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TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Celebrating our deacons



TRISH LINNER

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and the deacons in attendance gather together on the steps outside of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, on Aug. 10, following the anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving that celebrated their years of service to the Church. Pictured are, from left in front, Deacon Kevin Ranaghan, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Deacons Eugene Egendoerfer, James Rauner, Dave Elchert and Jim Fitzpatrick; middle row, from left, are Deacons Paul Ditz, Brian Miller, Guy Gizzi, Joe Messina and Jerry Kohrman; back row, from left, are Deacons Bill Gallagher, Greg Gehred, Jim Fuchs, Bob Byrne and John Hilger.

BY TRISH LINNER

SOUTH BEND — With over 100 family, friends and faithful in attendance, the deacons of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend were honored with an anniversary Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Saturday, Aug. 10. It was no coincidence that the Mass was held on Aug. 10 — it is the feast day of St. Lawrence, one of the greatest deacons to ever serve the Church.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades served as the celebrant with many priests from around the diocese in attendance.

He expressed his gratitude to the deacons for their years of service. “This is a Mass of thanksgiving,” he began. “Our deacons are a blessing to our diocese. We are thankful for the vocation and remember the deacons who have passed. I thank you for your devoted service of charity in our diocese, for your fidelity and witness to the Gospel. I also thank your wives and families for their support of your diaconal vocation.”

The deceased deacons of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend who were remembered at the Mass include Edward Alexejun, Paul Baumgartner, N. Arthur Bleau, Richard Crowder, Thomas Doell, Milton Folds, William Hamilton, Harris Hoeffel, Francis Hubbard, Richard Jackson, Richard Keusch, Francis (Bud) Kiebel, Ted Krizman, Fred Larson, Edward Lyczak, Robert Madey, Louis McDougall, Francis McGinnity, Ronald Moser, Walter Osterholt, Andrew Plodowski, Phillip J. Sanborn, Eugene Szynski, Dean Tucker, Francis (Pat) Walsh and Joseph Zickgraf.

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Young adults find sense of community through ARISE

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Young adults across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend have found a welcoming and engaging environment with the ARISE Together In Christ experience. Soon, across the diocese ARISE groups will be making arrangements and registering participants for the upcoming third session — that will explore the Church’s role in social justice issues.

From college students, to young adults who recently located to the diocese for their careers, ARISE offered a sense of involvement in their faith community.

Nicholas Cooper, a student at Trine University, participated in ARISE through St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Angola.

“I wanted to get to know more adults in the parish community,” Cooper told *Today’s*



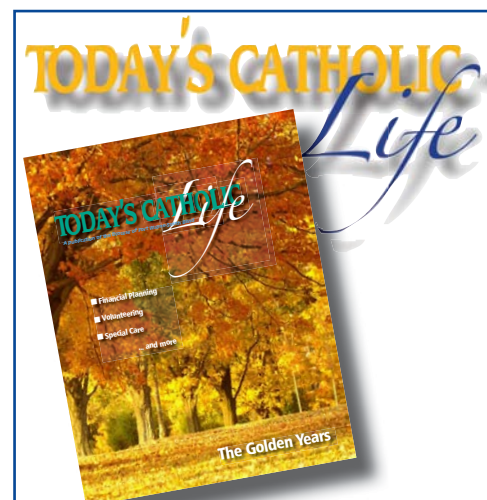
in the community.”

Cooper said, “As a young adult/college student, leading a group of primarily married couples, I can say that I was most surprised to discover how similar our faith journeys and personal lives had been.”

“Even though I was in a different stage of life than most of the couples,” he noted, “the difficulties and joys in life seemed to stem from similar challenges faced and how they were overcome, or are overcoming them. It was truly the Holy Spirit that had brought us together as a group to grow in

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Catholic in an email interview. “I am involved in Newman Catholic Fellowship through the university, but also wanted to become involved



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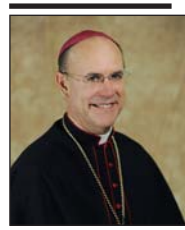
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Thank you for Pentecost offerings!



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

My deep and heartfelt thanks to all who contributed so generously in the Pentecost Collection this year. This Collection, instituted three years ago, is very important as it provides financial support for the education of our increasing number of seminarians. This year, we received \$268,755 in the Pentecost Collection. It is the largest amount received for an annual collection in our diocese. It demonstrates your love for the priesthood and your strong support of priestly vocations. Thank you!

I am happy to report that this year the diocese has 29 young men studying for the priesthood. It is presently a challenge for me to provide priests for all our parishes, however, the increasing number of seminarians gives us hope for the future. Please pray for our seminarians as they return to their studies at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, the Pontifical College Josephinum, the North American College, or Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary.

125th anniversary of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

On Friday, August 16th, I had the joy of concelebrating with Bishop Daniel Jenky the 125th Anniversary Mass of the Dedication of our beautiful Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame.

On August 15th, 1888, Bishop Joseph Dwenger, the second Bishop of Fort Wayne, consecrated the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, known today as the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. It was a 3 ½ hour Mass very early in the morning. The rest of that day was a grand celebration of the 50th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Father Edward Sorin, the founder of the University of Notre Dame.

For the past 125 years, the Basilica has been the heart of the Notre Dame campus, because the Heart of Jesus and the Heart of Mary are at the center of this institution. The beautiful art and architecture of the Basilica make it a monument of the Catholic faith in stone, glass, and painting. Images of biblical figures, saints, and angels abound. When one prays or celebrates the liturgy in the Basilica, one feels surrounded by the communion of saints and part of the beautiful family of God. One especially feels the motherly presence of Our Lady who is represented in art throughout the Basilica.

The images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Holy Cross also abound in the Basilica, expressing the centrality of the love of Christ in our lives as His disciples. Every time I celebrate Mass in the Basilica, a landmark not only for Notre Dame but also for our diocese, I feel caught up by

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PHOTO BY MATT CASHORE/UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Bishop Daniel Jenky, of Peoria, and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visit outside the Basilica of the Sacred Heart before concelebrating the Mass in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the consecration of the basilica on Aug. 16.

the visible beauty, often combined with the beauty that is heard in the sacred music of the choirs of Notre Dame.

Two years ago, I was giving a tour of the Basilica to some of my relatives who were here for the Notre Dame-BYU football game. During the tour, a group of Mormons joined us. It was the first time that I had the opportunity to share our Catholic faith with people of the Mormon faith. I remember their fascination at the relics in the Basilica's Chapel of the Relics. I'm sure there are many other little miracles of grace at our Sacred Heart Basilica.

This great church in our diocese is not a museum. It is a sacred place of living faith and worship. If you have never visited the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, I encourage you to stop by for a visit, to attend a liturgy, or just to pray.

Arise Together in Christ

We are about to begin the third session of *Arise Together in Christ* in parishes throughout our diocese. Thousands of the faithful met in small Christian communities this past year for the first two sessions. Many have shared with me their positive experience of participating in an *Arise* group and how it has helped them to grow in their faith. If you have not participated in an *Arise* group thus far, I invite you to consider joining a group for this third session.

The theme of the third session is "walking in the footsteps of Christ." This session provides an opportunity to learn more about Catholic social teaching. It focuses on an active commitment to charity and justice in our lives as disciples of Jesus.

I pray that, through *Arise Together in Christ*, many will draw closer to Christ and His Church. I also pray that it will build up Christian community in our parishes, helping parishioners to get to know one another more deeply as they share their faith together. It is also a good way to bring newly initiated Catholics and those who may be returning to the practice of the faith more personally into the life of the parish community.

Jesus said: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). This is what *Arise* is all about: gathering in Christ's name and experiencing His presence among us in the Scriptures, in prayer, and in one another. This prepares us to enter more deeply into His amazing presence with us in the Most Holy Eucharist.

May the Lord bless all those participating in the third session of *Arise*! May you learn in the coming weeks "to follow in Christ's footsteps" with the grace of the Holy Spirit and the prayers of the Holy Mother of God!

Catholics encouraged to support Health Care Conscience Rights Act

INDIANAPOLIS — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) and the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment (NCHLA) are encouraging Catholics to contact Congress to co-sponsor the Health Care Conscience Rights Act.

The Obama administration's contraceptive/abortifacient/sterilization mandate will begin to be enforced against nonprofit religious schools, charities and health care providers on Jan. 1, 2014. In the weeks to come, Congress must decide whether to address this problem before that deadline.

"Members of Congress should be urged to co-sponsor the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940, S. 1204), and to work for its approval in the next must-pass bill needed to keep the federal government operating," wrote the Indiana Catholic Conference, the public policy voice of the Catholic bishops in Indiana regarding state and national matters, in its I-CANUpdate on Aug. 13.

In a June 21 letter to Congress, Archbishop William Lori, Chairman of the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty, and Russell Moore, Ph.D., president of the Southern Baptist Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission,

hailed the introduction of S. 1204 and urged members to support its passage. Earlier letters in support of the identical House bill, H.R. 940, by Archbishop Lori and Cardinal Sean O'Malley, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and other helpful documents, can be found at www.usccb.org/conscience.

Under the new health care law, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) requires most health plans to cover "preventive services for women," including drugs and procedures that many citizens find objectionable for moral and religious reasons. These objectionable items include sterilization, FDA-approved birth control (such as the IUD, Depo-Provera, "morning-after" pills, and the abortion-inducing drug Ella), and "education and counseling" to promote these to all "women of reproductive capacity," including minor girls.

Under the final rule released by HHS on June 28, the mandate allows only a very narrow exemption for a "religious employer," chiefly aimed at what HHS calls "houses of worship." Other religious organizations offering education, health care and charitable services do not qualify for the exemption.

The mandate will be enforced

against them beginning Jan. 1, 2014, under an "accommodation" that only changes the way the objectionable items must be provided to all employees and their dependents. There is no exemption or delay for individuals, or for businesses owned and operated by families with moral or religious objections.

During the five week summer recess (Aug. 5 through Sept. 9), members of Congress will be in their home districts and states. During this time members will be learning what is important to their constituents, and this will influence their actions when they return in the fall. Please use this opportunity to ask your representative and senators to support H.R. 940/S. 1204.

For those who wish to send a message via email to U.S. Representatives and Senators, the Indiana Catholic Conference offers links at <http://www.capwiz.com/indianacc/home/>. Please ask them to co-sponsor the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940, S. 1204), and work for its approval in upcoming "must-pass" legislation. Government must not force Americans to violate their religious and moral beliefs on respect for life when they provide health care or purchase health coverage.

Holy Cross priest assigned to Africa

BY JODI MAGALLANES

SOUTH BEND — Assignment changes are a regular part of the life of a parish priest. Still, the view from the window at Father Michael Mathews' next home base will be remarkably uncommon.

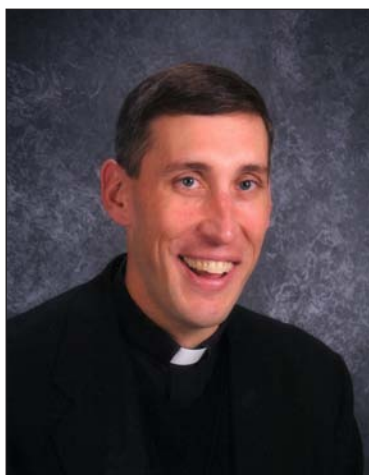
In January of 2014, after a six-month sabbatical, Father Mathews will board a plane for Uganda, Africa. For three years he'll serve as professor, confessor and a kind of monitor of the religious life of young, African Holy Cross seminarians there.

Father Mathews previously led the parishes of St. Stanislaus and Holy Cross in South Bend for 12 years. During the three years prior to that time, St. Joseph parishioners called him their pastor.

He was ordained April 10, 1999, and his formation had included attending the University of Notre Dame as an undergraduate history and theology student. He spent his novitiate time in Colorado and graduated from Moreau Seminary.

Since his first parish assignment time has flown by, he said. Parishioners became like family, which is what made it hard for him to think of leaving.

Although sometimes priests can come to feel burned out or angry after many years of a vocation or after remaining too long in a particular parish or situation, Father Mathews emphasized that he feels



FATHER MICHAEL MATHEWS

neither. Rather, a recent talk with his provincial superior included the acknowledgement that he had been at the parish for what is typically a maximum amount of time. When the discussion turned to what direction he might wish to go from here, Father Mathews recalled a missionary priest whom he had listened to in college talk animatedly about his experiences in Africa. "He was a big supporter of missions. I think that stayed with me," he said.

