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# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## Bishop Rhoades closes Year of Faith

Faithful gather for Closing Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral

BY CHRIS LUSHIS



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

At the end of the Closing Mass for the Year of Faith on Nov. 24 at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offers the apostolic blessing on the faithful and revealed the opportunity for obtaining a plenary indulgence by worthily receiving Holy Communion, praying for Holy Father Francis' intentions and participating in the sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days of the blessing, while also promising immediately to totally detach oneself from any inclination to sin.

SOUTH BEND — “Though the Year of Faith is coming to an end, our journey of faith continues. The Year of Faith has been a stimulus for us to go deeper, to hear God’s word anew, and to profess our faith with new vigor. I pray that we will continue to help one another in our journey of faith,” Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades said at the conclusion of his homily at the Closing Mass for the Year of Faith on Sunday, Nov. 24, at St. Matthew Cathedral.

In addition to the St. Matthew Cathedral Choir, the St. Augustine Gospel Choir and the Spanish Choir from St. Dominic Parish in Bremen led the congregation in hymns that emphasized the journey of faith united through Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe and Lord of All Nations. The unity of different musical styles performed together highlighted the diversity of the diocese and the Church throughout the world.

At the start of Mass, Bishop Rhoades expressed his joy and gratitude at seeing so many young, college-aged people attending the closing celebration for the Year of Faith. In particular, there were students and campus ministers present from Trine University, Indiana Tech, Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, Manchester University, Saint Mary’s College, Holy Cross College and the University of Notre Dame.

One of those students came to celebrate the Closing Mass at St. Matthew because of a special connection to the parish. Jeonghoo M. Kim, a recent graduate from Marian High School and a freshman at Holy Cross College, revealed that he

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## Women’s dignity and vocation class bonds Dwenger students

BY ANN CAREY

FORT WAYNE — A new theology class at Bishop Dwenger High School is drawing rave reviews from students, parents and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. And the veteran teacher of the class is calling it “the most rewarding thing I’ve ever done as a teacher.”

The “Dignity of Women” class was offered for the first time this fall as a one-semester theology elective for seniors. Bishop Dwenger is thought to be the only Catholic high school in the country to offer such a class.

Jessica Hayes, who has taught theology for 14 years at Bishop Dwenger, developed the class over the past year. She told *Today’s Catholic* that the seed for the class was planted

about six years ago, when she attended a conference on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “Mulieris Dignitatem,” Pope John Paul II’s 1988 apostolic letter on “The Dignity and Vocation of Women.”

The late Sister Jane Carew, then director of the diocesan Office of Catechesis, attended the conference with her and suggested the idea for a class on the topic. Hayes told *Today’s Catholic* that she had forgotten about that suggestion until she started putting together the curriculum and remembered Sister Jane’s idea, crediting her for the inspiration.

Even though Sister Jane died nearly two years ago, Hayes said, “I think she still wanted me to do it.”

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## ACE NATIONAL BUS TOUR STOPS AT ST. ADALBERT



KAREN CLIFFORD

The University of Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Fighting for Our Children’s Future National Bus Tour visited St. Adalbert School in South Bend on Nov. 19.

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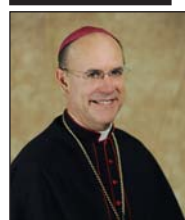
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# Christ's royal majesty of love and mercy



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

*The following is the homily of the Solemnity of Christ the King, Closing Mass of Year of Faith, at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, on Nov. 24, 2013.*

Today, the Solemnity of Christ the King, marks the end of the special Year of Faith begun by our Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, on October 11th, 2012. During this year, we experienced the big surprise of Pope Benedict's resignation and then the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Francis. These two great Popes, successors of Saint Peter, followed Jesus' instruction to Saint Peter to strengthen his brothers and sisters in the faith. Pope Benedict proclaimed this Year of Faith to help us to appreciate anew the great joy of believing. It is important that we not take our faith for granted or allow it to become lukewarm. The gift of faith always needs to be nourished and reinforced so it can continue to guide us in our journey of life.

Today's feast of Christ the King is the last day of this Year of Faith, very appropriate because, in the end, genuine Christian faith involves putting Christ at the center of our lives, recognizing His Kingship, His Lordship. In God's gift of faith, we have a light for the path of our lives. It's a powerful light that brightens and enriches our life in all its dimensions. That light is Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word of God. Our faith is centered on Him who supremely manifested and revealed God's love for us. On the cross, He offered His life for us. The depth and breadth of God's love shone forth in the crucifixion of Jesus.

When we think of Christ as King, we naturally think of the glorified and risen Christ seated at the right hand of the Father. Yet, we must first recognize the throne of Jesus that preceded the heavenly throne: the throne of the cross. It is on the cross that Christ manifested His unique Kingship. Christ's royal majesty shines from the height of the cross: the majesty of love and mercy. Christ is the King of love on Calvary. From that throne of the cross, Christ the King draws the world to Himself. He reigns as the true King in a way not understood by Pilate nor the Sanhedrin nor by those passing by. They were all mocking and taunting Him. They did not see that the man they were crucifying was loving them to the point of dying for them and opening up the pathway to God for them. This is at the very crux of our faith. The Crucified Jesus is the maximum revelation of God possible in this world. This is because "God is love" and the death of Jesus on the cross is the greatest act of love in all of history. It is this love that redeems and saves us.

On this last day of the Year of Faith, we



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates the Closing Mass of the Year of Faith on the solemnity of Christ the King, Nov. 24, at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.**

have an unusual example of faith to help us: a thief! We call him "the good thief" because he repented and turned to Jesus with faith. The good thief rebuked the bad thief who was reviling Jesus like the crowd that was mocking Jesus. With faith, the good thief asked Jesus to remember him when he comes into His Kingdom. He knew Jesus was innocent of any crime. The good thief intuitively recognized that Jesus was truly a king (as the inscription above the cross declared) and that His death would mean the beginning of his kingly rule. Jesus replied to the good thief's request with those solemn words that we hope to hear at the hour of our death: Today you will be with me in paradise. Our Lord granted eternal life to the good thief. My brothers and sisters, from the throne of the Cross, Jesus welcomes every human being with infinite mercy, like he welcomed the good thief! This should give us all hope.

It is important that we remember who our king is, and on what throne he sits. He

calls us to have an intimate relationship with Him as our Friend, Our Lord, and Our King. Hopefully, the Year of Faith has helped many to experience a closer relationship with Christ.

As Catholics, as followers of Christ, our faith is so much more than a philosophy or system of rules. It is about the mystery of Christ, the Incarnate Word, dead and risen, and made King of the Universe. It is a joy and a responsibility to serve Christ the King and to witness His Lordship in our life. This is greatly needed today. Though these are difficult times, the Church has always had difficult times. To get through them, we need to fix our eyes on Christ, and to seek first His Kingdom.

Though the Year of Faith is coming to an end, our journey of faith continues. The Year of Faith has been a stimulus for us to go deeper, to hear God's word anew, and to profess our faith with new vigor. I pray that we will continue to help one another in our journey of faith.

# Conference illuminates encountering God in the person of the poor

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Charity as a sacramental action was the subject of a Nov. 14-15 conference at the University of Notre Dame entitled “Blessed are the Merciful: Charity as Sacramental Action.”

The conference was planned as a series of conversations on issues raised in a new book by Gary Anderson, Notre Dame’s Hesburgh Professor of Catholic Theology. The book is entitled “Charity: the Place of the Poor in the Biblical Tradition” (Yale University Press, 2013).

Anderson limited his own role in the conference to welcoming the five main speakers and making brief comments on the topic. He explained that the practice of charity by Jews and Christians has been a virtue noticed by all. However, the theological and biblical grounding of this virtue have not been given adequate recognition.

For the Christian, he explained, the motivation to charitable works should be not only to create a just and equitable social order, but also to encounter

God in the person of the poor. Thus, charity has a deeply sacramental character, a character that emerged in Western society during the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, a time of profound change as society became more urbanized.

Anderson added that Pope Francis, with his deep concern for the poor, may help the contemporary Church recover some of these Catholic traditions regarding the poor.

The keynote speaker, Carlos Eire, a Yale University professor of history and religious studies, traced this notion of charity’s sacramental character to the Catholic Reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. Eire said that the 16<sup>th</sup> century saw a great deal of corruption in religious orders and in the practice of charity.

At that time, society was becoming less agricultural, cities were beginning to grow and currency was coming into greater use, Eire said. Thus, the numbers of homeless and indigent people were increasing and governments had no master plan to care for them.

Monastic reformers began to infuse new life into religious orders, the Church and society.

Many of them brought about these needed reforms by making a wholesale commitment to the poor and sick, Eire said. Lay confraternities also sprang up to perform charitable works.

Eire said that Protestants tended to see poor relief as more of a centralized, secular activity and a way to stabilize society so that the poor would not turn to criminal activity. A Catholic model developed that approached care of the poor more on a personal level rather than as a social problem, Eire said. This Catholic model recognized the integrity and dignity of the poor person, and it saw the poor person as an image of Jesus Christ. Thus, to encounter a poor person is to encounter Christ.

Embracing this model led to a blossoming of Catholic religious orders during the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, some contemplative, but many apostolic orders with the specific mission of serving the poor, orphaned, dying, sick or uneducated, Eire said. In fact, more new religious orders were founded in the 16th and 17th

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## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Dec. 1, 6 p.m. — Teen Mass and Blessing of Msgr. John Kuzmich Life Center, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Dec. 3 — Meeting of Indiana Bishops, Archdiocesan Center, Indianapolis
- Wednesday, Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Indiana Catholic Conference, Indianapolis
- Thursday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. — Mass and Blessing of new Saint Joseph School, Monroeville
- Thursday, Dec. 5, 4 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m. — Annual Mass and Breakfast with Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Saint Mary Church, Fort Wayne

## 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

## WOMEN

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When Bishop Rhoades visited Bishop Dwenger in January, Hayes approached him about developing the class. Bishop Rhoades was enthusiastic about the idea, so she compiled a comprehensive reading list, ranging from saints and popes to contemporary writers. Hayes, who has a master’s degree in theology from Franciscan University, said all the readings she chose were works she has studied.

