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Celebrating faith, family, fatherhood

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — An action-packed three-day festival celebrating faith, family and fatherhood, core values of the Knight of Columbus who coordinated the festival, was held last weekend at Headwaters Park in Fort Wayne.

The festival began Friday, Aug. 17, with a Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, with Knights of Columbus chaplains concelebrating. Following Mass, the festival was led to Headwaters Park in downtown Fort Wayne by 150 Fourth Degree Knights in full regalia and a parade highlighted by a flower-draped statue of St. Joseph carried dramatically and reverently by four Franciscan Brothers Minor and followed by the Bishop Dwenger High School band and many of the faithful who attended the Mass.

"This festival is a celebration of faith, family and fatherhood," said Bishop Rhoades in his homily at the opening Mass. "It is also a reminder of the values of faith, family and fatherhood and the need to live and defend these values in an increasingly secularized culture with strong currents of relativism, and an often distorted notion of freedom, which leads to destructive hedonism that exalts pleasure and egoism, neglecting the truth that leads to real happiness — the truth that sets us free — found in God and His holy will, 'what is good and pleasing and perfect.'"

Radio personality and Catholic author Father Larry Richards of the Diocese of Erie, Pa., was the keynote speaker that drew a packed house at Saturday's events, which began at 8 a.m. with a 5K run and pancake breakfast.

Father Richards inspired the families in attendance with a talk on using the word "family" as an acronym.

"F," he began, is for "faith" and "forgiveness."

"The greatest gift you give to your children, and to each other, is faith," Father Richards told those who filled

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JOE ROMIE

The Knights of Columbus celebrated Faith, Family and Fatherhood at a three-day event held Aug. 17-19 at Headwaters Park in Fort Wayne. One of the many family game activities was the bag toss shown above. The festival kicked off Friday with Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, followed by a procession to Headwaters Park.

Bishop Rhoades dedicates center at Decatur parish

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

DECATUR — After nearly a decade of planning and hard work, parishioners of St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur, welcomed Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to bless their beautiful new parish center after the 11 a.m. Mass on Aug. 19.

The dream, which began in 2003, finally became a reality and the new doors were open and ready to welcome all who entered much to the joy of the new hall coordinator, Sue Downing.

"We have been waiting a long time for this day," Downing explained.

Countless others involved in the long-range planning and Chairman of the Building On Our Heritage Capital Campaign Tony Isch were very satisfied and agreed, "It has been a long time coming."

Downing praised the efforts of all the parishioners who handled the many aspects of the entire



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

The exterior of the new parish center at St. Mary of the Assumption in Decatur. The center connects the church, school and convent.

project — from the plumbing and electrical, to the heating and air, woodworking and especially Tom and Ron Darling of Darling Construction who served as general contractor for the project.

"They went above and beyond every step of the way," Downing said. The twins graduated from the school in 1973 but were in "Katrina-land" for over a two-year period during which the gymnasium was being constructed.

Tom Darling detailed the hall transformation: "It has been fun. It was the worst location but yet the best location. It was like opening a can of worms trying to fit something between the two existing buildings. Every utility possible, the sewer system and the old boiler system all ran directly across the soil intended for the new hall. But the spot made the most sense."

Now one can travel from the school to the convent through the parish hall to the church to the rectory without ever going outside. The

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Poor Sisters of Saint Claire



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

When I came to our diocese, one of the first questions I asked was whether there was a contemplative community of nuns or monks in the diocese. I learned that there was not. The reason I asked that question was that I had experienced the help of the powerful prayers of contemplative nuns in my former diocese.

What a blessing it is for me and for our diocese that, on August 9th, a contemplative community of nuns was instituted in our diocese: the Poor Sisters of Saint Clare. A group of wonderful women, formerly the Franciscan Sisters Minor, who have been present in our diocese the past two years, thanks to the hospitality and generosity of Saint John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne, have now begun a cloistered life. They live at the former Saint Andrew's Parish in Fort Wayne.

The enclosure of this community took place following a beautiful Mass at Saint Andrew's Church on August 9th. The church was filled to overflowing. The Mass (and the Holy Hour and Vespers the evening before) was spiritually and emotionally quite moving. To witness the vows made by these faith-filled women, to meet their families and friends, and to celebrate with them was truly a blessing for all in attendance. Father David Mary and the Franciscan Brothers Minor were a great help to the sisters in their move to Saint Andrew's and in their embrace of the contemplative life.

I have spoken to many people about this form of consecrated life in the Church. Many have questions about this form of life and wonder about such a radical way of life, one that is enclosed and seemingly removed from the world. It is certainly a unique way of life, one that does not make sense to many in our culture, yet one that is esteemed by the Church and a rich part of the Church's Tradition of consecrated life.

Blessed John Paul II wrote the following: *Institutes completely devoted to contemplation, composed of either women or men, are for the Church a reason for pride and a source of heavenly graces.... In solitude and silence, by listening to the word of God, participating in divine worship, personal asceticism, prayer, mortification, and the communion of fraternal love, they direct the whole of their lives and all their activities to the contemplation of God. In this way they offer the ecclesial community a singular testimony of the Church's love for her Lord, and they contribute, with hidden apostolic fruitfulness to the growth of the People of God.*

Since the Poor Sisters of Saint Clare are a new community, they have not yet been established as a religious institute. Canonically, they are a public association of the Christian faithful who have made private vows. After some years of proven stability, the community may petition to become a religious institute and the mem-



KAY COZAD

Mother Celeste Marie stands prayerfully before her community of sisters, and the congregation of family and friends as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks words of blessing on her as superior of the Poor Sisters of St. Clare. The blessing came before the sisters embarked on their cloistered life at Our Lady of Angels Monastery at St. Andrew in Fort Wayne on Aug. 9.

bers will be able to make public vows. In the meantime, they will be living the cloistered life and following the Form of Life of Saint Clare of Assisi which was approved by Pope Innocent IV in the year 1253. The Sisters began their cloistered life on August 9th, the very day that Pope Innocent approved Saint Clare's Rule, two days before her death on August 11, 1253.

I wish to share with you some words I addressed to the sisters during the Mass on August 9th:

"My beloved Poor Sisters of Saint Clare, motivated by the love of God, you embrace the contemplative life, lived by Saint Clare and her followers through the centuries. The Lord has instilled his love in your hearts. You will live a hidden life, not as an escape, but as a path to holiness. You will be vital members of Christ's Body, the Church. In fact, you will help to sustain the Church through your prayers and sacrifices. You are and will be a blessing to me and our diocese and indeed to the whole Church.

You embrace this way of life with joyful generosity in response to the Lord's call. The Church needs your prayers for her holy task of evangelization. Within the cloister, you will be important agents of the new evangelization since union with God is vitally necessary for the fruitfulness of the Church's activity. Jesus has told us: *I am the vine, you are the branches... apart from me you can do nothing.* There is an intimate connection between prayer and the spreading of the Kingdom of God. Dear Sisters, your role as cloistered nuns is important for the life and spiritual vitality of the Church. In your lives of prayer, you will constantly sing the praises of God and you will intercede for the Church. In doing so, you will be living, not apart from the Church, but in the very heart of the Church as did Saint Clare and so many contemplative nuns throughout the Church's history."

Blessed John Paul II called Saint Clare "the passionate lover of the poor, crucified Christ, with who she sought to identify absolutely." Let us pray that our Poor Sisters of Saint Clare may grow in the cloister as passionate lovers of the poor, crucified Christ and identify with him more deeply each day.

It is beautiful to know that the Poor Sisters of Saint Clare will be praying for us each day. Please feel free to send the Sisters any special prayer intentions that you may have. I am so grateful to Mother Celeste Marie, the superior of the community, and to all the Sisters for their prayers for me, our priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and all the faithful of our diocese.

May God bless the Poor Sisters of Saint Clare as they begin their cloistered life! May Saint Francis and Saint Clare intercede for them and for our diocese!

Priest Jubilarian Mass

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 12:05 p.m.

Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception,

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All are welcome

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the Headwaters Pavilion. The best way to instill faith is through example. "You show them faith by loving them," Father Richards said.

The "A" stands for affirmation. "We need to tell each other what's good about them," Father Richards said. He encouraged those in the audience to tell family members one affirming thing a day so people will long to come home — a place where they will be affirmed.

The "M" stands for "make memories." He encouraged families to have dinner at home together and to laugh. "Dinner is a time to make memories," Father Richards said.

The "I" stands for "intimacy." He encouraged husbands and wives to sit together for just for a few minutes and ask, "How are you? How was your day?"

"If we don't have intimacy with one another, then there is great loneliness," Father Richards added.

"L" is for "love" "Love is what it's all about," Father Richards said.

"Jesus says all people know you belong to Me because you are people of love," Father Richards emphasized, adding that Jesus said we are to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. "We need to love, but that love must begin at home," Father Richards said.

He instructed parents to tell their children: "You are beloved to me. I am pleased with you. I love you. I would give my life for you. That's what we tell them, and then you have to give it to them."

"Y" stands for "it's all about you," and selflessness. He encouraged the audience members to post "I am third" on their bathroom mirrors and examine their day each evening, asking, "Did I commit one unselfish act today?"



JOE ROMIE

Following the opening Mass of the Knights of Columbus Faith, Family, Fatherhood Festival, Fourth Degree Knights from their eight Assemblies in the Fort Wayne area marched to the Jefferson and Clinton streets corner of Cathedral Square in Fort Wayne where Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses a granite marker bearing the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes, a gift of area Knights of Columbus that was recently installed.

Following Father Richards' talk the festival events included nonprofit booths, food vendors, helicopter rides, rosary making with Bishop Dwenger High School students, and a raffle, as well as a combined choir performance by Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger high schools that showcased the inspirational music of Catholic composer David Kauffman and show tune solos. Bill

Werling and his 5 Piece Band's square dancing and western line dancing that drew both young and old highlighted the evening events.

Sunday's events began at 11 a.m. with a K of C brunch, bingo and family games on the lawn. The Franciscan Brothers Minor not only conducted relay races for young and old but played conductor on the kiddie train that offered rides around the grounds. The Fort Wayne Area Community Band roused the crowd with their patriotic tunes, while five of the Franciscan brothers judged a pie-bake-off, netting three place winners and an auctioning of the winning pies.

Laurie Reynolds paid \$60 for

Samantha Schortgen's first-place blueberry-strawberry pie, commenting, "I know it was for good benefit."

Later in the afternoon, following the beautifully executed Gregorian chant by the Smith family, Sunday's keynote speaker, Franciscan Father David Mary Engo spoke powerfully on the fatherhood of St. Joseph and how faith, family and fatherhood is intertwined with a true understanding of God's love.

"The loss of faith in God means a loss of understanding of love," said Father Engo. "It affects families and fatherhood." He encouraged the fathers in attendance to "protect your families through prayer. ... A father's job is to lead, lead well."

Those in attendance were moved by the special blessing that Father Dave administered to close the faith and fun-filled weekend.

Fifteen area Knights of Columbus councils in the Fort Wayne area spearheaded the event.

Mark Weber and Tim Johnson contributed to this article.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Aug. 26, 10:30 a.m. — Mass at St. Pius X Parish, Granger
- Sunday, Aug. 26, 8 p.m. — Mass at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame
- Monday, Aug. 27, 2 p.m. — Blessing of Saint Joseph VNA Home Care Center, Mishawaka
- Monday, Aug. 27, 6 p.m. — Annual Bishops' Appeal Advanced Gift Dinner, Hilton Garden Inn, Notre Dame
- Tuesday, Aug. 28, 12 p.m. — Mass at IPFW, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Aug. 29, 11 a.m. — Opening Mass at University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Aug. 29, 6 p.m. — Annual Bishops' Appeal Advanced Gift Dinner, Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Aug. 30, 8 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Saint Louis Besancon Academy, New Haven
- Tuesday, Sept. 4, 6 p.m. — Annual Bishops Appeal Parish Leadership Dinner Meeting, Saint Hedwig Parish, South Bend
- Wednesday, Sept. 5, 12:05 p.m. — Priest Jubilarian Mass, Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Sept. 6, 10:30 a.m. — Presbyteral Council Meeting, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw

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amazing addition connected the Catholic complex located in the heart of downtown Decatur.

In 2004, under the direction of Father Phil DeVolder, St. Mary challenged their faithful with two extra goals during the Legacy of Faith capital campaign. The first was a new gymnasium, which was completed in 2009, and the second was the parish hall.