Feeling led to explore a similar calling, he visited the seminary near Lake Victoria in the District of East Africa to get a sense of how he could be of service and what he should expect. He decided to trust the feeling that he should go.

"You know, it felt right. It was foreign, certainly, and a little scary — but not wrong. What really res-

onated with me is that the Church is still alive over there. People are on fire with love of God." Father Mathews will cultivate that desire by participating in the formation of seminarians.

From now until his assignment begins, Father Mathews is grateful to also have been given time to visit his family and to plug into his home parish in Tustin, Calif. St. Cecilia Parish is where the seeds of his vocation were planted and nourished over the years, he said, and where supportive friends and relatives have been anxious to welcome him back. He is saying daily Mass at the parish, doing the sacramental work of Priesthood; and is quite content with the fact that, for the moment, his pastoral responsibilities end there. "I kind of love that I'm not in charge," he admitted.

"The Congregation of Holy Cross was very kind to give me this renewal time first. I'll do some retreats, some continuing education," he said, and he will also indulge a love for travel by touring locally and by visiting fellow priests abroad.

"I'm trying to recoup the motivation for my joining Holy Cross," he said, reflecting on his upcoming change of venue and responsibilities. "To be a Holy Cross priest, and do the things a Holy Cross priest does. We're big on missions, and a part of me has always wanted to be a part of that."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Monday, Aug. 26, 8:45 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit, Saint Mary School, Avilla
- Monday, Aug. 26, 6 p.m. — Annual Bishop's Appeal Reception, Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Aug. 27, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw
- Wednesday, Aug. 28, 11 a.m. — Opening Mass, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Aug. 29, 2-4 p.m. — Presentations to Executives and Management Staff, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka
- Thursday, Aug. 29, 6 p.m. — Annual Bishop's Appeal Reception, Hilton Garden Inn, Notre Dame
- Sunday, Sept. 1, 2 p.m. — Mass for National Burmese Catholic Convention, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Sept. 3, 12 p.m. — Mass, Walb Center, IPFW, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Sept. 4, 12 p.m. — Mass and Meeting with Catholic Community Foundation, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Sept. 4, 6:15 p.m. — Dinner and Meeting with Fort Wayne Parish Leadership of Annual Bishop's Appeal, Saint Mary's Parish, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Sept. 5, 12:05 p.m. — Priests' Jubilee Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Sept. 7, 5 p.m. — Mass for Notre Dame Club of Harrisburg, Holy Name of Jesus Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty Holy Hour across the diocese

- Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, has a holy hour Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m. and every Friday from 11 a.m. to noon. The Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and people are encouraged to spend time in Adoration and pray for the intentions of life, marriage and religious liberty.
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.
- Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30-5 p.m.) every Saturday of Adoration and Exposition prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.
- Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades' fall Confirmation schedule

- Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne, Sept. 14, 9 a.m.
- Christ the King Parish, South Bend, Oct. 3, 7 p.m.
- Saint Anthony de Padua Parish, South Bend, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m.
- Saint Mary of the Annunciation Parish, Bristol and St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen at St. Mary Church, Bristol, Nov. 16, 10 a.m.
- Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Waterloo, Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m.
- Corpus Christi Parish, South Bend, Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m.
- Saint Matthew Cathedral Parish, South Bend, Dec. 8, 11 a.m.

'Nothing is too good for the glory of God'

Rich 125-year history of Basilica of the Sacred Heart celebrated

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — On Aug. 15, 1888, dignitaries from all over the country gathered at the University of Notre Dame to celebrate the dedication of the new Sacred Heart Church. On Aug. 16 of this year, a special Mass was celebrated at 4 p.m. in the church, now known as Sacred Heart Basilica, to observe the 125th anniversary of that dedication.

Again, dignitaries, along with Notre Dame's friends, staff, faculty, alumni and students filled the basilica to help the priests and brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross celebrate the rich liturgical history of the building, which is the congregation's oldest and principal church in the United States.

The main celebrant of the Mass was Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, a Holy Cross priest and formerly rector of the basilica. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was on hand to concelebrate the Mass with him and dozens of Holy Cross priests, all wearing matching white vestments.

In his homily, Bishop Jenky traced the history of the building, pointing out that the school outgrew its first church building, so Notre Dame founder, Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin, started the current building in 1868. It took

20 years to finish the church, which was constructed from local materials that included bricks made from the clay at the bottom of Saint Mary's Lake on the campus. The dedication of the church Aug. 15, 1888, occurred on the 50th anniversary of Father Sorin's ordination to the priesthood.

Bishop Jenky explained that Father Sorin shared the vision that "Nothing is too good for the glory of God," so he chose beautiful furnishings and art as intentional and instructional, to make the church a "vivid depiction of God's house in heaven," he said.

"Catholics — in spite of some temporary bouts of iconoclasm or passing moments of spiritual amnesia — intentionally build glorious churches like this one," Bishop Jenky said. "Catholic Christianity is sacramental and Incarnational. That's the reason for this place."

He explained that down through the centuries and with all the various changing art and architectural styles, "Our churches are outward signs, material icons of inward, spiritual realities where the physical signifies the metaphysical. Glory and beauty are divine attributes, so believers in both the Eastern and Western traditions of Catholic Christianity have always tried to build churches as glorious and as beautiful as possible."

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PHOTO BY MATT CASHORE/UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Holy Cross Father Peter Rocca, rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, proclaims the Gospel at the Mass in honor of the 125th anniversary of the consecration of the basilica on Aug. 16.

Bishop Jenky noted the uncountable number of sacraments that have been celebrated in the church over the past 125 years, as well as funerals, jubilees, Adorations, special events, and prayers and conversions "that this holy place invites."

He continued: "What goes on inside these walls — and inside the other more than 63 chapels of Our Lady's school — is all for the sake of what should always be witnessed outside these walls: That is, living the Christian life of love, prayer and service."

In ending his homily, Bishop Jenky emphasized that the basilica images the Communion of Saints; images God Himself and His holy Church; and images heaven, for "Our destiny is to see God face to face in the eternal splendor of heaven. ..."

"How awesome and terrible is this place," Bishop Jenky concluded. "Truly this is the house of

God and the gate of heaven."

A celebratory banquet took place after the Mass. In remarks at the dinner, Bishop Rhoades called the basilica a "monument in stone, glass and painting of the Catholic faith," attributes that make it a "landmark" not only for Notre Dame, but for the diocese as well.

"The Basilica of the Sacred Heart is at the center of the Notre Dame community because the Heart of Jesus and the Heart of Mary are at the heart of this university. And also because the Holy Eucharist, celebrated in the basilica now for over 125 years, is the heart of our Christian life and faith," Bishop Rhoades said.

"We thank God for the countless graces bestowed in the sacraments celebrated in the basilica these past 125 years, as well as the many blessings bestowed on those who have visited and prayed there," he said.

BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART FACTS

Length is 275 feet; width is 114 feet.

The tower is 218 feet tall and holds 24 bells, each named for a saint, including the eight-ton St. Anthony bell.

The stained-glass windows were designed and produced by Carmelite nuns in Le Mans, France.

Murals on the walls and ceilings, as well as the Stations of the Cross, were painted by Luigi Gregori, an artist of the papal household "borrowed" from the Vatican by Father Sorin.

There are seven side chapels. The Reliquary Chapel contains relics of most of the saints in the calendar of the Liturgical Year.

A basilica museum holds artifacts from the history of Holy Cross, Notre Dame and the Catholic Church in the U.S.

In 1992 Pope John Paul II named the church a minor basilica.

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faith and fellowship."

Cooper said, "(ARISE) helped me to grow my faith in what I would call a practical or everyday application. To learn from the couples who have much more experience in life, who have experienced Christ in their lives in various ways, and to also share your youthful encounters with Christ, is an exchange full of hope."

Diane Nguyen was part of St. Pius' young adult ARISE group and works at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRMC). She sought involvement in a faith community.

"Fellowship has played an important role in growing in my faith, and I was looking to find a new spiritual home in Indiana," Nguyen said, who had relocated to the area.

"I was pleasantly surprised at how genuinely welcoming the participants involved in ARISE were to a new face, especially the facilitator of my group," Nguyen said. "It is seemingly obvious that faith sharing communities should be welcoming to strangers, but unfortunately, I have not always been met with such hospitality when first joining a

group in the past. However, I felt at home at the ARISE group."

Nguyen noted how ARISE helped to build her faith. "It's common to think that I may be the only one going through certain trials or having certain thoughts and ideas," she said. "In reality though, there are so many other people who experience similar encounters. It lifts a certain burden to be able to share these experiences with others who hold similar beliefs. I've learned to think about certain aspects of my faith from a different perspective."

Nguyen said, "Until I started my position at SJRMC, I was always immersed in a secular environment. Having a faith sharing group with other Catholics allowed me to explore issues/topics from a Catholic perspective. Even after working at SJRMC, which is a Catholic institution, there are not very many moments in which I can contemplate through a faith lens with others. ARISE allowed me to do that."

Nguyen offered these words with other young adults, "Being in fellowship with other young Catholics helped me bring my faith out into a safe public forum to challenge, reaffirm and spark new ideas about the beliefs I hold dear. In addition, I made some wonderful friends who made my experience living in

Indiana as memorable as it was."

Erin Heckber, who recently married Travis Heckber over the summer and works at Redeemer Radio in Fort Wayne, was active in the St. Aloysius ARISE group, which was organized by her husband.

"What surprised me about ARISE was that I truly realized that being in a small Christian community is a true blessing," Heckber said. "Through high school and even college we are able to join our school's youth group, Newman group, etc.; but once I left those surroundings you didn't have those small groups as much anymore. ARISE brought people together, some who we have known for some time and then brought in some new faces who are close friends now."

"ARISE gave me a deeper appreciation for the richness of the Scripture that we would read each meeting," she said. "Giving each reading or reflection a different perspective that I might not have thought about before."

"I would really encourage any young adult to prayerfully consider participating in ARISE," Heckber encouraged. "Sometimes it is hard to take the first step, but you won't have regrets once you did. It is a wonderful way to join into a Christian community where you grow together."

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRE OBSERVED



MARK WEBER

It is not a celebration, but solemn observance of the 20th anniversary of a headline event of Sept 2, 1993, the spectacular fire that reduced to ruins the 107-year-old St. Mary Church in Fort Wayne. Photos of the fire will be on display in the gathering area at St. Mary Church until Sept. 9, 2013. A new St. Mary's complex arose and was dedicated on May 2, 1999 and in a 1997 groundbreaking ceremony a St. Mary's Heritage Fund was established from the insurance proceeds and has annually awarded grants totaling through the years of \$3,577,032.88 to deserving parishes, schools and social agencies.

Catholic faith the heart of summer camp for youths

BY DIANE FREEBY

NORTH WEBSTER — According to campers and counselors alike, Catholic Youth Summer Camp rocked this year. “Be a Living Stone” was the theme, giving children in grades 4-6 all the fun of a summer camp while learning to grow in their faith.

This is the third year for CYSC, held Aug. 4-9 at Camp Crosley in North Webster and directed by St. Jude, South Bend, parishioners Dave and Jan Torma.

“Our Catholic faith is the heart of the camp and it is fostered throughout the day whether campers are at a low ropes course, a campfire or learning Scripture and praying the rosary,” explained the Tormas. “We have a scripturally-based theme that is integrated throughout a fun and meaningful program. This year, our theme was ‘Be a Living Stone!’ Our inspiration came from Pope Francis’ homily at his first public Mass in the Sistine Chapel. He exhorted us to be living stones and build up the Church.”

Campers memorized Scripture that emphasized the theme and connected them with the daily readings at Mass. Five different priests from the diocese traveled to camp to celebrate daily Mass, with the sacrament of Reconciliation offered on Thursday.

Hailey Arter, a rising fifth grader at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, where her family is also parishioners, said she came back



ROB BOLKA

Campers at the Catholic Youth Summer Camp, held Aug. 4-9 at Camp Crosley in North Webster, break into a dance at the campfire one of the evenings. The camp, organized by Dave and Jan Torma, had the theme this year, “Be a Living Stone.”

because she had so much fun at last year’s camp, loved the waterfront and the high ropes.