“My goal for the class was to help the students understand their value, their dignity, their call to holiness as women. I wanted them to know how very much the Church thinks of them and how very much their popes think of them, and to see how much women have been part of the whole life of the Church,” Hayes said. “And we need them to be a part of the Church as women.”

The class was subsequently approved by the school and the bishop, and offered to senior girls for the fall semester.

“Some of the boys were interested in taking the class too, which is great,” Hayes said. “I think they should study about the dignity and vocation of women also, but what I wanted for this course was for the girls to be more free to share their own thoughts, without worrying about the reaction of the guys in the class.”

Hayes said that some boys are



PROVIDED BY JESSICA HAYES

**Students of the Bishop Dwenger class on the dignity and vocation of women are pictured at their one-day retreat with the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at their novitiate at St. Felix Oratory in Huntington. Bishop Dwenger teacher Jessica Hayes is pictured in the back row of the photo, furthest to the right.**

asking that a class be developed for them, too, and she sees that as a possibility for the future, as the boys would benefit knowing what the Church says about the value of women, and there is plenty of material about the dignity and vocation of men, as well.

Seventeen senior girls enrolled in the class, all meeting a prerequisite of having at least a B average in theology and English, as some of the reading is challenging, and students are required to write several papers. Still, Hayes was amazed at how hard the stu-

dents have worked and how well they have accepted and understood the material.

“They have been wonderful. It’s really been for me very encouraging, because they are so interested and enthusiastic,” said Hayes. “They’re doing their reading, and we have these discussions each day; and it’s just really been beautiful to hear their insights into their reading and how they apply it to their prayer life.”

Hayes said that the class read-

ings have helped students see where their own culture has gone wrong, and how easy it is to accept the cultural “lies” that tell women their worth lies only in physical beauty.

Student Morgan Kinniry commented that the philosophy of the dignity of women is often overlooked in today’s society, so she has been pleased to learn more about the active and important role of women in the Church. “Every day is like a spiritual retreat,” she said. “Class discussions we have are always full of deep insights.”

Hayes said that the students surprise her every day. “I’m finding in the class discussions and in their writing there is a greater depth to what we’re doing as a group than a lot of the ministries I’ve been involved with in parishes at the adult level. And I’m really surprised by their spirituality, by how much they love the Church and are willing to learn about it and read about it and work really hard to understand it and put it into practice.”

Student Catherine Yanko explained that the first-hand examples of women they have studied helped her to “embrace the genius of feminine vulnerability” and to understand the natural law of women’s nature.

Hayes said that some of the students have indicated they would like to keep up their discussion next semester outside school hours.

“This class is truly special,” explained student Emily Sedestrom. “It’s not just a great class — it’s a great group of

girls. There is a level of trust and honesty in the group. God has really blessed all of us. Every day, I find new inspiration for my faith.”

Hayes also has been struck by the feeling of community in the class. She said she had planned to help students realize the true measure of their dignity, but did not foresee the bond that would develop among the students.

“I did not plan on this course forging a community, though now that I think about it, we study Truth, who is ultimately a Person drawing us to Himself,” she said. “The desire we have for this course to continue in some way is a testament to that.”

Reaction to the class has been so favorable that Bishop Rhoades told *Today’s Catholic* he has shared his positive opinion about the class with the principals of the other three diocesan high schools, so that their theology departments might also consider it.

“I was deeply impressed by both the content of this excellent course and by the theological depth of the young women in the class,” Bishop Rhoades told *Today’s Catholic*. “It was great to see their enthusiasm for the study of the Church’s rich teaching on the dignity and vocation of women. They were reading some great works of profound Catholic thinkers like Blessed John Paul II and St. Catherine of Siena.” He added, “I commend Miss Jessica Hayes for instituting and developing this course, which is probably unique in our nation’s Catholic high schools.”

# Victims of powerful Illinois tornado lose everything but faith, charity

BY TOM DERMODY

WASHINGTON, Ill. (CNS) — As Father Stephen Willard was preparing to celebrate the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass at a filled St. Patrick Church in Washington Nov. 17, the most powerful tornado to hit Illinois in November since 1885 was taking aim at neighborhoods on the western edge of this community of 15,000.

With sirens blaring, worshippers were instructed to go to the middle of the church. Father Willard went outside to hurry inside people who were just arriving.

"At one point I looked up and saw the funnel cloud and tornado to the west of us," said Father Willard.

It was one of many tornadoes that swept through several Midwest states that day, spawned by a strong late-season storm system. At least eight people were killed; six of them lived in Illinois.

The power went out, the storm passed, and Father Willard offered a "quick Mass" that included prayers for anyone who might be affected.

Text messages received by parishioners throughout the church were the first indication that homes had been damaged, but the scope of the tragedy was realized only when Massgoers began trying to make their way home.

Hundreds of homes in Washington were obliterated by the EF4 twister, while a second tornado the same morning caused extensive damage in nearby Pekin, making 75 homes uninhabitable. One person was killed in Washington, and hospitals in the region including OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria treated more than 100 injury victims.

The tornado that hit Washington was reportedly a half-mile wide. It started about two and a half miles southeast of East Peoria, and stayed on the ground for 46.2 miles, according to the National Weather Service, striking East Peoria, Sunnyland and Washington before moving into Woodford County, west of Roanoke toward Minonk. It finally dissipated two miles east of Long Point, in Livingston County.

Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn toured the area Nov. 18 and pledged



CNS PHOTO/ANGELA KESSLER, CATHOLIC CHRONICLE

**Firefighters carry the tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament from the rubble of St. Barbara Church in Cloverdale, Ohio, after a tornado swept through the rural community the previous day.**

government support. He declared seven counties as state disaster areas.

"It's amazing how many families, young and older families, have lost everything," said Father Willard, noting the home of the school's principal, Doreen Shipman, was among those severely damaged. In all, the homes of 50 St. Patrick parishioners were badly damaged or destroyed as of preliminary reports.

Father Willard and Father Johnathan Steffen, parochial vicar, spoke to *The Catholic Post*, the newspaper of the Peoria Diocese, the day after the storm from a makeshift relief station established at the parish school. Meals were served and persons in the community were donating clothing and food supplies.

"In spite of all the things people have lost, it's very clear the people in our parishes haven't lost their faith, hope and love," said Father Steffen, who was celebrating Mass at St. Monica Church in East Peoria when the storms hit, knocking out power there as well. "They've really poured out their support."

People throughout the region shared photos and needs via social media. A Facebook

page, "Washington IL Tornado Recovery," was being followed by 171,000 people two days after the storm.

The Washington parish established an account to assist families in need: St. Patrick Church Tornado Relief Fund, which was accepting checks made payable to the fund and sent to: South Side Bank, Attn: Brad Mahony, P.O. Box 328, Washington, IL 61571.

Area Knights of Columbus councils were purchasing gift cards for distribution to needy families, and offers to assist were coming from schools and parishes around the Diocese of Peoria and nation, according to Sharon Weiss, diocesan superintendent of schools and former principal of St. Patrick School, Washington.

"The community camaraderie has been amazing," said Carolyn Aydt, a St. Patrick parishioner whose husband coaches at the school. The day after the storm, she was distributing food, and tearful hugs, to those coming to the school for relief.

"First they feel shock, then they're just thankful to be alive," Aydt said of affected families with whom she has spoken. With block after block reduced to unrecognizable rubble, "you see this in Oklahoma or Joplin (Missouri),

but never ever would I think to see it in my hometown," she said.

The parish priests have heard the same stories.

"People say, 'It's just stuff. Thank God we still have our families,'" said Father Willard. "We're blessed to say our church is still here, as well as our school and rectory." As of Monday, only minimal property damage to church-owned properties in the Diocese of Peoria had been reported.

In Ohio, another tornado associated with the same weather system that hit Illinois destroyed St. Barbara Church in the farming hamlet of Cloverdale, 68 miles southwest of Toledo.

Father Jerry Schetter, pastor, was helping with the cleanup Nov. 19. He had been in the rectory at Immaculate Conception Church in nearby Ottoville, where he also is pastor, when the storm hit.

"I'm just wondering what to do next," he told Catholic News Service.

The storm swept into the village from the southwest, twisting the roof off the 55-year-old A-frame structure and destroying the adjacent rectory, but leaving the parish hall unscathed, Father Schetter said.

The priest was thankful that no one was in the church when the storm struck. He said people from the strongly Catholic community often visit the church throughout the day to pray.

"Nobody got injured or hurt.

The mayor was pro-active and got a lot the people into the town hall. This is a very rural, very poor, low-income community," Father Schetter said.

After working first to retrieve the tabernacle and Blessed Sacrament from under a brick wall Nov. 18, members of St. Barbara and the surrounding communities began digging and picking through the rubble to find what was salvageable and what was lost.

"Jesus is back home," Father Schetter told the *Catholic Chronicle*, newspaper of the Toledo Diocese.

When the tabernacle was retrieved in one piece, the priest transported it to Ottoville's Immaculate Conception, St. Barbara's twin parish. The body of Christ was transferred, and the recovered tabernacle — only scratched in the ordeal — was put in a secured storage facility, he said.

"Devastating doesn't even describe it," said volunteer Kari Johnson about the status of her former parish church and its rectory. She grew up in St. Barbara Parish and now belongs to a nearby parish.

What she and others saw was a church building that seemed as if it imploded. Roof beams, concrete blocks and bricks lay across pews, stained-glass windows were smashed and bent, the roof and nearly the entire side of the rectory were strewn about. But missals still sat neatly in the pew pockets where they were left after morning Mass Nov. 17.

"What goes through your mind is every event there: first Communion, Baptism, I was married there. ... My son used to carry baby Jesus up to the Nativity scene," Johnson said.