The 6,000-square-foot new space houses handicap accessible restrooms, a bookstore, SCRIP office, meeting room, chapel area and a state-of-the-art kitchen.

"In just the past few weeks, we have already hosted a graduation party, bridal shower, Baptism and funeral viewing and dinner," said an elated Downing.

But the biggest celebration to date, the first time many of the members of St. Mary filled the gathering area was for the blessing and dedication ceremony with special guest, Bishop Rhoades.

"It is amazing," said life-long member Pete Braun. "It is truly a beautiful gift. I love it."

"Father Phil (DeVolder) got us started, handed the torch to Father Dave (Voors), who gave us the green light and took us to the finish line," Braun summarized.

Current pastor, Father Dave Voors, came on board with the process underway.

When asked how he kept the ball rolling for so many years, Father Voors insisted, "The ball kept rolling on its own."

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades commended the vibrant 1,300 families of St. Mary's for their sacrifices and their generosity to make possible a new building that will serve the holy mission of the Church, a place where parishioners will gather for many years to come. He reminded them that they were heirs to a deep and generous faith much like those who went before them and built the first St. Mary's Church in 1846.



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets parishioners of St. Mary of Assumption in Decatur on Aug. 19 after the blessing of the new \$1.3 million parish hall.

Their ancestors may have been poor German immigrants but they were rich in their Catholic faith.

"Though the Eucharistic mystery surpasses our human understanding, we believe Jesus becomes truly and substantially present on the altar at every celebration of Mass because Jesus does not deceive," Bishop Rhoades said. "He teaches the truth. He is the truth!"

Bishop Rhoades continued, "It is a great joy to be with you as we hear the wonderful, central and key passage from Jesus' Bread of Life discourse in John's Gospel. It reminds us of our Eucharistic identity. The life of the parish and our individual and family lives, our life of faith, is centered around the Holy Eucharist. Jesus' gift of Himself for the life of the world."

He concluded, "As we approach the Year of Faith (beginning Oct. 11), let us be mindful of our call to be missionaries in today's culture. A truly vibrant parish is an evangelizing parish. Nourished by the Body and Blood of the Lord, we are strengthened to glorify Him by our lives. Eucharistic lives, witnessing to Christ through self-giving, sacrificial love. At Mass, we truly taste and see the goodness of the Lord. May we bring His goodness to others and to our world that is so hungry for God!"



JOE ROMIE

A combined choir performance by Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger high schools showcases the inspirational music of Catholic composer David Kauffman and show tune solos during the Faith, Family and Fatherhood Festival on Aug. 18.

Bishop Rhoades to establish Courage/EnCourage chapter

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Courage and EnCourage are, respectively, two spiritual support groups helping Catholic men and women — and their families — live in accordance with the Catholic Church's pastoral teaching on same-sex attraction.

Founded in 1980 by the late Cardinal Terence Cooke, archbishop of New York, there are approximately 50 chapters of Courage/EnCourage throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, is establishing a chapter of Courage/EnCourage in the Fort Wayne area of the diocese, beginning in September, under the Office of Family Life. He asked Father Andrew Budzinski, parochial vicar, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, and Father Daniel Whelan, in residence at St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, to attend the Annual Courage/EnCourage Conference in July at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Md. They will serve as chaplains for the new chapter with Father Budzinski the contact for Courage — he can be reached at the parish at (260) 489-3537, ext. 203 or frandrew@saintv.org. — and Father Whelan the contact for EnCourage — who can be reached at (202) 499-0479 or fridanw@gmail.com.

According to Fred Everett, co-director of the Office of Family Life, there is a South Bend chapter headed by Dr. Phil Sutton. However, it functions independently and the Office of Family Life does not oversee it. Bishop Rhoades has appointed Father Dan Scheidt, pastor of Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka, as a chaplain for the group and interested people should contact Father Scheidt for more information at (574) 255-9674.

"Some persons find themselves, through no fault of their own, to have a same-sex attraction. Homosexuals, like everyone else,

should not suffer from prejudice against basic human rights. They have a right to respect, friendship and justice. They should have an active role in the Christian community. Homosexual activity, however, as distinguished from homosexual orientation, is morally wrong. Like heterosexual persons, homosexuals are called to give witness to chastity, avoiding, with God's grace, behavior, which is wrong for them as non-marital sexual relations are wrong for heterosexuals. Nonetheless, because heterosexuals can usually look forward to marriage, and homosexuals, while their orientation continues, might not, the Christian community should provide them a special degree of pastoral understanding and care" (excerpt from *To Live in Christ Jesus — United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*, 1976).

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church says "fortitude" (or "courage") is one of the moral virtues that "... ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life (CCC 1808)," Father Whelan said. "We would all agree that this virtue is needed in all aspects of our lives," he continued. "With this in mind, it is, indeed, appropriate that the name of this virtue, Courage, has been given to this beautiful apostolate."

The purpose of Courage is to help people struggling with same-sex attraction — known as SSA, the typical terminology used, not "gay" or "homosexual" — to be chaste through prayer, the sacraments, sound spiritual direction and a 12-step program patterned on Alcoholics Anonymous, Father Whelan explained.

"Men and women meet in groups and form friendships and support, which aid them in being able to embrace the gift of chastity, for ultimate freedom is found in Jesus Christ and His Church," said Father Whelan, who was somewhat involved in Courage in the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky.



VINCE LABARBERA

After sharing their thoughts about a recent Courage/EnCourage Conference to help Catholic men and women — and their families — live in accordance with the Church's pastoral teaching on same-sex attraction, Father Andrew Budzinski, left, and Father Daniel Whelan, right, sit for a picture beneath an art print in Father Budzinski's office titled, "The Incredulity of St. Thomas," by Michelangelo Caravaggio. Ironically, the artist may have painted the tear in St. Thomas' sleeve, as he examines the wound in Christ's side, to signify "we each carry our own 'woundedness,'" said Father Budzinski.

EnCourage is a ministry within Courage dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, spouses and other relatives and friends of persons who have same-sex attractions.

"Anyone who wants to learn more and is interested in possibly entering a group should get in touch with Father Daniel or me," Father Budzinski said. "We will meet with them, explain what Courage is all about, find out if this is where they're at and what they're looking for. If it's a fit for them then we would direct them to the meetings themselves," he added.

"Confidentiality is absolutely sacred within the group. Everyone that comes to a meeting will under-

stand that confidentiality must be treated like the seal of confession. Everyone who is called to be a part of the group needs to have complete assurance that they are being given a safe place to come," Father Budzinski stressed. The time and place of the bi-monthly Courage and monthly EnCourage meetings are not published.

Both priests are available to meet with people individually. "Some might not be ready for the group level as yet ... and sometimes they may never get to that point," Father Budzinski said. The priests suggested interested individuals visit the Courage/EnCourage websites for more information, including the five goals of each and the 12 steps of

Courage. The addresses are www.couragerc.net and www.couragerc.net/EnCourage.html.

"Unfortunately, all too often, our society pushes men and women, who are struggling with same-sex attraction, into the lifestyle, claiming that this will make them happy and free," Father Whelan said. "Furthermore, they claim that any guilt or other negative feelings associated with their homosexual condition stem from a homophobic culture and/or an antiquated religion. This is far from the truth. While we are called to love and support those with same-sex attraction, we recognize the natural law written on our hearts, and that to act in a way which goes against this is always objectively wrong, and hurts a person emotionally and spiritually," he said.

"When a person caves into SSA it becomes a cross that crushes them," he emphasized. "But with Christ and the Church and freedom it's still a cross but it's a cross they are able to carry!" — "with a Simon who will help them carry their cross," added Father Budzinski.

"I want to emphasize, for anyone who struggles with SSA, to know that they truly are a beloved son or daughter of a God who loves them," Father Budzinski said. "We have proof of God's love by our mere existence. We couldn't exist without God's love that holds us in existence. He offers His love and mercy and healing to everyone," he explained.

Father Whelan added, "The conference reiterated for me and Father Andrew that you see these people struggling but there's a place in the Church for them. And look at the beautiful things these people are doing ... people who are professionals, they come from all walks of life, and there are some who are married. The main goal of both Courage and EnCourage is not to say that you are going to be changed," he continued.

"It's not opposed to that aspect for someone who wants to explore this issue deeper with the possibility that maybe eventually they could embrace married life. Courage would direct them to the proper reparative therapy, but neither Courage or EnCourage says that's our goal. However the resources and direction are there for someone who wants to explore that possibility," he added.

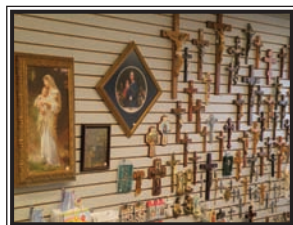
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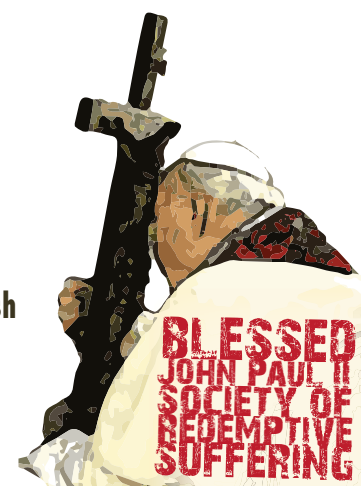


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Scott and Kimberly Hahn to speak at 2012 Women's ARISE Conference

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — Renowned speaker and bestselling author Dr. Scott Hahn and his wife Kimberly will present talks at the 2012 Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Women's ARISE Conference on Sept. 15 at the Century Center in South Bend. The conference theme is "Chosen" and will begin at 9 a.m. with registration followed by a 9:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

In a Sept. 20, 2009 *Today's Catholic* article on Dr. Scott Hahn's appearance at St. Jude Church in South Bend, he detailed his early faith journey beginning as a teenager in trouble with the law. After several appearances in the juvenile court system, Hahn explained that he went on a retreat so he could get to know a girl he admired. At the retreat he recalled a speaker who kept pointing to the cross and saying Christ paid a debt He didn't owe.

"So by the end of the weekend I decided to open my heart and make Christ my personal Savior and to give my life to Him, as Christ had for me," Hahn said.

Hahn received a bachelor's degree with a triple major in theology, philosophy and economics at Grove City College, Pennsylvania. While attending Grove City College, Hahn met his future wife Kimberly, who he referred to as "the most beautiful girl on campus."

They later married and moved to Boston where Hahn earned a master's degree in theology at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. When he finished seminary, he and



SCOTT HAHN



KIMBERLY HAHN

his wife moved to Fairfax, Va., and Hahn began his first job as a Presbyterian minister.

It was while studying for his doctorate in Biblical Theology at Marquette University in Wisconsin that Hahn attended a Catholic Mass and was struck by how saturated the liturgy was with Scripture. When the priest announced the words of consecration Hahn whispered under his breath, "My Lord and my God, I know that is you." Hahn earned his doctorate from Marquette in 1995.

At the Easter Vigil of 1986, he entered the Catholic Church. Hahn recalled, "my wife Kimberly, who had originally objected to the idea of his Catholic conversion, loved how the Old Testament Scriptures read during the Vigil, connected to the new covenant in Christ's Resurrection in the New Testament."

It wasn't until a Bible study led by Hahn in their home that Kimberly finally understood why

the Catholic students in attendance picked up on the Scriptures more easily than she did. "We've studied the menu for years; they are enjoying the meal."

Kimberly "came home" to the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in 1990.

She received her bachelor's degree in communication arts from Grove City College in 1979 and a master's degree in theology from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in May 1982. Kimberly has collaborated with her husband on a book entitled "Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey in Catholicism," which details the couple's journey to the Catholic faith.

Dr. Hahn will present two talks at the ARISE conference in September. His morning presentation is titled "Hail Holy Queen" during which he will explain why Mary is rooted in what Catholics know and believe about her Son. Hahn will also explain from Scripture why

Mary, the Queen Mother, is an integral part of Christ's Kingdom.

Following lunch, Kimberly will deliver her presentation on "Women's Roles in the Church." She will address understanding God's gift to women and their ministry roles, and the reasons for an all male clergy within the Catholic Church.

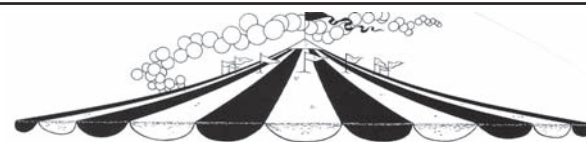
The conference will conclude with Dr. Hahn's talk on "The Bible, the Eucharist and the New Evangelization." Among the subjects of this presentation are Blessed John Paul II's emphasis that Catholic evangelization is Eucharist based, and ways Catholics can share their faith with family members, friends and coworkers.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at the conference with confessions being heard in the Discovery ballroom of the Century

Center from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The \$35 registration fee includes lunch, and forms may be found at www.diocesefwsb.org/arise. There is a \$5 parking fee at the Century Center. The registration deadline is Sept. 7.

