of expression

- To mimic peculiarities of others is disrespectful and offensive.

- Always speak of God, of the saints, of holy things, with the greatest reverence.

May you and your family have a blessed and holy Advent.

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Downsizing-to-grow in Ireland

Catholicism is in crisis all over Old Europe. Nowhere is that crisis more pronounced than in Ireland, where clerical corruption and disastrous episcopal leadership have collided with rank political expediency and a rabidly anti-clerical media to produce a perfect storm of ecclesiastical meltdown. The country whose constitution begins "In the name of the Most Holy Trinity..." is now thoroughly post-Christian. And while there has been no one cause of that radical secularization, the Church in Ireland had best look to itself, its sins, its errors, and its unbecoming alliance with political power as it considers how to begin anew.

That reconsideration would be aided by dramatic Vatican action that includes a major downsizing of the Irish dioceses. There are currently four metropolitan sees and 22 dioceses in Ireland, for a total of 26 ecclesiastical jurisdictions. Ireland's total population is some 4.6 million, which is about the total Catholic population of the archdiocese of Los Angeles. That there are 26 dioceses in Ireland is manifestly absurd.

So one step toward the reform of the Church in Ireland will be to rationalize what has become an irrational ecclesiastical structure: an overgrowth that has, over time, become an impediment to the Church's mission. And rationalizing, in this instance, means downsizing. It's not a matter of retribution ("You made a colossal mess, so you have to be punished"). The point is to create structures through which the new evangelization in Ireland, which is going to be a struggle in any case, can flow.

The downsizing should not be

symbolic, but deep, mirroring the deep reform to which the Church in Ireland is called. Halving the number of current Irish dioceses by combining some sees and suppressing others would put an average of 354,000 Catholics into each restructured Irish diocese. That's still less than half the Catholics in Pittsburgh, so no complaints ought to be heard from Irish clergy or bishops about "draconian measures," should the Holy See make a dramatic reduction in the number of Irish dioceses.

Then there is the question of replacing bishops. That many Irish bishops are resisting proposals for downsizing the number of Irish dioceses confirms the impression that the present Irish episcopal bench must be cleared: again, not as a matter of retribution (although in some cases deposition for malfeasance would certainly be warranted), but as an essential prerequisite to re-establishing a foundation of public confidence for the new evangelization of the Emerald Isle. And in considering candidates for a reduced number of episcopal chairs in Ireland, the Holy See might well look outside, as well as inside, Ireland for candidates.

Michael Joseph Curley, the archbishop of Baltimore who confirmed my father, came to Baltimore as successor to Cardinal Gibbons in 1921. Curley was a native Irishman; he was ordained in Florida, where he served as a circuit-riding priest before becoming bishop of St. Augustine at age 34. Seven years later, he succeeded the most important Catholic churchman since John Carroll. If this native of Athlone, educated in Limerick and Dublin,



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could become the archbishop of the premier see of the United States at a moment in American history marked by deep anti-Irish and anti-Catholic prejudices, it is not clear why (to take hypothetical examples) a native of Los Angeles educated in Denver, or a New Orleans native educated in Washington, D.C., could not become a bishop in Ireland today.

Twenty-first century Ireland is mission territory. The damage of recent decades has been so severe that it is not so much a matter of reforming the Church as of re-founding it: and re-founding it as a vibrant evangelical movement, not as a clericalist institution. That re-founding will require institutional downsizing in the service of radical evangelization. That re-evangelization, in turn, will require bishops on fire with the Gospel, men who can make the Christian proposal compelling again amidst widespread cynicism and bitterness. Men of that caliber can come from anywhere. Serious Irish Catholics will welcome them, whatever the place-of-birth recorded on their passports.

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ing rise to a worrying degradation of personal dignity through drugs, alcohol and deceptive illusions of happiness."