While Saturday evening Masses have been discontinued for now and the decision about whether to rebuild the church is long off, Father Schetter was determined to celebrate Sunday Mass, Nov. 24, in St. Barbara's parish hall.

"It's part of the healing process," he said. "And it can only begin with the liturgy."

Tom Dermody is editor of *The Catholic Post*, newspaper of the Diocese of Peoria, Ill. Contributing to this report were Dennis Sadowski in Washington, D.C., and Angela Kessler, editor of the *Catholic Chronicle*, newspaper of the Diocese of Toledo, Ohio.

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# New HHS ruling said strongest yet on citing religious freedom concerns

BY SEAN GALLAGHER

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — Several business owners across the country have filed suit in federal courts seeking relief from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services mandate that requires nearly all employers to provide abortion-inducing drugs, sterilizations and contraceptives to their employees in their company health plan.

A decision was handed down Nov. 8 by a three-judge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago in suits brought by members of the Grote family in Madison, Ind., and the Korte family in Highland, Ill.

According to Richard Garnett, a University of Notre Dame law professor, the decision goes further in exploring various legal questions involved in the mandate suits than in previous decisions involving the mandate.

Judge Diane Sykes wrote the

majority opinion in the 2-1 decision.

Garnett, who teaches constitutional law, is an expert on religious liberty questions and has written widely on the topic. Sykes cited two of Garnett's legal journal articles on religious liberty in her opinion.

She also used an analogy of the government denying the right of a kosher deli to follow Jewish dietary laws as a way to understand that businesses owners can exercise their religious freedom in how they run their businesses.

Now-Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore used that analogy to make the same case when testifying in February 2012 before a congressional committee on religious liberty issues related to the HHS mandate. The archbishop, then head of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Conn., is chairman of the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.

"Judge Sykes is very engaged and widely read," Garnett told



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**Bill Grote talks with worker Debbie Randall at the Grote Industries factory in Madison, Ind., May 13. Grote and other members of his family are taking legal action in federal court to seek relief from the federal mandate that would force him and most other employers to provide employee health plans that include free coverage of contraceptives, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs.**

*The Criterion*, newspaper of the Indianapolis Archdiocese. "It doesn't surprise me that she'd be somebody who would be looking at legal scholarship and keeping up with other kinds of discussions about (religious liberty)."

The suit filed by the Grote family, and similar ones brought by private business owners who object to the HHS mandate, focus on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, or RFRA, a federal law enacted in 1993 that codifies the religious freedom enshrined in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

According to Garnett, RFRA "says that the government shouldn't burden religious exer-

cise unless it has to. And by 'has to,' it means for a good reason and there's no alternative." He also noted that the statute requires that when the government can establish valid reasons for burdening religious liberty, it must use the most minimal means possible.

The cases regarding private business owners objecting to the HHS mandate, Garnett said, deal with two questions related to RFRA: Are government regulations related to business corporations affected by RFRA? Is there a "compelling interest" that would justify the government burdening the religious liberty of the business and its owners?

Garnett noted that Sykes made various arguments that business owners such as the Grotes can seek religious freedom protection from RFRA. One of the points she raised, Garnett said, is that RFRA does not explicitly exclude business regulations.

In the second question — whether or not there is a compelling interest in the HHS mandate that would allow the government to substantially burden a business owner's religious liberty — Sykes makes a more detailed argument than judges in similar cases, Garnett said.

"The other courts haven't gone as much into detail about those questions, I think it's fair to say," Garnett said. "Judge Sykes says there is a burden here. What's the compelling interest that justifies this burden? The government says that the compelling interest is gender equality in health care.

"And her point is that that's too broad, that's too general. You have to focus a little bit more on what the compelling interest is in applying the mandate to these claimants."

Even if the government can establish a compelling interest, Sykes, according to Garnett, says that the means it uses in the HHS mandate to meet that interest are too wide to make it comply with RFRA.

"She says that (we should) think of all the other ways that are available to the government to pursue these interests," Garnett said. "The government could have just paid for the coverage itself. It could provide a voucher. It could provide a tax credit. All of these kinds of things."

Garnett, who served as a clerk for the late Chief Justice of the United States William H. Rehnquist, said that the nine justices of the U.S. Supreme Court will know about the Grote case as they consider whether or not to take up a case over the mandate.

The high court Nov. 26 will consider whether to review one or more lower court rulings over requirements of the health care law.

## POOR

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centuries than in the first 15 centuries combined, with women religious playing an "immense" role, he said.

Eire gave the examples of just a few of the orders founded in these centuries to benefit the poor: Brothers Hospitallers of St. John of God, Vincentians, Suplicians, Daughters of Charity, Scolapians, Visitandines and Congregation of Jesus and Mary. These and other religious orders helped reform and benefit both society and the Church, and demonstrated the sacramental character of charity.

Also speaking at the conference was John Sehorn, a Notre Dame graduate student in theology, who discussed the teaching of Pope St. Leo the Great (440-461) that a person demonstrates his faith by supporting the poor, because in that act, the person meets Christ and recognizes the Incarnation.

Sister Ann Astell, a Notre Dame theology professor and a member of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, spoke on the charitable practices of St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380). She discussed how Catherine's recognition of Christ both in the Eucharist and in her neighbor motivated her life of charity.

Dianne Phillips, an independent art scholar, gave an illustrated presentation of how late medieval art exemplifies the sacramental notion of charity by often depicting Christ as the source as well as the recipient of charity.

Cyril O'Regan, Huisiking, professor of theology at Notre Dame, spoke on charity as justice in excess, saying that love provides the context, source and goal of justice, for if justice is separated from love, it does not recognize the dignity of the person. Love enables one to see the face of the other person and respond as if that were the face of God, he said.

The conference was co-sponsored by Notre Dame's Institute for Church Life and Center for Social Concerns.

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# Pope venerates apostle's relics, urges focus on Christ

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis closed the Year of Faith by calling on people to keep Christ at the center of their lives, especially in times of trouble.

"When Jesus is at the center, light shines in even the darkest moments of our lives; He gives us hope," he said in his homily Nov. 24, the feast of Christ the King.

The closing Mass in St. Peter's Square also saw, for the first time, the exposition for public veneration of bones believed to be those of St. Peter. The apostle is believed to have been martyred on a hill overlooking St. Peter's Square and buried in a tomb now located two levels below the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica.

Eight bone fragments, each two to three centimeters long, were nestled in an open bronze reliquary displayed to the side of the altar.

During the ceremony, the pope — the 265th successor of Peter — held the closed reliquary for several minutes in silent prayer while choirs sang the Nicene Creed in Latin.

The bones, which were discovered during excavations of the necropolis under St. Peter's Basilica in the 1940s, are kept in the pope's private chapel but had never been displayed in public.

While no pope has ever declared the bones to be authentic, Pope Paul VI said in 1968 that the "relics" of St. Peter had been "identified in a way which we can hold to be convincing."

Pope Francis began his homily by thanking retired Pope Benedict XVI for establishing the Year of Faith, calling it a "providential initiative" that gave Christians "the opportunity to rediscover the beauty of the journey of faith begun on the day of our Baptism."

The pope then greeted patriarchs and archbishops of the Eastern Catholic churches, who were in Rome for a meeting, and extended those greetings to all Christians living in the Holy Land, Syria and the East,

wishing "them the gift of peace and harmony."

He expressed his appreciation for their fidelity to Christ, which comes "often at a high price."

In his homily, the pope focused on "the centrality of Christ" and how the faithful are expected to recognize and accept "the centrality of Jesus Christ in our thoughts, words and works."

"When this center is lost, because it is replaced with something else, only harm can result for everything around us and for ourselves," he said.

Reflecting on the day's Gospel reading of the good thief, who was crucified alongside Jesus, repents and asks Jesus to remember him in paradise, the pope said Jesus responds to



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The relics of St. Peter the Apostle are pictured on the altar before Pope Francis celebrates Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Nov. 24.



Pope Francis holds a bronze reliquary containing the relics of St. Peter the Apostle on the altar during a Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Nov. 24. The bone fragments, which were discovered during excavations of the necropolis under St. Peter's Basilica in the 1940s, are kept in the pope's private chapel but had never been displayed in public.

the man with forgiveness, "not condemnation."

"Whenever anyone finds the courage to ask for this forgiveness, the Lord does not let such a petition go unheard."

The pope said everyone should ask the Lord to remember them because "each one of us has a history," has made mistakes and sinned as well as experienced happy times and sad.

People need to say, "Jesus, remember me because I want to be good, I have the desire to become good, but I don't have the strength. I can't, I'm a sinner," the pope said. In response, "the Lord always grants more than what He has been asked."

With an estimated 60,000 people gathered in the square for the Mass, a special collection was taken up for

victims of Super Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

At the end of the Mass and before reciting the Angelus prayer at noon, the pope formally presented his first apostolic exhortation to representatives of the Church community, including bishops, seminarians, catechists, Catholic journalists and a woman with a visual impairment, who received her copy as an audio file on a CD-ROM.

The document on evangelization, titled "Evangelii Gaudium" ("The Joy of the Gospel"), was to be released to the public Nov. 26.

In a Nov. 25 meeting with people who volunteered their time and efforts to organize and promote Year of Faith activities, Pope Francis said, "The faith is the cornerstone of the Christian experience because it drives the choices and actions of our daily life."

A faith "lived deeply and with conviction" spreads the proclamation of the Gospel far and wide, but "apostolic courage" also is needed to reach people where they are, especially in very difficult places.

Before closing the Year of Faith, Pope Francis presided Nov. 23 over the Rite of Acceptance, marking the moment when some 500 men and women, from 47 countries, inquiring about the Catholic faith formally became catechumens preparing for Baptism at Easter.

During a Liturgy of the Word in St. Peter's Basilica, the pope told the adult catechumens that it is always God who initiates relationships with people and that He patiently and perseveringly waits for a response. "He never draws away from us, but has the patience to wait for the favorable moment to meet each of us."