“I liked the climbing wall and anything with harnesses!” smiled Arter. “The high ropes were awesome! We did the zipline! The counselors are really nice and there are a lot of things to do. It combined our faith and fun with all my friends!”

Arter said she hoped to come back again next year, and her parents are enthusiastically on board.

“We wanted them to enjoy summer camp experience, but also get the religious aspect ... bringing them closer to God,” said Jeff Arter,

whose son also attended last year as a sixth grader. “Jan and Dave do a tremendous job ... they’re on fire for the Lord and it resonates with the children.”

Tom Ferlich, a sophomore at Creighton University, was also a counselor at last year’s Catholic Youth Summer Camp.

“I came back because I was really inspired by the kids the first time I did this camp,” said Ferlich. They always pushed themselves to do better. I loved the element of faith that was involved. This camp gives the kids the opportunity to live out their faith and grow in it as well.”

Dave Torma said the counselors

appeared to have as much fun as the kids, and were a big reason for this summer’s success.

“The young people who joined us did a great job of implementing the theme and really getting involved with the kids,” he said. “The counselors were extraordinary ... that’s what made the camp happen.”

This year, seminarian Jay Horning traveled to camp twice to be with the campers, both at Mass and to share his testimony at a campfire.

“The campers were surrounded by counselors and other staff that are living their faith with intention and joy,” added Torma. “As the children learn new skills and develop socially, they are being evangelized to a personal relationship with Jesus and a deeper love for Mary. Throughout the week, we grow as a community and our Catholic identity deepens. We are living stones in the Church.”

Jan Torma recalled one evening as a rainstorm began during dinner.

“It was doubtful that we would be able to have a campfire outside by Lake Tippecanoe,” she said. “But the rain subsided and the campfire started. Two fifth-grade boys, Ben Appleton and Caleb Jackson, walked up to the microphone with their Bibles and shared personal insights they gained from reflection on the Beatitudes through a method of Bible study called ‘Lectio Divina’ led by counselor Donnie Kuzma. At the moment they were sharing with us, the sun began shining through a beautiful cloud formation on the two boys as though a spotlight was on them. It was a profound moment for me as the Son was shining on and through the boys.”

The Tormas are hoping CYSC continues, but say no decision has been made about next summer, and they are in need of more adults to help. For more information, contact Dave and Jan at fisherofmendjt@msn.com or call (574) 291-3381.

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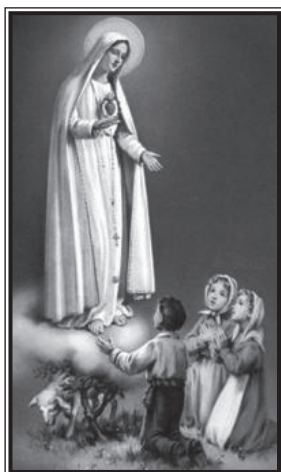
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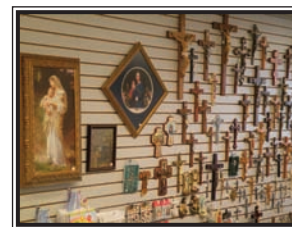
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Theology on Tap: Bishop Rhoades speaks on same-sex attraction

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

MISHAWAKA — Over 100 people gathered for a Theology on Tap session at Villa Macri Ristorante on Aug. 6 where they experienced food, fellowship and faith. The topic was “Charitable Response: Same-Sex Relationships” presented by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

“It’s great to be back. I do recognize a lot of your faces ... Thanks for coming tonight,” said Bishop Rhoades to the crowd. “They gave me the toughest topic and most controversial topic in the United States.”

Theology on Tap is a speaker and conversation series for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, to learn more about the Catholic faith, enter into conversation with their peers and make connections between faith and everyday life.

The evening started with an ice-breaker at each table where questions were placed to provide the opportunity for participants to get to know one another.

Bishop Rhoades started his talk with the topic of truth. “Do not accept anything as the truth if it lacks love. And do not accept anything as love, which lacks truth. One without the other becomes a destructive lie, said St. Teresa Benedicta,” the bishop said.

The Catholic Church opposes gay marriage and the social acceptance of homosexuality and same-sex relationships, but teaches that homosexual persons deserve respect, justice and pastoral care.

“The charge of bigotry hurts,” said Bishop Rhoades, and he believes it’s important that people



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, were invited to hear Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speak at the Theology on Tap on Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Villa Macri in South Bend.

understand the truth of Catholic teachings and beliefs on same-sex relationships and marriage.

The Church teaches there should be no prejudice shown to homosexual persons. Bishop Rhoades feels the faithful need to be mindful of the inherent and abiding dignity of every human person, and that homosexual persons, like everyone else, should not suffer from prejudice against their basic human rights. They have a right to respect, friendship and justice. They should have an active role in the Christian

community.

He went on to discuss the teachings of the Catholic Church towards marriage.

“Human sexuality is something good,” said Bishop Rhoades. “The purpose of the sexual design is to draw two people to the bonds of marriage.”

That union leads to sexual intercourse designed by God as both the act of lovemaking where two people become one in the flesh

union and as a means to procreate new life, as a couple and with God’s grace, new members of the human species. Homosexual sex seems to be essentially deficient or incomplete.

“Marriage is a unique union,” said Bishop Rhoades. Same-sex marriages are incapable of creating new life and “children are meant to be the gift of a marriage between a husband and wife.”

“Social science shows children

do best when raised by a mother and a father,” said Bishop Rhoades. “I am not judging anyone’s parenting skills. Same-sex parents can be good parents.”

Bishop Rhoades then turned his talk to the notion of charity and how important it is to the Catholic Church to make sure there is no discrimination against same-sex couples.

“It is a terrible sin against charity to look down on same-sex feelings,” said Bishop Rhoades.

“Love is the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being,” said Bishop Rhoades. The cross they carry is that they should not act on homosexual tendencies.

Bishop Rhoades referenced the group Courage/EnCourage, an apostolate that ministers to those dealing with same-sex attraction and their loved ones. They assist those who are dealing with same-sex attraction to live a life of faith in accord with the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. The goals are: 1) chastity in accordance with the Church’s teaching on homosexuality; 2) prayer and dedication to Christ, especially in the sacraments; 3) fellowship; 4) support; and, 5) good example.

Over the years, Bishop Rhoades has spoken with people that have pursued a gay lifestyle that lead to an unhappy life. Many left the homosexual relationship and returned to the Church and a chaste life.

At the end of the Theology on Tap, the group was asked to engage in small group discussion activities.

“We are all on a journey together,” said Bishop Rhoades to the group. “Let’s help each other on the journey.”

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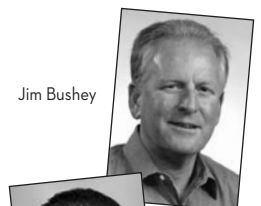
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Sessions will be held twice per month on Mondays starting Sept. 9, from 7-9 p.m., at Bishop Dwenger High School (enter at Door No. 1 — Main Office).

For more information, including a schedule and a list of topics covered at each session call (260) 338-OPT3, email ThirdOptionFW@gmail.com or visit www.ThirdOptionFW.org.

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Sister Jane Marie Klein receives People of Life Award

WASHINGTON — A Franciscan healthcare executive, lawyer and a diocesan leader and social worker received the 2013 People of Life Award for lifetime commitment to the pro-life movement during an Aug. 4 ceremony at the annual Diocesan Pro-Life Leadership Conference held this year in Boston. The honorees were Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration Jane Marie Klein of Mishawaka, Frances X. Hogan and Barbara Thorp.

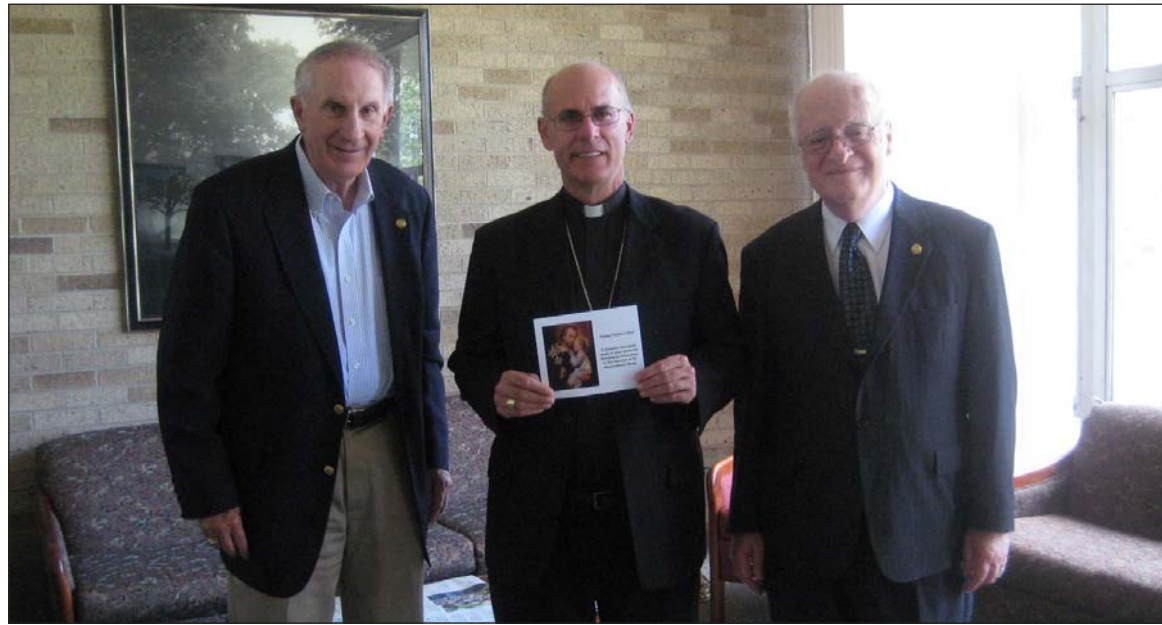
Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston, chair of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), presented the awards. Over 150 diocesan, state and national Catholic pro-life leaders and guests from across the country attended the private awards dinner at the conference, sponsored by the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

The People of Life Award recognizes those who have answered the call outlined by Pope John Paul II in "The Gospel of Life" ("Evangelium Vitae," 1995) by dedicating themselves to pro-life activities and promoting respect for the dignity of the human person. It is bestowed to a practicing Catholic in honor of his or her significant contributions in service to the culture of life.

Sister Jane Marie Klein was honored as an advocate for Catholic healthcare and conscience rights. In 1996, she became chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Franciscan Alliance, a 13-hospital Catholic health care system in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, after serving as the

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Ray Vales, regional director, left, and Jerry Smith, district governor of Region Seven of the United States Serra Council, right, are shown presenting a check for \$1,000 to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for seminarian education. The presentation was made at Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame on July 19. The Serra Club of South Bend raised the money through donations for St. Joseph Father's Day cards offered after Masses at Corpus Christi Church and St. Matthew Cathedral.

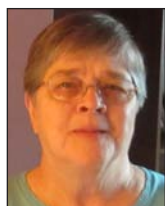
corporation's president and CEO. She formerly held senior administrative positions in several of the system's hospitals and also worked in medical social work and accounting in her early healthcare ministry.

Sister Jane Marie serves on a number of hospitals and business boards and is a member of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend finance council. She has been a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration provincial council for over 20 years. In March 2013, Sister Jane Marie presented at a Congressional press conference at the introduction of the Health Care Conscience Rights Act (H.R. 940, S. 1204), and is featured in the USCCB video, "Speak Up for Conscience Rights."

Sister Mary Philip Berger to celebrate 50th jubilee

FERDINAND — Benedictine Sister Mary Philip Berger will be celebrating her 50th jubilee with the sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand on Saturday, Aug. 24, at the convent.

Sister Mary Philip, was born Arlene Berger, in South Bend, to Albert and Mary (Bickwermert) Berger. She



SISTER MARY PHILIP BERGER

attended St. Matthew School and Church and graduated from Saint Joseph's High School in 1960.

Sister Mary Philip entered the convent in September 1961, took her temporary vows in 1963, and final vows, June 17, 1968. She graduated from Mt. St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kan., with a bachelor's degree in 1966. She received her master's degree in 1971 from the University of Notre Dame.