Visiting a homeless shelter in 2010, the pope described the global economic system as a world in which "the logic of profit and the search for self-interest seems to prevail." That was a key point in his 2009 encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), which said financial speculation for "short-term profit" was a cause of global financial insecurity.

Last July, the pope said world hunger was also a consequence of the current economic model: "How can we be silent about the fact that even food has become the object of speculation or is tied to the course of a financial market that, lacking definite rules and poor in moral principles, appears anchored to the sole objective of profit?"

The document by the justice and peace council was more specific than papal pronouncements in proposing concrete measures to correct economic imbalances, and that's where it drew the most criticism. In particular, its call for a "central world bank" to regulate monetary exchanges was seen by some as violating the Church's teaching about subsidiarity — the principle that a central author-

ity should perform only those tasks which cannot be performed effectively at a more local level.

Writing about economic and social justice in his document on Africa, Pope Benedict reiterated that principle and cited the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church: "In accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, neither the state nor any larger society should substitute itself for the initiative and responsibility of individuals and intermediary bodies."

But Pope Benedict also has expressed his view that current modes of regulating the financial system have failed, and that new structures and institutions may be needed.

Addressing the Pontifical Academy of Social Science in 2010, the pope strongly argued that the market is not a self-calibrating mechanism and that oversight may have to take new forms.

"The worldwide financial breakdown has, as we know, demonstrated the fragility of the present economic system and the institutions linked to it. It has also shown the error of the assumption that the market is capable of regulating itself, apart from public intervention and the support of internalized moral standards," he said.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for December 4, 2011

Mark 1:1-8

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Advent, Cycle B: the beginning of Mark's Gospel. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| JESUS CHRIST | WRITTEN | ISAIAH |
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| CRYING OUT | STRAIGHT | FORGIVENESS |
| SINS | PEOPLE | CLOTHED |
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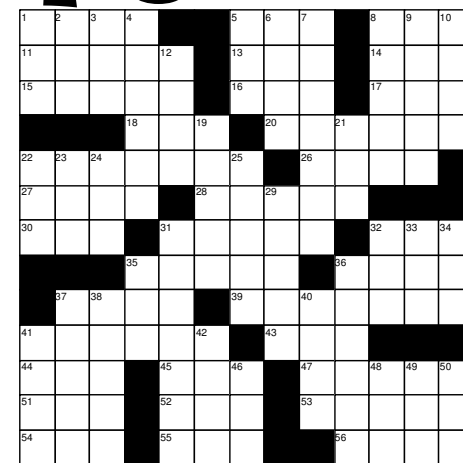
The same year, addressing Catholic economic experts, the pope said economic models based on "irresponsible consumption of natural and environmental resources" were jeopardizing the well-being of present and future generations.

He has warned that "the consumer race and consequent waste" not only threaten supplies of resources but also tend to generate a spiritual vacuum among people in well-off countries. He views consumerism as an ideology, and he said in 2010 that the prevailing models of consumption and production are clearly unsustainable.

Visiting Brazil in 2007, the pope critiqued the false promises of Marxism and capitalism. Marxism, he said, has left a sad heritage of economic and spiritual destruction. He added: "And we can also see the same thing happening in the West, where the distance between rich and poor is growing constantly, and giv-

The CrossWord

December 4 and 11, 2011



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Based on these Scripture Readings: IS 40:1-5, 9-11 and Mk 1:1-8 and Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

ACROSS

- 1 Desert powder
- 5 Escape key
- 8 Clock time
- 11 Book holder
- 13 Forbid
- 14 Female sheep
- 15 Back porch
- 16 Brother
- 17 Advent month
- 18 Crowd
- 20 O.T. prophet
- 22 Enigma
- 26 Get out!
- 27 Baptism to forgive

these

- 28 Horses
- 30 Digit
- 31 Heatedly
- 32 ___ Lanka
- 35 John testified to
- 36 Connect
- 37 Tiny branch
- 39 Disheartens
- 41 Charts
- 43 Reverend (abbr.)
- 44 Extinguished
- 45 Tiny
- 47 David's father
- 51 Whiz
- 52 Bar Assoc.