Believing "is walking with Jesus. It's a journey that lasts a lifetime," Pope Francis told the catechumens. "Obviously, in this journey there will be moments when we feel tired and confused. However, faith gives us the certainty of the constant presence of Jesus in every situation, including the most painful and difficult to understand."

## Pope, at audience, says he goes to Confession every two weeks

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis said he goes to Confession every two weeks, knowing that God never tires of forgiving those who repent, but also knowing that having a priest say "I absolve you" reinforces belief in God's mercy. Using the literal Italian translation of a Spanish saying, "It's better to turn red once than yellow a thousand times," Pope Francis said he knows some people are embarrassed to confess their sins to a priest, but it is the best path to spiritual healing and health. At his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square Nov. 20, Pope Francis reflected on the forgiveness of sins as one of the missions Jesus entrusted to His Apostles and their successors. In a world often dominated by "individualism and subjectivism," he said, many peo-

ple — including many Catholics — say that God will forgive their sins and they have no need of the sacrament of Confession and the ministry of a priest. "Certainly, God forgives every repentant sinner, but the Christian is bound to Christ and Christ is united to His Church," the pope said. "God, in His sovereign mercy, forgives everyone, but He wanted those who belong to Christ and His Church to receive forgiveness through the community's ministers."

## Mass graves, no food: Church aid workers see great needs in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (CNS) — Nearly two weeks after Super Typhoon Haiyan tore through the central Philippines, Catholic aid workers were seeing great needs. Sandra Harlass, emergency relief coordinator and health adviser

for Malteser International, was concerned about getting emergency food to displaced residents in Eastern Samar, the easternmost province among the central islands that took the first lashing from Haiyan. "The needs are basically huge," said Harlass, who had just returned to Manila from the tiny towns of San Antonio and Amandayehan, across the strait from the worst-hit city of Tacloban. "Ninety percent of the houses are destroyed ... most were just washed away from the storm surge. Together with the houses, of course, all the food supplies were washed away, all the non-food items, like blankets, mosquito nets, everything is just gone," she said. The team of assessors found people who had had very little to eat nine days after the storm struck. Harlass said one of the villages had received food from the government once; the other had none.

## Dioceses solicit Catholics' answers to questions in preparing for synod

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., Catholics are being encouraged to do a little studying about Church teaching and then weigh in on the preparation material for next year's extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the family. The Harrisburg Diocese is one of a handful around the country that have online ways for everyday Catholics to put in their two cents' worth about the discussions bishops from around the world will have with Pope Francis at the synod Oct. 5-19, 2014. In other U.S. dioceses, bishops are consulting with pastoral councils or pastors. In Great Britain, Catholics in the entire country were invited to participate in an online survey. Pope Francis this past October called for the third extraordinary synod to be held since Pope Paul VI reinstated synods in 1965 to periodically advise him on

specific topics. Extraordinary synods are defined in canon law as intended to "deal with matters which require a speedy solution." Participants will primarily be presidents of national bishops' conferences, the heads of Eastern Catholic Churches and the heads of major Vatican offices, totaling about 150 people, according to Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman.

## Getting 'home-grown' bishop pleasant surprise for Fort Worth Catholics

FORT WORTH, Texas (CNS) — News that Pope Francis had chosen a priest ordained in the Diocese of Fort Worth, Msgr. Michael F. Olson, to become its next bishop was greeted with surprise, joy and overwhelming approval. He succeeds Bishop Kevin W. Vann, who was named bishop of the Diocese of Orange, Calif., in September 2012.

## Redeemer Radio announces new board members

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio has announced the appointment of two new members, Jeremy Reidy of Barnes and Thornburg, LLP and Rick Nill of Ash Brokerage Corporation, to its board of directors.

Reidy is a business attorney at Barnes and Thornburg, LLP. He and his wife, Becky, live in Fort Wayne with their four children and are members at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish.

Nill is the director of business and systems analysis at Ash Brokerage. He and his wife, Julie, live in Fort Wayne with their four children and are members at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

In addition to joining the board of directors, Reidy holds the title of secretary.

## PHJC Sister, Holocaust victim, topic of Lampen Lecture

DONALDSON — Sister Christiane Humpert, a German Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ sister, was the featured presenter for the Ancilla College Lampen Lecture series Wednesday, Nov. 13, when she discussed the life and experience of Sister Aloysia Lowenfels, another PHJC sister who was a victim of the Holocaust. Sister Christiane has been a student of Sister Aloysia for some time and was born in Germany right before the beginning of WWII.

The story Sister Christiane shared was a touching account of how Sister Aloysia, a young Jewish woman, became a PHJC sister. Sister Aloysia was born into a German Jewish family but was educated like many young Jewish girls in a Christian school. She adopted the faith and left her family and home country to become a sister in the Netherlands. During WWII she was found and arrested. She was sent to a work camp before being transported and killed in the gas chambers at Auschwitz.

The Lampen Lecture Series offers free lectures open to the public and is held in Room 231 at Ancilla College.

## Winter Wonderland to bring holiday festivities to area children

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College students will host Winter Wonderland, a Christmas event for children affiliated with South Bend public schools, the Center for the Homeless and Robinson Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center. Children of Saint Mary's College faculty and staff are also invited to the event.

The third annual Winter Wonderland is organized by the Traditional Board, a part of Student Activities Board, and Co-Campus, an organization with representa-

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## ST. THOMAS STUDENTS PERFORM 'OKLAHOMA'



PROVIDED BY ANNE RICE

St. Thomas the Apostle School in Elkhart partnered with Premier Arts for a performance of "Oklahoma" on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the Lerner Theater in downtown Elkhart. Sixty-nine students in grades 2-8 participated.

tives from other area universities. Children will decorate Christmas cookies, create winter crafts and play games. There will also be special appearances by Santa Claus and a few University of Notre Dame athletes.

"Winter Wonderland is an important event because it brings the community together and puts everyone in the holiday spirit," Nicole DelMonte, co-chair of the Traditional Board, said. "This event allows families from the area to attend a fun, free day where children can participate in crafts and even take a picture with Santa."

## Justice education program to host symposium on women's incarceration

NOTRE DAME — The Justice Education program at Saint Mary's College invites the college and South Bend area communities to attend the "Symposium on Women's Incarceration," a daylong discussion and dialogue about gender, incarceration and justice. The event, which is free of charge, will take place at the Catholic liberal arts women's college from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 3, in Vander Vennet Theatre in the Student Center. Attendees may come and go as they please.

This daylong event will gather ex-offenders, faith communities, practitioners, advocates, community organizers and corrections professionals to address the crisis of mass incarceration and the unique challenges faced by women entering and exiting incarceration.

"The symposium is designed to facilitate a dialogue about the crisis of incarceration in our own community and to provide a context for both examining the crisis and developing solutions grounded in the principles of justice, equality, dignity and solidarity," explained Adrienne Lyles-Chockley, visiting philosophy professor who heads the justice education program at Saint Mary's College.

Lyles-Chockley will offer the opening and closing remarks at the fast-paced symposium. Other speakers will include:

- 9:30 a.m. — Father David T. Link, dean emeritus of the University of Notre Dame Law School, prison reform activist, chaplain at the Indiana State Prison, will offer the keynote address on the crisis of mass incarceration.

- 10:30 a.m. — Pat Hosea, ex-prisoner advocate, co-director of Inbound, will offer the plenary speech on reentry support services and the challenges faced by female ex-offenders.

- 11 a.m. — Patricia A. Marvel, assistant director of St. Margaret's

House will speak on gender issues regarding reentry.

- 11:15 a.m. — Thereasa Morales, Regina Perkins, Shenica Crawford, Marcita Riley and Connalita Stewart will speak as ex-offender advocates.

- 12:30 p.m. — Cheryl Ashe, founder of Ex-Offender Information and Referral Services, will talk about ways to help female ex-offenders.

- 1 p.m. — Holy Cross Sister Sue Kintzele, director of the Bail Bond Project, will discuss advocacy for the incarcerated poor.

- 1:30 p.m. — Sharon McBride, director of St. Joseph County Community Corrections Ducommun Center; Maria Kaczmarek, executive director of Dismas House South Bend; and Debie Coble, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Michiana, will speak about collaborative strategies for creating social justice.

- 2:30 p.m. — Holy Cross Fathers James Bracke and Tom McNally, prison ministers, will talk about spiritual responses to the crisis of incarceration.

For more information about the event, contact Lyles-Chockley at aylesch@saintmarys.edu.

## Saint Joseph High School to host information night

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School will host an information night for prospective freshman on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. in the Black Box Theater at the high school.

## ST. JUDE STUDENTS CREATE ART FOR SAINT ANNE HOME RESIDENTS



PROVIDED BY BOB PANZA

Eighth-grade students from St. Jude School in Fort Wayne recently formed groups to design and paint fall scenes on assigned windows in the main hallway of Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community. Staff and residents were grateful to the students, who hope to return to paint the windows for other holiday seasons. The students who volunteered their time and talent were Allison Gerbers, Caroline Oberfell, Colin King, Anna Laisure, Samantha Weldon, Maddie Merryman, Isabella Stoner, Bienca Rouyes, Isabella Ardhuerumly and Audrey Schiffli.

# ADVENT

# The Season

**1** First Sunday of Advent: Create a family Advent wreath with evergreens and four candles, three violet and one rose. Light the first violet candle, signifying hope, as you read and discuss Lk 1:5-25, the infancy narrative.

**2** Create a simple family Advent prayer that you can recite every day of Advent inviting the infant Jesus to come into your hearts and show you the way to salvation. Post it in a prominent place.

**3** Google the origin of the Nativity after putting out the family Nativity scene. Put baby Jesus in a safe place until Christmas.

**4** Put up indoor Christmas decorations while playing Christmas music. Remember to keep Christ as your centerpiece.

**5** Google Nicholas' patronage for St. Nicholas.

**8** Second Sunday of Advent: Light the second violet candle of your Advent wreath, which signifies preparation, as you read and discuss Lk 1:26-39, the announcement of the birth of Jesus.