Dr. Hahn will also give his talk on "The Bible, the Eucharist and the New Evangelization" to an invitation only "Continuing the Legacy" symposium in honor of Our Sunday Visitor Centennial Celebration on Sept. 28 at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne. The public is invited to the Mass of Thanksgiving and Rededication at 5 p.m. on the Sept. 28 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.



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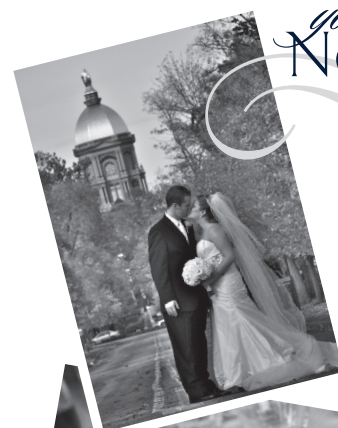
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Nellie Gray, 86, dies; was March for Life founder and emcee

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Nellie Gray, who started the annual March for Life parade to protest the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion nationwide, died Aug. 13 at age 86 from natural causes. She was found dead in her home in Washington's Capitol Hill neighborhood by a March for Life staffer. The March for Life has grown into one of the signature events of the pro-life movement. After the first march in 1974, Gray, a Texas native, established the March for Life Education & Defense Fund to sustain it. Each year in her remarks, Gray exhorted pro-lifers to promote and adhere to a series of "life principles" that would eliminate abortion and enhance life, to which she said there should be "no exception! No compromise!" Gene Ruane, an administrative assistant with the March for Life, told Catholic News Service Aug. 14 that leadership of the organization would be assumed by Terrence Scanlon, who has been its vice president "since the beginning." Funeral information was not immediately available. Gray was a member of St. Mary, Mother of God Parish in Washington. Born and raised in Texas, Gray served as a corporal in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. She later earned a bachelor's degree in business and a master's in economics. She worked for the federal government for 28 years at the State Department and the Department of Labor, while attending Georgetown University Law School. Gray later practiced law before the U.S. Supreme Court. In a 2010 profile, Gray said she wasn't a Catholic as a child, but "I had elements of the Catholic faith in my life." As a young woman, she encountered a priest who brought to light what the Catholic Church was about, and he tutored her until she joined the Church.

Unions have essential role in renewal of 'broken economy,' bishop says

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Labor unions and other worker associations are necessary to help propel workers and their families out of poverty amid a "broken economy," said the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development. "Economic renewal that places working people and their families at the center of economic life cannot take place without effective unions," declared Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif. "This renewal requires business, religious, labor and civic organizations to work together to help working people defend their dignity, claim their rights, and have a voice in the workplace and broader economy," he said. "Everyone and every institution has a role to play in building a more just econ-

CATHOLIC SWIMMER BRINGS HOME THREE GOLD MEDALS



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Allison Schmitt of the U.S. reacts after taking first place in the women's 200 freestyle heat at the London 2012 Olympic Games July 30. Schmitt, a parishioner at St. John Neumann in Canton, Mich., finished the Olympics with three gold medals, a silver and a bronze.

omy," which "serves the person rather than the other way around." Bishop Blaire made his remarks in the annual Labor Day statement issued by the committee he heads. Dated Sept. 3, this year's observance of the federal Labor Day holiday, the statement, "Placing Work and Workers at the Center of Economic Life," released Aug. 13, looks at economic issues through Church teaching. "Our country continues to struggle with a broken economy that is not producing enough decent jobs. Millions of Americans suffer from unemployment, underemployment or are living in poverty as their basic needs too often go unmet. This represents a serious economic and moral failure for our nation," Bishop Blaire said.

Dinner is about engaging candidates, not endorsing, cardinal says

NEW YORK (CNS) — The Al Smith dinner in New York brings people of faith together for "an evening of friendship, civility and patriotism to help those in need," not to endorse either candidate running for the U.S. presidency, said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York. The purpose of the dinner is to show the nation and the Catholic Church "at our best," he said in an Aug. 14 posting on his blog titled "The Gospel in the Digital Age." "An invitation to the

Al Smith dinner is not an award, or the provision of a platform to expound views at odds with the Church," the cardinal said. "It is an occasion of conversation; it is personal, not partisan." President Barack Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney, his Republican opponent, have accepted the invitation to be the keynote speakers at the 67th Annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner Oct. 18 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York. In presidential election years, in a tradition of bipartisanship, the foundation's board has usually invited the presidential candidates of the two major parties to speak. Cardinal Dolan used his blog to respond to criticism of the invitation to Obama, who supports legal abortion. He said he also has received complaints that Romney was invited. The dinner "has never been without controversy. ... This year is surely no exception: I am receiving stacks of mail protesting the invitation to President Obama — and by the way, even some objecting to the invitation to Gov. Romney," he said. "The objections are somewhat heightened this year, since the Catholic community in the United States has rightly expressed vigorous criticism of the president's support of the abortion license, and his approval of mandates which radically intruded upon freedom of religion," Cardinal Dolan said. "We bishops, including yours truly, have been unrelenting in

our opposition to these issues, and will continue to be," he said.

LCWR announces decision to continue to dialogue on Vatican assessment

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — Members of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious announced Aug. 10 at the close of their four-day assembly in St. Louis that they will continue to dialogue with Church officials about the Vatican's doctrinal assessment of their organization. LCWR's outgoing president, Franciscan Sister Pat Farrell, said the group's leaders would begin dialogue with Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, who is charged with overseeing the group's reform. He attended the organization's board meeting the following day. Sister Farrell said LCWR members hoped its leaders would have "open and honest dialogue" that would lead to greater understanding and to greater opportunities for women to have a voice in the Church. She said the officers would "proceed with these discussions as long as possible but would reconsider if LCWR is forced to compromise the integrity of its mission." Archbishop Sartain said that along with LCWR, he remained "committed to working to address the issues raised by the doctrinal assessment in an atmosphere of prayer and respectful dialogue. We must also work toward clearing up any misunderstandings, and

I remain truly hopeful that we will work together without compromising Church teaching or the important role of the LCWR," Archbishop Sartain said in a statement released Aug. 11 after his meeting with the LCWR board. "I look forward to our continued discussions as we collaborate in promoting consecrated life in the United States." In its assessment issued in April, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said a reform of LCWR was needed to ensure its fidelity to Catholic teaching in areas including abortion, euthanasia, women's ordination and homosexuality. Archbishop Sartain said in his statement LCWR brings "unique gifts to its members and to the Church at large. This uniqueness includes sensitivity to suffering, whether in Latin America or the inner-city; whether in the life of an unborn child or the victim of human trafficking."

Papal assistant described as pious; says he acted for good of Church

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Paolo Gabriele, the personal assistant of Pope Benedict XVI accused of illicitly copying private Vatican correspondence and giving it to a journalist, told Vatican investigators he acted out of concern for the pope and the Church. Documents released by the Vatican Aug. 13 outline the case against Gabriele, including his own statements about his motivations, but also others' descriptions of him and selected quotations from reports filed by psychiatrists and psychologists asked by the Vatican to examine him. The documents explain why the Vatican had decided to formally indict Gabriele and try him on charges of aggravated theft. The trial date will not be announced before late September. Dr. Roberto Tatarelli, a professor of psychiatry at Sapienza University of Rome, reported that Gabriele showed no signs of "clinically significant disturbances" that could explain his actions or cast doubt on his ability to understand what he was doing. But the doctor wrote that Gabriele had a "simple intelligence" and a "fragile personality with paranoid tendencies, covering up a deep personal insecurity and an unresolved need to enjoy the esteem and affection of others," according to the report by Piero Bonnet, the Vatican's investigating judge. Summarizing what other witnesses told Vatican investigators, Bonnet said Gabriele was described as a believing and committed Catholic, able to carry out his job as a sort of papal valet "with the diligence and reserve it required." One unnamed witness described him as "very pious, attending the holy Mass celebrated by the Holy Father daily, and he prayed often." Another quoted by Bonnet said that while Gabriele worked conscientiously, he did not take the initiative or find better ways to do his job, but "did what he was told." Msgr. Georg Ganswein, Pope Benedict's personal secretary, told investigators Gabriele needed to be "continually guided and directed" and "sometimes it was necessary to repeat things more than once."

Auditions slated for choral singers

NOTRE DAME — The South Bend Chamber Singers (SBCS), the region's premier vocal chamber ensemble, announces auditions for experienced singers from northern Indiana and southern Michigan for its 24th concert series, 2012-13. Singers should bring a prepared solo and they will be tested on sight-reading and aural abilities. An accompanist will be provided.

Nancy Menk, professor of music at Saint Mary's College and the ensemble's music director, will conduct the auditions, which will be held Sunday-Friday, Aug. 26-31 in room 309 of Moreau Center for the Arts at Saint Mary's College.

For a campus map, go to <http://www3.saintmarys.edu/campus-map>. Please call (574) 284-4632 or (574) 233-6927 to schedule an audition time. For more information on SBCS, visit www.southbendchambersingers.org

St. Vincent de Paul Parish cookbook to benefit the seminarian education fund

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Parish's new cookbook titled, "Come to the Table" is a three-ring binder cookbook with padded cover, that offers 625 recipes from parishioners, seminarists and their family members, and even a treasured family recipe from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. The cookbooks, that include vocation prayers, prayers for the clergy, and many quotes from the saints, are \$15 each and all proceeds will be given to Bishop Rhoades to support the seminarian education fund. The cookbooks may be purchased by calling St. Vincent de Paul Parish at (260) 489-3537. They will also be available at the ARISE Women's Conference.

Organist Karen Schneider Kirner to be showcased

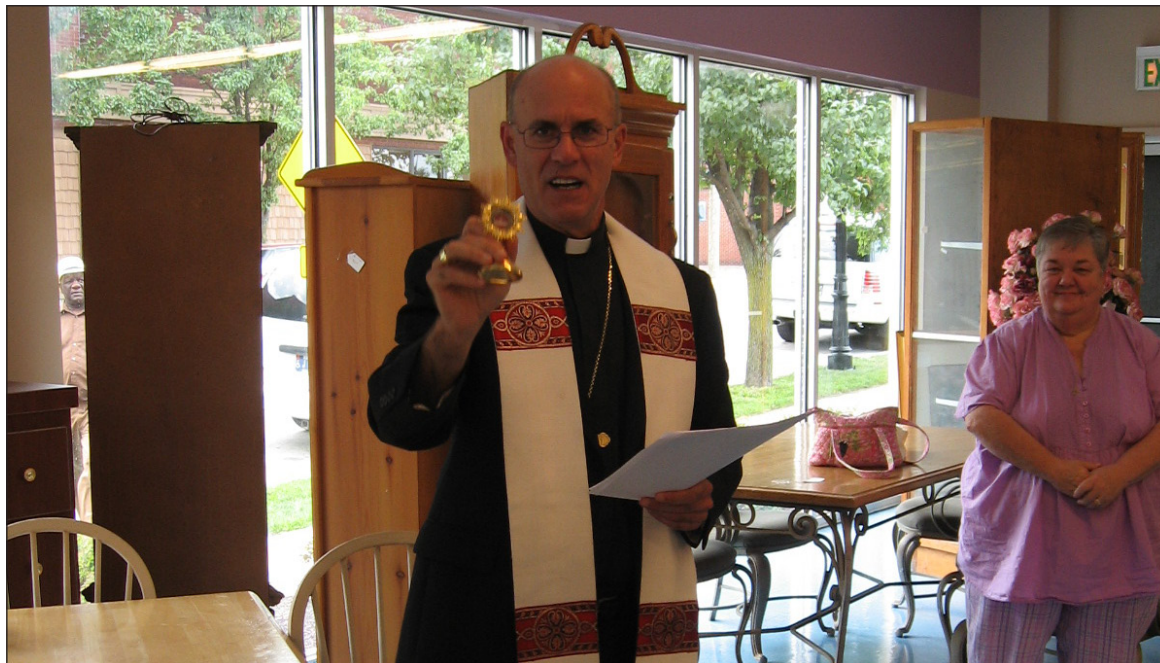
DONALDSON — Karen Schneider Kirner will perform in the Ancilla Domini Chapel at the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Ministry Center on Sunday, Sept. 9. The free concert will begin at 4 p.m.