- 53 Tony
- 54 Danish krone (abbr.)
- 55 Still
- 56 Keystroke error

DOWN

- 1 Teaspoon (abbr.)
- 2 Expression of surprise
- 3 Allow
- 4 Scales Mountain of God
- 5 Recede
- 6 Asian dress
- 7 Angrily
- 8 Communicators
- 9 Jesus did, like blood
- 10 Technical
- 12 Builds on sand
- 19 Confuse
- 21 American Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 22 Clock time
- 23 River (Spanish)
- 24 Less than two
- 25 Flying insects
- 29 Lord's table
- 31 Way through desert
- 32 Compass point
- 33 Desert
- 34 Possessive pronoun
- 35 Brim
- 36 Pre-Christmas season
- 37 Lorry
- 38 John baptized with
- 40 ___ vu
- 41 Spur
- 42 Compass point
- 46 "Take this and ___"
- 48 Pigpen
- 49 Jesus gave Judas
- 50 English National Opera

Answer Key can be found on page 15

Sports

RUN FOR THE HEART The Run for the Heart 5K in memory of Msgr. James Wolf will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, at Sacred Heart Church in Warsaw. All proceeds go to the tuition assistance fund for Sacred Heart School. Forms are available at: runindiana.com, runkra.com or sacredheart-warsaw.org.

Saint Joseph's finishes as state 3-A runner-up

BY CHUCK FREEBY

INDIANAPOLIS — In this case, the sequel wasn't any better than the original.

For the second straight year, Saint Joseph's played in the Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 3-A state football finals. For the second straight year, the Indians suffered a 14-point loss to Bishop Chatard of Indianapolis ... this time by a 21-7 count at Lucas Oil Stadium.

"When you play a team like Chatard, if you get off to a slow start, it's darn near impossible to come back," said a disappointed Saint Joseph's Head Coach Ben Downey. "I'm very proud to have made it here two years in a row, but I would have liked a better ending."

Indeed, the Indians had difficulty getting on track against the bigger Chatard squad. As he did in 2010, Ryan Kleinschmidt led the Trojan backfield, racing 45 yards through a hole on the left side to give the Trojans a 7-0 first quarter lead.

Anthony Rulli's fumble recovery put Saint Joseph's in business at its own 44, but a drive stalled when the Indians failed to convert a fourth-and-two early in the second quarter.

Chatard embarked on an eight-play 67-yard march, capped by Kleinschmidt running behind a wall of blockers for an eight-yard jaunt to paydirt to make it 14-0 midway through the second quarter. The senior running back finished the day with 136 yards on 28 carries.

On its next possession, Chatard would strike again. Efficient quarterback Max VanVliet, who would also receive the IHSAA Mental Attitude Award, found Henry Hill out-and-out pattern for a 15-yard touchdown pass, and the defending state champs took a 21-0 lead into halftime.

Saint Joseph's finally got its offense clicking in the second half.



PHOTOS BY DIANE FREEBY

St. Joseph's seniors Collin Hickey, John Godfrey and David Arsenault accept the 3-A state runner-up trophy.

Senior quarterback Nick Carmola hit Patrick Klima for 29 yards and Collin Hickey for 30 to move the ball downfield. Carmola capped the drive on a fourth-down quarterback sneak, rolling over the back of a defender to extend the ball across the goal line and narrow the margin to 21-7.

The Indians' defense, led by 12 tackles from safety Ray Kowalski, kept Chatard off the scoreboard the rest of the game. Missed opportunities would doom the Indians. A fourth-quarter interception and fumble — both in Chatard territory — sealed the Tribe's fate.

"We came here knowing we couldn't have turnovers and we had turnovers," said a dejected Carmola afterwards. "We played hard all season. I love these guys like brothers, and that's what makes it so hard to come up short."