**9** Bake Gingerbread (recipe at right) or your favorite holiday baked good to share with your mail carrier or other service provider this week.

**10** Create paper ornaments out of construction paper. Decorate and write a personal blessing on each one. Hang them on your tree while praying for those less fortunate.

**11** Go Christmas shopping. Buy an extra gift for a needy or disabled person. Many churches and stores have "giving trees" to donate gifts to.

**12** Gather candles for your Share heartwarming them.

**15** Third Sunday of Advent: Light the third, rose-colored candle of your Advent wreath, which signifies joy, as you read and discuss Lk 1:39-56, Mary visits Elizabeth. Then sit in quiet expectation together.

**16** Bake Christmas cookies. Share them with friends, family or co-workers.

**17** Pray and meditate on the joyful mysteries of the rosary.

**18** Drive around your area and look at Christmas lights, and sing Christmas hymns and carols.

**19** Call friends and listen to their anticipations.

**22** Fourth Sunday of Advent: Light the fourth violet candle of your Advent wreath, depicting love. Watch "The Nativity" movie together.

**23** Call a family member or friend you haven't contacted recently and wish them a Merry Christmas.

**24** Christmas Eve: Read and discuss Lk 2:1-14, the birth of Jesus, enjoy family gatherings.

**25** Place baby Jesus in the manger and sing "Joy to the World." Enjoy Mass, gift giving, family meals and other Christmas celebrations.



# Days of Hope

...or read the story of St. ...s. Put shoes out in antici- ...of being filled with candy ...las day.

**6** Pray for those who are alone this Advent season. Invite a single neighbor or friend to dinner.

**7** Donate canned or boxed goods to a local food pantry or church.

...ner together and light a ...dle as you name and pray ...your deceased loved ones. ...warming memories of

**13** Pop some corn and invite friends and family to watch "It's a Wonderful Life" or another favorite Christmas movie together. String popcorn for your Christmas tree.

**14** Create homemade Christmas cards with personal notes of cheer for shut-ins and deliver them to the local nursing home.

...visit or invite a grieving ...nd over. Sit attentively and ...en to their story of loss as ...ate the holidays.

**20** Wrap Christmas presents. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for your blessings.

**21** Volunteer to shop, wrap gifts, babysit or bake for a person in need.

As the Catholic Church begins its new liturgical year, this Advent season can be a time of personal meditation as well as family togetherness even amidst the breakneck holiday hustle-bustle, as the Church and its people prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth. Traditionally, Advent is celebrated with prayer and fasting as the faithful put into action the hope they hold as they anticipate the coming of the Lord. Today's Catholic offers this Advent calendar as a daily reminder to focus on the reason behind the season and to deepen our faith through action. Each day presents a suggested activity to inspire fun and faith-filled participation during these 24 days of Advent.

— Kay Cozad

## Favorite old fashioned gingerbread

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 egg
- 1 cup molasses
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda

- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup hot water

Pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9-inch pan. In large bowl, cream together the sugar and butter. Beat in egg, and mix in the molasses.

In another bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, ginger and cloves. Blend into the creamed mixture. Stir in the hot water.

Pour into prepared pan.

Bake one hour in the preheated oven, until a knife or toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Allow cooling in pan before serving. Sprinkle with powdered sugar if desired.

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# Puppy love

We got a puppy!

I suppose it's sort of crazy after a dog-less, 27 years of marriage and 20-plus years of cyclical getting up at night with our babies that I would, during the (finally and blessed) peace period of being able to determine my own nocturnal habits, voluntarily put myself at the mercy of an energetic, furry, non-human being's wake/sleep pattern and to be at her beck and call 24/7, at least for awhile. But I did.

Puppy house training requires multiple and consistent "catching" (as opposed to "reasoning" and "convincing"), sitting not on the bathroom floor as you do with a toddler, and which I might add is relatively comfortable, but rather standing, shivering in the cold, often rainy, November nights in excursions to a special place outside, hoping the coyotes don't see you with this laughable excuse for a dog, which the wind could literally knock over, and which would

be an easy first course nighttime snack for them.

Instead of cajoling with M&Ms and reasoning with a human toddler, I, and my oldest daughter, have been traipsing outside every hour during the day and every few at night with a teeny little two-pound mind-of-her-own Yorkshire terrier canine, reasoning with no one, simply shining a flashlight at her behind and encouraging and praising "success" when we see it. It goes something like this:

"Was that it?" I ask my daughter, not sure, "did she go?"

"I don't know," she says, "I think so."

"Do you think we should wait a few minutes?" I ask.

"Probably," she says.

And so we do, two smart women, two college graduates, standing in the misty freezing night, watching a dog's behind, and trying to figure out the right course to keep the puppy dry until



TERESA A. THOMAS

## EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

morning.

When we finally decide it's safe to go in, we walk Little Miss Puppy toward the door, wipe off her little paws and behind with a baby wipe (I'm just that way), then dutifully mark down the events in the "Dog Log," a binder with an Excel spreadsheet, which we keep on the cupboard. I put her back in the crate until the next hour.

Why? Why? Why did I do this? I will tell you why —

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# Advent is a season of waiting, patience

My family has an annual argument. It inevitably begins a day or two after Halloween with the seemingly-innocent question, "Can we listen to Christmas music now?"

We all take sides. "It's not Advent yet," someone (usually my mom) says.

"It's after Halloween, though, so it's close enough," someone (usually my dad) says.

We usually end up compromising. After Halloween, we can listen to secular Christmas music ("Jingle Bells," "Sleigh Bells," etc.). Then, after Thanksgiving, we start listening to both the secular and the sacred Christmas music.

This works well, except when, during some dreary day in November, I start wanting to listen to Christmas music. I am sick of rain and sleet, and I want the fun to start — the Christmas tree downstairs, "Silent Night" playing on the iPod, Christmas sweaters and presents in their stack near the window.

However, there is a feeling associated with Christmas, known as the "Christmas spirit," which it is impossible to re-create at any other time of the year.

Over the years, I have heard the saying "patience is a virtue" many more times than I have liked. I dislike waiting. Particularly I dislike waiting for others: waiting for papers to be graded, for test results to come in, for little siblings to put on their shoes and get in the car so my family can go where we need to go. However, whether I like it or not, waiting is part of life. In fact, most of life is waiting for something or other.

Advent is a season of waiting, of patience. We wait for Christmas, the celebration of the birth of our Lord. Waiting, especially for something very important, is forced humility. When we wait, we realize that we are not in charge. We are dependent on someone else's plans, or decisions or whims. We are compelled to think of others first. (After all, when we are waiting, it is rather difficult to think of anyone else!) Their needs must go before our own. In a selfish and ill-mannered culture, waiting without regard for oneself is outside the norm. Yet Advent teaches us the meaning of patience, of courtesy and humility.

I think that it makes sense, then, though it seems obvious, that we observe Advent before Christmas. Christmas, after all, is "Universal Humility Day" — the day on which we give thanks and praise to God for being born as a man in the Incarnation. "The Incarnation" — a common enough word — yet sometimes we forget what an earth-shattering doctrine it is, what a "mind-blowing" reality of humility, love and mercy.

So in waiting for Christmas —



CAROLINE PETERSON

## TEEN TABLET

or in waiting for anything else — let us, as best we can, cherish this waiting and let it be an opportunity of patience for us. We can turn off the Christmas radio station until a few days before Christmas; we can save our celebrations until Dec. 24, and let the Christmas season begin then in our own homes. "I adjure you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and the harts of the fields, that you stir not up, nor make the beloved to awake, till she please." — Song of Songs 8:5.

We, too, wait for our "Beloved" during Advent. We wait along with the Church who has observed Advent since her early days; we wait with the others who longed for the Messiah, whether they knew it or not, before the birth of Christ: the Jews, for example, or the pagan Greeks. We also wait not just for Christmas, but for the ultimate coming of Christ, at the end of time. He will not come as a child, sneaking in "behind enemy lines" as C.S. Lewis said, but as our Master and Judge, wreathed in glory and majesty.

And so, after Christmas, I will look out the window at the snow-covered trees and the slushy streets, and wish for warm sun, and leaves on the trees and spring. Waiting for Christmas will be over then, but a new kind of waiting will have set in. Waiting will never end, after all, until death — waiting, which shows us the very essence of what we anticipate during Advent: Christmas, and the humble coming of our Lord.

Caroline Peterson is a teen writer from St. Pius X Parish, Granger.

# A call to become honest disciples of the King



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

### 1st Sunday of Advent Mt 24:37-44

With this weekend, the Church begins its new liturgical year. In so doing, it also begins to use the A Cycle of readings at Sunday Masses.

This weekend's first reading is from the first section of the Book of Isaiah. Isaiah is one of the most important prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures. Inevitably it is eloquent and profound. It also is one of the longest books in the Old Testament, although in fact it is a collection of three distinct works.

As often the case with other prophetic books, Isaiah at times warned the people that if they did not return to heartfelt religious fidelity their doom was on the way. Certainly this is a theme of this first section of Isaiah.

No prophet, however, including Isaiah, spoke warnings without expressing a most hopeful and faith-filled thought that God, the almighty and merciful, would protect the people in the end.

After all, such was the promise of the Covenant. God had pledged to safeguard and secure the people, despite the stubbornness of the people and their fascination with sin, in spite of the catastrophe they brought upon themselves by sinning.

This weekend reading, the first Scriptural proclamation for Advent 2013, is a testament of this con-

fidence and faith. God will judge the good and the bad. Such is the divine right. It is logical. Human behavior must be balanced against the justice and love that perfectly are in God.

It is not a tale of gloom. Sin is to be feared. Human faithfulness to God brings peace and reward.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans is the source of the second reading.

Always, Paul called upon Christians to live as authentic followers of Jesus. While stressing their need to be faithful models of Christ in human living, the great Apostle urged disciples to set their priorities by making eternal life with the Lord their uncompromised goal.