She taught in the convent girls' boarding high school for many years, and was proctor for students from all over the globe, (Academy of the Immaculate Conception). Sister Mary Philip taught French, English and Spanish. She is currently working in the convent's archives and teaches English as a second language part-time.

A celebration will be at the convent Aug. 24-25. Her family will be joining her to celebrate, along with her convent family.

Michiana Celtic Festival held Sept. 1

SOUTH BEND — The 2013 Michiana Celtic Festival slated for Sunday, Sept. 1, at Howard Park will feature live music and festival activities starting at 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Activities include the Scottish Highland Athletics Invitational Competition, border collie herding, farm animals, kids games, ancient weaponry skills, clan and historical

displays, Celtic merchants and more. Fiddler's Hearth along with St. Patrick Church and the Knights of Columbus will have three food booths with a wide variety of Celtic fare and a beer concession. Admission to the festival is \$5, children 12 and under free.

More information on Cursillo events

SOUTH BEND — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will attend the Cursillo picnic at St. Patrick Park on Aug. 24. The 4 p.m. Mass celebrant will be Holy Cross Father Jack Keefe.

The next Cursillo Weekend for men in the diocese is Sept. 12-15 and the women's weekend will be Oct. 10-13 at the Wawasee Episcopal Center, Syracuse.

Bishop Rhoades will be at the men's Cursillo on Friday, Sept. 13, for the rosary scheduled for 4 p.m. and will stay to share dinner scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Bishop Rhoades will be at the women's Cursillo on Friday, Oct. 11, to present the Habitual Grace Rollo (talk) scheduled for 10:45 a.m. and will stay for lunch scheduled at 12:15 p.m.

The Fort Wayne-South Bend Cursillos are held at the Episcopal Center in Syracuse.

For more information contact Mary and Tim Weber at (574) 289-2269, Sheri Garwood at (574) 287-0496 or pre.cursillo@fwsbcursillo.org.

First D'Arcy Dash nets funds for scholarships

FORT WAYNE — The first D'Arcy Dash held Aug. 18 in Fort Wayne welcomed 150 participants. With participants, sponsors and donations the race cleared about \$4,000 for the Bishop (John M.) D'Arcy Scholarship Fund for Catholic Education, noted race coordinator Molly Mahoney. Shirts from the race are still available for \$15. Contact Mahoney at mmahoney4604@yahoo.com to purchase a shirt.

Our Lady of Hungary holds Harvest 'Fiestaval'

SOUTH BEND — Our Lady of Hungary will hold its Harvest "Fiestaval" on Sept. 7 at the parish and school grounds, 829 W. Calvert St. The festival will begin with Mass at noon at the outdoor altar, followed by food and music at 1 p.m. A church history and tour will be offered and attendees are invited to meet Father Kevin Bauman, pastor. Food includes corn and sausage roast and hot dogs on the grill, Mexican fare, Hungarian chicken paprikash, school barbecue, Our Lady of Hungary's favorite pastries and 4 Horsemen beer tasting. Ein Prosit-Traditional 40-piece German Band will play from 1-3:30 p.m. DeeJay Poncho Mix will provide entertainment from 4-6 p.m. Marge Dudeck will perform on keyboard from 6-8 p.m. and the Just Us Band will offer rock music and German drinking songs beginning at 8 p.m. The Notre Dame vs. Michigan game will play on the 100-inch screen in the auditorium. Proceeds will benefit of Our Lady of Hungary School.

Institute for Church Life presents 'Saturdays With the Saints'

NOTRE DAME — The Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame begins its fourth year of the popular "Saturdays with the Saints" lecture series. Distinguished members of the Notre Dame faculty will offer lectures on various Catholic saints at 10:30 a.m. on Notre Dame home football game weekends.

In this Year of Faith, "Saturdays with the Saints" features men and women who have borne witness to their faith with their lives and includes: Blessed Franz Jägerstätter, farmer, conscientious objector and martyr; the four women martyrs of El Salvador — Ita Ford, Dorothy Kazel, Jean Donovan and Maura Clark; the Christian martyrs depicted in the Icon of the New Martyrs; Dr. Stanley Rother, Servus Dei, a priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma, murdered in Guatemala; and the Communion of Saints.

Robert Krieg, professor of theology at Notre Dame will talk on Blessed Franz Jagerstatter on Aug. 31.

All lectures are free, open to the public, and held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Andrews Auditorium — lower level, Geddes Hall, on the University of Notre Dame campus. Visit <http://icl.nd.edu/>.



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Museum highlights Bishop John M. D'Arcy mementos

BY MARK WEBER

A Swiss guard figurine, prestigious awards and papal gifts offer a silent but reflective look at the varied life the eighth bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend just six months after he had a short but fatal battle with cancer.

Two baseballs and a fielder's glove speak of Bishop John M. D'Arcy's lifelong love of the game and his unyielding loyalty to the Boston Red Sox; one of the balls is from the 100th World Series played in 2004 between Boston and the St. Louis Cardinals, which the Sox won in four straight games.

Eventually, the hand that wore the glove would wear a bishop's ring, which is also on display near two pectoral crosses, the official ornament of episcopacy since the 17th century. One is a gift from Pope Paul VI and two are from Pope John Paul II.

Standing alone among jewels, fabrics, photos and sacramentals as the preeminent symbol of a life dedicated to God is the chalice used in his home chapel. One wonders how often it was raised in thanksgiving and joy, supplication, grief and fear, worry and wonder, but always in that timeless bond which unites some men to the Son of man and who are allowed to say, "This is My body, this is My blood."

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Michael D'Arcy, who served the Lord 57 years a priest and 38 of them as bishop, led the faithful of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for 28 years, a period second only to Archbishop John F. Noll, who served for 32 years. He is remembered by many as that charming Bostonian with swift Irish wit and a kind heart for street people who knew him and a soft touch.



MARK WEBER

One of three cases highlighting the life of the late Bishop John M. D'Arcy shows the papal decree from Blessed John Paul II appointing him as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, a photo with Pope Benedict XVI at the canonization of St. Mother Theodore Guérin, a walking stick presented to the bishop at the Notre Dame Eucharistic Congress and his cape and cassock for special occasions, plus one of several croziers used as bishop.

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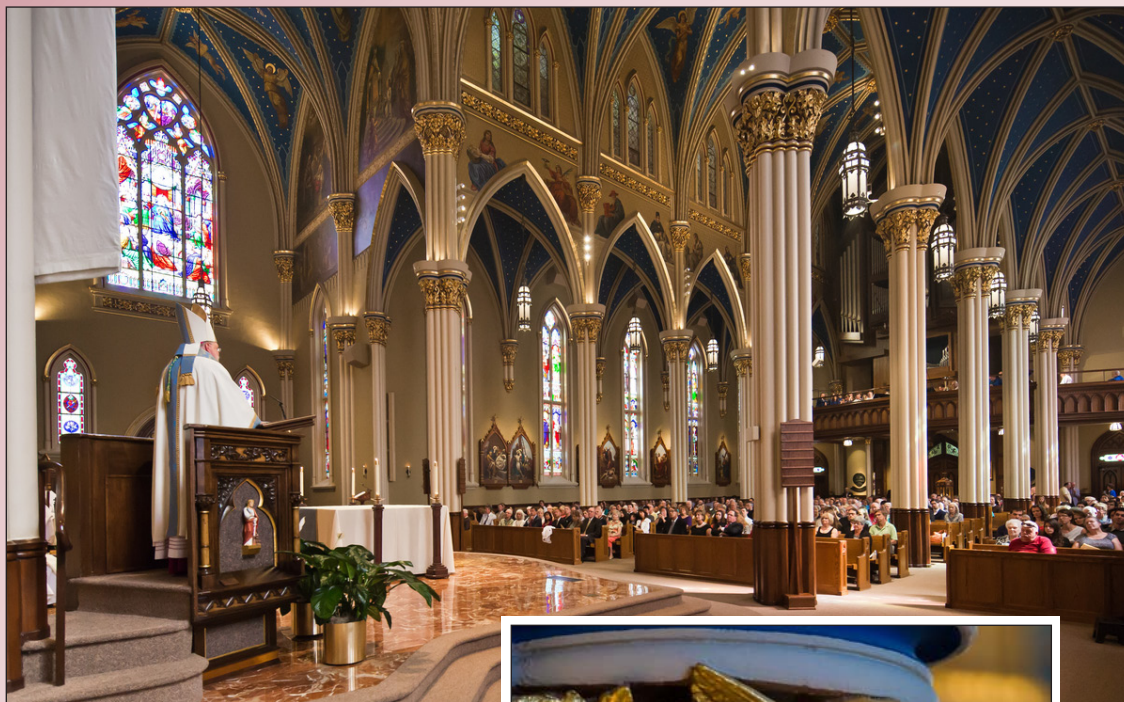
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Knights celebrate Faith, Family, Fatherhood



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After an opening Mass on Friday, Aug. 16, the Knights of Columbus process from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to Headwaters Park in Fort Wayne where the Faith, Family, Fatherhood Festival, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, was held Aug. 16-18.



Michael Russell O'Brien, a Catholic entertainer from Tampa Bay, Fla., sang hymns to the Blessed Mother at Headwaters Park on Aug. 16.



The Hunter Smith Band provided entertainment on Aug. 17.

Chris Godfrey, retired NFL player and founder of Life Athletes, was the keynote speaker on Saturday, Aug. 17.



Fathers gathered for the Faith, Family, Fatherhood Festival receive a blessing by Franciscan Father David Mary Engo after his talk on Aug. 18.



Kids and dads enjoy a ride on the train at the Faith, Family, Fatherhood Festival on Aug. 17.

A time for everything under heaven

Facing grief is never an easy task, whether it concerns a recent loss or one that occurred years in the past. The need seems to come and go on a whim and many times brings with it a staggering pain that causes many of us to recoil in despair. Though, especially early after a loss, avoidance is a natural response to that pain, we all must one day sit with our grief and do the hard work it calls for in hopes of finding joy in the future.

In my work with the bereaved I have witnessed many of the ways the human psyche vies with the heart to stave off the inevitable work of grief. Some folks throw themselves into their work as a means of feeling “normal” again after a significant loss. Others sequester themselves, choosing not to talk about their loss with anyone. Some shop excessively to relieve the anguish, while others travel, hoping to outrun their agonizing memories.

None of these activities is damaging when done in moderation.

In reality they each have a specific purpose — to help us take in and work through our grief in doses — over time. I believe our human hearts, created to give and receive love, would stop beating altogether if we were to take in a significant loss all at once.

However, knowing it’s okay to avert our grief for a time, we also know there is a time to embrace the pain, work through it and move to the other side. Our hearts will know when it’s time, but we must pay close attention for that internal whisper — a deafening challenge in the best of circumstances.

I know a woman whose husband of 63 years died two years ago. Her family is concerned that as she continues to isolate herself at home, refusing any help with her grief, that she is slowly dying herself. Her anxious son laments, “Yesterday we got on the subject of grief counseling and she said, ‘If I go and talk about it, it makes it real. And if I don’t go, then it didn’t happen and I don’t have to think about it.’”

Unfortunately the reality is her



HOPE IN THE MOURNING

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loss is real and her unexpressed grief is causing much distress for her and her family. Her son understands that the need to face the reality of loss with a healthy expression of grief over time, which may include sharing it with a trusted friend or a support group, opens our hearts to hope.

I recently experienced a similar situation with my sister, Betty, whose 22-year-old son, Adam, died six years ago of leukemia. She had been putting off cleaning out his bedroom, though she and her husband had been updating the rest of their home for several months.

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‘The vocation of love’: lessons from retirement

Moving into a senior home can be the ultimate indignity.

With the hefty monthly bill comes a hundred little losses — of the car keys, of the backyard, of all the familiar nooks and crannies: ticks on the pantry wall tracking the kids’ upward ascent; the Christmas-tree corner; the candy drawer; the cat’s favorite window sill; the grandkids’ hide-and-seek spots; reminders at every turn of who you are, what you love and how you live.

Leaving it all behind at 80 can feel like surrender.

That’s why the folks who moved into the local senior-housing complex were so grateful to encounter my mom, zipping around in her floral blazers and coral capris, enchanting them with her cheerful heart and boundless energy, soothing them with her deep faith and listening ear. Mom led book clubs, Bible studies and current-event groups. She brought in jazz bands and Boy Scouts, mayors and babies. She danced for them, cried with them and prayed with them, supporting them through the death of a spouse and, in the most sacred moments, ushering them through their passage into heaven.