Karen Schneider Kirner is on the staff of Campus Ministry, University of Notre Dame, as a liturgical musician. She directs the Notre Dame Celebration and Handbell Choirs and serves as associate director/accompanist of the Notre Dame Folk Choir. She is also an assistant organist at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

She received her undergraduate degree in organ from Ball State University, with minors in piano performance/church music. She also holds a master of music degree in organ and a masters in art and religion from Yale University, through the Institute of Sacred Music. Post-graduate study, Kirner attended the Hochschule für Musik und darstellende Kunst

AROUND THE DIOCESE

BISHOP RHOADES BLESSES ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STORE



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"By your work you advance the cause of the disadvantaged," said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as he blessed members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the newly redecorated store at 1600 S. Calhoun St. in Fort Wayne. Society Chaplain Father Tim Wrozek read from Matthew 26, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me ... naked and you clothed me. ..." Bishop Rhoades encouraged members by saying, "The beauty of your work is that you welcome each person as you would welcome Christ." The store has a reorganized inventory of clothing, housewares, furniture and books, and welcomes any who are in need of assistance.

in Vienna, Austria, where she studied voice, piano, organ, choral conducting and continuo playing.

Kirner has served as a full-time church musician in New York and Ohio. She is a published composer of choral and handbell music through World Library Publications of Chicago. Kirner resides in South Bend with husband Scott, 9-year-old twins Emma and Claire, and 6-year-old Joseph.

The program with music largely from the Romantic era, will include works by Karen Schneider Kirner, Joseph Jongen, Edvard Grieg, Searle Wright, André Fleury, David Johnson, Eugene Gigout, Maurice Duruflé and Marcel Dupré.

All are invited to a light reception in Cana Hall following the recital.

Fort Wayne native Jason Salisbury professes first vows as Capuchin Friar

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Fort Wayne native Jason Salisbury, son of Roberta Buckley and Thomas Salisbury, professed first vows as a Capuchin friar at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Milwaukee, on July 28. Brother Salisbury will be joining 20 other friars at the Chicago formation house for continued ministry formation and graduate

studies at Catholic Theological Union in order to earn a master of divinity degree. Typically, a friar will make final vows three to five years after first vows. Salisbury is a 2010 graduate of Marian University, Indianapolis, and earned his bachelor's degree with a major in religious education and minor in philosophy.

The Capuchins are an international community of friars modeling themselves after St. Francis of Assisi. The Capuchin Province of St. Joseph is headquartered in Detroit. The friars serve in a variety of ministries throughout the Midwest and Central America. For more information visit www.CapuchinFranciscans.org or www.thecapuchins.org.

Bishop D'Arcy visits Blessed John Paul II Center

MISHAWAKA — Bishop John D'Arcy, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, visited Blessed John Paul II Center in South Bend on Aug. 10, and offered a Mass for the diocesan department staff workers with special petitions for the ecclesial new year's ministry. Afterward, Bishop D'Arcy joined the Blessed John Paul II Center employees for lunch, surprise birthday songs and cake.

Three make final profession of vows, ordained deacons

NOTRE DAME — Three men will make final profession of vows with the Congregation of Holy Cross at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame.

Newly elected provincial superior with United States Province of Priests and Brothers, Holy Cross Father Thomas J. O'Hara, will preside at the Mass and receive the vows of Brian Christopher Ching, Mark Francis DeMott and Jarrod Michael Waugh.

The following day, at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26, the men will be ordained to the Order of Deacon by the Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at the Moreau Seminary Chapel. All three will be ordained priests in the spring, on April 6, 2013.

Redeemer Radio Football Coverage

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio AM 1450 football broadcasts are under way for the season with Friday, Saturday and Sunday broadcasts of Catholic football. Each Friday night begins at 6 p.m. with

"Tailgate Talk," followed by broadcasts of Bishop Dwenger or Bishop Luers football. Saturdays feature University of Saint Francis football, and Sundays feature the best of area CYO action.

"Tailgate Talk" is the area's only Friday night High School football preview show. Starting at 6 p.m., while area football fans are driving to the game, they get previews of their teams. "Tailgate Talk" offers an in-depth look at all of the Allen County matchups and each week's program features interviews with area coaches and players. "Tailgate Talk" is hosted by Sean McBride, former coaches Joe Wharton, Mark Watts, and Northeast Indiana Gamernight's Casey O'Boyle.

Redeemer Sports Director Sean McBride says, "We are once again honored to bring our listeners high quality football action. This is going to be a season to remember. The SAC is looking strong again, and we can't wait to see what the new IHSAA class structure does for the future of these programs."

The USF Cougar football season begins Saturday, Aug. 25, at 12:45 p.m. as USF takes on Texas College. On Sundays don't miss CYO at 12:55 p.m.

Pets welcomed for seniors at Saint Mary's College

NOTRE DAME — Senior housing at Saint Mary's College has gone to the dogs ... and cats. This fall Regina South is for seniors only, and, if they choose, their pets. It's part of expanded residential options that have attracted more seniors to live on campus. Saint Mary's students are required to live in residence halls for three years and typically half choose to live off campus as seniors. But not in 2012-13. Approximately 75 percent of fourth year students will live on campus this year.

Saint Mary's is the only regional college or university to allow pets in residence halls. So far eight seniors have registered with a pet, for a total of four dogs and four cats.

Janielle Tchakerian, assistant vice president of Student Affairs and director of Residence Life and Community Standards, says allowing pets is an extension of the residential experience at Saint Mary's.

"Students will tell you that living here is like having a second home. Now seniors can bring their pet from their family home here to campus," Tchakerian said.

Pets should be happy with the accommodations. Though they must be in a kennel or cage when their owner is out of their room, they have a place to play outside. The grassy courtyard where the pool used to be will be a pet park.

Meghan O'Rourke '13 said the "pets perk" was a draw for her to live on campus. "It was actually a big relief that I could bring a pet with me. It was a really big draw to stay in Regina," said O'Rourke. She'll bring her dog Kelly with her when she arrives on campus this weekend.

The pet benefit is not the only bonus for Regina South residents. The wing offers apartment-like living, a reduced meal plan option, and a more liberal visitation policy.

Nearly 300 attend 'Stand Up for Religious Freedom' rally Aug. 11

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — A third "Stand Up for Religious Freedom" rally took place on Aug. 11 with nearly 300 people in attendance. Held at the Allen County Courthouse green on the corner of Clinton and Main streets in downtown Fort Wayne, the event was sponsored by Allen County Right to Life in opposition to the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate under the Affordable Care Act that requires all employer health plans to provide free contraception, sterilizations and abortion-inducing drugs, regardless of any moral or religious objections.

Sean McBride, communications director for the diocese, opened the rally and welcomed attendees. Father Jason Freiburger, vice chancellor of the diocese, gave the invocation. Guest speakers included Dr. Thomas W. McGovern, who shared the impact of the Affordable Care Act on patients and doctors,

Congressman Marlin Stutzman, who gave a briefing on efforts to repeal the Care Act and the encroachment of government on religious liberty, and Pat Miller, who presented an outline for winning at the ballot box in November.

A doctor's view of Obamacare

"I have been serving the culture of life as a physician for the last 22 years," Dr. McGovern said in his opening remarks. "In the year 2000, my family settled in Fort Wayne, where my wife and I have been raising our seven kids and I have been practicing dermatology with a focus on the treatment of skin cancer."

"As a small business owner, I now have to consider what to do about health insurance for my employees. ... Does this mandate mean that I can no longer be a Catholic business owner and provide health insurance for my employees?" he asked. "An administration that trumpets the



PHOTOS BY VINCE LABARBERA

A crowd of nearly 300 assembled on the Allen County Courthouse green in downtown Fort Wayne on Aug. 11 for the third "Stand Up for Religious Freedom" rally sponsored by Allen County Right to Life. This peaceful and prayerful rally celebrated liberty, and informed the public regarding what can be done to stop the infringements on rights protected by the United States Constitution.

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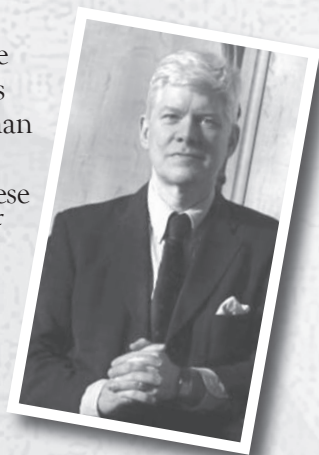
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value of 'choice' is not giving me the choice to remain a Catholic business owner and provide morally acceptable health insurance."

Dr. McGovern said, as a physician, he is obligated and trained to support and serve the culture of life. "I would like to lay out how this culture works using three little words — can, should and must. I will apply this to three areas affected by the HHS mandate — contraception, abortion and religious freedom.

"With regard to contraception, our culture first said you can use contraception in 1936. For the last few decades our culture has said that you should use contraceptives if you are a 'responsible adult,' and now it is saying that you must purchase contraceptives for anyone who wants them — even minors against their parents' will."

HHS says, "Scientists have abundant evidence that birth control has significant health benefits for women and their families ..." Dr. McGovern related. "As a physician, I would be remiss if I did not challenge this statement."

The doctor related that mandate classifies pregnancy and fertility as diseases, and combination oral contraceptives increase health issues among women.

With regard to abortion, the first laws in the nation's history that said that a woman can have an abortion in limited cases, such as rape or incest, were passed in 1967, Dr. McGovern said. "And now the HHS mandate says that we must underwrite the cost for certain abortion-causing drugs. ... The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology says that physicians who believe abortion is wrong must



Dr. Tom McGovern, speaking at the third "Stand Up for Religious Freedom" rally on Aug. 11 in Fort Wayne, shares the impact of the Affordable Care Act on patients and doctors.

refer patients who want any form of 'legal' medical care — including abortion — to physicians who will perform them. In the culture of death, the 'legal' becomes the 'ethical,' the 'should' becomes a 'must,'" he continued.

With regard to religious freedom, the country was founded because victims of religious persecution sought a home where they could freely exercise their religious beliefs in the three arenas of words, works and worship, Dr. McGovern said.

"In words, they sought the freedom to speak about what they believed — even in the public square and in legislative bodies. They sought to perform works of charity — mandated by their beliefs — that would meet the needs of all persons, regardless of their faith. ... Our laws have said that we can freely exercise our religious beliefs in words, works and worship," he said.

"But now there is great public pressure telling us that we should

exercise our religious beliefs only in our places of worship once a week, and that we should not publicly oppose certain immoral behaviors. We are only a short step away from being told by the government that we must exercise our religious beliefs only in our places of worship and that we must not speak out against any actions that we find morally objectionable," noted Dr. McGovern.

"During the last three-and-a-half years, whenever our president or secretary of state spoke about freedom of religion, they used the phrase 'freedom of worship.' This is significant," he continued, "words and works are thus silently exempted from our freedom of religion."

"We physicians are being pressured by the culture of death to leave our religious beliefs at the doors of our hospitals and clinics. But if all of us work to protect religious liberty, we will create a culture where a physician can still practice and promote the culture of life," he stressed. "If we do not protect our religious liberty, physicians may be forced to choose between abandoning their moral principles or abandoning their medical careers. ... does right make might or does might make right?" he asked.

"Religious freedom is not something that is granted by the government. Religious freedom is granted by God, and the government has the responsibility to protect it!" he said.

"We must fight this mandate!" he emphasized. We can fight it most powerfully with prayer and sacrifices, and also through the courts, education and the ballot box, he said.

Sister Gianna Marie Webber makes perpetual vows

BY DIANE FREEBY

MISHAWAKA — With all the joy of a wedding celebration, Sister Gianna Marie Webber, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, offered her perpetual profession of vows on Aug. 11 before a large gathering of family, friends and fellow religious at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

Sister Gianna Marie radiated pure joy as she solemnly promised the Lord to live until death in poverty, obedience and chastity according to the Rule of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis and the Constitution of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

"It's a humble experience," said the newly-professed sister in between hugs and photo ops after Mass.

"It's all the Lord's! The Lord's graces will bring you there, the Lord's sacraments keep you in His graces, and I love these sisters ... it's just a great honor."