Paul also bluntly said that earthly life can end at any time for anyone.

The Gospel of Matthew provides the last reading this weekend. It predicts the final coming of Jesus. In reading this passage it is important to remember that the Catholic Church teaches that proper reading of the Gospels requires realizing three perspectives: 1) The Gospel event in the actual time of Jesus; 2) The event as its implications came to be understood in the time when the Gospels were written, decades after Jesus; and, 3) The place that the event occupies in the general literary structure of the individual Gospel.

This is important when considering this weekend's passage from Matthew. Composed generations after Jesus, Matthew was written for Christians who yearned to be relieved of the burden, and indeed peril, of living amid harshly antagonistic circumstances. They pined for the second triumphant coming of Jesus, recalling the Lord's own words. They earnestly believed that they would be vindicated when Jesus would come again in glory.

## Reflection

Advent, begun with the liturgies of this weekend, calls us to prepare for Christmas. Preparation is much, much more than addressing Christmas cards and decorating Christmas trees. It means actually and studiously working to make the coming of Jesus into earthly life, commemorated on Christmas, a personal event because we admit the Lord into our loving hearts.

So, especially in Advent, the Church calls us to be good Christians and to rid ourselves of anything standing in the way.

It calls us to set priorities. Regardless of Christmas 2013, Jesus will come again to earthly existence in a most glorious, victorious and final sense. At that moment, where will each of us be? We must prepare ourselves for Lord properly, beginning now. We must refine ourselves as honest disciples of the King born in Bethlehem. We must shape our lives accordingly.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

**Monday:** Is 4:2-6 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5, 6-8

# JFK after 50 years

On Nov. 22, 1963, the seventh grade at Baltimore's Cathedral School was in gym class when we got word that President Kennedy had been shot. A half-hour later, while we were climbing the stairs back to 7B's classroom, Sister Dolorine's voice came over the P.A., announcing that the president was dead. Walking into 7B, my classmates and I saw something that shocked us as much as the news we'd just heard: our tough-love homeroom teacher, a young School Sister of Notre Dame, was sobbing, her faced buried in her arms on her desk.

The days of public mourning that followed — their solemnity shattered only by the assassination on live TV — were bound to leave an impression on a 12-year-old. Indeed, so great was the impression, and so effective the subsequent myth-making, that a half-dozen or so years later, as a college student beginning to feel the effects of late-'60s skepticism, I was nonetheless offended when it was first reported that the late president had been a "fearsome girler" (as Ben Bradlee's father put it).

Still, the magnetic appeal of the man (or the myth, or both) was such that when I first went to Dallas, I was inexorably drawn to the site of the assassination, the Texas School Book Depository and nearby Dealey Plaza. Standing at the window from which the shots that changed American history were fired, I quickly decided that a trained marksman could have easily done, by himself, what the Warren Commission concluded he had done.

I remain grateful to John F. Kennedy for inspiring the conviction that public life ought to accommodate both ideal-

ism (without illusions, as JFK described his own approach) and elegance. Fifty years after his death, however, I fear that much of the Kennedy mythos is an obstacle to the flowering of Catholic witness in America — and indeed to a proper understanding of modern American history.

The myth of Camelot, for example, misses the truth about the assassination: that John F. Kennedy was a casualty of the Cold War, murdered by a dedicated communist. "Camelot" also demeaned the liberal anti-communist internationalism that Kennedy embodied; that deprecation eventually led Kennedy's party into the wilderness of neo-isolationist irresponsibility from which it has yet to emerge.

Then there is the mythology surrounding Kennedy's 1960 speech on church-and-state, delivered to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association. No one should doubt that hoary Protestant bigotry was an obstacle the Kennedy campaign had to overcome in 1960. Still, a close reading of the Houston speech suggests that Kennedy neutralized that bigotry, not only by deft rhetorical moves that put bigots on the defensive, but by dramatically privatizing religious conviction and marginalizing its role in orienting a public official's moral compass. Thus Kennedy became, in effect, a precursor of what Richard John Neuhaus later called the "naked public square": an American public space in which not merely clerical authoritarianism, but religiously-informed moral conviction, is deemed out-of-bounds.

Finally, there is the phenomenon that might be called the Kennedy Catholic: a public official who wears his or her



## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

Catholicism as a kind of ethnic marker, an inherited trait, but whose thinking about public policy is rarely if ever shaped by Catholic social doctrine or settled Catholic moral conviction. The many Kennedy Catholics in our public life are one of the last expressions of urban (or suburban), ethnic, Counter-Reformation Catholicism in America; and as such, they evoke a certain nostalgia. Unfortunately, the shallowness of their Catholic formation and the invisibility of Catholic moral understandings in a lot of their judgments make Kennedy Catholics de facto opponents of the Church's mission in the postmodern world, not protagonists of the culture-reforming Catholicism of the New Evangelization.

At daily Mass in downtown Washington, I often receive Communion while standing on the marble slab in St. Matthew's Cathedral that marks the place where the president's casket rested, at the funeral Mass on Nov. 25, 1963. In praying for him there, I also mourn what might have been — and what has been distorted in the half-century since.

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## EVERYDAY

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I did this because we have a little eight-year-old girl who has been begging since she could first talk for a little brother or sister, and when she realized that wasn't going to happen, she said, "Well, can we at least get a dog?"

I did it because the older kids are moving up and out and it's nice to know this little one will be around for the next 12 or 15 years. She's sort of insurance that I don't smother the older ones. Plus, she's cute and she follows me around, and — best of all — she doesn't argue with me.

And finally, I did it because the circumstances were right. They just unfolded in a very comfortable way: My husband, on trip to the furniture refinisher with our dining room chairs last summer, sent me a picture of a puppy so cute (the refinisher was breeding them) that

I swooned in the cluttered basement, which I was cleaning at the time I received his text. Amidst boxes and laundry and children's toys I started to think what it might be like to have this teeny, little, cute dog.

I did it because after we had a hug-and-snuggle session with the puppy when we went to pick up our furniture, nobody reacted allergically. You see, some of my children have allergies so bad that I keep Benadryl in my purse and Epi-pens on hand always. While one daughter needs hospitalization if she so much as touches a cashew and my own eyes puff up and swell shut if a cat so much as enters the room, this little creature didn't elicit so much as a sneeze from anyone.

And she liked me. I could tell. My husband looked at me. "Do you want her?" I nodded. That was it. ...

The girls were thrilled. My husband loves her. He named her "Dino," and thence began the events at the beginning of this column.

I'm not going to tell you that Dino is adding some huge, big message to our lives, or that she makes us holier or better Catholics. She's not. But by having her we are learning about receiving God's little gifts and appreciating more of His creation. Dino's presence is stretching us in new ways. Making us patient. Helping us calm and slow down. She has been inconvenient, and sweet, and loving, and causing us to grow and relax, individually and as a family.

And those things alone make me glad we have added this puppy to our lives. Joy. Peace ... and learning a little more about God through His creation.

Theresa Thomas is the wife of David and mother of nine children. Watch for her newest book "Big Hearted Families" (Scepter) and read more on her blog: <http://theresathomas.wordpress.com/>

# SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for December 1, 2013

Matthew 24: 37-24

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for The First Sunday of Advent, Cycle A: reflections on the past and the future. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

NOAH	SON OF MAN	THOSE DAYS
BEFORE	FLOOD	EATING
DRINKING	MARRYING	ENTERED
ALL AWAY	TWO MEN	FIELD
TAKEN	GRINDING	MILL
DO NOT KNOW	YOUR LORD	NIGHT
HOUSE	BROKEN INTO	AN HOUR

## LIKE NOAH

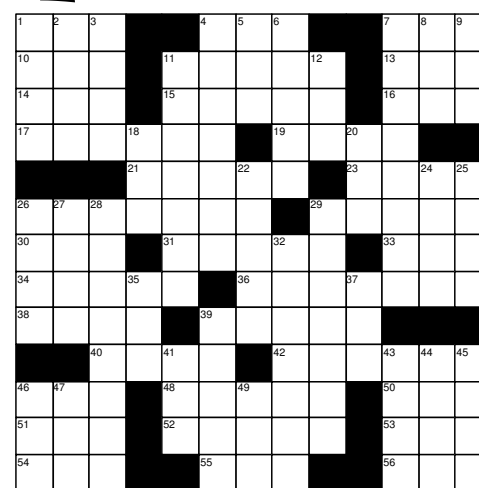
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# The CrossWord

December 1, 8 and 15, 2013



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Based on these Scripture Readings: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44 and Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12 and Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

### ACROSS

- 1 Lent Wednesday
- 4 Communication
- 7 Choke
- 10 Ghost noise
- 11 Visited Solomon
- 13 The Holly and the \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Ancient Sri Lanka language
- 15 Make these straight
- 16 Rapid eye movement
- 17 Tooth buildup
- 19 Opaque gem
- 21 Put on the \_\_\_\_\_ of light
- 23 What a doctor gives

- 26 "The wants of the flesh"
- 29 Slop paint around
- 30 Native American
- 31 Take off
- 33 Bullfight cheer
- 34 Delilah did to Samson
- 36 "The \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven"
- 38 Do this and you shall \_\_\_\_\_
- 39 Ewer
- 40 \_\_\_\_\_ matter
- 42 State capital
- 46 Pigsty
- 48 John's \_\_\_\_\_ Jordan
- 50 Vigor
- 51 Time zone

- 52 Rouses
- 53 The other half of Jima
- 54 American Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 55 Sister for short
- 56 Elizabeth abbr.