What makes me proudest is that no one knew the residents better than mom. She could name their grandkids and cite their wedding anniversaries. She heard their stories and somehow, without writing them down, she remembered, commemorating difficult days by slipping notes under their doors and offering hugs in the hallways. She accepted their invitations to tea and admired their fine china. In her presence, they forgot about their walkers and worries. They felt like themselves again — younger, needed, vital.

So you can imagine the sadness that erupted when she announced her retirement; after a dynamic career, it’s time to focus on her grandchildren and her volunteering. The cards keep pouring in — images of daises, robins and teacups, and, inside, heartfelt messages in shaky cursive, the kind that is no longer taught, where the tops of capital Ts wave and the Hs hook back.

“You always knew just what to say to comfort and help others,” wrote Donna and Norm.



TWENTY SOMETHING

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“Thanks for all you did, always, to make our life here more pleasant,” Fred wrote. “We love you.”

A widow named Agnes reminisced about “the occasional stops along the hallways we roam when you would ask, ‘How is Norbert?’” and then lamented, “It seems everyone else has long forgotten Norbert.”

Meanwhile, Vera wrote, “Your unselfish giving in all areas to others surely is a response to God’s love in you.”

Her words make me think of Pope Francis’ first encyclical, “Lumen Fidei,” which illuminates the deeply woven braid of love and faith. “Those who believe are transformed by the love to which they have opened their hearts in faith,” the Holy Father writes. “By their openness to this offer of primordial love, their lives are enlarged and expanded.”

That expansion can happen at any age — for the new graduates just beginning their careers this summer and for the happy retirees, who help us see the future in expansive terms. We begin with the end in mind, considering today how we want to be remembered when we finish.

Truth is, my mom will never really retire — this is the woman who was nicknamed “Energizer Bunny” by our priest. A more apt term, for her, comes from the Spanish infinitive for retirement, “jubilarse” — “to make jubilant.” We can count on that.

Though her hours now look different, her core remains unchanged, as Pope Francis put it in his new encyclical: “a magnificent calling, the vocation of love.”

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Jesus guides us to eternal life



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 13:22-30

The Book of Isaiah provides the first reading for this weekend. Isaiah is a fascinating book of Scripture. It covers a long period of Hebrew history. Its early chapters deal with events and conditions in the southern Hebrew kingdom of Judah, before the kingdom’s conquest by the mighty Babylonian army.

Then, as the book progresses, it tells of the plight of the Hebrews taken to Babylon, the imperial capital, where they and their descendants languished for four generations.

At last the Hebrews were allowed to return, but the homeland that they found was hardly the “land flowing with milk and honey.” It was sterile, lifeless and bleak. It must have been difficult not to succumb to cynicism or outright rejection of God. Did God lead them to this awful place after all that they have experienced in Babylon? Was this God’s confirmation of the Covenant?

This same dreary situation pertains to the words of the book read on this weekend. Unceasingly and without any doubt, however, the prophet calls the people to reaffirm

their devotion to God. God will rescue them and care for them.

For its second reading, the Church on this weekend presents a reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews. In the late part of the first century AD, when this epistle was composed, the plight of the Jews was not good. In fact, in 70 AD, the Jews rose up against the Romans, and the Jews paid a dreadful price for their audacity.

Things were as bad as they were in the days of the last part of Isaiah, from which came the reading heard earlier this weekend.

Nevertheless, as the prophets so often had encouraged the people in the past, the author of Hebrews assured the people of the first century that God would protect them and, after all the trials, would lead them to life eternal.

St. Luke’s Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is a somber reading, indeed a warning. Indeed, life is eternal. God lives and reigns in an eternal kingdom. Jesus has the key to the gate.

But, entry into the kingdom is possible only for those who make themselves worthy by their own fidelity to God and to God’s law.

Reflection

For several weeks, the Church, either directly or indirectly, has taught us in the weekend readings at Mass that earthly life is not the only experience of living for humans. Earthly life is not eternal.

Eternity is forever, and it is real, either in the kingdom of heaven, or in the everlasting regret and pain of hell. If nothing else, hell is a place of grief that opportunities for eternal joy were spurned or rejected by voluntary sin.

God offers us every opportunity, and every aid, on our way to

reach heaven. He gave us Jesus as our Redeemer and companion as we move toward heaven. One with the Father, God, Jesus forgives us, strengthens us, guides us, restores us and finally places us at the banquet table of heaven.

Still, all this being the case, humans can ignore or outright turn away from God’s love, so lavishly given in Jesus.

This is critical. Humans create their own destiny. They decide, individually, to accept God and God’s assisting grace. The choice belongs to them.

Basically, the decision to be, or not to be, a disciple is the choice of submitting to God and accepting God’s grace or of putting self above everything.

The prophets and the Gospel warn us. The Church warns us, but the message is filled with promise and security. God will assist us through Jesus and will give us eternal life if we simply and realistically acknowledge our need for divine help and guidance and if we truly love God.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1-2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12 Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-4, 12-14, 17 Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Mt 25:14-30

Thank you for Good Friday Collection

Dear Bishop Rhoades,

Thank you for your contribution of \$92,605.24 to the 2013 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. I thank you in the name of the Custos, Father Pierbattista Pizzaballa and the Franciscans who work in the Holy Land. The Christians who live there are also very grateful to you. They need our prayers and support.

The Good Friday Collection “remains the ordinary and indis-

pensable means of promoting the life of Christians in the beloved Land,” declared Leonardo Cardinal Sandri, prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches in his Lenten letter.

Without the generosity of American Catholics these ministries would not be possible. Please thank your priests and people for their contribution to the 2013 Good Friday Collection. May God bless you personally and in your ministry.

Sincerely and gratefully,
Brother Joe Rogenski, OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land
St. Louis Region

Universal morality and the natural law

People sometimes use the phrase “moral compass” to describe the innate sense of right and wrong that human beings have. President Obama, for example, recently mentioned in one of his speeches how we need to, “keep our own moral compass pointed in a true direction.” Although he didn’t spell out what that true direction might be, his remark nevertheless highlighted something that all can agree upon, namely, the importance of being guided by a moral compass.

When functioning properly, this moral compass (a.k.a. our “conscience”), not only encourages us from within to “do good and avoid evil,” but also sets off internal alarm bells when we are tempted to carry out evil acts. Some acts, such as murder, torture, theft and adultery will trigger those alarm bells almost universally, irrespective of time period, culture or upbringing within a particular society.

No society erects statues to honor their greatest adulterers, or to celebrate their most prolific murderers. When a genocidal leader is cast in marble, it is to memorialize qualities like courage or leadership, not his murderous proclivities.

The fact that certain actions like murder and adultery are wrong and invariably harmful, and readily perceived as such, leads to what is known as the “Natural Law.” The Natural Law signifies that we can know through our powers of reason what is right and wrong, and that our reason can thereby guide us towards an ethical life. Becoming aware of the Natural Law through a carefully formed moral compass is an essential part of what it means to be human. Those who invoke Natural Law appeal to self-evident principles that can be known by all humans.

Catholic teachings about morality also rely on the notion of Natural Law. The Second Vatican Council, to consider but one example, describes our moral duty this way: “Deep within his conscience

man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey.”

The Natural Law, nonetheless, is not a specifically Christian idea, but has its origins in pre-Christian thought. A number of ancient Greek philosophers discuss the notion. Cicero, the Roman lawyer and writer (106-43 B.C.), has a famous passage wherein he describes the Natural Law:

“There is in fact a true Law — namely, right reason — which is in accordance with nature, applies to all men, and is unchangeable and eternal. By its commands it summons men to the performance of their duties; by its prohibitions it restrains them from doing wrong. To invalidate this Law by human legislation is never morally right, nor is it permissible ever to restrict its operation; and to annul it wholly is impossible.”

He also notes how the Natural Law cannot be “one thing at Rome, and another at Athens; one thing to-day, and another to-morrow; but in all times and nations this universal law must forever reign, eternal and imperishable.”

Despite its constancy and universality, the demands of the Natural Law are not easily specified or deduced, free of disputation or debate. Some people today, in fact, influenced by the hedonism and relativism of our age, would go further and outright deny the existence of the Natural Law.

Interestingly, though, whenever a serious crisis or threat to civilization arises, the validity of natural law reasoning tends to reassert itself. Such a resurgence occurred, for example, at the end of World War II, during the Nuremberg trials and in the prosecutions against those who had perpetrated heinous crimes against humanity. Nazi defendants objected to being placed on trial for simply following the orders of their superiors and the laws of their country. Most of their actions were recognized as being legal under the judicial system of



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the Third Reich. They were ultimately found guilty, nevertheless, of violating a higher law to which all nations and peoples are subject.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, the British prosecutor, stressed that there could be no immunity “for those who obey orders which — whether legal or not in the country where they are issued — are manifestly contrary to the very law of nature from which international law has grown.” The prosecutors at Nuremberg built their case on the fact that, in the final analysis, the laws of man and of nations are subject to the laws of God and the Natural Law.

To discern the Natural Law and thereby perceive our moral obligations requires reflection, reason and discipline. The darkening of our reason and the weakening of our will that has subtly infected us because of sin can make it challenging, even two millennia following Cicero, to properly grasp our natural moral obligations. The Natural Law, nevertheless, represents an essential core of universal morality, serving as a key foundation for ethics, and an antidote to the lawlessness that tempts us in every age.

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She knew in her heart it was time to go through his things, but was avoiding the reality of her grief for fear of the returning pain.

I was surprised when, a few weeks after I offered to accompany her into his room, she sent me this email: “I finished with Adam’s room. It really looks nice. Believe it or not, when I got it done, some of the ‘Adam stuff’ went away.”

She relayed to me that she felt this was a solo endeavor and chose a day when she had plenty of alone time to face this difficult task. She worked through his room systematically, allowing herself to stop and cry several times as she sifted through his belongings, until she had had enough. After taking a needed break she resumed her

task with renewed strength and anticipation. She worked on her son’s room — and her heart — over the course of several days in this manner and found an unanticipated but deeply appreciated peace when she had finished.

In short order, we spoke of this milestone on her journey through grief. My sister admitted that she understood the memories would always be there and it would be better for her to face the task of grieving as it came, but she said, “In a way it makes me feel it is over and he won’t be around anymore.”

“Change has a way of making us feel guilty or sad or mad because we think that if we change then what was, will no longer be. The truth is when we change, the past comes with us and makes us better,” I offered.

“You’re right about change, but it is just doing it that causes such grief,” she replied.

“The grief that’s caused by

‘doing it’ is just you facing what’s inside you, you know,” I said softly, adding, “I’m proud of you. It takes a lot of courage to do what you did. So many folks avoid their grief and suffer so. Then when they finally face it, it turns out not to be as bad as they anticipated — and then they are relieved.”