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass. Priests from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Sister Gianna Marie's home parish of St. Patrick in Columbus, Ohio, and from her current home at St. John the Evangelist Parish in St. John, Ind., concelebrated. It was at St. Patrick's where Sister Gianna Marie received great support from the Dominican Friars, who, she says, encouraged her in her spiritual life and in her search for her vocation.

At the age of 40, Sister Gianna Marie entered religious life after the required eight years of Franciscan formation and a variety of world experiences. The third eldest in a family of four brothers and one sister, Sister Gianna Marie might have chosen a career in sports. A coach



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for the Boys and Girls clubs since the age of 15, the spirited young woman also played college level basketball and coached high school basketball and soccer in Anchorage, Alaska. She says religious life was never on her radar, but even as she fell away from the sacraments for a time, she never stopped searching for the truth.

"When I came back with my

whole heart to the sacraments, that was the first time I heard His voice toward religious life," explained Sister Gianna Marie, who credits her parents, Michael and Mary Webber, for their strong witness as they, too, returned to the faith. "I listened to His voice, and gave it some time. It

only grew, especially through praying the Liturgy of the Hours and going to daily Mass. I started to look at communities and I found the sisters' brochure, called Sister Lois and the rest has been history! God has laid all those things out for me."

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades

wondered aloud why a person would leave so much behind to enter into religious life.

"The only answer is love," he replied, "love of God first of all. And love of His Church. The consecrated life and the three vows, the evangelical counsels, only make sense in the light of love."

"So many in our society don't understand," continued Bishop Rhoades. "They have developed a fear of a life that is one of poverty, chastity and obedience. But it is Christ's love that enveloped and has filled Sister Gianna's heart, and His love motivates her and strengthens her to profess perpetual vows to Him today, and to live them for the rest of her life."

Sister Gianna Marie said the Gospel message helps explain the joy she feels in her heart.

"The joy comes from the hundred-fold because you believe in Jesus Christ," she smiled.

A passionate lover of Catholic education, Sister Gianna Marie currently serves as principal at St. John the Evangelist School where she was able to return just in time for the first day of classes on Aug. 14.

Bob and Margy Kloska, parents of five children and parishioners at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, are friends with many of the sisters and say they felt blessed to witness Sister Gianna Marie profess her final vows.

"It was so beautiful to both see and hear her give her life to Christ and His Church," said Margy Kloska. "And for my children to be able to witness this act of selfless commitment and devotion to our Lord was a priceless gift."

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FALL SPORTS

Saint Joseph teams ready to test new facilities

BY CHUCK FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — They have a new building and a new stadium, but as far as results are concerned, the Saint Joseph Indians will be looking for the same old thing in the fall of 2012. Last autumn was one of the most successful in school history, and certainly raised the bar for Indian athletes in every sport.

Football

There is plenty of excitement surrounding the brand-new Father Bly Field at Leighton Stadium, located on LaSalle Street at South Bend. For the first time in school history, Saint Joseph will have a field all its own.

“For years and years, our program has been used to not having a home field, and we put the time in and now we’re getting one,” beams head coach Ben Downey. “All the people who traveled with us every Friday night now have a place to call home.”

It will be a transition for the Indians, who play their first home game on the field turf Sept. 7 against Elkhart Central. Downey believes this year’s players have to find a way to bring the school’s great football history into their new digs.

“The thing that I’m most excited about is our senior leadership,” notes Downey, who has taken his squad to state runner-up finishes in each of the last two years. “We need to carry over our great tradition and I’m excited that we have a group of seniors who are very capable of doing that.”

Leading the way defensively is linebacker Matt Smallbone, who is verbally committed to attend Miami of Ohio next year. The senior has started the last two years and brings a wealth of experience to the squad.

“Everybody wants to be better physically and a lot of people overlook attention to detail... not Matt,” comments Downey. “I’m very, very impressed with the mental focus that we have, because a lot of times that’s the toughest thing to get across early in the season ... the importance of attention to detail.”

Volleyball

Not only does football get a new facility this season, but volleyball will be the first team to enjoy the new gym at Saint Joseph.

“Our first home match is Aug. 29, and it’s very exciting for all of us,” notes second-year head coach Kathy Mossey.

There’s cause for excitement about what will happen on the court. The Indians surprised a lot of people last fall, winning both the sectional and regional and have started this season with a victory in the South Bend pre-season tourney.

“We have short-term and long-term goals that will work for us, so we’re not putting any undue pressure from last season on this group,” explains Mossey. “We have a great group of girls and they are good friends on and off the court, which I feel will help us build as the season progresses.”

Senior middle blocker Lauren Gillis returns to the lineup along with junior defensive specialist Chelsey Suppinger to give the Indians experience. Add in talented junior Nicole Francouer at one of the outside hitter spots, and Mossey feels there’s a lot of hope.

“I feel we’ll be strong in time,” promises Mossey. “We are a very quiet team this year, and we need to replace some strong leaders from last season.”

Cross-country

Longtime assistant Mike McCarthy becomes the new head coach of both the boys’ and girls’ cross-country programs. He has the unenviable task of replacing all but one varsity runner from a boys’ team that has made three consecutive state finals appearances.

“Our big word for the boys and the girls as well is identity,” declares McCarthy. “We’re very much unknown. We’re young, and even the juniors and seniors we have don’t have a lot of experience. What they did pick up from those who left, though, was an understanding of what it takes to run well, the need for consistency 12 months a year and doing the little things well.”

McCarthy admits the talent pool isn’t as deep on the boys’ side, but says the junior class offers seven contenders for the varsity spot. “Our juniors are the ones who have stepped up and become vocal. We have four seniors, but the juniors are the ones who seem to be the leaders in the group.”

On the girls’ side, there is more promise, especially with a strong incoming class of freshmen with experience.

“We like what we have coming back,” says McCarthy of a squad that finished eighth in the semi-state last year. “We have a very close spread and we need somebody to step up and establish themselves as a front runner. Claire Firth has four years of distance running in her background. Plus, I really like what the freshmen girls are doing and six of them could compete for starting roles.”

“We’re excited to compete,” adds McCarthy. “We start the season with four meets in the first 12 days and normally that might be a little much, but it will help us quickly shed the inexperienced



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Girls' soccer

Only four starters return from a squad that reached the final four in Class 2-A in 2011, but it hasn't changed the goals of 26-year head coach Johan Kuitse.

"You always have the same expectations," remarks Kuitse. "We expect to win the conference. We expect to go to state. If we fall slightly short of that, it's better than setting lower goals and exceeding those."

While the Indians may be young, they are still talented. Returning starters Catherine Raster, Emily Rompolo, Rachel Staud and Maddie Turner bring plenty of firepower to the offense, but also key intangibles.

"I think all four of them have leadership ability," comments Kuitse. "They're going to have to exert it with such a young team. We're starting a couple of freshmen, which we haven't had to do in a few years."

The inexperience of his team doesn't deter the enthusiasm of the head coach. "I'm still excited," beams Kuitse. "It's fun taking a group of kids at the beginning of a year and seeing how much better you can get as the season goes along."

Boys' soccer

It's a contrast on the boys' side, where veteran coach Alberto Verteramo has nurtured the seeds of his program and hopes to reap a bountiful harvest in 2012.

"I have to say the expectations of this team are very high," lauds Verteramo. "We have one sophomore, one freshman and the rest are upperclassmen. There's a lot of talent and experience, so there's no reason these guys can't accomplish great things."

The Indians have won back-to-back sectional titles, and their sights are higher with this veteran group.

"This group loves to play together," comments Verteramo. "You see it in their camaraderie. You see it in their passing. Those are little things, but they can take you a long way."

Seniors Jonny Brenner and Patrick Korman give the Indians a solid combination in the net, while all-conference candidates Jonathan Westerhausen and Tommy Clark spearhead the offense.

"Tommy's a phenomenal player in the midfield," states Verteramo. "He went to South America for a month and played with a lot of upper-level players and learned a lot. I think you'll see that rubbing off on everybody else."

Girls' golf

Ron Wilcoxson's linksters are already halfway through the season, and Northern Indiana Conference MVP Anna Wilcoxson has picked up where she left off in 2011.

"We've played four invitationals, and she's been medalist in three of them," remarks Anna's head coach and father. The senior is being recruited by a bevy of Division I schools.

The Indians are 3-1 in conference play, and are faring well on the invitational circuit, thanks to solid all-around team play.

"Everyone is contributing, and that's great to see," notes

Wilcoxson. "Brianna Hart and Lydia Lorenc have had some great outings for us, but everyone has stepped up at one time or another."

Postseason play is just a month away, and that's the goal the Indians are aiming for in the next few weeks.

"I think we should have a great showing in sectionals, and hopefully go on to do well at regionals," says the upbeat Indians mentor. "Our season has certainly been a positive so far."

Boys' tennis

The positive attitude carries over to the boys tennis program, where coach Steve Bender is hoping for more than a fourth straight sectional title.

"We've got to find a way to win that darned regional match," chuckles Bender. "We can go downstate. We see it. We believe it. Now we just have to do it."

It helps to have talent, and it starts at the top with returning No. 1 singles player Patrick O'Connor. The junior is joined in singles action by senior Holden Gangluff, who went 22-2 last season. The third singles spot is still up for grabs.

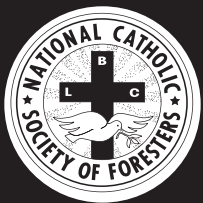
"We have lots of depth and flexibility," says Bender, who has been a successful tennis coach in the area for nearly a quarter-century.

Co-captain Jason Rink is joined by Ryan Jamieson at No. 1 doubles, as the tandem also went 22-2 last season. A variety of combinations are available for the second doubles squad.

"We are very excited for this year and the next few," exudes Bender. "We've made great strides with our program and the best is to come."

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Fort Wayne area high school sports gear up for fall seasons

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Both the Knights and the Saints continue their rich history of a winning tradition in the Fort Wayne area's Summit Athletic Conference (SAC), as well as on the Indiana state map, as teams from Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers prepare to hit the weekday courts and fields, Friday night lights and Saturday morning courses this fall.

Bishop Dwenger High School

Boys' cross-country

One of the area's top individuals, Luke Miller is back for his senior season. Although the Saints came up just short as a team, Miller finished 42nd at the state meet with a time of 16:17.75. Miller will have help this fall from Matt Klein, Greg Tippmann and Kevin Wuest to lead Bishop Dwenger.

Girls' cross-country

Coach Jessica Hayes lists a total of 18 members this season after a 2011 regional appearance. Led by seniors Meri Didier, Sarah Coffee, LeeAnn Moeller and Gretchen Childers, the Saints' cross-country team also returns letter winners Rachel Hentz, Karen Eckrich, Erin Kilbane and Mary Momper.

An optimistic Hayes explains, "We hope to finish in the top half at regional and advance to the next round this year. We have a large group of new runners this season."

Early-season standouts include sophomore Rachel Roher and freshmen Megan Brelage and Clare Manning.

Volleyball

Despite the loss of their four-year middle hitter, Maddie Mayers, who will be on the

court at Illinois this season, Brie Rahrig, Marissa Jasinski, Olivia Current and Jennifer O'Daniel return as a solid core for the Saints' volleyball program. Coach John Minnick (106-31-1) is also back.

Girls' soccer

A long-time fan and soccer dad and supporter, Jeff Killion, will step into the head coaching position for the decorated Saints' program this season. Kellee O'Shaughnessey and Natalie Lebamoff are loaded with talent and return to the field for Bishop Dwenger. Coach Jason Wisniewski steps down after two state championships.

Football

Kicking off his 11th season at the helm of the Bishop Dwenger football program, Chris Svarczkopf (110-24) lost 6-foot-1 junior quarterback Michael Fiacable to a preseason injury, but returns an experienced offensive line, tight end, defensive ends, linebackers and defensive backs. After five straight SAC championships, Bishop Dwenger finished 7-5 in 2011 and was fourth in their conference. The mighty Saints will be led by senior captains Blake Bower, Ben Evans and Nick German.

Boys' soccer

The Saints return senior captains Ben Collis and Ian Deiser to lead the Bishop Dwenger boys' soccer team this fall.

Boys' tennis

A dynamic duo of Bertram Najev and Charlie Scott return as Bishop Dwenger's No. 1 and No. 2 singles. The two are loaded with talent and sure to be two of the top individuals in the area giving the Saints an edge over their foes this season.

Girls' golf

A strong Saints roster returns

led by starters Nellie Lee, Julie Mueller, Katie Giant and Jen Hipskind. Bishop Dwenger won the Angola sectional in 2011 and has already shot a 343 as a team in 2012. So, Bishop Dwenger is expecting a big year and hopes to improve on their regional finish from last season.

"This is the lowest total since I have been head coach," said an excited Coach Kurt Leffers.

Junior Mackenzie Dick and sophomore Amanda Miller are ready to help with the fifth position showing much improvement with their game over the summer months.

Bishop Luers High School

Football

Fueled by a 2011 Indiana Class 2-A state championship, the Bishop Luers football team returns in search of four in a row. An all-star line-up is back, including the Knights' leading receiver from a year ago, Michael Rogers, and the nation's No. 1 rated outside linebacker, Jaylon Smith. However, Coach Matt Lindsay will have a tall order filling the spot of the all-time SAC passing leader and three-year quarterback, James Knapke. In July, Smith, along with teammates Tydel Jemison (committed to Purdue), Andrew Spencer and Kendrick Mullen, had an impressive showing at the national 7-on-7 tournament in Florida and will keep the attention on Bishop Luers this fall.

Tennis

Joel Pyle's boys' tennis program may be young, but the second-year coach is excited for the season.

"We hope to build on solid fundamentals, improve on the 2011 record and finish above .500," he explained.

"We are mentally tough, have positive attitudes and a willingness to learn," the Federated Media director of sales added.

Leading the way for Bishop Luers will be co-captains Sam Scheer (No. 1 singles) and Collin Hire (No. 1 doubles). Seniors Canyon Zwick and David Shank are also back for the Knights. Bishop Luers finished runner-up at the Homestead sectional a year ago and is looking to call on new-

comers Ethan Brown, Ben Forte, Graham Sereno and Alex Steffen.

Volleyball

Both Ave Stout and Laura Welling have graduated and will be playing at the college level this season, but Scott Shipman and his Lady Knights return 10 from their 2011 semi-state finalist team. Shipman feels his team's strengths are ball control and serving, but admits, "We are not very big so we will have to be good at all the little stuff."

Girls' soccer

2012 marks Coach Kevin Lewis' fourth year coaching many of the same group of girls. For this reason, the hopeful leader explains, "We are ready to go." Bishop Luers returns five returning senior starters from a group that finished with a winning record and in the middle of the conference pack a year ago. The Knights are deep and Lewis will depend on frontrunner Mason Whitman (verbally committed to IPFW) and his core inside midfield of Kelly Dwire, Addie Riembold and Annie Whitman to dominate this season. "We have to play game by game, but are set up for a good run," Lewis concluded.

Boys' soccer

With their top four scorers and leading defender returning, Bishop Luers will be looking to improve on last year's 15-4-1 finish. The Knights captured a sectional championship and advanced to the regional finals in 2011. Leading the Knights' attack this season will be seniors Adam Perolio (forward), Jacob Murphy (center midfield) and Brenden Gonzales (outside midfield). The three combined for a total of 31 goals last season. Junior Nick Strack, led the team with 18 goals and 10 assists a year ago. The talented junior will continue to be a playmaker at center midfield, while junior Riley Bubb will lead Luers' talented defense this year. Due to the combination of highly recruited, travel-club seniors and transfers Logan West and Seth Caldwell, Coach John Myers feels the Knights will be a team to watch in Fort Wayne this season.

Luers golf

Senior captains and cousins, Heather Hanke and Megan Hanke return to pace the Knights. The Bishop Luers' linksters finished a strong third in the SAC tournament last season. "We lack experience, but have great camaraderie and have improved tremendously already in early season play," explained Coach Tom O'Brien.

Cross-country

A familiar face on the track and field, Jason Draper, has taken over the boys' and girls' cross country program at Bishop Luers. For the boys, Sean McManus is back for his senior season after a successful spring session and a second-place sectional finish in the 800-meter run as a junior. Robin Schaefer is the lone senior on the girls' squad.

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SOUTH BEND — Twin sisters Abby and Anna Kirkpatrick, eighth graders at St. Matthew School in South Bend, finished first and seventh in the Indiana State Swim Meet in Indianapolis in July. They each swam the 50-meter breaststroke with amazing first and seventh podium finishes. Abby's first place finish in the 50 meter as well as the 100-meter breaststroke resulted in new state records for both events. The old records were set in 1994 and 2006, making Abby the fastest 12-year-old breaststroker in Indiana history.



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Marian fall sports look to competitive season, facilities upgraded

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — Marian High School's fall staff is loaded with successful incumbents at the helm solidifying a strong vision of competitive teams.

"We have just one new head coach this fall and Tom Snelson will be an outstanding addition to boys' tennis," commented Athletic Director Reggie Glon.

"Though our main focus at Marian has been the reconditioning of our educational areas, we have also improved our athletic infrastructure," Glon said. "We were able to refinish the track, upgrade the bleachers in the main gym, complete the ticket booths for the multipurpose stadium and repaint the parking lot in the soccer complex."

Football

Coming off a solid 9-3 campaign where head Coach Reggie Glon received the NIC coach of the year honors, the Knights are looking to better the successes of last season.

"The strength of our team isn't at particular positions such as linemen or skill kids. This squad is about everyone contributing," explained Glon. "All 15 of our seniors will see starting assignments."

"Every school we play this season will have a larger enrollment than us. We have developed a 'David vs. Goliath' attitude in our practice regiment," added Glon. "Our offense looks like it will be a bit quicker than last year. Michael Whitfield will be looked at to score (five touchdowns first game), Vince Ravotto will be taking the snaps and Tyran Ottbrieger and Devon

Cannady are expected to add to the potent offense."

The offensive line is a veteran group anchored by Dylan Hensley, Kirk Barron, Chris Ross, Jacob Appleman and Pat Hunsberger. The defensive line features returning book ends Philip Brier and Dillon Gohn and the linebackers and defensive backs are solid featuring Joe Ernst at strong safety.

Volleyball

The Marian volleyball squad is again in the hunt for a state title after finishing last season with 30 plus wins and boasting a huge front line.

"I think that the girls have been working pretty hard and we will be a little young, but very big," explained 20-year veteran coach Dan Anderson. "Our front line will go six foot, six foot, six foot and six two and one of them is a All-Stater and we have two All-Conference players in Nikki Pullin the libero and Allison Ketcham."

"Our size is comprised of Jordan Bueter, Collen Hunsberger, Alyssa Hasler and Elizabeth Asdell, all juniors and sophomores," explained Anderson. "Even though we will be one of the bigger teams, I expect that our offense will be much quicker this season."

"Jenny Stahl is one of our defensive specialists that should make us an explosive and well-balanced team," Anderson added.

Boys' soccer

Veteran coach Ben Householter starts his 15th campaign sporting a perfect record of 14 winning seasons and expects nothing but the same from this year's crop of players.

"We will be very young, we have just a handful of seniors, a new keeper, no real varsity experience and we will throw two sophomores and four freshmen into the mix," commented Householter. "Our strength will have to be through our work habits; we have to play smart, work hard and because we are a smaller team, be more aggressive."

"Our captains Adam Rhody, Joey Berends and John Gruber have shown great leadership and have helped the younger kids adapt quickly to the varsity mentality," added Householter.

Girls' soccer

The Knight girls' soccer team hoisted the state runner-up trophy last season and have high expectations going into this the fall.

"Right now we are trying to get healthy, both Gabby Veldman (scored 46 goals last season) and Shannon Hendricks were both injured during the summer and are trying to get back on the field," remarked coach D. J. Charvat. "The other players will have to fill in the holes until they can return."

"Both our keepers are returning in Makaela Douglas and Devon Smith, and our midfield and scorers should be able to be very competitive," explained Charvat. "D.J. Veldman is returning as our second leading scorer and with the hard work from the team, I think we can weather the injuries and make another run down state."

Boys' cross-country

In the third year as head coach of the Knights, Andrew Grey is seeing progress in building a solid program

at Logan and Dragoon Trail.

"The objective has been to turn the Marian cross-country team into a competitive squad. When I first arrived we were in the bottom of the conference and we have elevated up to the middle of the pack. Now we are striving to be competitive with the top programs," expressed Grey. "We really don't have a feeder program so it's important to get the younger kids hooked into the rewards of cross-country competition."

"Adam Duvall is our senior leader both in practice and during the meets," remarked Grey. "We have a strong pack of sophomore runners in Matt Rice, John Spaulding and Kevin Hunkler that give us some solid depth."

"The dedication and work by our athletes shows our younger runners what it takes and allows them to be the foundation for our future teams," stated Grey.

Girls' cross-country

The Lady Knights are improving with every stride as they prepare for the upcoming season.

"The girls are really making great progress and now we are starting to put more focus on the mental hurdles that are involved in this sport," commented Grey. "We return three outstanding runners in Jenny Waltman, Gabby Skwarcan and Maggie Pendergast."

"Molly Ogren is a converted soccer player and track runner and she seems to be locked in as solid cross-country athlete," remarked Grey. "Cross-country is definitely a sport that Marian High School can grow to be competitive in local and state meets."

Girls' golf

The girls' golf team has not only a coach but also a spiritual leader with school chaplain, Father Jacob Runyon at the helm.

"Last season we finished second in the sectionals and made it to the

regional and this year, I feel we can accomplish more," stated Father Runyon. "We would be considered young and rebuilding because we only have one senior, but I would say we are very solid and will be competing at the top of our conference."

"Our senior, Paige Weber, has been a wonderful leader not only by playing well but by helping her less experienced teammates and promoting team spirit," quipped Father Runyon. "We also have solid returners in Nicole Bourgeois and Meghan Sink, and someone new to our team, Lauren Jankowski."

"We have a number of gifted golfers that are competing for the remaining positions, but it's a very healthy competition," commented Father Runyon.

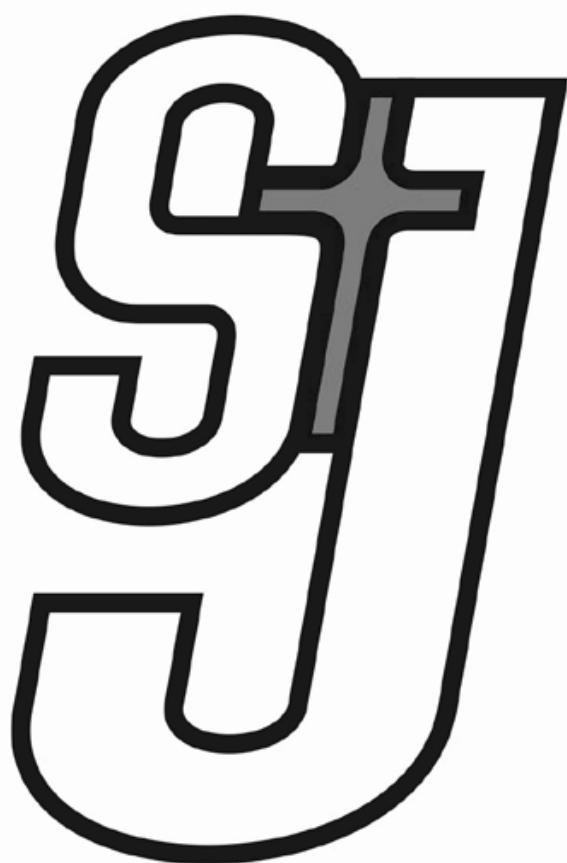
Boys' tennis

The sole new face on the Marian fall coaches' roster is not a rookie when it comes to producing solid tennis players, as the former Ball State and BYU competitor takes the reigns of the Knight squad.

"I think that we will have a solid team this year but depth and consistent off-season workouts and competition will be the key going forward," stressed Coach Tom Snelson. "The key to top team is depth and to get to that level it takes year round play."

"Our No. 1 player, Jack Juieln, has been working hard this off season and will do well," explained Snelson. "I also see some really positive improvement by our No. 2, Riley Hicks and an athletic Andrew Guinan for singles in our matches."

"Right now one of our doubles teams is Clint Lowenhoswer and David Huege with other players trying to break into the field," stated Snelson. "The nice thing about this sport is that you don't need to go by statistics and observations to place players, you can have direct competition in practice to decide who plays in the matches."