### DOWN

- 1 Assist
- 2 Latin for "only"
- 3 If the homeowner had known the \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Smooth talker
- 5 After baptism
- 6 We should \_\_\_\_\_ 43D
- 7 Girls collectively
- 8 Hail Maria
- 9 Exercise place
- 11 Jacob and angel did
- 12 Egyptian viper
- 18 Thai
- 20 Sign language
- 22 City in Japan
- 24 Norway capital
- 25 Not us
- 26 Dim
- 27 Decorative needle case
- 28 "I no longer call you \_\_\_\_\_, but friends."
- 29 Elders
- 32 Nuns
- 35 Moray
- 37 Gross national product (abbr.)
- 39 Lures
- 41 Married woman
- 43 Satan's domain
- 44 Green fruit
- 45 Isaiah's father
- 46 Legume
- 47 Escudo
- 49 Next Pope Paul will be

Answer Key can be found on page 15

# All Diocese Team

Today's Catholic highlights athletes from Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. These student-athletes are recognized in character, sportsmanship, leadership, athletics and Catholic values. The athletes are selected by their coaches.

## Bishop Dwenger

### GIRLS' CROSS-COUNTRY

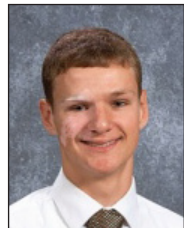


Rachel Hentz, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Shannon Kochanski, senior, St. Charles Borromeo

### BOYS' CROSS-COUNTRY



Derek Gloudemans, senior, St. Vincent de Paul



Tyler Johnson, senior, St. Charles Borromeo

### FOOTBALL



Gabriel Espinoza, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Ryan Watercutter, senior, St. Vincent de Paul



Nathan Niese, senior, St. Charles Borromeo



Mike Fiacable, senior, St. Vincent de Paul



Tyler Tippmann, senior, St. Charles Borromeo



Ryan Cinadr, senior, St. Patrick in Bryan, Ohio



Trey Casaburo, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



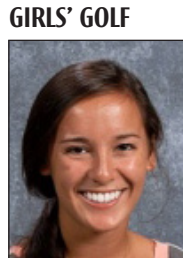
Stephen Colligan, senior, St. Vincent de Paul



Zach Archer, senior, St. Jude



Alex Schenkel, senior, Our Lady of Good Hope



### GIRLS' GOLF

Nellie Lee, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Katie Giant, junior, St. Vincent de Paul



### GIRLS' SOCCER

Kellee O'Shaughnessy, junior, midfielder, St. Vincent de Paul



Natalie Lebamoff, senior, midfielder, St. Vincent de Paul



Michelle Adgalanis, junior, defender, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



### BOYS' SOCCER

Alex Bruns, senior, midfielder, St. Jude



Dominic Garrett, senior, defense, St. Charles Borromeo



Dominick Parsons, senior, defense, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Jason Brand, senior, defense, St. Vincent de Paul

### BOYS' TENNIS



Jacob Maskal, senior, St. Charles Borromeo



Charlie Scott, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

## Bishop Luers

### GIRLS' CROSS-COUNTRY



Carrie Lill, senior, St. Therese



Madison Busch, sophomore, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

### BOYS' CROSS-COUNTRY



Steve Moore, sophomore, Most Precious Blood



Seamus Fazio, junior, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne

### GIRLS' GOLF



Madeline Brown, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Brianna Burelison, junior

### FOOTBALL



Nic Morken, senior, linebacker, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Quinn Cook, senior, quarterback, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne



Braden Thiele, senior, tight end, St. Aloysius



Brandon Volmerding, senior, linebacker, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Chance Young, senior, defensive back

### GIRLS' SOCCER



Addie Reibold, senior, midfielder, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Annie Whitman, senior, midfielder, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Kate Eifrid, senior, back, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne

### BOYS' SOCCER



Geoffrey Justice, senior



Andrew Schenkel, senior, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



Eian Connolly, senior, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne

**BOYS' TENNIS**



Mark Hellinger, senior, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Patrick Fischer, senior, offensive tackle, St. Matthew

**BOYS' SOCCER**



Thomas Yergler, senior, forward

**FOOTBALL**



Casey Coleman, senior, defensive back, Holy Cross

**BOYS' SOCCER**



Tommy Clark, senior, midfielder



Isaiah Klotz, junior



Kirk Barron, senior, offensive center, St. Monica



Christopher Coulter, senior, goalkeeper, St. Monica



Patrick Connors, senior, offensive lineman, Holy Cross



Josh Kachmarik, senior, forward, St. Joseph

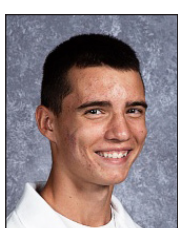
**VOLLEYBALL**



Kirsten Comment, junior, outside hitter, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne



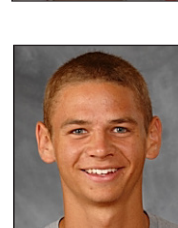
Dominic Ravotto, senior, defensive back, St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Eric Phegley, senior, defender, St. Jude



Quinn Imus, senior, linebacker, Christ the King



Ben Swick, senior, midfielder/defender, St. Mary



McKenzie North, senior, outside hitter, St. Therese



Brian Mischler, senior, defensive back, St. Anthony de Padua



Jack Julien, senior, No. 1 singles, St. Joseph, South Bend



Corey Kuminecz, senior, offensive lineman, Holy Cross



Ryan Jamieson, senior, Christ the King

**Marian**

**GIRLS' CROSS-COUNTRY**



Bridget Vervet, senior, St. Anthony de Padua

**GIRLS' GOLF**



Nicole Bourgeois, senior, St. Pius X



Reilly Hicks, senior, No. 2 singles, St. Joseph, South Bend



Matt Monserez, senior, quarterback, Christ the King



Patrick O'Connor, senior, Christ the King



Mackenzie Robinson, senior, St. John the Evangelist, Goshen



Katherine Arterbery, senior, Queen of Peace



Nichole Pullin, senior, libero, St. Pius X



Lydia Lorenc, senior, Christ the King



Nicole Francoeur, senior, middle hitter, Corpus Christi

**BOYS' CROSS-COUNTRY**



Christopher Meyer, senior, Holy Family



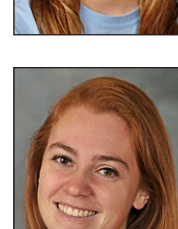
Shannon Hendricks, junior, midfielder, Christ the King



Colleen Hunsberger, senior, right side hitter, St. Bavo



Amanda Hastings, senior, midfielder, St. Pius X



Alexis Kleva, senior, setter, St. Pius X



Bryce Chudzicki, senior, Holy Family



Taylor Pooley, junior, defender



Megan Kitz, junior



Gabby Loebach, senior, forward, Christ the King

**FOOTBALL**



Connor Russell, senior, defensive end, St. Matthew



Sarah Bueter, senior, defender, St. Pius X



Liam Maher, senior, St. Joseph



Maddy Turner, senior, midfielder, St. Pius X

**Saint Joseph**

**GIRLS' CROSS-COUNTRY**

# St. Pius Lions repeat as ICCL girls' soccer champs

BY CHUCK FREEBY

MISHAWAKA — In practice, coaches love when players get repetitions. St. Pius X girls' soccer coach Tim Killilea didn't mind when it happened on the field either.

His Lions repeated as champions of the Inter-City Catholic League with a 1-0 championship game win over Corpus Christi/Holy Cross/St. Jude recently at Marian's Abro Field.

"That's a pretty strong run, isn't it?" smiled Killilea after the game. "These girls have been playing together since the fifth grade. They won a sixth-grade title, and now back-to-back as varsity players. Of course, they could not have done this without the vital contributions of other team members each year, including two seventh graders this year."

Still, St. Pius had its hands full with the Cougars in the title tilt, struggling to get on the board. Finally, Sydney Vasile fed Mia Killilea at the top of the penalty box. Killilea's low, hard shot from the top of the box rifled just inside the post for a goal, her fifth of the tournament.

That would hold up, as the Lions' experienced defense and strong mid-field play held Corpus Christi to just three shots on goal for the game.

Corpus Christi, coached by Krystal Koucouthakis, was a surprise entrant in the finals, upsetting a strong St. Joseph squad, 1-0, in the semifinals.

"I can't say enough about this group," exuded Killilea. "Over the last three years they were 26-1-1 and displayed great team play and sportsmanship each season. All of us at St. Pius are very proud of them."

## Saint Joseph students pray for victims of typhoon

SOUTH BEND — As the dismissal bell rang on Thursday, Nov. 14, many students headed for the Saint Joseph Chapel where three students, Kristen Pascual, Ran Fernandez and Enrico Lazareto, all of whom are Filipino, led a rosary for the intentions of those affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. All three students have been in contact with their relatives who are all safe.

Having visited the places that are now devastated gave Pascual a feeling that "God has called me to do something." She asked if an emergency Dress Down Day could be held to raise funds for the people who are now without food, water and shelter.

Lazareto was born in the Philippines, coming to the United States six years ago. "I've been where all the damage is," he stated.

Seeing the devastation, the sick and homeless on the news really hit home for them. They know "how hard it is to get to the islands, and now another storm is going to hit."

Fernandez said that it "took one or two days to find out that his family was okay." Cellular phones, Facebook and television news helped them cope. All three students feel "like we really helped" the victims through the praying of the rosary.

On Friday, Nov. 15, the school community held the "Emergency Dress Down Day," raising \$2,600.



DONNA QUINN

Saint Joseph High School students lead students and staff in prayer Nov. 14 after school for those affected by Typhoon Haiyan.

## Dwenger football heads to state championship title game

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School pitched a 38-0 shut out over East Chicago Central Friday night, Nov. 22, to win a Class 4-A semi-state earning them a trip to Indianapolis for the state championship. The No. 11 Saints (11-3) will face the No. 1 ranked Olympians from Columbus East. The game will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon at Lucas Oil Stadium. The decorated Saints football program has been to the state finals eight times, four each in 3-A and 4-A.

The 3:30 p.m. kickoff Saturday, Nov. 30, will be aired on Redeemer Radio 1450 AM.



PROVIDED BY ST. PIUS X GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

St. Pius X girls' soccer team celebrates after winning its second consecutive Inter-City Catholic League championship with a 1-0 triumph over Corpus Christi in the championship game. The Lions went 8-1 on the season and only allowed three goals all year.

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**Homeschooling group to meet**  
Fort Wayne — NICHE, a Catholic Homeschooling support group, will meet on Friday, Dec. 6, for 9 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Good Hope, 7215 St. Joe Rd. There will be an activity for children afterward. For information contact Lora at mcclamro@gmail.com.

**Christ Child Society holiday cookie walk to benefit local children**  
Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society will have a holiday cookie walk on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at St. Vincent Church on Wallen Road. All proceeds fund the programs of the Christ Child Society to improve the lives of local children in need.

**St. Nick 6K run and 3K walk**  
South Bend — The St. Nick 6K run and 3K walk will be Saturday, Dec. 7, at St. Joseph Church at 10 a.m. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph School. The "Run, Run, Rudolph .06K" for little reindeer in first grade and younger will be held, as well as professional timing, free T-shirt, visit from Santa and awards party. More info and online registration at www.stjoeparish.com.

**The 41st annual Madrigal Dinners**  
Notre Dame — Saint Mary's College will present the 41st annual Madrigal Dinners, a Renaissance-style holiday banquet celebration with singers, actors, dancers and jugglers Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7, at 7 p.m., or Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m., in Regina Hall.

**Lessons and Carols**  
Notre Dame — The Saint Mary's College Campus Ministry and Department of Music present a service with traditional Advent and Christmas music and

Scripture in the candlelit Church of Our Lady of Loretto Sunday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

**Chapel of Divine Mercy announces Masses, adoration**  
South Bend — Dominican Father Anthony Giambrone will celebrate Mass Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel of Divine Mercy, 2018 Ironwood Circle. After Mass, Father Giambrone will lead prayer for exposition. Consider an hour of adoration on Tuesday or Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or on Wednesday from 2-7 p.m. Contact Tom Policinski to schedule a time at Tom.policinski@divinemerseyforlife.com.

**USF hosting free theology lecture**  
Fort Wayne — The University of Saint Francis will sponsor a free lecture at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8, in Gunderson Auditorium, Achatz Hall of Science. Dr. Earl Kumfer, professor of philosophy and theology, will present "Duns Scotus, Architect of the Immaculate Conception."

**Donations needed**  
Fort Wayne — Catholic Charities is in need of donations of sheets, blankets, towels, kitchen items and children's clothing for newly arriving refugees. Now located on the first floor of the Archbishop Noll Center, 915 S. Clinton St. Call Karen Bender at (260) 422-5625 for drop off assistance.

**Advent music**  
Notre Dame — An Advent Lessons and Carols service will be Sunday, Dec. 8, from 7:15-8:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and will feature all of the Basilica choirs, including the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir, Women's Liturgical Choir, Folk Choir, Handbell Choir and Basilica Schola. In addition, a bi-lingual Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be Thursday, Dec. 12, from 5:15-6:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

**New family financial aid meeting**  
Fort Wayne — A Bishop Luers High School financial aid for the 2014-2015 school year meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in room 104. All financial, SGO, Indiana School Choice Program and scholarship information will be shared. Financial aid applications will be available at a registration.

**Knights plan fish fry**  
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Dec. 6, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

**Christmas bazaar**  
Notre Dame — The Sisters of the Holy Cross at Saint Mary's College are having a Christmas bazaar in the Lillie O'Grady Center on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 4-7 p.m. and on Thursday,

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<b>Bremen</b> Edwin Joseph DeSchepper, 90, St. Dominic	Immacula Dugue, 58, St. Jude Josephine M. McRoden, 77, St. John the Baptist	<b>Mishawaka</b> Donald G. Skodinski, 81, St. Bavo
<b>Decatur</b> Maurice A. Colchin, 90, St. Mary/Assumption	Jacqueline Lou Ayers, 83, Queen of Angels	<b>New Haven</b> Jerome S. Grady, 76, St. John the Baptist
<b>Donaldson</b> Sister M. Vivian Sedonia Brand, PHJC, 96, Catherine Kasper Chapel	Jeannette Hiatt Johnson, 96, St. Charles Borromeo	<b>Rome City</b> Marianna Reick, 66, St. Gaspar
<b>Fort Wayne</b> Olga J. Washington, 85, St. Mary	Josephine Harkins, 86, Most Precious Blood Richard D. Luther, 86, St. Peter	<b>South Bend</b> Margaret J. Ortell, 74, St. Matthew Emery Keszei, 92, St. Jude
Therese Benz, 52, St. Therese	<b>Granger</b> William J. Muinch, 84, St. Pius X	Shirley A. Dhoore, 90, Christ the King
Edward L. Jordan, 82, Most Precious Blood		<b>Waterloo</b> Thresa L. Ford, 85, St. Michael

Dec. 5, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. All proceeds benefit the sisters' fund for the poor.

**Catholic Business Network Group**  
Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, Dec. 6, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Mass will be followed in the

Cathedral Center by guest speaker Dr. Lance Richey, associate professor of theology and director, John Duns Scotus-Honors Program at the University of Saint Francis. Dr. Richey's talk is entitled "It's a Wunnerful Life; Lawrence Welk and Catholic Business Ethics." Refreshments will be provided by National Catholic Society of Foresters.

## Music Director

**Saint Anthony Catholic Church in South Bend** seeks a music director. This part-time position has a potential for full-time with benefits. Qualifications include ability to play piano and/or organ. Main duties include music at all weekend Masses and Holy Days, rehearsals for singers, choirs and musicians, scheduling personnel, organizing liturgy music plus music for weddings and funerals as needed and paid separately. Interested parties can send resume or inquiries to:  
**Father David Ruppert**  
St. Anthony Parish Office  
2114 E. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN 46617  
(574) 282-2308 father@stasb.org

## Campus Minister Liturgical Music Ministries

Saint Mary's College seeks a full-time Campus Minister to be responsible for planning, preparing and implementing the Liturgical Music Ministry Program for all liturgical celebrations. This is a 10 month, 32 hour position. Qualifications include a Bachelor in Music or Theology, Master in Theology or Music preferred. Must have at least one year of previous pastoral experience, proficiency in keyboard and ability to work with singers. In addition, the ability to work with instrumentalists and to arrange instrumental parts is desired. Qualified applicants should submit a resume to:  
Human Resources, Facilities Building  
Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN 46556  
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## REDEEMER FOOTBALL!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

11:45 a.m. — **NAIA Championship Quarter Finals**  
*USF vs. University of the Cumberland*  
3:15 a.m. — **Class 4A State Championship**  
*Bishop Dwenger vs. Columbus East*

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The faithful gather for the Closing Mass for the Year of Faith at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Nov. 24



PHOTOS BY KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Choirs from St. Matthew Cathedral, St. Augustine and St. Dominic provided the music for the Closing Mass of the Year of Faith at St. Matthew Cathedral on Nov. 24.

More photos are available at [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org)



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets Sister Angela Mellady, provincial of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, and the faithful following the Closing Mass for the Year of Faith.

## CATHOLIC BUSINESS MEET AND GREET Christmas Network Events

Wednesday, Dec. 11: 5-6:30 p.m.

**LASALLE GRILL**

115 W. Colfax, South Bend

\$10 per person includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres

Cash bar available.

**RSVP by Dec. 6 to**

[tsteffen@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:tsteffen@diocesefwsb.org)

or call (260) 399-1457

Thursday, Dec. 19: 5-6:30 p.m.

**BROOKSIDE MANSION**

University of Saint Francis

2701 Spring St., Fort Wayne

\$10 per person includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres

Cash bar available.

Self-guided tours of Brookside available.

**RSVP by Dec. 13 to**

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had become Catholic earlier this year and was baptized at St. Matthew. Kim described this Year of Faith as a "personal journey culminating in the experience of knowing the truth and love of Christ."

Another member of the congregation, Pete Hlabse, an alumnus and current employee at the University of Notre Dame, conveyed great joy to have taken part in the final Year of Faith celebration.

Hlabse, a Ukrainian Catholic who was invited to St. Matthew by a friend, remarked that "it was beneficial to recollect on the fruits the year had brought, especially with the bishop, as he sits in the person of both Francis and Benedict." Hlabse also expressed appreciation for the infusion of different liturgical styles at the Mass, saying he thought the multicultural celebration had "good energy in a way that displayed great reverence."

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades reflected how Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis both followed Jesus' instruction to St. Peter to strengthen his brothers and sisters in the faith.

"Pope Benedict proclaimed this Year of Faith to help us to appreciate anew the great joy of believing," Bishop Rhoades said (see page 2). "It is important that we not take our faith for granted or allow it to become lukewarm. The gift of faith always needs to be nourished

and reinforced so it can continue to guide us in our journey of life."

The Closing Mass coincided with the solemnity of Christ the King. Bishop Rhoades said the Closing Mass on the feast was very appropriate, "because, in the end, genuine Christian faith involves putting Christ at the center of our lives, recognizing His Kingship, His Lordship."

"In God's gift of faith, we have a light for the path of our lives," Bishop Rhoades said. "It's a powerful light that brightens and enriches our life in all its dimensions. That light is Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word of God. Our faith is centered on Him who supremely manifested and revealed God's love for us. On the cross, He offered His life for us. The depth and breadth of God's love shone forth in the crucifixion of Jesus."

Bishop Rhoades highlighted the actions of Pope Francis who revealed the bones of St. Peter at the Closing Mass for the Year of Faith at the Vatican as a sign of the connection to the original apostles of Christ. To further capture this spirit of common brotherhood and discipleship, Bishop Rhoades then led the congregation in reciting the Apostles' Creed, as has been practiced throughout the Year of Faith.

Bishop Rhoades concluded the Mass with the imparting of an apostolic blessing and revealed the opportunity for obtaining a plenary indulgence by worthily receiving Holy Communion, praying for Pope Francis' intentions, and participating in the sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days of the blessing, while also promising to detach oneself from any inclination to sin.