"It's been such a privilege and an honor to play at Saint Joe for four

years," stated an emotional Hickey, who missed part of the season due to a heart ailment. "People just have no idea how special it is. I wouldn't trade any second of these four years. I love everybody who is a part of this program. The second-half effort today really showed what we are all about. Unfortunately, we just ran into a great team today."

For Coach Downey, two state finals trips in his first two years as a head coach did offer some solace.

"I'm just proud as can be about their effort," said Downey of his squad, which finishes the season with a 12-3 record. "These guys did a phenomenal job all year. We love coaching them. We love their personalities and the way they represent the school. I have a tremendous amount of pride right now, but obviously a lot of disappointment, especially for the seniors because they don't get another crack at it."

Morken honored with Mental Attitude Award

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

INDIANAPOLIS — In addition to winning a third straight football state championship title on Friday, Nov. 25, Bishop Luers High School also earned the distinct honor of having one of their senior players named as the 2011 Class 2-A Phil N. Eskew Mental Attitude Award Winner.

Andrew R. (Drew) Morken was nominated by his coaches and principal then selected by members of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) executive committee as this year's victor after Bishop Luers' 41-17 rout over Evansville Mater Dei.

The award, named in honor of the IHSAA's third commissioner from 1962-76, is presented annually to a player in grade 12 in each classification of every sport who best demonstrates excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability.

Morken maintains an 11.6 grade point average on a 12.0 scale, ranking in the top five percent of the 2012 senior class at Bishop Luers. He plans to study psychology at either Wabash College or Indiana University next fall.

In addition to football, Morken has played as an outfielder for the Knights' baseball team the past three years, has been involved in the World Culture Club, is a peer tutor at the school and holds a part-time job at Bobick's Golf.

Morken also received the great honor of being chosen as a Pontifical altar server for Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Morken is the oldest of five children born to Dan and Becky Morken of Fort Wayne.

The Morkens have raised their family in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish where Drew serves as an altar server, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and greeter. Father Andrew Curry, parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth, marveled at Drew's special trait-kindness, and added, "It is very inspiring to see a young man like Drew so involved in our parish."

Football season is a busy time for the Morken family where all three of the oldest boys have been Catholic Youth League (CYO) standouts and father Dan has coached. Nic, a sophomore, also a member of the championship Luers squad, scored a 20-yard touchdown-run just after the half to put the Knights up 28-7, while Isaac, an eighth-grade running back helped lead the St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth/St.



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Andrew Morken, center, poses with his parents Dan and Becky Morken after receiving the Mental Attitude Award.

Aloysius/St. Therese (JAT) team this past season.

Dad, Dan, a noseman in his day, wore the red and black from 1980-1983. Humbled and teary-eyed, both proud parents were interviewed by television reporters after the award. Dan referred to Drew's leadership on and off football field and big heart while Becky explained, "Words can not express our joy. We are blessed to be part of this Bishop Luers community."

The tight end added a third state ring to his collection, but no season compares to his senior year. Privileged to be part of the special teams unit his sophomore year, Morken made his first appearance at Lucas Oil Stadium against Monrovia. As a casted junior, Morken high-fived with his good arm cheering on his teammates from the sideline in the win over North Putnam.

After surgery to repair his dislocated shoulder and months of physical therapy, Morken worked his tail off to gain strength back and earn a spot his senior season.

"It was so awesome making a third trip. We have a tight knit group who became like family. I couldn't have asked for a better way to close out my senior year," summarized Morken.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the IHSAA's corporate partner, presented a scholarship check for \$1,000 to Bishop Luers High School in the name of Morken.

Bishop Luers has made 14 appearances at the state title game, but Morken is just the fourth player in the school's history to receive the distinguished award. Cal Miller was the first in 1985 then Jeff Goegelein in 1992. Kyle Lindsay was the last to be honored in 2001.



The Saint Joseph's Indians football team are the runner-up class 3-A state champions.

Luers scores a three-peat state championship at Lucas Oil Stadium

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

INDIANAPOLIS — For the third straight year, Coach Matt Lindsay and the Fort Wayne Bishop Luers Knights trekked south to Lucas Oil Stadium and brought home the state of Indiana Class 2-A Football championship. The three-peat adds yet another shiny bullet to the already illustrious resume Lindsay has compiled over the last quarter of a century while at the helm of the Knights' dominating grid-iron program.

For the Knights (13-1), the outcome represented a third consecutive state title and 10th overall in 14 final appearances.

Despite losing an outstanding senior class year after year, Bishop Luers consistently keeps their revolving door of talent hauling in the titles and 2011 was no exception.

Crushing their opponents week after week in the post-season, the 10th state football title came on Friday night, Nov. 25, when the No. 1 ranked Knights beat Evansville Mater Dei, 41-17.

For Luers Coach Lindsay, it is the ninth state championship, tying him with Sheridan's Larry "Bud" Wright for the most in Indiana.

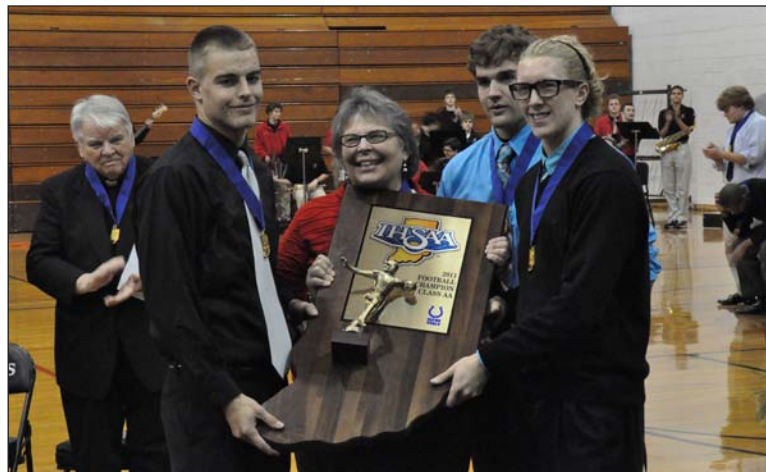
Rarely acknowledging his powerful arm and intricate field general skills, senior James Knapke is always quick to credit the great receivers he targets. However, after fumbling Luers' first play from scrimmage, the dazzling quarterback was nearly perfect through the air going 17-25 for 190 yards. The Bowling Green recruit had a pair of touchdowns when he connected twice with Mike Rogers. Running scores in the ambush came from Jaylon Smith (2), Tyvel Jemison and sophomore Nic Morken. The miserly defense also had a stellar performance all night stifling the prolific Wildcats.

The dynamic Luers offense accumulated 463 yards and averaged 7.7 yards per play. The Knights averaged 39.2 points against their five playoff opponents.

For Mater Dei (13-2), quarterback Dane Maurer passed for 126 yards and a touchdown on 12-of-24 and ran for 79 yards. Cody Hess rushed for 106 yards.

On tying Sheridan coach Bud Wright with his ninth state championship, Coach Lindsay told IHSAA reporters, "This is pretty sweet. We wanted to play our best and we did. This is a great group of guys. A great venue. A great win and it means a lot to our community."

Coach Lindsay said of the game,



BOB HARTENSTEIN

Principal Mary Keefer holds the Class 2-A championship trophy with varsity football team co-captains James Knapke, left, Casey Baker, back, and Andrew Yaney, right. Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus and school chaplain, applauds in the background.

"We expected this. I knew we could have a great game but I knew (Mater Dei) could do that to us, too."

"This was a pretty dominant performance by our kids against a very good football team," Lindsay added. "We came down here and played the best we could play. It makes you feel good as a coach. I couldn't be any happier."