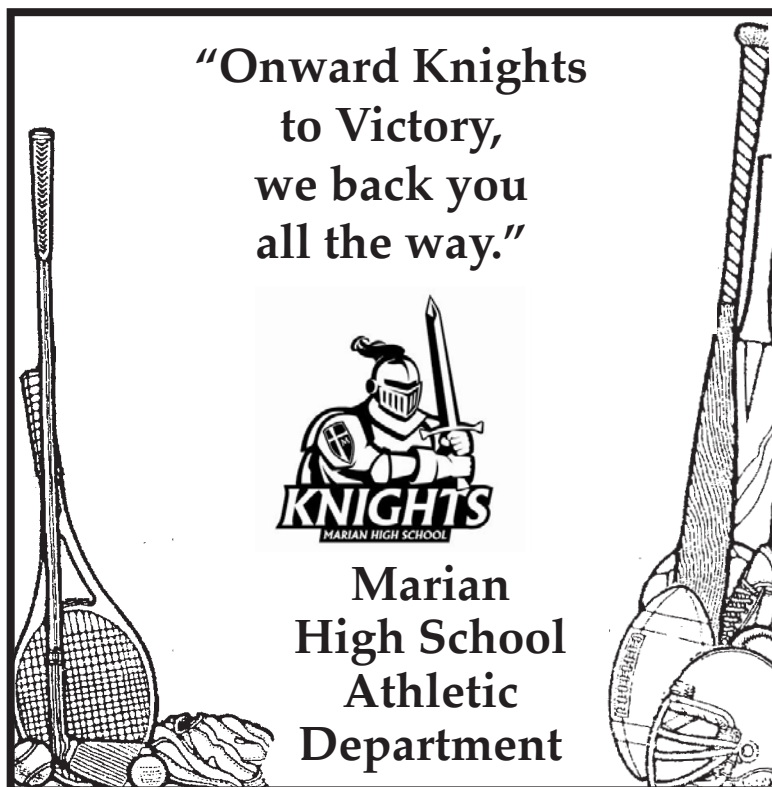
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Treasures in the wilderness

I'll be the first to admit that I am an outdoor kind of girl. I enjoy the warmth of the sun and the wind on my face while biking or running. Hiking in nature brings me a real sense of God's presence, whether in an open field or along a mountain path. My husband Trent and I were active nature enthusiasts before he died and I'm delighted his legacy lives on in our daughters.

I will also be the first to admit that following Trent's death 22 years ago, nature — and life itself for that matter — turned harsh and cold — a veritable wilderness. Grief, I've found, can be like a wilderness stretched out before us with crooked paths traversing a vast emptiness and dark secret places where pain can hide.

I went from hiking two by two on a sunlit path to limping alone in the darkness. And in this wilderness of mine it seemed there was little, and

sometimes no light among the trees and brush. The darkness brought with it a despair that resembled a heavy burden almost too difficult to bear.

And all the while as friends and family beckoned me with their consoling words, "Life goes on," and "You're strong, you'll survive," I realized no matter how I struggled, I couldn't leave the path through grief's wilderness that Trent's death had set me on.

Initially I was so overwhelmed by the empty space Trent's death left in my life that I had no vision of what the future might hold for my little family. Nor did I care. But my two sweet daughters reminded me daily that even in deep sadness life was for the living.

So I traversed my path through the dark nights, stopping here and there to face whatever challenge or decision I encountered. Many times my days were so dark that the only



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thing I could do was follow my heart. But eventually I began to discover treasures in the wilderness. Though I made mistakes along the way, each decision I did make showed me that I could create a life that was livable without Trent. I had tapped an inner strength that I never realized I possessed.

The torrent of tears I wept over my family's loss forged rivulets along my path, exhausting me along the way. But in time I uncovered another treasure as I learned that my

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Trust in the guidance of God



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Jn 6:60-69

The Book of Joshua provides this weekend's first reading. The book draws its name from the ancient Israelite leader, Joshua, who followed Moses and actually guided the Hebrews into the land God had promised them.

Fleeing from slavery in Egypt to settlement in the Promised Land was long, difficult and at times chaotic. Natural problems, such as the want for water and food in the Sinai desert, accounted for much of the trouble. Another serious problem was the restlessness of the people, who were apt to stray away from the path given them by God. They had no map or navigation to guide them. In short, they were wanderers.

The greatest task before Moses, and later before Joshua, was to reinforce the people's trust in the guidance given by God.

In this weekend's reading, Joshua summons the leaders of the people. He bluntly calls them to be true to God and to none other.

The people respond by declaring their will to follow God. They realize that God alone has led them out of the misery of Egypt. God has guided them so far.

They trust that God will guide them until they are secure in the Promised Land.

The Epistle to the Ephesians supplies the second reading. This reading often is misunderstood in the modern context, in which the human rights of women are much noticed and appropriately demanded. To understand the Epistle's message, it helps to know the environment in which the New Testament was written.

The Jews at the time of Jesus had a better sense of the fact that all persons, male or female, share human dignity although the Jewish culture of the time is criticized for having at best a paternalistic attitude toward women.

This Epistle, however, was not written for Jews, or at least not for Jews only, or for Jews living in the Holy Land. It was written instead for Christian converts, generally from paganism, who lived in Ephesus, a great center of Roman culture and of the Roman pagan religion.

In this Roman culture, women were little better than animals. Elders arranged marriages. Brokers negotiated prices for brides. Love in marriage was accidental, if ever. Wives had few rights. Abuse and infidelity were to be expected. The Epistle, then, was utterly revolutionary, calling upon spouses, male or female, to see marriage as a true union, characterized by mutual love, existing to give both spouses the means to happiness, and eternal life, amid the realities of the times.

St. John's Gospel is the source of the last reading. It makes a point often forgotten. Never did Jesus meet total acceptance. He was disputed. He was ignored. He was criticized. Perhaps just as many rejected Jesus as those who accepted the Gospel.

The Gospel, and this particular reading, does not end with reporting the opposition to Jesus. It con-

cludes with faith.

In answer to the Lord's question as to their faith, the Apostles profess their trust. It is important to know that Jesus sought their testimony. Their absolute faith was crucial in their roles as builders of the Church. It also is important to note that Peter spoke for them.

Reflection

The three readings together remind us that the Gospel will never universally be accepted. People at times will prefer their own interpretations. People will sin.

God's love has been proven. He has come to people in need again and again. He offers us life each day. His love never ends. He never forsakes us or forgets us. His strength still comes to us. Our contact with God is through the Apostles, and the Church they left behind them, with Peter as their head.

We respond by loving God, despite the temptations to sin or to ignore God.

READINGS

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ps 34:2-3, 16-21 Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11b-12

Ps 96:1-5 Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17

Ps 96:10-13 Mt 22:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18

Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mk 6:17-29

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-7

Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,

10-11 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-

13, 18-21 Mt 25:14-30

Loving the disabled

Many of us have hidden fears and hesitations when it comes to dealing with persons with severe disabilities. Their unfamiliar gestures, behaviors and limitations can challenge us and infringe on our comfort zones. We may be tempted to apply a different standard when we deal with them. Even very young children with disabilities may suffer discrimination through denial of care as newborns, or through abortion *in utero*.

During his presidential campaign, former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum and his wife Karen were often asked by people on the campaign trail about their daughter Bella, who was born with Trisomy 18, a severe genetic defect caused by an extra chromosome. Such children tend to have shorter lifespans, with 90 percent dying during the first year of life. Nevertheless, with proper care, some can live well into their teens, and even into their 20s or 30s. Bella became known to the public during her father's candidacy in part because of several memorable moments during the TV debates where Rick powerfully described how Bella's birth and struggles had impacted their family.

Early on, Rick and Karen struggled with the Trisomy 18 diagnosis, and with the way physicians labeled it a "lethal diagnosis" and "incompatible with life." Because they had already lost another child at birth, Rick, almost unconsciously, remained emotionally distant from Bella during the first few months of her life. He focused on being the pillar of strength for the family through the storm. He later described it during one of the public presidential debates this way: "I decided that the best thing I could do was to treat her differently and not love her... because it wouldn't hurt as much if I lost her."

Several years prior to Bella's birth, Rick had sponsored the partial-birth abortion ban in Congress. He had spent long hours on the Senate floor lobbying to protect children who were discovered to have "problems" before birth, rather than allowing them to be targeted for late-term abortions.

When Bella was five months old, she became critically ill and was rushed to the emergency room. Rick grasped her little finger on the gurney where she was lying. "I remember holding that finger," he said, "and looking at her, and realizing what I had done. I had been exactly what I had said that I had fought against at the partial birth abortion (hearings): I had seen her as less of a person because of her disability."

His candor is a reminder of the challenges we all face in caring for and loving those with disabilities and physical limitations. Having learned many valuable lessons from their daughter, Rick and Karen now serve as even



FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

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more vigorous advocates for children with disabilities. They realized they had to immerse themselves in the world of special needs, which Rick described as "a different world," and one where children like Bella "do not get the care they need unless the parents fight for it."

I recently had the opportunity to meet Rick and Karen. Karen described how Bella's situation was exacerbated by health care professionals who would not treat her with the same dignity and respect as normal children. Surprisingly, some doctors did not even address Bella by her name. Rick and Karen soon found an exceptional team of physicians who not only called Bella by her name, but were hopeful and positive about her life and possibilities.

Karen also mentioned another couple with a child affected by Trisomy 18. They had been told after delivery that little could be done for their newborn, and the child was placed off to the side, until one of the parents noticed her struggling and sought assistance for her. Other parents spoke to Karen about the subtle but noticeable resistance among medical staff whenever they brought their child with Trisomy 18 to the hospital for medical attention. The Santorums had experienced similar challenges with caregivers and medical staff. They had to fight to get the prescription for oxygen, and basic medical supplies, that Bella needed after she left the hospital; in addition, a hospice physician prescribed what would have likely been, if administered, a lethal dose of morphine.

Discrimination against those with disabilities should never be allowed to gain a foothold in the medical profession, nor be allowed to guide public policy. The true measure of the greatness of a society will always be in terms of how it treats its weakest members, and the authenticity of our own love will be measured by our compassion and acceptance of the disabled and the powerless. God seems to send us children with disabilities to help us grow, to remind us that every soul is of greater importance than its frail body, and to teach us how man's highest calling is found in his God-like possibility of sharing unconditional love.

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Reparation made for offenses made against Mary's perpetual virginity

It has been almost 100 years since Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in a small Portuguese village. Despite the passage of time, Our Lady's message of world peace and salvation of souls remains unchanged. Her words are of critical importance especially since the Catholic Church has recognized these apparitions and has accepted the messages given at Fatima.

During the July 13, 1917 apparition, Our Blessed Mother said she would one day ask for "the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays." On Dec. 10, 1925, Our Lady kept her promise and appeared with the Child Jesus to Lucia (at the time, she was a postulant for the Dorothean Sisters at a convent in Spain and the only surviving Fatima visionary).

Our Lady's request was for the following actions to be completed on the first Saturday of five consecutive months: 1) go to Confession, 2) receive Holy Communion on the first Saturday itself, 3) recite five decades of the rosary, 4) meditate on one or more of the mysteries of the rosary for additional 15 minutes and 5) do all of these things with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Lucia later wrote in a letter that Our Lord appeared to her in the convent's chapel on the night of May 29-30, 1930, and that He explained why the number five was significant. He said each first Saturday is to be made in reparation for a specific blasphemy. The first blasphemy

was offenses made against the Immaculate Heart of His mother. This was discussed in greater detail in our previous commentary. The focus of this column shall be the second blasphemy: offenses made against Mary's perpetual virginity.

Father Andrew Apostoli wrote in his book "Fatima for Today: The Urgent Marian Message of Hope" that Mary's perpetual virginity means "Mary was a virgin before the birth of Jesus ... Mary was a virgin during the birth of Jesus because He miraculously passed from her womb into the world outside without destroying the physical integrity of her body and ... the Church has been inspired to profess that Mary remained a virgin throughout her life."

Father Apostoli also writes that, "The devil hates the special purity of Our Lady because it stands as a rebuke to the sexual excesses, distortions and sins of our age. Remember that Our Lady told little Jacinta that more souls go to hell over sins of impurity than for any other sins! Mary's perpetual virginity reminds each one of us to be chaste according to our vocation in life: single life, consecrated celibacy and marriage. ... Let us make reparation for these hateful outrages against Our Lady."

The Fort Wayne-South Bend Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (a permanent public international association of the faithful, and therefore, the "teaching arm" of our Mother Church on all matters pertaining to Fatima) hopes to properly educate readers on

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

MARIAM SCHMITZ

this devotion and encourages everyone to join us in practicing five first Saturdays.

It should be noted that while most parishes celebrate Mass on Saturday mornings, only a handful in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend offer the entire first Saturday devotion with Mass, rosary, meditation and Reconciliation. Contact your parish directly to see if the devotion is practiced. If it is not available, recitation of the rosary and subsequent meditation on the mysteries of the rosary can take place in one's home. In addition, the Sacrament of Reconciliation may be received eight days before or after the first Saturday. If you would like to inquire about ways to start the devotion in your parish, contact the president of the WAF Diocesan Division, Christine Renbarger, at (260) 749-0901.