Facing grief is always challenging, but the peace and joy to be found afterward brings meaning to the struggle. There truly is a time for everything under heaven.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for August 25, 2013

Luke 13:22-30

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: about striving to be recognizable as Christians. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JESUS	TEACHING	JERUSALEM
A FEW	BE SAVED	STRIVE
NARROW	I TELL YOU	HOUSE
DOOR	IN REPLY	OUR STREETS
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THE EAST	NORTH	SOUTH

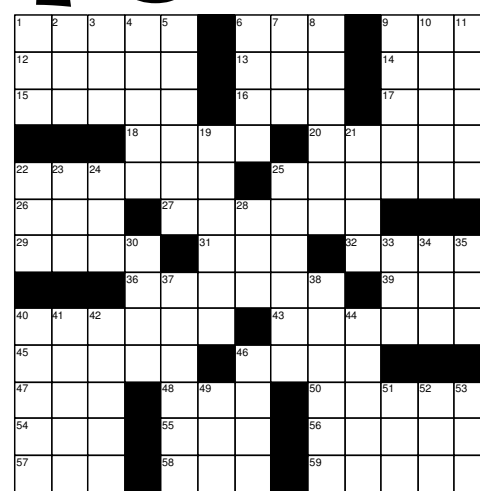
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The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53 and Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

ACROSS

- 1 Stabs of guilt
- 6 South southeast
- 9 Mary, to Jesus
- 12 Birds “thumb”
- 13 Billion years
- 14 Time period
- 15 Moses’ mountain
- 16 Picnic visitor
- 17 “Rid yourself of every burden and ___”
- 18 Irritation
- 20 In progress
- 22 Distant coastlands
- 25 “Raw” color

- 26 Nothing
- 27 Abp. of Portland
- 29 Soldier did to bound Christ
- 31 Anger
- 32 Record
- 36 Humbled
- 39 Cremains holder
- 40 Leper
- 43 Toothed
- 45 “Blessed are you ___ women”
- 46 Philippians abbr.
- 47 Edge
- 48 North Amer. Indian
- 50 Knobby

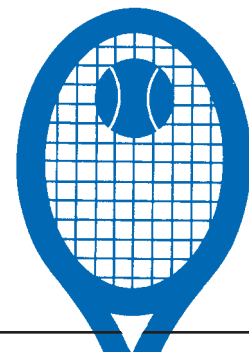
- 54 Vane direction
- 55 Aurora
- 56 Order
- 57 Distress call
- 58 “Three against ___”
- 59 Church gathering

DOWN

- 1 Old-fashioned Fathers
- 2 Male Arabic name
- 3 Holy woman
- 4 Through the Looking ___
- 5 Holy people
- 6 Place at the right hand
- 7 “Father against ___”
- 8 Involve
- 9 Particle
- 10 Constellation
- 11 Ray
- 19 Old Testament prophet
- 21 Make straight paths for these
- 22 Central nervous system
- 23 Anointing liquid
- 24 Wing
- 25 Talk
- 28 Mr.’s wife
- 30 Anguish
- 33 Assumption month
- 34 Before (prefix)
- 35 “The ___ of the world”
- 37 Loaf of bread
- 38 Deeds
- 40 Whittens from fear
- 41 Type of acid
- 42 Lowered Jeremiah with
- 44 “Seen my ___”
- 46 Mexican coin
- 49 Pull
- 51 Tribe of Israel
- 52 Hoopla
- 53 Moses did into desert

Answer Key can be found on page 19

Fall Sports



Saint Joseph, Marian look to bright seasons in fall competition

Saint Joseph fall sports preview

BY CHUCK AND DIANE FREEBY

Football

After winning the home opener on a brand new field, then losing a couple games they shouldn't have, this year's Saint Joseph Indians squad looks to build on the school's tradition of playing hard-nosed football and minimizing mistakes. Entering his fourth year as head coach, Ben Downey says it is still too early to tell how things will go. "What we do know is our seniors have become better leaders throughout the off-season," admits Downey, "and they've helped the entire team develop the type of habits that can help us succeed."

With a strong line anchored by senior Garrett Gutermuth, junior running back Taj Smith has a

chance to lead the team again in rushing. A returning trio of seniors, featuring quarterback Matt Monserez and receivers Denton Gillis and Eric Mossey, should be able to put points on the board. Defensively, the Indians traditionally make up with heart what they often lack in size. A strong secondary unit will help, but questions remain about who will step up to make the big play at linebacker.

"We've had success," says Downey, who has taken the Indians to state two out of the last three years, "but we've also had our share of moments when we knew we could — and should have done much better. So, like every year, we focus on the process and avoid getting too high or too low."

The Indians open at home Aug. 23 against Chesterton, travel to Indianapolis Sept. 7 to take on state champion Cathedral, and have back-to-back dates with traditional rivals Penn and

Marian as they battle for the top spot in the Northern Indiana Conference.

Girls' soccer

Despite making what head coach Johan

Kuitse calls an "unexpected" trip to the state championship game last season, the girls' soccer team has a lot of work to do.

"I really feel that we are working on very basic principles at this point in order to make sure that all players are on the same page," says Kuitse. "We have a lot of learning to do before our first games — based on how quickly the kids learn will determine minutes on the field."

Three returning seniors include Amanda Hastings, Gabriella Loebach and

Division I recruit Maddy Turner, all of whom Kuitse expects to contribute and set the tone on the field. A strong group of returning juniors includes Madeline Raster and Kelly Walsh who are also expected to make an impact.

"They have the opportunity, due to our small senior class, to set up as leaders and stamp their personality on the team," says Kuitse. "Athletically they are very talented and I love their desire to compete."

Of the five returning sophomores, Kat Edmonds, Sam Kambol and Morgan Scott were starters last year. This year, Kuitse expects all five to start.

"All will have to play better than they did last season in order for us to be competitive with the better teams on our schedule," adds Kuitse. "They seem to understand this, and thus far have demonstrated a willingness to assume more responsibility for our success on the field."

Boys' soccer

On the boys' side, veteran coach Alberto Verteramo welcomes back top seniors Tommy Clark, Josh Kachmarik and Ben Swick, looking to build on last year's sectional championship and 13-4-2 season.



Offense shouldn't be a problem. Clark, a mid-

fielder who is expected to play soccer in Chile later this year, was named to the All-Northern Indiana Conference Team last year, one of only four underclassmen to receive such an honor. He scored seven goals last year and dished out seven assists. Kachmarik, a forward and the team's leading scorer with 12 goals and six assists, was named 2nd Team All NIC. Junior Mario Manta returns to help on offense, having scored six goals as a sophomore.

The question comes on defense, where the Indians lost both goalkeepers to graduation. Verteramo will need to find answers quickly in the always-challenging league.

Boys' cross-country

A former soccer player, Jacob Turner, could become a rising star for cross-country coach Mike McCarthy.

"Jacob had a phenomenal summer running a PR of 16:25 for 5,000 meters," notes the second-year Indian boss. "That would immediately place him among the best in the NIC and region."

The Indians have some depth with the league's top sophomore in Matt Morris, to go with senior runners Liam Maher and Jacob Klaybor. The key will be finding a steady person to put in the fifth slot.

"Our team goal will be to have at least five boys under 18 minutes and run our best during the state series, as we did last year," remarks McCarthy. "Returning to the regional as a team and running competitively there is a reasonable team goal this year."

St. Joe will also get the opportunity to run its home meet on Notre Dame's Burke Memorial Golf Course, a site that hosts two college invitationals each year.

Girls' cross-country

Six of the top 7 runners return from last year's girls' team, but the Indians are still very young. Junior Mara Taylor, sophomore Taylor Rock and sophomore Hannah Conner are all battling for the No. 1 position.

"Rock and Taylor both ran more than 215 miles during summer training," comments McCarthy. "Summer workouts were well attended with an average of 22 girls present each weekday morning the last seven weeks, so we have a strong foundation as we begin."

Junior transfer Megan Kitz also could be a contender after posting solid times at her former school in Illinois.

"Our girls' team will have plenty of inter-team competition to make the top 7 and the sectional roster," states the optimistic coach. "That should help you push towards our team goal of getting to at least semistate this season."

The two cross-country teams combined for nearly 8,600 miles of summer work, so the Indians hope to get in full stride quickly.

The season begins with the South Bend Stampede at Marian Aug. 24.

Volleyball

Kathy Mossey will be hard-pressed to improve on her first season, where she guided the Indians to a 30-7 record and a berth in the Class 3-A semistate. That doesn't mean her squad has lowered its expectations.

"We have a lot of experienced players coming back this season," admits Mossey. "They are working very hard."

The Indians have some force at the net, starting with senior outside hitter Nicole Francouer. The second-team all-conference player nailed 201 kills last season, including 17 in the sectional championship victory over Marian.

"Nicole is a three-year starter on varsity, along with our libero, Chelsea Suppinger," says Mossey. "Both Nicole and Chelsea will be a big part in our success this season."

Those seniors will have help from some talented underclassmen. Sophomores Mallorie Kendzicky (100 kills, 41 blocks) and Mackenzie Chrapliwy (148 kills, 17 blocks) cut their teeth on the varsity last year, and now will be called on for increased production.

"They have both gotten much stronger with controlling the ball," lauds Mossey. "Both will also be a factor this season."

Boys' tennis

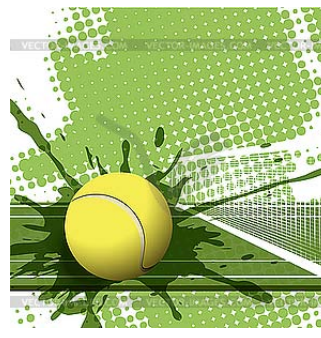
Steve Bender's team had a taste of success with an 18-3 mark and a sectional championship last season. But for the Tribe, that was like eating one potato chip. They liked it and they're hungry for more.

"The outlook is very optimistic," smiles the veteran of the hardcourts. "Our goals never change ... win the NIC, sectional, regional and make it down state."

It's a veteran group, spearheaded by a quartet of seniors in Patrick O'Connor, Ryan Jamieson, Sam DeTrempe and Michael Minatel. O'Connor was named to the all-conference singles team last year, while the tandem of DeTrempe and Minatel earned first-team all-league in doubles.

Junior Michael Wroblewski seems to have the inside nod at





the third singles spot this year, but Bender likes what he sees from a pair of newcomers.

"We're expecting great things from freshmen Leo Romanetz and Ram Fernandez," notes Bender. "But the key will be great senior leadership and we have that."

Girls' golf

Rachel Thompson may be new to the high school coaching scene, but she certainly isn't new to the sport.

"I've been playing golf for

39 years and I've learned a few things along the way," chuckles Thompson. "I want to teach our girls to be competitive while enjoying golf and becoming students of the game. I'm excited to see their progress."

The Indians lose one of the best players in school history in Anna Wilcoxson (Western Michigan), but there is depth with the next five players returning, including the talented duo of Bri Hart and Lydia Lorenc.

"They are hardworking, diligent and dedicated," cites Thompson. "They both played

the Mountain Dew tour this summer and they bring that valuable experience. We follow with Isabel Miller at No. 3, Gracie Williams at No. 4 and Ryann Thomas at No. 5."

Thompson's team got off to a good start with conference wins over Elkhart Central and Marian, but there's no time to rest on those laurels.

"We want to improve individually each and every time we're out there in competition," states Thompson. "We want to finish in the top three in every invitational and we have the talent to do it."

Marian High School, Mishawaka

BY TRISH LINNER

Girls' golf

The season kicked off on Aug. 2 for the girls' golf team. Under the leadership of first-year coach Tim Barwick their current record is 3-4. The team added four new players this season and currently has 12 players on the roster.

"With the season half over our team is steadily improving," said Coach Barwick. "Some of our younger players have cut 10 to 15 strokes off their scores and our more experienced players have also continued to improve their scores as well."

Coach Barwick expects the team to finish well in the Northern Indiana Conference (NIC) and is looking forward to sectional play starting on Sept. 20.

Girls' volleyball

Returning for his 22nd year with Marian volleyball, Head Coach Dan Anderson is looking forward to a great season. With all starters returning, including Elizabeth Asdell, Jordan Beuter, Maggie Gibson, Alissa Hasler, Colleen Hunsberger and Nikki Pullin, expectations for the team are high.

"We have a very strong offense," said Coach Anderson. "And our defense is almost as good, so I see us doing very well."

The team's first challenge will come on Thursday, Aug. 22, when they kick off their season at home against Elkhart Memorial. Their next big challenge is the Mishawaka tournament that will feature powerhouse teams such as Indianapolis Cathedral, Muncie Central and Carmel.

"We will know a lot about our team after the tournament. It will be a real challenge for us," Coach Anderson said.

Local teams such as Penn, Saint Joseph and New Prairie are also expected to field good teams according to Anderson. "We are looking forward to seeing the competition this season and I expect to see us in the top 10 in the state."

Football

The theme for Marian football this year is "Success doesn't come to you, you go to it." Coach Glon is very excited as he enters his 20th season as the head coach of Marian High School. Despite graduating a large number of starters from last year's regional championship team, the expectations have not changed for this senior class.

"We want to play for championships in November," said Coach Reggie Glon. "The four extra weeks of practice last fall have helped develop the younger kids who will have to replace the graduating seniors. We hope to build on last year's success."

Last season the team finished 10-4, winning the sectional and regional championships. They will return five starters on offense, three on defense and 14 overall letter winners.