Of quarterback James Knapke's performance, Lindsay said, "He's a quality quarterback and he finished in style. We'll miss his talents and leadership as we will all our seniors."

"The offensive line set the tempo from the get-go," he said. "And our execution was really good. The way we came out and took control of the line scrimmage, I applaud our kids for their effort."

Fort Wayne Bishop Luers' Andrew Morken was selected by members of the IHSAA executive committee as this year's winner of the Phil N. Eskew Mental Attitude Award in Class 2-A Football. The award, named in honor of the IHSAA's third commissioner from 1962-76, is presented annually to a senior in each classification who best demonstrates excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability.

Assembly

In what has become the conventional means for Bishop Luers football teams to close out their season, the Knights held a medal ceremony Monday afternoon in the high school gymnasium. Once again for 2011, the medals around each player's neck were hung on a blue ribbon.

Master of ceremonies, Coach Lindsay, welcomed the team, his

coaching staff, the entire student body, family and friends of the players, media and honored guests.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades gave a special blessing and congratulatory address explaining that he was at the Vatican when he received word of the win via a cell phone call from Bishop Emeritus John M. D'Arcy.

Co-chaplains Bishop D'Arcy and Father Drew Curry were also thanked and recognized. Bishop D'Arcy read a special letter sent during the season to Lindsay from former Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz detailing the honesty and integrity it took to bring attention to the fact Lindsay played an ineligible player and forfeited a Bishop Luers victory. Lindsay then introduced each player by class starting with the six freshmen all the way to the outstanding senior class as the student body erupted in applause.

Mental Attitude Award winner, Morken, was given special recognition and a standing ovation by his teammates.

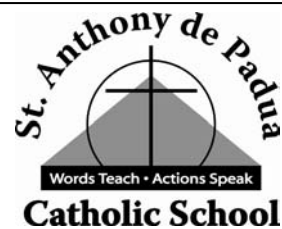
Next up, an emotional principal, Mary Keefer, shared a few special behind-the-scenes stories that come with a state championship — a bouquet of roses from Indianapolis Cathedral and note from a Bishop Dwenger parent complimenting the team's quarterback, MVP and mental attitude award winner for their polished responses to media in post-game interviews.

Superintendent Dr. Mark Myers added his thanks for the impressive way Bishop Luers represents the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Finally, the senior captains presented the state trophy to the school.



The Bishop Luers Knights football team are the class 2-A state champions.

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LeighAnn Palmer Mental Attitude Awards announced

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The LeighAnn Palmer Mental Attitude Award was established in the fall of 1995 and has been given to a St. Therese Crusader volleyball player each season ever since. The honor was designed to go to the young lady on the team who best demonstrates character, attitude and support of the team.

LeighAnn's parents, Lisa and Mike, set up the award after the accidental drowning of their daughter on May 28, 1995, just before her fourth birthday.

Lisa Palmer, who has either played or coached volleyball since the fifth grade, retired this season after 30 years of coaching. Although Palmer was never able to coach her own daughter, she continued coaching the sport she loved and was also honored at the recent athletic banquet for her dedication and passion.

"I was not expecting anything and was very surprised. It has been an emotional year for so many reasons," she explained.

For all but one season, when she honored each of her eighth graders because it was the year LeighAnn would have been an eighth grader herself, Palmer and her coaching staff have chosen one girl who is recognized on a plaque at the school.

But this year was different. Palmer decided to award all six of her eighth graders — Sarah Braun,



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All six of St. Therese, Fort Wayne, Crusaders volleyball eighth graders — Sarah Braun, Mackenzie Whitman, Sara Ormiston, Claire Rorick, Krista Jackson and Alyssa Reeder — were awarded the LeighAnn Palmer Mental Attitude Award.

Mackenzie Whitman, Sara Ormiston, Claire Rorick, Krista Jackson and Alyssa Reeder.

Palmer said, "Although our team went undefeated during the regular season and were very talented, this was not the reason. And it was not because it was my last year. The reason was because we truly could not narrow it down. We started to go through each girl and realized each was deserving. They each displayed a great attitude, got along well with each other and worked very hard."

A few of the team moms organized the special send-off for Palmer, getting in touch with many former

players during her coaching career. They wrote notes and sent their congratulations and memories. Palmer was presented with a box decorated with team pictures and articles and a signed 2011 team picture. The parish also presented her a beautiful plaque and gift certificate.

"It was very touching," a teary-eyed Palmer concluded. The Palmers also award two scholarships in the spring each year — one to a Bishop Luers-bound, St. Therese eighth grader and one to a Bishop Luers cheerleader from proceeds from the LeighAnn Palmer golf outing.

SUMMER TEAMMATES SQUARE OFF IN CYO HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

St. Jude's Emma Wolfe attempts to get around St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel's Kayla Knapke. The two squared off at the Queen of Angels Invitational over the Thanksgiving weekend featuring a preview of the CYO's finest before they kickoff the 2011-2012 season.

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Christmas concert at Bishop Luers
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Music Department will have a Christmas concert Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium. There is no charge.

Mass and healing service planned
Fort Wayne — The St. Peter Parish Holy Name Society will have a Mass and healing service with Father John Raphael Hadnagy, OFM Conv, on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 5 p.m. The service, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will follow Mass.

Little Flower Holy Hour
Fort Wayne — Deacon James Fitzpatrick will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Deacon Fitzpatrick serves at St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

Bus trip planned to Washington D.C.
Fort Wayne — The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Fort Wayne is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, D.C., April 26 to May 1. Cost is \$525 per person for double occupancy. Contact Darrel Dodane at (260) 749-2740 for more information.

Pancake, sausage breakfast with Santa
Fort Wayne — The St. Charles Athletic Association will have a pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday, Dec. 11, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the school cafete-

ria, door No. 9. All the pancakes you can eat and a chance to sit on Santa's lap. The cost is \$5 per adult; \$3.50 per child (ages 12 and under), or \$18 for the entire family. Proceeds benefit St. Charles athletics.

Fish fry
Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511 will have a fish fry on Friday, Dec. 9, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the council hall. Cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12.

Breakfast is served
Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511 will have a pancake breakfast after the 8:30 and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Sacred Heart Parish hall. Proceeds will benefit Priests for Life.

Quiet day of reflection
Donaldson — Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center will have a Quiet Day of Reflection titled, "Grieving and Finding Peace During the Holidays," on Monday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For those who have recently lost a loved one, the workshop will give participants tools to help navigate through the holidays. Speaker Donna Sikorski is certified in the study of death, dying and bereavement. Program fee is \$35 and includes a noon meal. Registration deadline is Monday, Dec. 5, to (574) 935-1763.

Theology on Tap planned
Fort Wayne — Young Adult and Campus Ministry for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will host Theology on Tap, for young adults ages 21-39 on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 7-9 p.m. at Calhoun Street Soups, Salads, & Spirits, 1915 S. Calhoun St. The topic, "Contemplating the Mystery of Christmas," will be presented by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/CYAM for information.

DCCW booth at the Christ Child Festival
Fort Wayne — The Deanery Council of Catholic Women group will have a booth at The Christ Child Festival at the War Memorial Coliseum, on Friday, Dec. 16, from 6-9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, from noon to 8 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 18, from noon to 6 p.m.

The Christ Child Society plans annual cookie walk
Fort Wayne — The holiday cookie walk and bake sale will be Saturday, Dec. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church at Auburn and Wallen Road in the church hall.

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Proceeds benefit the Christ Child Society's programs that help infants and children in the community.

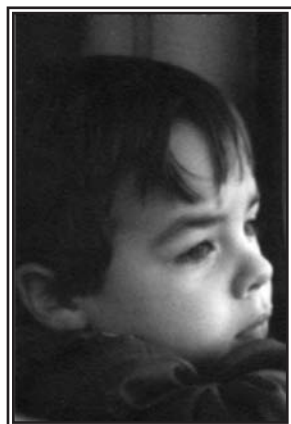
Cookie walk planned for Mishawaka Catholic
Mishawaka — The Mishawaka Catholic early childhood program will have a cookie walk and pictures with Santa from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4, on the St. Joseph campus. Cookies are \$6 a dozen and various Santa photo packages will be available. For information call Jackie Maloney at (574) 257-8307.

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watching us and all the people we love. We are going to spread that greatness to the call to glory. Are you ready? We are ... called to glory!"

Jacqueline Jackson-Morant from the Archdiocese of Detroit sent her "Called to Glory" message to her mother, siblings, grandmother and aunt.

"It was a great conference," she told *The Criterion*, the Indianapolis archdiocesan newspaper. "I loved it. I'm blessed to be here today, and I'd like to come again in 2013. I liked seeing all the bishops and priests and deacons."

Bishop Coyne was the principal celebrant for the closing Mass, which was concelebrated by eight bishops and 250 priests from throughout the country.

Thirty deacons and 175 seminarians from many dioceses also participated in the Mass with talented teenage lectors and music ministers.

"It's just wonderful to be gathered here tonight with all 23,000 of you," Bishop Coyne told the gathering at

the start of the liturgy, "and welcome you on behalf of the entire Catholic community here in Indianapolis. It's been a glorious three days, and it's going to be a glorious celebration of the Mass."

Bishop Coyne's homily focused on God's call to service and charity, and included a visual aid and joke.

He held up a poster-size image of his bishop trading card — conference organizers created trading cards, designed like baseball cards, for several bishops in attendance.

Bishop Coyne joked that he wanted to order copies of his card for all of the parishes in central and southern Indiana. Then he got serious about the need to live a faith-filled life that honors God.

Popular culture wants people to believe "the idea that 'it's all about me,'" Bishop Coyne said, "the idea that what I need is the only thing that matters. ... That's what gets us in trouble."

God calls us to choose what is right and good, and to reject what is sinful and wrong, he said, instead of acting on our selfish needs and desires in daily life situations.

Heather Coyne, a mother and chaperone from Christ the King Parish in South Bend, told *Today's Catholic*, "As a parent, my personal



HEATHER COYNE

National Catholic Youth Conference attendees from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend pose with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. From left, are Patrick Sweeney, Greg Sweeney, Amanda Fontenot, Bishop Rhoades, Adam Coyne, Judd Emmendorfer, Briana Konkle and Sean Maxwell.

favorite was the closing Mass — 175 seminarians, 10 deacons, 230 priest and eight bishops, along with the 23,000 teens plus their chaperones. The processional took longer than Communion for 25,000 people. As the priests and bishops left the stage, everyone was singing then cheering, and the kids near their path

were high fiving them like they were rock stars. It was amazing. A great example of all that is good in the world with that age group."

Adam Coyne, a sophomore at Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend, told *Today's Catholic*, "I went to NCYC in Indianapolis, and I think it was a really good experience. I

learned a lot about my faith, and had fun doing it."

"The activities were specially designed for teens. We were constantly involved, had fun, met a ton of new people, and it was not confined to a small space, as everyone had options as of what to do depending on their interests," he said. "It was great to be with 23,000 Catholic teens from all over the country. It is mind-blowing to see how many people share your values."

Patrick Sweeney, of Christ the King Parish in South Bend said, "NCYC was an experience that made me look at my faith in a totally different way. I used to be on the fence about whether God even existed, but no matter how cheesy it may sound, NCYC helped me believe again. The experience helped me rekindle my faith and my trust in God."

Sean Maxwell, another parishioner of Christ the King, said, "Before NCYC I would never imagine what could be possible from such a large number of people. I would have never thought that so many people could be in a single place and all focus on one single idea, that is the love of God."

Tim Johnson contributed to this story.



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