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lamenting proved not only a physical release of tension and sadness, but a spiritual release as well. I cry now with gratitude and grace.

And after much more difficult grief work, I began to see other challenges — startling me like so many frightening noises in the dark, such as navigating as a single in a couple's world, finding assistance with chores I was unable to complete and even meeting new friends — become for me precious signs of life as I limped out of the woods back into the light. And as I became warmed by

the light, I began to discover a new purpose for my life. Second only to my cherished role as single mom came my desire to reach out to others in grief. The ministry for widows and others in grief I have become part of is truly a treasure of the wilderness to me.

In grief we may travel through a wilderness where the pain of loss is very real and the emptiness vast. Hope may seem lost for a time. But as we move in the darkness, feeling our way as best we can, dapples of hope light our way toward healing. And those treasures

we come to discover along our journey are those things that build for us a new life where we can once again find purpose and joy.

One of Trent's favorite

authors, J.R.R. Tolkien, once penned, "You can only come to the morning through the shadows." Truer words cannot be found about grief and its dark path toward hope and healing. And eventually, life once again becomes a treasure — different, yes, but a treasure none-the-less.

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"You can only come to the morning through the shadows."

J.R.R. TOLKIEN

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for August 26, 2012

John 6:60-69

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: more lessons about the coming glory of Christ. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

DISCIPLES	TO SEE	SON OF MAN
ASCENDING	SPIRIT	GIVES
LIFE	FLESH	SPOKEN
SOME OF YOU	NOT BELIEVE	BETRAY
NO ONE	COME TO ME	FATHER
TWELVE	SIMON PETER	WHOM
SHALL WE GO	ETERNAL	HOLY ONE

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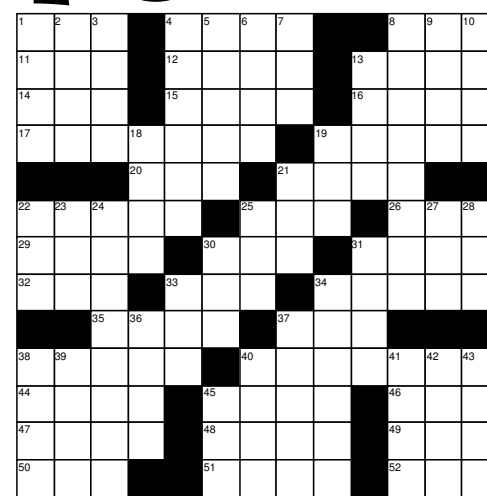
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The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58 and Josh 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69

ACROSS

- 1 One of Noah's sons
- 4 Shepherd's flute
- 8 Before (prefix)
- 11 French "yes"
- 12 Take the wrinkles out
- 13 Crossed lines
- 14 Holds ashes
- 15 Bull does to enemy
- 16 "Husbands, _____ your wives"
- 17 Vestments
- 19 Columns in Wisdom's house
- 20 Aurora

- 21 Wisdom mixed for drink
- 22 Jordan's capital
- 25 Hertz
- 26 Type of music
- 29 Tempt
- 30 Fortify
- 31 The alphabet
- 32 Discs
- 33 Man
- 34 Small map in a large map
- 35 Horsefly
- 37 "The Lord, Our _____"
- 38 Pleat
- 40 Bug named for Mary
- 44 Sod

- 45 Skin lesions
- 46 One in Spanish
- 47 Crusaders' HQ
- 48 Kiln
- 49 River in Spanish
- 50 Heavens
- 51 The River of Egypt
- 52 Type of partnership

DOWN

- 1 "The _____ is upon me"
- 2 Halo
- 3 Short
- 4 Rock Dove
- 5 Wrinkle removers
- 6 Left-hand
- 7 Compass Directions
- 8 Book of sayings in Bible
- 9 Rend
- 10 Paradise
- 13 U-shape valley
- 18 Wisdom dressed
- 19 Bro.'s sibling
- 21 Typing rate
- 22 Alphabet
- 23 Crazy
- 24 Lose infant
- 25 Weep
- 27 Genius
- 28 Clock time
- 30 Assumption month
- 31 Andrew's nickname
- 33 Gain
- 34 Salt addition
- 36 Eternal _____
- 37 Mallet
- 38 Parent teacher groups
- 39 Good fortune
- 40 Jacob's son
- 41 Tree growth
- 42 Subdivision
- 43 _____ Shepherd
- 45 Not

Answer Key can be found on page 19

CYO 2012 football kicks off at Zollner Stadium

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The 2012 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) league football season kicked off at Zollner Stadium on Sunday, Aug. 19. In the opener, Sam Talarico and the boys from St. Charles beat the mighty Panthers from St. Vincent, 38-8, in Talarico's first outing as head coach of the Cardinals.

Cardinal eighth-grader Mac Hippenhammer, a tailback, had a stellar day scoring three touchdowns and rushing for nearly 100 yards. Mike Hake added an interception and touchdown, while Riley Miller had a 60-yard reception from quarterback Jack

Pentenburg. A strong Cardinal defense added a safety to round out the scoring in the victory.

"I was extremely proud of this team in their first game," said a pleased Talarico. They committed very few mistakes or penalties and came ready to play."



New this fall will be a combined team from St. Jude, Queen of Angels and Most Precious Blood.

Therefore, the league will consist of seven teams. One team will receive a bye each week. Tune in to Redeemer Radio — Catholic 1450 AM — for the game of the week aired live at 1 p.m. each Sunday.

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Queen of Peace Parish to host Peacefest Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish, 4508 Vistula Rd., will host PeaceFest — "Party at Mom's House." Friday, Aug. 24, "The Mother of All Block Parties" will be from 7-11 p.m., with live entertainment, casino games, food, beer and wine. Saturday, Aug. 25, offers a 5K run/walk, diaper derby, carnival games for kids, inflatable bouncing fun, bingo and local food vendors from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A trivia night will be from 7-11 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, a 10 a.m. Mass will be celebrated with parish picnic at noon, fun fair from 1-3 p.m. Rummage sales will be Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1-3 p.m. For information contact Mike Portolese at (574) 532-5965 or visit www.queenofpeace.cc/peacefest.html.

Christ Child Society Golf Classic
Fort Wayne — A women's 18 hole Florida scramble — Golfing for Kids Classic will be Monday, Sept. 17, at Autumn Ridge Golf Course with a shotgun start 8:30 a.m. Golf package is \$100 per participant (\$43 tax deductible) and includes continental breakfast, green fees, cart, lunch and prizes. Reservations needed by

Sept. 10. For information call DeeDee Dahm at (260) 426-4131 or Patty Schrimper at (260) 627-8247.

Let Love Shine dinner, auction planned
South Bend — The Christ Child Society will hold "Let Love Shine" dinner and auction Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Gillespie Center, Hilton Garden Inn, to benefit its clothing center and outreach programs. Cocktails and silent auction begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and live auction to follow. Tickets are \$75 or \$650 for a table of 10. For tickets call (574) 256-5633 or visit www.letloveshine.info for information.

Fried chicken and ham dinner planned
Ege — Immaculate Conception Parish will have a chicken and ham dinner Sunday, Sept. 9, at the church. Bingo, games, raffles and country store. Serving from noon to 5 p.m.

Little Flower Holy Hour
Fort Wayne — Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus, will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations.

Catholics on a Mission readies mission trip to Costa Rica
Fort Wayne — Catholics on a Mission, a group of Catholic families, are getting a team of teens and parents ready to travel to Costa Rica to assist indigenous Indian tribes with their needs and God's call to evangelization. They will also carry funds to build a chapel there. Fundraisers to cover the costs will be held Saturday, Aug. 25, with a car wash at 4120 N. Clinton St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A garage sale will be held Sept. 7-8, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 6714 Winnebago Dr. Donations accepted. Guided tours through Acres Land Trust will be Saturday, Sept. 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1802 Chapman Rd. in Huntertown. Fees of \$10 per person or \$25 per family will be charged. For information visit www.catholicsonmission.wordpress.com or "Catholics On a Mission" on Facebook, email catholicsonmission2013@gmail.com or call (260) 436-8222.

Pancake breakfast planned
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 12417 will have a pancake and sausage breakfast to benefit Our Lady of Good Hope St. Vincent de Paul Society on Sunday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, 7215 St. Joseph Rd. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 children 5-10 years and children 4 years and under free.

The Silence of Mary plans yard sale
Fort Wayne — The Silence of Mary will have a yard sale Friday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2312 Nuthatch Lane in Wallen Chase subdivision. Visit the website, www.thesilenceof-mary.org or call (260) 267-8371 for information.

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Douglas D. Moser, 56, Immaculate Conception | Huntington
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| Bristol
Jackie D. Hostetler, 60, St. Mary/Annunciation | Mishawaka
Genevieve Juday, 96, St. Monica | Jerome E. Goralczyk, 83, St. Casimir |
| Decatur
Martha E. McConnell, 94, St. Mary/Assumption | Flora Ann Vernasco, 95, St. Bavo | Richard M. Gnoth, 61, St. Matthew Cathedral |
| Earl E. Dawson, 80, St. Mary/Assumption | Margaret Coyle, 77, St. Joseph | Linda C. Riffle, 60, St. Jude |
| Florence T. Koors, 89, St. Mary/Assumption | George D. Van Houtdrevre, 90, St. Bavo | Alexandria M. Gorbitz, 76, Christ the King |
| Elkhart
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Hipolito Pacheco, 60, St. Adalbert | Honorata M. Sciba, 95, St. Hedwig |
| Mary M. White, 81, St. Charles Borromeo | Clara Jaworski, 97, Little Flower | Syracuse
Edward Carten, 80, St. Martin de Porres |
| Haile Sabrina Orth, 33, Most Precious Blood | Melissa Ann Wharton, 34, Little Flower | Warsaw
Porfiria Malagon, 81, Our Lady of Guadalupe |
| Benjamin E. Bunt, 89, St. Charles Borromeo | Ronald J. Ryback, 75, St. Jude | Waterloo
Anna Mae Ellert, 89, St. Michael the Archangel |
| Helene M. Honor, 86, St. Charles Borromeo | Dorothy J. Bagarus, 79, St. Anthony de Padua | Barbara J. Bobay, 59, St. Michael the Archangel |
| Florece C. Beckman, 96, St. Jude | Eugene S. Geissler, 99, Little Flower | Sister Maureen Clare , 96, Church of the Immaculate Conception, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. Sister served at Central Catholic High School. |
| Granger
Kenneth J. Eme, 84, St. Pius X | Ernest R. Zaleski, 86, St. Adalbert | |
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Poor Sisters of St. Clare vow prayer, penance in cloistered life



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The Franciscan Sisters Minor community gathers with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, priests, seminarians and brothers to process into the Mass of Enclosure that was celebrated Aug. 9 at Our Lady of Angels Monastery at St. Andrew in Fort Wayne. The sisters, henceforth known as the Poor Sisters of St. Clare, had resided at St. John the Baptist Parish's Providence House before coming to St. Andrew where they will live an austere life of prayer and penance for the intentions of the diocese.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the Mass of Enclosure that preceded the cloistering of the Poor Sisters of St. Clare, formerly known as the Franciscan Sisters Minor, in Our Lady of Angels Monastery at St. Andrew on Aug. 9. In his homily Bishop Rhoades encouraged the sisters saying, "In your lives of prayers, you will constantly sing the praises of God and intercede for the Church. In doing so, you will be living, not apart from the Church, but in the very heart of the Church as did St. Clare and so many contemplative nuns throughout the Church's history."



Superior of the Poor Sisters of St. Clare community, Mother Celeste Marie, right, beams with joy during the Mass of Enclosure celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at Our Lady of Angels Monastery at St. Andrew in Fort Wayne on Aug. 9, along with Sisters Mary Clare, Margaret Rose, Stella Francis, Karolyn Grace and Marie Veronica. During the Mass family and friends witnessed these sisters profess their temporary vows during a special ceremony.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades ceremonially locks the door of the cloister at Our Lady of Angels Monastery at St. Andrew in Fort Wayne behind which the Poor Sisters of St. Clare begin their life of prayer and penance on Aug. 9. The sisters processed to the cloister along a hall that was lined with the Franciscan Brothers Minor, friends and family members who sang the Litany of the Saints.