Knights returning on offense include Purdue-bound Kirk Barron at offensive center. Barron was a First Team All NIC selection as well as a three-year starter who will open holes for the backs, led by fullback Tyran Ottbridge who rushed for 1,448 yards, with 13 touchdowns last season. The quarterback position will be filled by Devin Cannady, who played receiver last year. Cannady had 359 receiving yards

with three touchdowns. Dylan Konwinski at halfback and Will Whitten at wide receiver will also return as starters. Returning on defense is the entire secondary lead by All Conference cornerbacks Dominic Ravotto, Brian Mischler and free safety Ryan Schafer. Returning as the kicker and punter is Michael Farkas who received all-state and conference honors.

"We will need this group to lead and set the example in practice for the younger kids who will need to play and have success for us to achieve our goals," said Coach Glon. "In addition, I would like to thank last year's seniors for four years of commitment, continuing the tradition of excellence that is Marian football and setting the bar high for future generations, Philip Brier (Siena Heights) Neal Eakins (Mt. Union), Andrew Schafer (Ball State), Tim Morris (Franklin) Michael Whitfield (Ball State) Dillon Gohn, Tyler Willey, Joey Walther, Joe Ernst, Tommy Cook, Chris Ross, Pat Hunsberger and Dylan Hensley."

The Knights have a very challenging schedule. In addition to traditional rivals Mishawaka and Saint Joseph, Marian adds New Prairie (4-A) and Elkhart Central (5-A) to a difficult schedule filled with large schools from the NIC.

"We accept the role of David in the conference, so bring on the Goliaths. Our goal is to win a championship this year," said Coach Glon. "I am also looking forward to watching this group come together and to see them overcome the challenges of the season and develop into strong leaders in the school."

Boys' soccer

With 15 returning varsity

players, Coach Ben Householter is optimistic that Marian's boys' soccer is going to be a very competitive team this season.

"Last season we were 8-10-1," said Coach Householter, "We started a lot of freshmen last year so they have learned a great deal and I expect them to contribute to the team this season. With great upperclassman and young talent we should have a good season."

With a 19-game schedule again this year and local competition improving, Householter's team has their work cut out for them.

"We are looking forward to proving ourselves this year and bringing home a winning record," Coach Householter said.

Cross-country

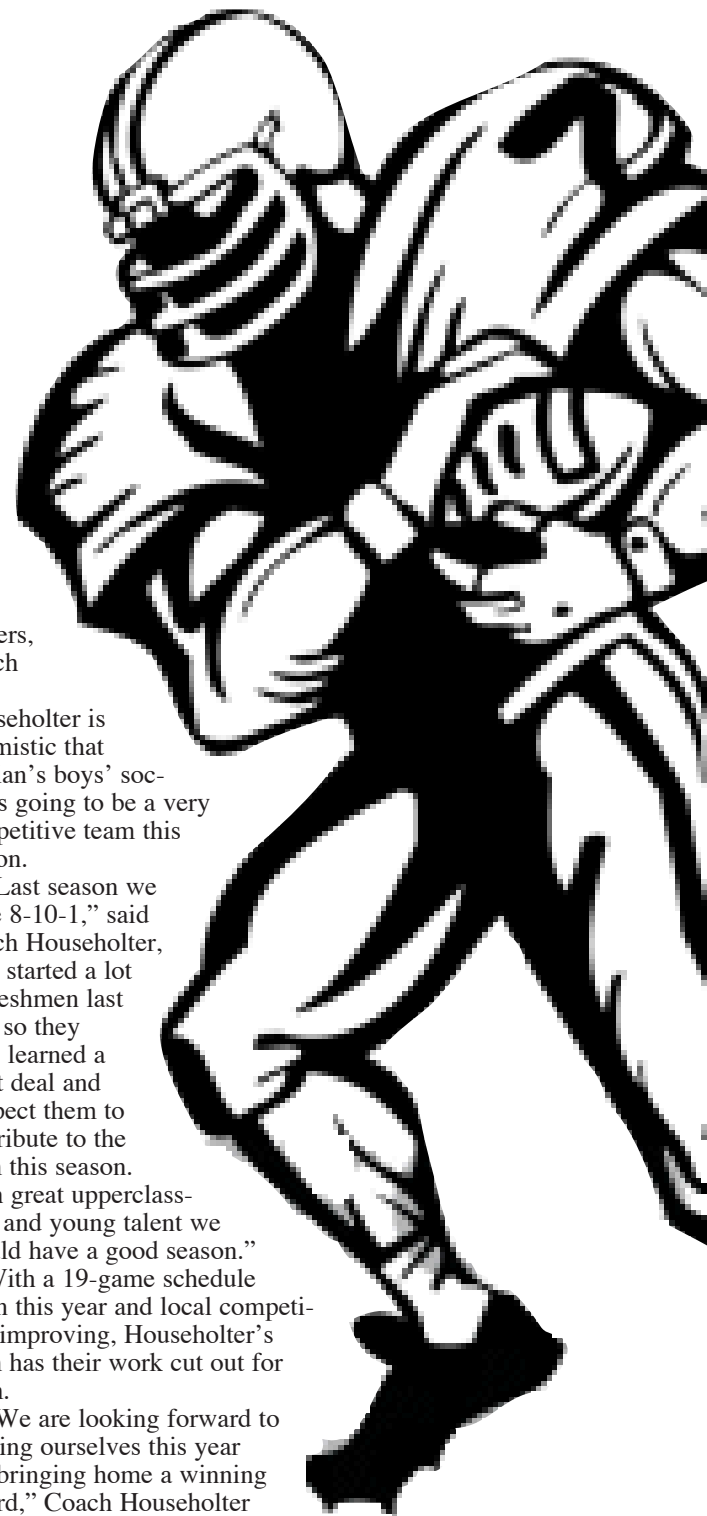
Both the boys' and girls' cross-country teams lost talent to graduation. But Coach Andrew Gray is hoping to overcome that with hard work and dedication.

"Our kids have been working hard all summer. I am hoping that pays off for them," said Gray. "I just want the kids to have fun competing and see them build friendships ... everything else is just icing on the cake." Coach Gray has several runners he is expecting big performances from, but knows filling the shoes of last year's stars won't be easy. There are four seniors, four

juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen making up the boys' team.

For the girls' team there are three seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and three freshmen.

"The NIC is a tough conference so I will be happy if both teams compete and run their best," Coach Gray said. "I'm excited to see the kids improve over the season and enjoy this lifelong sport."



Fort Wayne schools ready for 2013 fall competition

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Several new faces will make their debut along with longtime coaches at both Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger high schools as the 2013 season kicks off. The Saints and Knights will 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 prepare to hit the weekday courts and fields, Friday night lights and Saturday morning courses this fall.

Bishop Luers fall preview

Boys' tennis

With mental toughness, positive attitudes and a willingness to learn, Coach Joel Pyle, expects continued improvement from his boys' tennis squad. The sales director and father of three explains, "After a major turn around a year ago, we are very much looking forward to the 2013 season."

Bishop Luers finished as sectional runner-up in 2012 and posted an 11-4 overall record. All-conference, singles player, Isaiah Klotz returns for his junior season along with a large unit of significantly improved players that fueled last year's success. Erik Woehner, Luke Scheer, Timmy Rooney, Andy Mauch, Matt Palmer, Corey Hodges,

Padric Adams and Tony Hoch are among the core group of returning juniors. Seniors Matt Hellinger and Mathieu Helmick and sophomores Ethan Brown, Ben Forte and Alex Steffen also return. The Knights welcome newcomers Maximilian Pyle, junior Peter Pfister and seniors Nathan Grabner, Eli Rider and Austin Rybicki.

Boys' soccer

Bishop Luers senior Nick Strack will be one of the top boys' soccer players in the area to keep an eye on during the 2013 season. The forward was named the SAC player of the year for 2012. Along with teammate Riley Bubb, Strack and the Knights have high hopes of a deep post-season run. Remaining in Class-A and without having to face Canterbury as in years past, the odds are looking good for Coach John Myers' group.

Girls' golf

This fall, Coach Tom O'Brien has captain Maddie Brown, a three-sport athlete, back along with Katie Prendergast, Maddie Reimbold, Brianna Burelison and newcomers Sarah Braun, Kayla Knapke and freshman Emma Justice to round out the Bishop Luers ladies' golf roster. O'Brien predicts it will be a rebuilding year for the Knights, "We have a very young team this season with just one senior and one junior." Bishop Luers lost all-conference selection's Heather Hanke, Megan Hanke and Alysa Raugh to graduation and has had a winning record the past six seasons.

Football

In his rookie season as head coach of the Knights, Coach Kyle Lindsay will face early challenges like replacing the majority of his starters from last year's state championship team and bumping up a Class to 3-A for 2013. However, Lindsay has many years of expertise and experience on the Bishop Luers sidelines and is very excited about the upcoming season.

With so many starting spots up for grabs, Lindsay explains, "Having positions wide open has provided lots of competition amongst the kids all summer long."

The defending 2-A state champs (five out of the past six years) are undoubtedly a very young group, but with two quarterbacks on the roster (Quinn Cook, senior, and Noah Wezensky, sophomore) with significant experience, Lindsay feels he has a good place to start in building a program.

"We also have quite a bit of beef on both sides of the line in our younger classes," Lindsay adds.

Jon Knapke, Braden Thiele, Nic Morken and C.J. McCarter return as starters to lead the way, while Chance Young and Austin Mack are also back after seeing quite a bit of varsity minutes on the gridiron.

"If the kids continue to compete with and push each other, we will have a successful 2013 season," Lindsay concludes.

Cross-country

Coach Jason Draper is back to

coach both the boys' and girls' cross-country programs at Bishop Luers this season. His team will kick off the 2013 effort at Shoaff Park for their first meet this week before the much-anticipated Bishop Luers Invitational to be held on Aug. 24 at Foster Park. The battle for a conference title will be held at IPFW on Oct. 5 just before the post-season race begins on Oct. 15.

Girls' soccer

First-year head coach Val Joveski, who has served as an assistant in years past, has two goals for his girls' soccer team — to be the top students in the classroom and the top players on the field.

"I have the greatest bunch of girls ever this season. From the back, we are as strong as any team out there. We have excellent wings, a great midfield and are working on our forwards," boasts Joveski.

Bishop Luers is coming off a 14-3 from a year ago and return a load of talent led by Addie Riembold. With a deep roster, Joveski feels confident the Knights can compete with any team around this season.

Volleyball

Bishop Luers has landed a new volleyball coach this season. Jay Golsten, former IPFW All-American and Hall of Famer is looking to senior captains Mackenzie North and Bailey Rowe for leadership with his Knights' team for the 2013 season. After running a volleyball club in Nashville for 15 years, Golsten is now running the Pineapple Club in Fort Wayne at the Parkview Sportone Fieldhouse.

He expects senior libero, Megan Lee, and junior outside hitter, Kirsten Comment, to be solid on the court and details, "We are not extremely tall, but have a lot of fight and should be competitive. We are scrappy and play good defense."

Bishop Dwenger preview

Girls' soccer

Heading into his second season at Bishop Dwenger, Coach Jeff Killion lost just three starters to graduation from a 15-5, semi-state appearance team a year ago. The Saints have lots of talent back in senior captain Natalie Lebamoff and juniors Kellee O'Shaughnessey (22 goals, 11 assists), Lexi Royal and Elizabeth Ball. Natalie Fiegel will also serve as a captain for the team. "Most of our defense is back and we have a strong midfield, so we should be okay this year," summarized Killion.

Boys' tennis

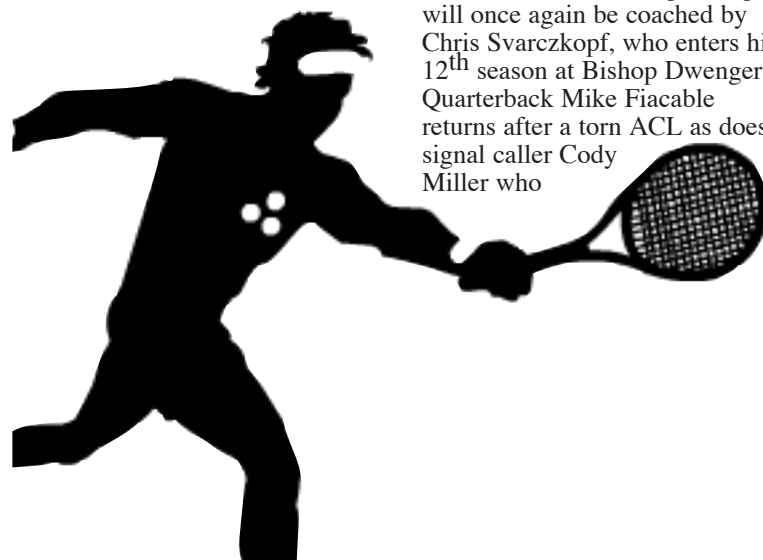
In his fourth season at the helm of the Bishop Dwenger men's tennis team and 24th season overall, Coach Tim Koehl returns a talented group. With strong leadership from his seniors, Koehl is looking to his No. 1 player from last year and standout Charlie Scott, Jacob Maskal and the returning, Bertrum Najev to carry his Saints this season.

Last year's No. 2 singles player, Patrick Holly, also returns. Expected to round out the varsity squad will be a tough group of sophomores from last year's junior varsity team in Patrick Blee, Anthony Lorenger, Joseph Beracco and Griffin Lapan. Coming off a 13-3 record, a conference title and a 2012 sectional crown, Bishop Dwenger will once again be a force to reckon with in northeast Indiana.

Facing their strongest competition in the first couple matches, Koehl explains, "I feel very good about the upcoming season. We are hoping to mesh early, play well against both state-ranked Canterbury and Carroll this season and continue our winning tradition."

Football

With 19 sectional titles under their belt, the defending champs will once again be coached by Chris Svarczkopf, who enters his 12th season at Bishop Dwenger. Quarterback Mike Fiacable returns after a torn ACL as does signal caller Cody Miller who



threw for 1,387 yards and eight touchdowns in 2012. The Saints will look to standout, Ryan Watercutter, for his leadership and experience. The senior tight end tallied 56 receptions for 972 yards and seven scores as a junior. The Class 4-A Saints will be looking to fill linemen spots on both sides of the ball, but have experience at several of the skilled positions and wide receiver depth.

Boys' cross-country

Finishing 14th at the state meet in 2012, the Saints will rely on the experience of their many seniors to succeed this fall. Bishop Dwenger returns varsity runners Tyler Adgalanis, Greg Tippmann, Kevin Wuest, Matt Klein and Zach McIntyre.

Coach Eric Ade also welcomes several strong freshmen who have the potential to contribute down the road. "We have a goal to finish in the top 10 at the state meet this season and win both the varsity and junior varsity conference titles," concludes Ade.

Volleyball

Bishop Dwenger has a brand new volleyball coach for the 2013 season. Coach Tim Houser has been named to the head position for the Saints. His squad will face an early challenge opening against the Belmont Braves before facing their conference foes in a preseason tournament this month.

Girls' cross-country

Varsity runners Megan Brelage, Karen Eckrich, Mary Momper, Claire Manning and Shannon Kochanski are back for the Saints' girls' cross-country season, and freshman Abby Brelage is expected to contribute immediately.

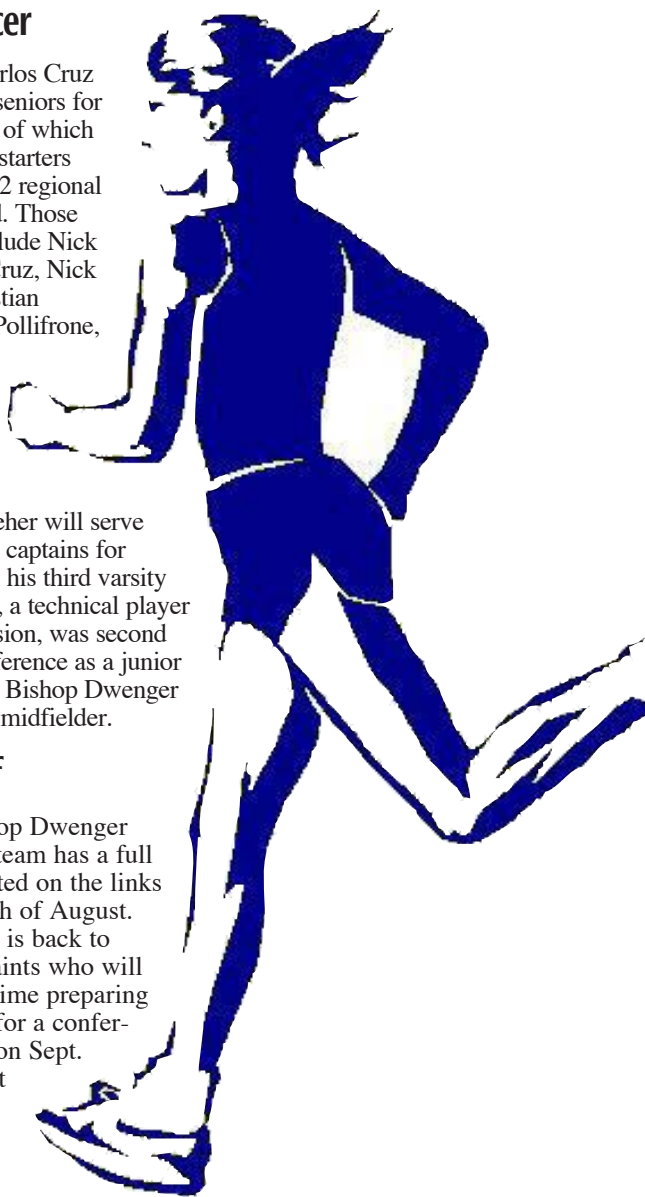
"Our strength this year will be our ability to stay under the radar," details Coach Eric Ade, who has a very young group and will count on several sophomores and juniors to lead the team. "And our goals include advancing to the semi-state as a team and placing in the top three teams of our conference with four individuals finishing all-conference," he summarizes.

Boys' soccer

Coach Carlos Cruz returns nine seniors for 2013 — five of which were varsity starters from the 2012 regional finalist squad. Those returning include Nick Sorg, Alex Cruz, Nick Heiny, Sebastian Feher, John Pollifrone, Dominic Garrett, Alex Bruns and Brian Gore. Cruz, Sorg, Heiny and Feher will serve as this year's captains for the Saints. In his third varsity season, Cruz, a technical player with solid vision, was second team all-conference as a junior and will lead Bishop Dwenger as the center midfielder.

Girls' golf

The Bishop Dwenger ladies' golf team has a full schedule slated on the links for the month of August. Kurt Leffers is back to coach the Saints who will spend their time preparing their stroke for a conference match on Sept. 14, then start their 2013 postseason on Sept. 21.

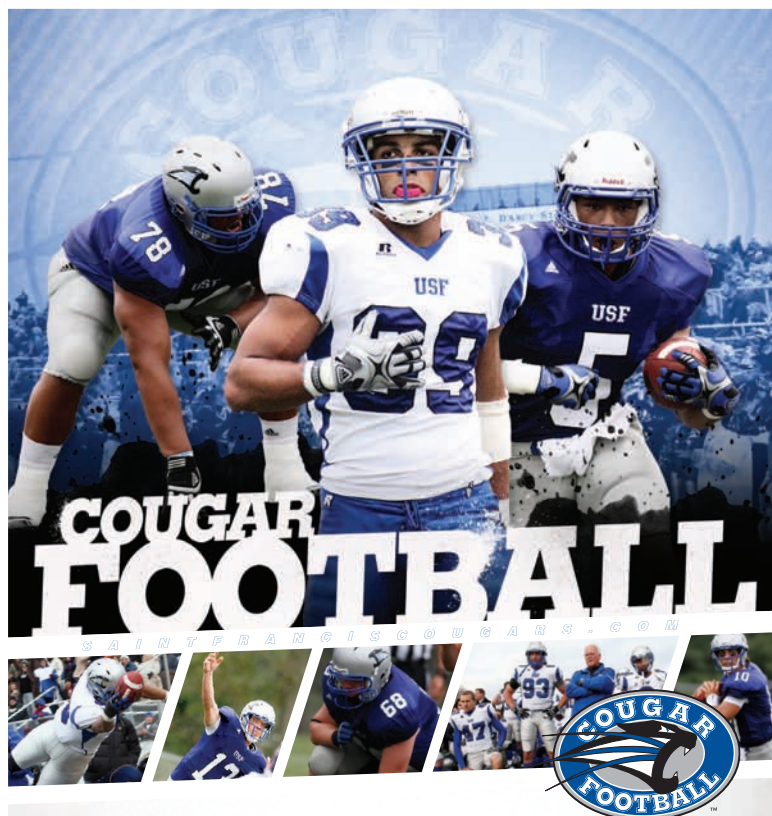


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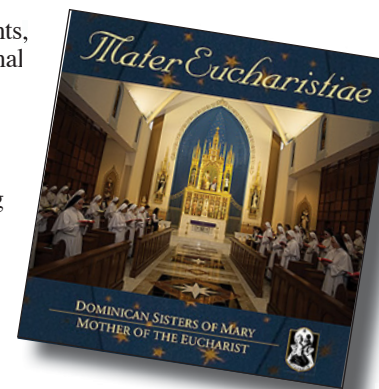
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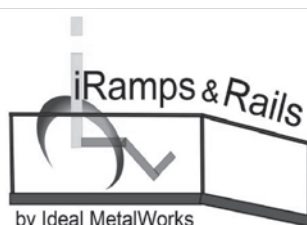


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Pancake breakfast
Yoder — St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus Council 13142 will have a pancake, eggs and sausage breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 6:30-10 a.m. at the Ossian Days Festival. Prices are adults \$6, children, 6-12 \$3 and children 5 and under free.

Parish picnic
South Bend — St. Augustine Parish will celebrate the patron saint's feast day with a parish picnic Sunday, Aug. 25, from 1-6 p.m. at the Berta Shelter in St. Patrick's County Park, 50651 Laurel Rd.

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Bishop Rhoades spoke at length about St. Lawrence, the proto-deacon of the Church of Rome, and the archdeacon of Pope Sixtus II. "St. Lawrence is an example of concern and love for the poor. He reminds us that the poor are the true treasure of the Church. And he reminds us that the service of charity is essential to the Church's mission," Bishop Rhoades said.

Bishop Rhoades also read a beautiful account by St. Ambrose of the martyrdom of St. Lawrence that included a dialogue between Lawrence and Pope Sixtus when the pope was being led to his martyrdom. The account shows the love and devotion between the two men and their great faith in the Lord.

"Holy martyrs teach us this strength of soul, something we need today: strength of soul for the ministry of charity, for the New Evangelization, for the courageous self-giving love. Deacons are called to have this strength of soul as they witness to Christ the Servant, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep. Bishops and priests need this strength of soul," said Bishop Rhoades.

Bishop Rhoades concluded his homily by reflecting on the reading from the Gospel. "The words of Jesus in today's Gospel, lived by St. Lawrence, are words for us to mediate and reflect on often: Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, there also will My servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves Me."

A reception immediately followed the Mass, where the deacons celebrated with their families and reflected on the Bishop Rhoades' words. "The Mass was beautiful, very meaningful. It is a message that the Catholic faith-



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Deacons' wives present the offertory gifts to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving held at St. Matthew Cathedral on Aug. 10, celebrating the deacons' years of service to the Church.

ful need to hear. Many do not understand what being a deacon is all about," said Deacon Guy Gizzi who is celebrating his 30th year as a deacon at St. Matthew Cathedral.

Deacon Dave Elchert from St. John the Evangelist in Goshen shared Deacon Gizzi's sentiment. "What a beautiful liturgy. We needed to hear what the bishop had to say, to hear the words of St. Lawrence. I am impressed and humbled the diocese has taken the time to celebrate us today."

The Mass and reception not only honored the deacons, but also gave them a chance to spend time with one another. "The Mass was very nice," said Deacon James Rauner, who serves at the Immaculate Conception in Hartford, Mich., and is celebrat-

ing his 39th anniversary as a deacon, "This is also a chance to see fellow deacons from my own class so long ago. Many I haven't seen in years."

The celebration was the idea of the deacon board. "We wanted to honor these men for their service," said board member Mary Szymczak. "With so many deacons celebrating milestones this year we felt the time was right and actually overdue to thank them for all that they do for our Church and parishioners."

Szymczak, Carolyn Moser and Manuela Tugman served on the committee to organize the event. "It was a lot of fun to plan and we are glad so many of our deacons and priests could attend and enjoy the celebration today," said Szymczak.



The deacon jubilarians and priests gather at the altar before the Eucharist in St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Aug. 10 at the deacon anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving.