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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades encourages Catholic students at the all schools Mass at the Joyce Center at the University of Notre Dame on Feb. 19 to “be doers of the Word and not hearers only.”

Bishop Rhoades celebrates all schools Mass in South Bend

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

NOTRE DAME — “Be doers of the Word and not hearers only.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades repeatedly emphasized these words of action from the Letter of St. James to more than 4,000 Catholic school students from the South Bend area of the diocese in the annual all schools Mass celebrated at the Joyce Center at the University of Notre Dame on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Bishop Rhoades told students from the 20 schools represented at Mass, including 18 from the South Bend area and two from the Diocese of Kalamazoo, Mich., that he “looks forward to this liturgy every year” and remarked on “how beautiful it is to gather with our brothers and sisters in Christ.”

The bishop stressed the importance of contemplating Sacred Scripture to understand how we are being called to live as faithful Christians.

“We are all one body in Christ,” Bishop Rhoades said. “We are all being nourished by the same Word of God. But it is important that when we listen to God’s Word do not let it go in one ear and out the other.”

The Gospel reading proclaimed at the all schools Mass was of Jesus healing the blind man at Bethsaida, in which Jesus lays His hands upon the man’s eyes twice in order to fully restore his sight.

This unique occurrence in the Gospels where the individual who seeks assistance from Christ is not immediately healed calls attention to a profound element of the narrative.

Bishop Rhoades explained, “Jesus laying His hands on the man’s eyes a second time indicates something spiritual — not just a physical blindness. It has to do with the

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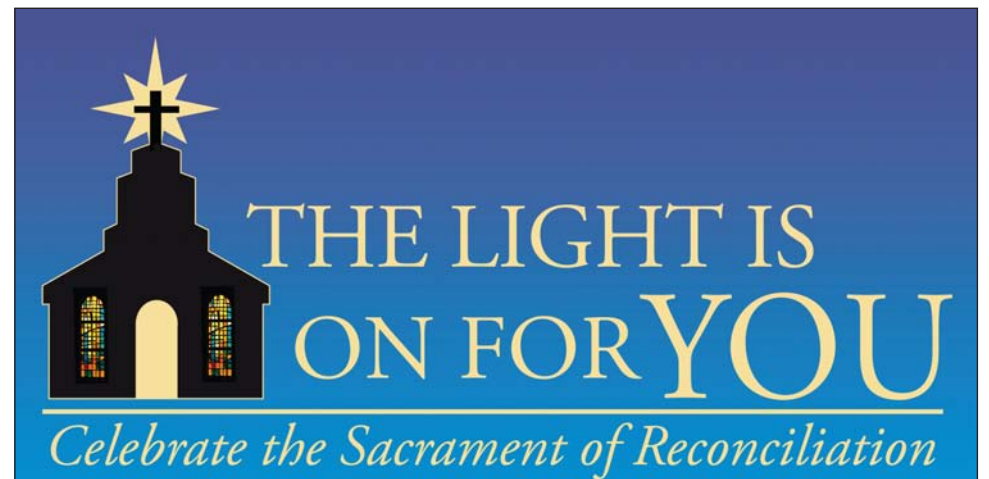
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JERRY KESSENS

Rekindle The Fire Diocesan Men’s Conference was Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over 1,200 men attended the conference. Story on page 6.

RECONCILIATION INITIATIVE SET MARCH 12



“The Light Is On for You” is an initiative of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to allow all Catholics to avail themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will be held on Wednesday, March 12, from 6-8 p.m. in every Catholic church in the diocese.

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Desiring to be saints



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following homily was given by Bishop Rhoades at the Rekindle the Fire Men's Conference on February 22nd:

God said to Moses to tell the whole Israelite community: *Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.* Similarly, Jesus said to the disciples in the Sermon on the Mount: *Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.* God calls us to walk the path of holiness, the way of perfection.

The purpose of the Christian life is to live in Christ, to be holy. After his conversion to Catholicism as a young man, Thomas Merton was asked by a friend: "Tom, what do you want to be?" A bit puzzled by the question, Thomas Merton replied: "Well, I guess I want to be a good Catholic." His friend fired back: "No, that's not it. You should want to be a saint." That strange answer changed Thomas Merton's life. From that day on, he set out to walk the beautiful way of the Gospel, the path to perfection.

Perhaps you came to this conference with the hope of leaving here a better person, a better Catholic. That's good. But I hope you leave here with the desire to be a saint, to *be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

I think the path to holiness begins with putting God at the center of our life. How do we do this? The first thing is to realize deep in our hearts who we are, to experience deeply our true identity as beloved sons of the Father and as beloved brothers of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Then the love of God becomes the center of our life: not money, not fame, not power, not a political party, not our national identity, and not the culture we live in. Nothing should compete with the absolute center of our life, our faith in God. Father Robert Barron writes that to say, as we do in the Nicene creed: *I believe in one God, the Father Almighty* is "to perform a subversive act, because it challenges the claim to ultimacy of any other person or thing or institution." The first step in the path of holiness is finding our center and that center is the divine love: God the Father who sent his Son to gather us into the Spirit! With God at the center of our life, we can face any storm in our life with the peace and security of our faith. For we have the deep awareness of Saint Paul who wrote: *I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.* I pray that you have this conviction of Saint Paul as you leave this conference today.

I encourage all of you to be ambitious. Now I'm not talking about selfish ambition, which is sinful. I'm talking about *holy ambition*, the desire to live your lives completely for God, striving to do His will. With holy ambition, we are not focused on ourselves and our success in this world. Those with holy ambition put God and others first in their lives. I think of the words of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: *Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one. Thus I do*

not run aimlessly; I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing. No, I drive my body and train it (1 Corinthians 9: 24-27). Maybe you've been watching the Winter Olympics. These athletes are striving for greatness, for perfection. They are not laid back or lazy or lukewarm in their efforts. I love St. Paul's athletic images. We should be spiritual Olympians, with this burning fire within us to strive for holiness. In an Olympic game, even a small mistake can cost one to lose an Olympic medal. So the athletes don't ignore any imperfections. So also in our Christian life. We must not minimize, for example, the evil of venial sins. They can pull us away from God. They are obstacles to our growth in perfection. We need to have holy ambition and fight against lukewarmness in our spiritual lives. The Lord calls us to love Him with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength, and all our minds.

The Olympic athletes have a practical plan to achieve the goal of a gold medal. So we need to have a practical plan to achieve the goal of sanctity. I need to make one thing clear before I offer some practical suggestions. It is not humanly possible to achieve perfection, to attain holiness, by our own human powers. It is God's grace that makes us holy. Without Him, we can do nothing! Becoming holy is a matter of opening ourselves to God's grace, to His power, to His love. Holiness does involve our freedom — our cooperation with God's grace.

Brothers in Christ, I'd like to suggest three things to you in pursuing holiness: be men of prayer; make the "secular" sacred; and be evangelists.

#1 Be men of prayer. Maybe some of you are called to be monks, but probably very few. But you are all called to be contemplatives, contemplatives in the midst of the world. I don't think we can be holy without a strong interior life, a life of prayer. We all need to have a daily plan of prayer and it needs to fit with our own lifestyle and our obligations in life. So one size does not fit all. Maintaining a disciplined plan of life that includes prayer can be a daily battle, but it is a battle worth fighting.

I recommend that we all begin our day, every day, by offering it to the glory of God. How do you do this? The traditional Morning Offering is a great help. Or one can get out of bed and first thing, kneel down by the bed, and say the Our Father slowly and attentively. Or just say to the Lord: "Lord, help me to serve you today." "Jesus, I offer you my prayer, works, and sufferings of this day." Let's consecrate every day to God.

The Church gives us so many beautiful prayers and devotions. As Catholics, we have an abundance of great spiritual traditions and resources. Choose what is most helpful to you. Make a plan and be faithful to it. It might include a daily rosary or daily prayerful reading from the Scriptures, perhaps the daily Angelus at noon or a daily visit to the Blessed Sacrament. Or there might be something you also decide to do weekly, like the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. Or a monthly day of recollection where you spend a few hours away for prayer and reflection. Pray about it and decide what's best for you, what works for you. Maybe daily Mass is a possibility. I started going to daily Mass when I was in college and it changed my life. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The grace that flows from Holy Communion, the spiritual strength we receive in the Eucharist, is amazing. And there is no way we can become holy without the humble recognition that we are sinners. We all need the Lord's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, an essential part of

our spiritual lives.

#2 Make the "secular" sacred. By this, I mean, that we not separate our prayer life from the rest of our life. We must sanctify our ordinary life, including our family life, our work, and even our recreation. Saint Josemaria Escriva taught a lot about this: the sanctification of ordinary life and work, becoming holy in the midst of the world. This involves the disciplined prayer life that I mentioned, but it also involves bringing that into our secular activities, living one's responsibilities in the family and at work faithfully and offering all we do to God. We shouldn't live a double life: our prayer life, on the one hand, and our secular life on the other. Every part of our life is an invitation to grow in holiness. Every earthly or secular activity can lead us closer to God, if it is done with love and offered to Christ. For the saint, work and a life of prayer are inseparable. It can help to have little reminders at one's place of work and at home of God and his centrality in our life. For example, a little crucifix on your desk, a picture of a saint above the kitchen sink, putting on the scapular in the morning, etc. It's also very helpful to say aspirations throughout the day, at different times, like the Jesus Prayer (*Lord Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner*) or a Hail Mary. These practices help us to have intimacy with God throughout the day.

#3 Be evangelists. It's not enough to just lament and complain about our culture, about secularism, relativism, materialism, and hedonism. We live in this culture, with its good and bad currents. We are to live in the world, but not of the world. After all, we're passing through. Our true home is in heaven. But we all have the duty to share the Gospel of Christ in the world, to spread the faith, to witness to Jesus Christ right where we are: in our family, at our job, in the day to day activities of ordinary life. You don't have to go door to door evangelizing, though that's not bad. More important is that we be apostles wherever we are. This is what Pope Francis is teaching us, not only to be disciples of Jesus, but to be missionary disciples. This is what will renew the Church. I think another way of saying this is that we are to live holy lives. Pope Francis says that many Christians live lives that seem like Lent without Easter. He says that "an evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral!" He's calling us to live and spread the joy of the Gospel. This is evangelization: living the Gospel with joy at home, at work, and in society. We do so by practicing the virtues, performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, being faithful to God in the ordinary and often little things of life, like Saint Therese living the greatest love in the smallest things of daily life. Think about the early Christians who lived in a culture of death, the pagan Roman empire. They did not separate themselves from it. But by witnessing to Christ, living the Gospel, they became a leaven that penetrated the society. The Church grew and flourished because of their witness, including the ultimate witness, martyrdom. In today's post-Christian world, this is what we are called to do — evangelize it from within.

Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians in today's second reading: *Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? And then he writes: the temple of God, which you are, is holy. This is our calling. God says: Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.* This is what the Church needs most today: we need saints. May the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph help us to walk the path of holiness!

Pope Francis, with retired Pope Benedict present, creates new cardinals

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — On a feast day commemorating the authority Jesus gave to St. Peter and his successors — the popes — Pope Francis created 19 new cardinals in the presence of retired Pope Benedict XVI.

To the great surprise of most people present, the retired pope entered St. Peter's Basilica about 15 minutes before the new cardinals and Pope Francis. Wearing a long white coat and using a cane, he took a seat in the front row next to Lebanese Cardinal Bechara Rai, patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church.

Pope Benedict's presence at the consistory Feb. 22, the feast of the Chair of Peter, marked the first time he had joined Pope Francis for a public prayer service in the basilica. Pope Benedict resigned Feb. 28, 2013, becoming the first pope in almost 600 years to do so.

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, said all the already existing cardinals went over to greet Pope Benedict. "The ushers kept saying, 'Please, your eminences, take your seats, the Holy Father is coming,' and we thought, 'But, but ...'"

Before beginning the service, Pope Francis walked over to Pope Benedict, who removed his zucchetto to greet Pope Francis. The scene was repeated at the end of the consistory.

The new cardinals, including Cardinal Gerald Lacroix of Quebec and Vincent Nichols of Westminster, England, publicly recited the Creed and swore obedience to the pope and his successors before receiving from Pope Francis a red hat, a ring and the assignment of a "titular church" in Rome, becoming part of the clergy of the pope's diocese.

After they received their red hats, each of the new cardinals walked over to Pope Benedict and greeted him.

Cardinal Lacroix, accompanied by his mother and father at an afternoon reception, said Pope Benedict's presence "surprised me so much that I broke down in tears."

When he went to greet the retired pope, he said he told him, "Holy Father, you are the one who called me to be a bishop."

Only 18 of the archbishops Pope Francis had chosen to be among the first cardinals created during his pontificate were present.

The oldest of the new cardinals



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Cardinals-designate watch as Pope Francis venerates St. Peter's tomb in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Feb. 22 as he arrives to lead a consistory at which he created 19 new cardinals. Retired Pope Benedict XVI attended the ceremony, making his first appearance with Pope Francis at a public liturgy.

— and now the oldest cardinal in the world — Cardinal Loris Capovilla, 98, was not present at the ceremony although he became a cardinal the moment Pope Francis pronounced his name. A papal delegate will deliver his red hat to his home in northern Italy.

In his homily Pope Francis did not mention the standard point that the cardinals' new red vestments are symbols of the call to serve Christ and His Church to the point of shedding their blood if necessary. Rather, he focused on their being called to follow Christ more closely, to build up the unity of the Church and to proclaim the Gospel more courageously.

The Bible, he said, is filled with stories of Jesus walking with His disciples and teaching them as they traveled.

"This is important," the pope said. "Jesus did not come to teach a philosophy, an ideology, but rather a 'way,' a journey to be undertaken with Him, and we learn the way as we go, by walking."

After listening to a reading of Mark 10:32-45, Pope Francis also spoke about the very human, worldly temptation of "rivalry, jealousy (and) factions" the first disciples faced.

The reading is a warning to the cardinals and to all Christians to put aside concerns of power and favoritism and "to become ever more of one heart and soul" gathered around the Lord, he said.

Pope Francis told the new cardinals, who come from 15 different countries — including very poor nations like Haiti and Ivory Coast — that the Church "needs you, your cooperation and, even more, your communion, communion with me and among yourselves."

"The Church needs your courage," he said, "to proclaim the Gospel at all times" and "to bear witness to the truth."

The pope also told the cardinals that the Church needs their "compassion, especially at this time of pain and suffering for so many countries throughout the world," and for so many Christians who face discrimination and persecution. "We must struggle against all discrimination," he said.

"The Church needs us also to be peacemakers, building peace by our actions, hopes and prayers," he said.

The consistory brought to 218 the total number of cardinals in the world; 122 cardinals are under the age of 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave.

The 18 cardinals who received their red hats from the pope were Cardinals:

- Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, Italian, 59.
- Lorenzo Baldisseri, general secretary of the Synod of Bishops, Italian, 73.
- Gerhard Muller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, German, 66.
- Beniamino Stella, prefect of the Congregation for Clergy, Italian, 72.
- Vincent Nichols, archbishop of Westminster, England, 68.
- Leopoldo Brenes Solorzano of Managua, Nicaragua, 64.
- Gerald Lacroix of Quebec, 56.
- Jean-Pierre Kutwa of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 68.
- Orani Tempesta of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 63.
- Gualtiero Bassetti of Perugia-Citta della Pieve, Italy, 71.
- Mario Poli of Buenos Aires, Argentina, 66.
- Andrew Yeom Soo-jung of Seoul, South Korea, 70.
- Ricardo Ezzati Andrello of Santiago, Chile, 72.
- Philippe Ouedraogo of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 69.
- Orlando Quevedo of Cotabato, Philippines, 74.
- Chibly Langlois of Les Cayes, Haiti, 55.
- Fernando Sebastian Aguilar, retired archbishop of Pamplona, Spain, 84.
- Kelvin Felix, retired archbishop of Castries, St. Lucia, Antilles, 81.

but they should not equal one full meal.

The fourth precept of the Church states: "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church." According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, this precept "ensures the times of asceticism and penance, which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, March 2, 11:45 a.m. — Mass with Rite of Election, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame
- Monday, March 3 — Meeting of Indiana Bishops with Religious Superiors, Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis
- Tuesday, March 4, 7 a.m. — Second Annual Servus Omnium Lecture, University of Saint Francis Performing Arts Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, March 4, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw
- Wednesday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit to Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, March 6, 12 p.m. — Lunch Meeting with Annual Bishops Appeal Committee, Wyndham Hotel, Warsaw
- Thursday, March 6, 2 p.m. — Meeting of Priest Personnel Board, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw
- Thursday, March 6, 6 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Review Board, Holiday Inn, Warsaw
- Saturday, March 8, 6 p.m. — Saints Alive Dinner and Auction, Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne



Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion to be celebrated in diocesan cathedrals

The Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates will be celebrated in the cathedrals of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on the first and second Sundays of Lent.

These rites will take place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne at 2 p.m. on March 9, and in St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, at 2 p.m. on March 16.

Catechumens are those unbaptized individuals who will be entering the Catholic Church by receiving all the sacraments of initiation — Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist — at the Easter Vigil on the night of April 19. Candidates are those who are already baptized and are now preparing to complete their initiation or enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

The catechumens and candidates come from parishes throughout the diocese. During the liturgy, each catechumen and candidate, as well as his or her godparent or sponsor, will be presented for recognition to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. All together, around 600 catechumens and candidates — along with their godparents, sponsors, families and guests — are expected to attend the liturgies.

The catechumens inscribe their names within the "Book of the Elect," which will be presented for Bishop Rhoades to sign in an event called the Enrollment of Names. After participating in the Rite of Election, the catechumens will be referred to as the "elect," because they will have been officially declared ready to receive the Easter sacraments this year.

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.
- St. Joseph Church, 1300 N. Main St., Bluffton, will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for life, marriage and religious liberty on Wednesday, March 12.

Fasting and abstinence during Lent

Abstinence from eating meat is obligatory for all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays during Lent.

Fasting is obligatory for all Catholics from ages 18 to 59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The law of the fast means that only one full meal may be eaten. Two smaller meals are permitted,

Cardinal Ouellet highlights Notre Dame symposium on faith, reason and human dignity

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

NOTRE DAME — “Educating our young people to see further than the stars and deeper than the Internet is the great challenge of today’s educators who must form men and women free of scientific and fundamentalistic prejudices, capable of promoting the dignity of the human person in the name of faith and reason,” said Cardinal Marc Ouellet in the keynote speech at the Symposium on Pastoral Issues in Science and Human Dignity held at the University of Notre Dame on Feb. 12.

This conference, as stated by the university, “sought to help bishops and their diocesan educational officials explore some of the fundamental theoretical issues in the relationship between science and religion, as well as the practical issues that flow from their interaction.”

The event, which was co-organized by University of Notre Dame Theology Professor and Director of the Institute for Church Life Dr. John C. Cavadini, was introduced by the University of Notre Dame President Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, who welcomed everyone to the symposium and then invited Cardinal Donald Wuerl to introduce the keynote speaker, Cardinal Ouellet. In addition to the attendance of several prominent priests and bishops from around the country, including Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, also attended the symposium.

Cardinal Ouellet’s speech focused on three crucial aspects concerning the debate of faith and reason: the state of the sense of human dignity today, the origins of the anthropological crisis and the ecology of the human person.



The photo shows from left, Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington, D.C., Cardinal Marc Ouellet, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame, and Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Cardinal Marc Ouellet was the keynote speaker at the Symposium on Pastoral Issues in Science and Human Dignity held at the University of Notre Dame on Feb. 12.

Cardinal Ouellet began by indicating, “We have only to examine the argumentation for legislation regarding abortion, research of human embryos, artificial reproduction and genetic manipulation to note the decline of the perception of the sacred character of the human person. We see the progressive imposition of a social and political rhetoric that no longer interprets human dignity on the basis of the profound nature of the person, but rather, on the basis of his conditions of life and states of consciousness.”

Furthermore, Cardinal Ouellet added, “We witness a growing conflict between a religious vision

and a secularist, pragmatic vision of human dignity.”

Citing Pope Benedict XVI’s “Caritas in Veritate,” Cardinal Ouellet indicated “as the anthropological questions becomes more and more dramatic, we become obliged to choose between two types of reasoning: reason open to transcendence, or reason closed within technological eminence.”

He added that this becomes increasingly problematic when “educational institutions, such as the family, the school and the university, are assaulted by cultural currents in which a technocratic mentality reigns, imposing condi-

tions that make intellectual access to transcendence very difficult. Even if they are protected by religious practice, our contemporaries are so marked by technological imperialism that a fundamental sense for human dignity gradually begins to fade.”

The heart of Cardinal Ouellet’s message dealt with countering the false notion that only empirical, scientifically proven data composes the essence of knowledge and truth. Stemming from the philosophical error of Descartes, which presupposed that “the method of one of the sciences of reality was valid for the whole of reality,” he further concluded “the epistemological break of the subject from the truth of being could lead thinking nowhere but to the prison of our own thoughts and thus to atheism.”

“The current anthropological crisis is then rooted in a positivistic concept of nature closed in on itself in the immanence of the cosmos as is typical of the technoscientific mentality,” the cardinal said.

“The final consequence of this reduction of nature and reason to a positivistic conception of them is nothing less than the negation of man’s humanity,” he said.

In order to find human fulfillment, Cardinal Ouellet explained, “The natural sciences can give us an enormous quantity of useful information about man, but they cannot explain his profound nature, his dignity as a person, his capacity for relation with God and his moral conscience.”

“Man created in the image of God thus encounters the supreme fulfillment of his creaturely aspiration in a ‘communio personarum’ that is both divine and human,” Cardinal Ouellet said. “All of humanity journeys toward this communion, even if most often unconsciously. This ultimate horizon is the secret motivating force

behind the human search for happiness as well as humanity’s aspirations for truth and justice. The light of God as the supreme Good attracts and animates us despite the wrong turns, the successes and failures that punctuates the daily lives of persons and peoples.”

Again, quoting “Caritas in Veritate,” Cardinal Ouellet remarked: “The Church must also protect man from self-destruction. What is needed is something like a human ecology, correctly understood. If the Church speaks of the nature of the human being as man and woman, and demands that this order of creation be respected, this is not some antiquated metaphysics. What is involved here is faith in the Creator and a readiness to listen to the language of creation.” Cardinal Ouellet succinctly conveyed that “no method and no scientific discovery can eliminate the question of being, the question of God and the question of the human person.”

In order to apply this philosophical thought to practical action, Cardinal Ouellet suggested, “We need seriously to examine our methods of education to see whether the sum of scientific knowledge offered to young people is completed and offset by a sufficient exploration of reality with other methods and projects, which encourage contact with nature, religious meditation, contemplation, aesthetic experience, philosophy and friendship; everything that cultivates a respect for human dignity. Without such an educational effort, which requires a difficult conversion that runs contrary to the demands of technical performance, humanity risks riding the wave of an aimless globalization into the abyss, even after the tragedies of the 20th century. Our cultural environment is dominated by omnipresent technological products and motivated by a spirit of consumption as insatiable as it is unsatisfying.”

Cardinal Ouellet concluded his thoughts by indicating “in order to move beyond scientific and technological imperialism we must affirm the transcendence of the human person, who can never be reduced to a means with the view to an end. His ultimate end is God, who inscribed in His rational nature, the foundations of His capacity to distinguish good and evil and to discern authentic ethical values. This metaphysical conviction ought to correct the scientific mentality, that as Pope John Paul II remarks in ‘Fides et ratio,’ ‘has succeeded in leading many to think that if something is technically possible it is therefore morally admissible.’ We must then, reestablish a balance proposing, ‘a philosophy of genuinely metaphysical range, capable, that is, of transcending empirical data in order to attain something absolute, ultimate and foundational in its search for truth.’”

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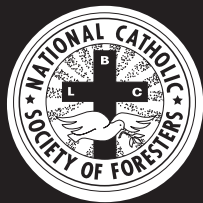
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Marriage amendment passes Senate, no vote in 2014

INDIANAPOLIS — A bill to change Indiana's Constitution to ensure that marriage is a union between only one man and one woman, passed the Senate, 32-17, but in a weakened form. Since the marriage amendment was changed from the resolution that passed in 2011, it will not go to voters this year. For over a decade, the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) has supported a constitutional amendment to protect traditional marriage.

The Senate vote, which took place Feb. 17, was not seen as a victory by either side, leaving the marriage amendment debate in a state of limbo in Indiana.

Proponents do not feel HJR 3, in its current form, goes far enough to protect marriage because it was watered-down in the House deleting a second sentence, which would have prohibited civil unions and anything similar to marriage. The opponents do not want a constitutional ban or any restriction on same-sex marriage because they claim it is discriminatory.

A push to change Indiana's Constitution has been in the works for over a decade said the bill's author Rep. Eric Turner, R-Cicero. He added that by "not having constitutional protection makes our state susceptible to judicial interpretation" and Turner believes "the future of marriage belongs in the hands of Hoosiers."

Curt Smith, president of the Indiana Family Institute, a proponent of defending traditional marriage and passing HJR 3, testified in support of HJR 3 in the House, and urged the Senate to restore the second sentence language to HJR 3. Smith said, "It's not enough to define marriage in an amendment like this, you must defend marriage. That's the lesson we have learned from the courts around the country."

Megan Robinson, Freedom Indiana campaign manager, an opponent of HJR 3, and supporter of same-sex marriage who has led the effort to defeat HJR 3 said, "We remain determined to defeat HJR 3." However, she added that she was grateful that the Senate did not

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restore "the extremely dangerous second sentence that would permanently prohibit civil unions, domestic partnerships and other legal protections for same-sex couples."

Smith quoted University of Notre Dame law professor Dr. Gerald Bradley, saying that one of Bradley's key conclusions regarding marriage is "The most effective way to preserve marriage as the union of one man and one woman is by making sure that no same-sex relationship is treated in law as substantially equivalent to it."

Current Indiana law defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman, but concerns that

without a constitutional amendment to explicitly ban same-sex unions and same-sex relationships that are substantially equivalent to marriage, a challenge to Indiana's current law could force Indiana to recognize them.

To amend Indiana's Constitution, an identical resolution must be passed by two separately-elected Indiana General Assemblies and then be approved by a majority of voters on a referendum vote. The process to amend Indiana's Constitution was in its final stages and was expected to pass the Indiana General Assembly this year, and be put on the ballot for approval by Hoosier this November.

While the introduced version of HJR 3 had the identical language of the resolution that passed in 2011, when the Indiana House removed the second sentence, it caused the process to be postponed. According to Tebbe, the soonest the amendment could be approved by a referendum by Hoosier voters would be 2016.

"While it's disappointing that HJR 3 didn't pass in its original form, meaning the process to amend Indiana's Constitution will be delayed, it could prove to be a blessing in disguise," said Tebbe.

"As we have seen play-out in other states in recent weeks, a successful constitutional amendment of this nature would most certainly be challenged in federal court under the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution. The effect of this type of challenge could potentially speed-

up the unravelling of Indiana's current definition of marriage inadvertently having a reverse effect," said Tebbe. "So rather than protecting traditional marriage, which is the goal of this constitutional amendment, it could have the unintended consequence of putting Indiana on a fast-track of being forced to recognize same-sex marriage."

Tebbe said, "The striking phenomenon and remarkable speed of changing attitudes of the nature of marriage shows that the Church has more work to do in forming the faithful on the authentic nature of marriage," said Tebbe, "Defending the authentic nature of marriage is going to be an ongoing struggle in our modern secular culture, and an effort our faith community will be engaged in."

The Indiana General Assembly only has a few weeks left to conduct legislative business as they must adjourn by March 14.

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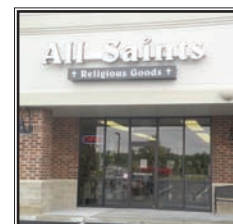
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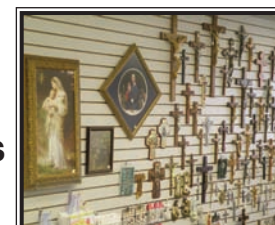
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Men told to be strong in prayer at Rekindle the Fire conference

BY TIM JOHNSON
AND CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

FORT WAYNE — Over 1,200 men from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and beyond were encouraged to leave the Rekindle the Fire Fourth Annual Diocesan Men's Conference with an action plan to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. The conference, held Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne included dynamic speakers who encouraged the men to be men of prayer, spiritual leaders — heroes — and to be ambitious in spiritual pursuits.

Father Andrew Budzinski, the parochial vicar of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne, served as the master of ceremonies for the daylong conference. He told the conference attendees to spend the day in prayer and discernment and to focus on one concrete way they will encounter Jesus the following year.

Msgr. Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, opened the conference's first morning session. Msgr. Heintz used the teaching of theologian Alexander Schmemmann and spoke about the distinguishing feature of who we are as a race — which Schmemmann called “homo adoros” — “we can worship, we can praise and glorify God, that we can give our very selves back to God in prayer. That's what makes us unique. That is most fully who we are.”

“You and I are fully who we

are when we are engaged in the praise and worship of Almighty God,” Msgr. Heintz noted.

Sometimes there are things that deter that full commitment.

“The Eucharist should format our lives,” Msgr. Heintz said. No other work, apostolate, ministry, activity, charity work in the Church is as effective as the Eucharist, he added.

“Prayer is not an activity that we manage like a stock portfolio or an exercise regimen,” Msgr. Heintz said. Those things do not have a living relationship, he noted. “But with prayer we are talking about a living relationship with God.”

And prayer affects everything about our day, he said.

He encouraged the men to recognize their daily rhythm of life, realize what that rhythm looks like and then develop good habits of prayer life within that rhythm.

Morning commutes can be a good time to pray the rosary or listen to Scripture. Or perhaps the morning shower is that time.

He encouraged the men to set a space in their home — for example a chair that is away from distractions — to be a space for prayer.

He told the men to pray even in those moments when they are not feeling it.

He suggested praying the Our Father three times a day — morning, evening and one other time. It sanctifies the day “by stopping and realizing, ‘it's not all about me,’ I'm going to give this to the Lord.”

Prayer involves communication, but it also involves communion — being with God.

Msgr. Heintz suggested the men consider daily Mass, praying the prayers of the Mass and reading the Scriptures of the day. He encouraged the men to route their prayer life with the Church's liturgical season and calendar.

For beginners, he said “start small, be faithful and let God do the rest.”

Speaker Jon Leonetti, an international Catholic speaker, author and radio host, also encouraged the men to make prayer a part of their lives. He encouraged the men to pray with their wives and pray with their children.

He said when a man prays with his wife, it is the most intimate thing he will ever do. “We are no longer just encountering God by ourselves, but are encountering the living God together in prayer,” Leonetti said.

Leonetti also told the men to make use of the sacraments and to make the Blessed Mother a part of their lives.

Speaker Hector Molina, an apologist on the staff of Catholic Answers, related the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead.

He spoke of the four “R's” of the Lazarus story: Remove, Respond, Release and Reveal.

Jesus told the men to “remove” the stone at Lazarus' tomb. Morlina asked the men what stones in their lives inhibits them from following Jesus. The sacrament of Reconciliation, he said, removes the stones. It is a sacra-

ment of mercy that must be rediscovered for the world to be made whole again.

Morlina spoke about “respond.” Lazarus responded to Jesus to come out of the tomb. The men were encouraged to know God and be obedient to His Word.

He spoke of Lazarus being “released.” Morlina encouraged the men to find models of holiness in their lives and find spiritual mentors.

The fourth word, “reveal,” brought many followers to Jesus after witnessing God's glory in raising Lazarus from the dead. Men were encouraged to reveal God's power in their lives.

The final talk of the event was given by Doug Barry, the founder of RADIX ministries, the Battle Ready apostolate, and frequent guest on EWTN. He powerfully called to action the men present at the conference to be active in faith, to grow stronger in spirituality, and to set the example for how the family must pray together, fight against the attacks of the devil and lead one another to heaven.

Barry stressed that this can only be accomplished if we “are aware, become prepared and engage in this spiritual battle.”

He stressed “it is imperative to understand that the devil seeks to destroy our families and our relationship with God.”

Barry said the men must have a solid base, and be “forged into weapons for God to use in the spiritual fight.”

Thinking with the mind of the

Church, he emphasized the necessity of prayer that is rooted in Scripture, frequent reception of the sacraments and fasting. Drawing upon the lives of the saints, he advocated that each person strive to control his passions and direct them to glorify God.

Above all, Barry directed the men to have lives centered in Christ that seek to transform families and society. “Jesus is expecting from us miracles,” he said.

The closing Mass was celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who began with a challenge to encourage growth and holiness.

“Perhaps you came to this conference with the hope of leaving

here a better person, a better Catholic,” Bishop Rhoades said. “That's good. But I hope you

leave here with the desire to be a saint, to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

He stressed, “the purpose of the Christian life is to live in Christ; to be holy.”

Bishop Rhoades highlighted the importance of striving for goals that will lead us to this greater holiness.

“We need to have a practical plan to achieve the goal of sanctity,” he said. His three directives were to: “be men of prayer; make the “secular” sacred; and be evangelists.”



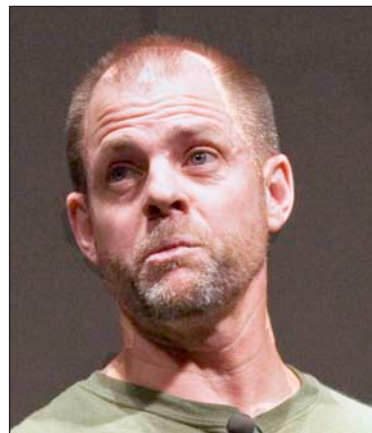
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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades closes the Rekindle the Fire Diocesan Men's Conference with the celebration of Mass.

USF to host lecture on Irene Gut Opdyke

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host a free public lecture titled, "Irene Gut Opdyke: Righteous Among the Nations," on Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m. in the Brookside Ballroom. Jeannie Opdyke Smith will tell the story of her mother, Irene Gut Opdyke. A Polish Catholic during World War II, Opdyke rescued Jews during the Holocaust. Decades later she was named by the Israeli Holocaust Commission as one of the Righteous Among the Nations. The lecture is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. For more information contact Dr. John Bequette at 260-399-7700, ext. 8122 or email jbequette@sf.edu.

Auburn parish to host Lenten mission

AUBURN — The public is invited to attend a Lenten Mission at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The parish community will gather each Tuesday during Lent — March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 8 — from 7-8:30 p.m.

During the mission, Father Denis Carneiro, visiting pastor, will facilitate a discussion about "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren.

Rick Warren is a Christian pastor and leads a 30,000-member congregation in California with campuses in major cities around the world. As a theologian, he has lectured at Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, University of Judaism, and dozens of universities and seminaries. As a global strategist, he advises world leaders and has spoken to the United Nations, U.S. Congress and other world organizations. His thoughts will be used to enrich the Lenten journey.

"Lent is a time of grace, reflection and conversion," said Father Carneiro. "It is the perfect season to ponder the purpose of our lives. All are welcome to join us as we consider: What on earth am I here for? These 40 days of Lent will hopefully transform your life. The Bible says in Romans, 'Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.' It is our goal to seek the will of God and be transformed this Lent."

Registration is encouraged, but not mandatory, so that a sufficient number of books may be obtained for all who would like to attend the mission. Those interested in participating may contact the parish office at 260-925-3930.

Immaculate Conception Church is located at 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Derrick Sneyd is the pastor of the parish.

High school artists spotlighted in annual USF exhibition

FORT WAYNE — The artistic talent of regional high school students will be featured in the 38th

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BISHOP RHOADES CONFERS SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE



CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

Confirmation Mass was celebrated by Bishop Rhoades on the evening of Feb. 23 at Saint Mary's College. Two young women — Leah Marie Walsh and Emily Rita Moore — were confirmed in the Holy Spirit Chapel in LeMans Hall. As pictured above, Walsh, second from left, a freshman student, was sponsored by her uncle Patrick Walsh, left, and Moore, right of Bishop Rhoades, by fellow Saint Mary's junior and friend Kristen Millar, far right. Both girls retained their baptismal names in the conferral of the sacrament.

annual High School Art Exhibition at the Weatherhead Gallery in Rolland Center for Art and Visual Communication at the University of Saint Francis from March 6-23.

An opening reception will take place March 6 from 6-8 p.m., with an awards presentation at 7 p.m.

The annual showcase will feature student artworks from over 25 high schools in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, with a variety of awards given to the most outstanding works in the display.

Weatherhead Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Call 260-399-8064 for more information.

Play about Sister Madeleva complements lecture series

NOTRE DAME — The Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary's College announced its 2014 Spring Lecture Series, "Witnesses to the Love of God: The Leadership of Catholic Women Religious." The annual series, which consistently features leading religious scholars from across the country, is

complemented this year by a play commemorating the life of Saint Mary's College's longest serving president, Holy Cross Sister M. Madeleva Wolff.

Sister Madeleva was a visionary, an educator, a medieval scholar, a poet and a woman of deep spiritual conviction. In her 27 years as president (1934-1961), she put those gifts to good use leading Saint Mary's to national prominence as a premier Catholic liberal arts college, and 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of her death.

Sister Kathleen Dolphin, a Sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and director emerita of the Center for Spirituality, felt the 50th anniversary was an opportunity to recall Sister Madeleva's impact on the college while noting current contributions to society by contemporary women religious.

Elizabeth Groppe, who began as director of Center for Spirituality this academic year, carried forward plans for the series and solicited the help of two faculty members in the creation of a play celebrating the life of Sister Madeleva.

In the fall, students in English professor Laura Haigwood's writing proficiency course, Saint Mary's Women, as well as those in lecturer Susan Baxter's

Playwriting I course, wrote essays and dramatic monologues about Sister Madeleva. Baxter then created a 90-minute play, which uses the student works as "building blocks," also drawing heavily from memories submitted by alumnae, Sister Madeleva's own words, and research by Gail Porter Mandell, Sister Madeleva biographer and professor emerita of humanistic studies. Also, student creations and alumnae submissions have been gathered into a commemorative booklet, which will be available this spring. Groppe is excited about the play project and what the students have learned and achieved.

The play "Madeleva: A Play in Several Voices" will bring Sister Madeleva to life for a new generation of young women, for whom she is a model of a woman of prayer who surmounted many challenges to become a distinguished scholar, poet, educator and leader in both Catholic higher education and the life of religious communities of women.

The play will be presented Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m. in the O'Laughlin Auditorium.

To reserve tickets, contact the Moreau Center Box Office at MoreauCenter.com or 574-284-4626.

Here is a list of other upcoming March events associated with the lecture series, which are free and open to the public:

- "Impelled by the Love of God: Contemplative Prayer as the Heart of Our Life and Leadership of Women Religious" — Thursday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., Vander Venet Theatre, Student Center. Janet K. Ruffing, RSM Professor, Practice of Spirituality and Ministerial Leadership Yale Divinity School.

- From Darkness to Hope: My Commitment to a World Free of Torture — Thursday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., Vander Venet Theatre, Student Center. Dianna Ortiz, OSU Associate Director, Education for Justice Project Center for Concern, Washington, D.C.

Handel's Messiah to be performed at Queen of Angels

FORT WAYNE — Queen of Angels Church, 1500 W. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, will host a unique performance of Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, March 16, at 2:30 p.m. Generation Harmonique Orchestra and Choir will perform on period instruments from Handel's time including natural trumpets. The eight professional singers include Elena Mullins, Sian Ricketts, Lindsey Adams, Andrew Rader, Micah Dingler, Christopher Sokolowski, Carl Frank and Jim Rittenhouse. The concert is co-sponsored by the Bach Collegium-Fort Wayne. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 students and children under 12 free and may be purchased at the door or at bachcollegium.org.

Lenten Retreat for Doctors slated March 22

FORT WAYNE — The Dr. Jerome Lejeune Catholic Medical Guild is sponsoring its first annual Retreat for Doctors on Saturday, March 22, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1502 E. Wallen Rd, Fort Wayne. The day's theme will be "The Spiritual Life of the Physician — Knowing and Loving Jesus Christ" and centers around meditations by Father Daniel Scheidt and Father Andrew Budzinski.

The retreat is open to all types of doctors in the health care field: MD, DO, DC, OD, DPM, DDS, DMD, PharmD, PhD psychologists, and medical students.

Dr. Christopher Stroud will explain how Christ influenced his dual conversion to the Catholic faith and then to a full Catholic practice of obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Thomas McGovern will help participants discover their temperaments and show how temperament practically influences their spiritual lives and development.

Mass, Adoration and an opportunity for Confession will be offered. The day will include time for silence as well as group discussion. Cost is \$20, which includes lunch.

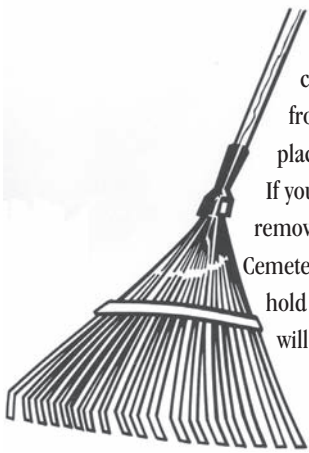
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Bishop Rhoades visits St. John the

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

NEW HAVEN — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass and visited St. John the Baptist Catholic School in New Haven on Friday, Feb. 21, as he continued his ongoing pastoral visits in 2014. He opened his visit with what he feels is the “greatest way to start the day” — Holy Mass.

During his homily, Bishop Rhoades, on the feast of St. Peter Damian, encouraged the 361 students to remain united with Jesus and stay close to Him. He used Jesus’ beautiful imagery of a vine and its branches to explain that the faithful must receive the life of Jesus in their lives to produce good fruits.

When quizzed, students answered that one can receive His grace through Baptism, Holy Eucharist and prayer. Bishop Rhoades gave examples of how one can live out the greatest commandment of love by showing kindness and patience to one’s brothers and sisters and honoring and respecting parents.

In closing, Bishop Rhoades challenged students to think about how they can become more united to Christ and bear good fruits in their lives as they prepare for the season of Lent.

Next on the itinerary was the classroom visits. As he walked across the parking lot from the church to the school building, the bishop was greeted by student council members and introduced to three students who will be joining the Church at Easter under the direction of Father William Sullivan, pastor, and Deb Painter, the pastoral associate and director of religious education for the school and parish.

Spending time in each classroom during his visit, Bishop Rhoades started off by asking what the students were learning in their religion class. In the fourth-grade room, students were studying the Ten Commandments and figures from the Old Testament like Sampson and Ruth, while the energetic sixth-graders were learning the Beatitudes. The seventh graders were examining virtues and vices. In their extra special sacramental years, the second and eighth graders were busy preparing for their upcoming celebrations.

With each comment the bishop took an opportunity to give mini-lessons on the topic and shared his personal experiences like how the Beatitudes are the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount — the greatest of all sermons ever preached. And he had celebrated Mass on the very same hill in Galilee while visiting there. He also explained to the third graders about his visit outside the walls of the city of Jerusalem to the Garden of Gethsemane, which tied into their study of the details of Jesus’ agony in the garden and the events of Holy Thursday.



PHOTOS BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

The exterior of St. John the Baptist School in New Haven is shown in the above photo.

He asked the eighth graders about the patron saints they chose for their Confirmation names and told why he chose St. John the Apostle as his because of John’s deep devotion to the Lord until the end.

When eighth-grader Grace Wharton shared that she had chosen St. Maria Goretti, the bishop told of how he used to visit and pray at her tomb before swimming at the Nettuno Beach during his years in Rome.

After learning what they were covering in religion class and asking the students questions, the bishop opened the floor to questions for him.

The young preschoolers and kindergartners “baa-ed” like sheep when the Bishop Rhoades explained his role as bishop, and how he was the shepherd and leader of all Catholics in 14 counties in northeast Indiana.

The seventh graders asked about war and if killing is a sin against the fifth commandment. The impressed bishop went on to explain the differences between intentional killing and killing in self-defense and the criteria for calling a war just.

The many signs of a bishop — the miter, pectoral cross, ring and crozier — fascinated students in every classroom. And several students asked how the bishop gets his cap (zucchetto) to stay on, how he discerned his calling to the Priesthood and where he grew up, which led to a discussion of the sweet smell of chocolate as Lebanon, Pa., is very near Hershey. The students asked about everything from his favorite color — green — to his favorite

countries he has visited — Italy, Spain and Greece.

Students also wondered about famous people the bishop has met. He detailed that he had the opportunity to meet both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI several times over the years and is hoping to meet Pope Francis some time very soon. When asked if he had met the current president, the bishop said no, but that when he was at Mount Saint Mary’s in Maryland he celebrated Mass at Camp David for the troops and met President Bush on several occasions.

As he departed each grade, Bishop Rhoades gave the students his blessing and prayed a new prayer that they had learned this year with them.

The tour ended visiting with the adults in the building and enjoying one of their delicious Friday carry-ins provided by Principal Janice Comito and her dedicated staff.

Comito has been at St. John for over 30 years and served as a teacher before becoming principal. They told of their upcoming science fair and on-site, home-cooked lunches, showed off their computer lab and raved about their drama club that will be performing “Annie Jr.” this spring.

Finally, Jay Crisp, eighth-grade social studies and religion instructor, summarized what sets St. John’s apart, “We have great families here at St. John and a strong Catholic identity. We do more than teach the minimum. We strive to get the students to excel.”

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass at St. John the Baptist, New Haven, at the pastoral visit.

Students sing at the Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades during a pastoral visit on Feb. 21.



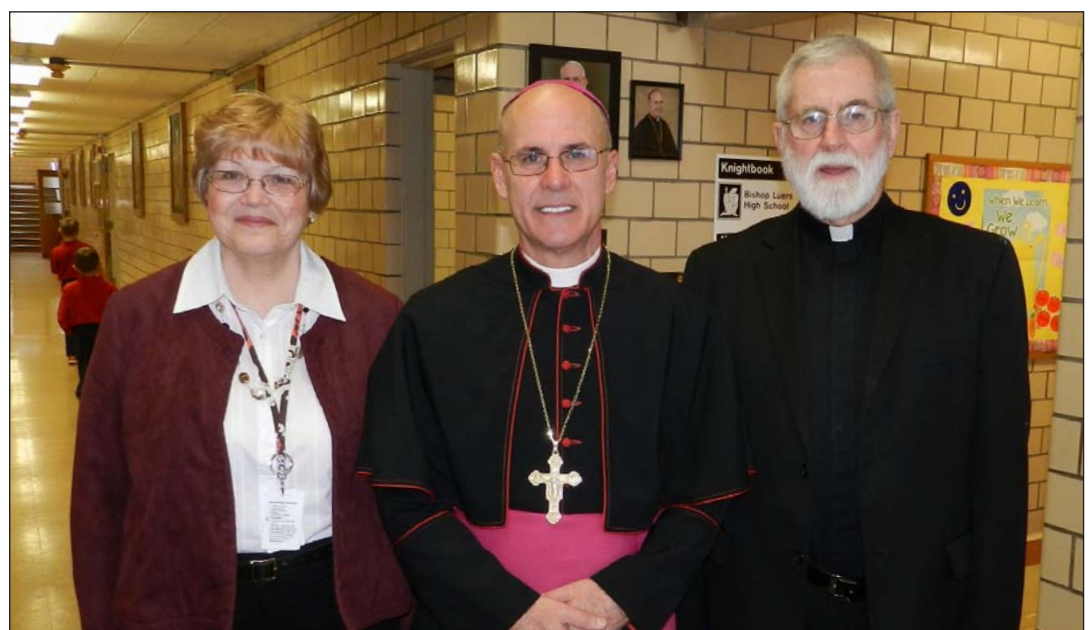
Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visits the pre-kindergarten class at St. John the Baptist.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visits the third-grade students at St. John the Baptist School in New Haven on Feb. 21.



At his pastoral visit to St. John the Baptist School in New Haven, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades demonstrates the anointing of the hands with student Ryan McCann in a "mock" ordination.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is shown with Principal Janice Comito, left, and St. John the Baptist pastor, Father William Sullivan, right.

Make a good Lent

Two diocesan priests offer direction that can lead to a conversion of heart

BY VINCE LABARBERA

What makes a good Lent? Many of the faithful prescribe to doing something positive — attending Mass more than once a week or community service — and incorporating the Lenten focus of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Two priests of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Father Daniel Scheidt, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, and Father Chris Lapp, parochial vicar at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, spoke with *Today's Catholic* about what they would prescribe to make a good Lent.

"I like to visualize Christ's threefold counsel of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as the spiritual exercising of our mind (prayer), stomach (fasting) and hands (almsgiving)," said Father Scheidt. "And in tracing the vertical connection between mind and stomach, and the horizontal connection between our two uplifted hands, we come to see the form of the cross. The intersection of these actions is precisely the con-

version of our heart — X marks the spot: Christ wants our heart," he continued.

"Practically, as a fresh way of embracing the deeper conversion of our hearts this Lent, I propose focusing each day on one of the corporal works of mercy — 'feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead'; or the spiritual works of mercy — 'admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries and pray for the living and the dead.'"

"Families could write each work of mercy on a scrap of paper, mix them up in a bowl or hat, and after a short prayer at the beginning of each day of Lent choose one as the creative spiritual adventure of the day. The Holy Spirit will reveal the details," Father Scheidt concluded.

Father Lapp added, "By way of clarification, the three foci of Lent (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) haven't undergone much in the way of development. Perhaps their being practiced has indeed seen the trend from negative practices (giving up) to positive ones (doing more) in the last several years."

"With that said, during Lent we are called to call to mind our

sins, amend our lives and voluntarily suffer in order to be more closely conformed to the cross of Christ. Or perhaps more simply, we are to grow in holiness," he added. "Thus, on the one hand, the things we do in Lent should not be seen only in relation to 40 days but to the rest of our lives, so it's always good to embrace practices that we intend to be committed to, not only for the duration of Lent, but beyond as well. And on the other hand, Lent is a particularly intense and focused 40 days. Our observance of Lent is going to look different from our observance of Easter, or the rest of the year, and that's alright," he related.

"... Regarding fasting, and especially with the 'normal' phenomenon of 'giving something up,' it's important to realize what ought to be happening there," Father Lapp noted. "We're not to just grit our teeth and simply try to 'get Lent over with,' but even these practices are meant to change us and assist in our growth in holiness."

"On this side of eternity, we easily form attachments to things or people that tug our heart away from the Lord God, and we are divided," Father Lapp explained. "Sure, we may love God, and we may choose good things most of the time, but our heart is divided."

"Fasting and other ascetical practices, in the summary of one of the parishioners here at St. Matthew, is the process of finding God *truly attractive*," Father Lapp said. "When we curb our appetites, this magnifies the void in our heart that we may usually give to something else — be it food, drink, lust, entertainment or the like — and we can then turn to the Lord so He can fill it. If we grit our teeth and push through without turning to the Lord (prayer) — and then to others (almsgiving) — we can miss the boat. Oftentimes, 'success' in this light is met with increased pride ('look at how good a job I did in not eating any chocolate all of Lent' — and it's no wonder the Easter season can bring binges in those very things we avoided, which only demonstrates the depth of the attachment) or discouragement ('I can never change' and we throw in the towel during week two)."

Father Lapp emphasized that a good measuring stick for a "good Lent" is: "How will I find God more attractive? What does He want me to do in order to give my heart more entirely to Him? And when Lent concludes, do I experience greater free-

dom and find God more attractive than before?"

"In practice, resolutions should be concrete and achievable. And as we journey through Lent itself, re-evaluation and intentional adjustment is far better than absentmindedly watering things down or giving up," he concluded.

Giving up social media presents challenges, opportunity

BY DEB WAGNER

Catholics typically equate the season of Lent with fasting, almsgiving and prayer. It is the opportunity to give to someone less fortunate, spend more time in prayer and attempt to kick a habit that is consuming too much of life. In this age of digital communications, some have found that their overindulgence is social media — Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and similar websites — and have replaced time once reserved for face-to-face interaction, reading or prayer.

Jeannie Ewing, a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist in Goshen, uses Facebook daily and sends tweets a couple times a week. She checks other social media sites on occasion.

Ewing contributes to CatholicMom.com, and the site is posting a link to a "Sacrificing Social Media" campaign for Lent this year.

Ewing joined Facebook over 10 years ago while she was in college. At the time, Facebook was relatively new and a great way to connect with study groups and friends. Once married, Ewing used Facebook to connect with family she had not been in contact with for several years.

Father Rick Holy, a priest from the Diocese of Gary and pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Knox, and a former parishioner of St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne, has forfeited his use of social media during past Lenten seasons.

Addressing the challenges, Father Holy says, "I just couldn't 'resist' seeing what was going on 'out there.' But it usually didn't take much for me to realize that if there were no important messages that I just needed to go ahead and log off."

"It was more difficult to not log on especially during Holy Week and the days leading up to the Triduum," he says.

Angela Pieroni, who also was a St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne, parishioner, says she enjoys playing a lot of games on her phone or computer and has abstained from social media during Lent.

Both Father Holy and Pieroni say abandoning Facebook during Lent is tough, but they both used their time, once reserved for social media, to pray, read devotionals and communicate via email or telephone.

Father Holy says his Lenten sacrifice did not lead to long-term changes in his usage of social media usage, and he would like to use Facebook less.

Pieroni says, "I have made more time for praying and less for 'mindless' social lurking. The priority changed, and I am glad that I gave it up for that purpose alone."

Sara Byrd, who attends St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, says through Facebook, "...

The 45 minutes without my cell phone and Facebook was challenging at first! It really surprised me that I am 'that' used to being 'plugged in.'"

"Facebook is my 'go to' for any 'down' or free time," Byrd says, and "sitting without it while I was supposed to be relaxing, actually made me feel anxious."

She says, "I found myself looking at the other women tapping away on their cell phones or scrolling through their newsfeeds and I started wishing I was on my phone too."

"Once I realized how crazy that actually was," Byrd adds, "I forced myself to relax and be in the moment."

She recalls getting a pedicure one time. "It's supposed to be relaxing," she says. "So when the gal doing my pedicure noticed my T-shirt (with my employer's logo), we began a conversation." Byrd notes, "It was really an

enlightening conversation, one that would never have happened had I had my nose in my Facebook feed."

Jeannie Ewing notes, "Even good Christians can get caught up in the social media craze, not necessarily as an addiction, but certainly seeing a need for self-discipline."

She adds, "We need to grow in prudence when it comes to discerning how and why we use social media so that it doesn't interfere with growing in the virtues God has called us to learn and so that we don't neglect our priorities and primary vocation."



See where Jesus' love leads

BY KAY COZAD

The Lenten season is a special time of year when the Church invites the faithful to slow down and really make time to reflect on their faith lives. The 40-day desert journey is a time of introspection, repentance and resolve to move deeper into the love of Christ through His Passion and Resurrection.

Today's Catholic offers these daily activities to assist both individuals and family members journey into the Catholic Lenten tradition of prayer, penance and sacrifice with the hope of deepening one's prayer life and increasing service to God and His people. Make Jesus the center of Lent and see where His love leads.

Start by displaying a special bowl, basket or container in a prominent place in your home. Place a note of each Lenten activity into the container. Draw one Lenten activity each day and

put your faith into action.

- Create an original Lenten prayer that you can recite each day till Easter.
- Place a crucifix or picture of Jesus in a prominent place to keep your focus on Him during Lent.
- Perform an anonymous act of kindness for one person today.
- Send a letter to a seminarian to underscore your prayers for vocations.
- Clean a cabinet or closet and donate items to a charity.
- Choose a meaningful Scripture, write it down and memorize it. Then share it with someone.
- Give up 10 minutes each day till Easter and spend it in prayer.
- Pray for someone you don't like today.
- Smile at a stranger.
- Attend a fish fry or share a meatless meal with friends and tell them why you are abstaining from meat.
- Look for evidence of God in your work or school today. Share

your finding with someone.

- Give up something you really enjoy — just for today.
- Choose a saint and learn about him/her. Pray for the saint's guidance during Lent.
- Attend a Reconciliation service or go to private Confession this week.
- Forgive someone who has hurt you. Pray for healing and reconciliation.
- Ask Jesus to heal you of anything that separates you from His love.
- Perform some act of service for your parish or school.
- Go to a room, close the door and pray in secret.
- Resolve to go the entire day without judging anyone today, including yourself.
- Eat pretzels today as a reminder that Catholics used to fast from milk, cheese and meat.
- Save your change all week and give it to charity.
- Pray the Stations of the

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Called to strengthen commitment to faith



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 6:24-34

It is not difficult to imagine the frustration with which the author of the third section of Isaiah felt as he heard the despairing, and critical, remarks of the people around him. Times were bad. They were very bad. The people long had been assured, indeed as their ancestors had been assured, that God would protect them and sustain them.

Yet, they were starving and helpless. Of course, they cried out in disgust and anguish, and they asked if God truly was their merciful and providing Father, their guardian.

Isaiah insists that God has not forgotten them, any more than a devoted mother could forget her children.

The prophet employs a literary technique not uncommon in the Hebrew Scriptures. He wrote as if God were writing, in the first person. He did not simply quote God.

For the second reading this weekend, the Church offers a passage from the First Epistle to the Corinthians. As is often the case in Paul's epistles, the great Apostle verifies his role, identifies himself as commissioned by the Lord, and in effect as possessing authority conferred upon him by Jesus.

It is not here, nor ever, an effort in self-promotion by St. Paul. In fact, it was an act of service to any who might read the letter. It was an act of service to the Christians of Corinth. Quite clear in Paul's writings, and elsewhere in the New Testament, is the fact that imposters, well-intentioned or not, were moving through the Christian communities and pretending to speak in the Lord's name. They were not. Jesus had not called them. Without doubt, some, maybe many people, followed these inauthentic spiritual leaders.

To guarantee that the true Gospel was accepted, St. Paul had to demand that people listen to him.

St. Matthew's Gospel furnishes the Gospel reading. In this reading, the Lord is blunt and direct. No one can serve two masters. A person must choose either to follow Jesus and submit everything in heart and soul to God, or to surrender to some other goal. There can be no compromise.

The Lord then continues to give some specifics. He encourages disciples to have trust. Do not the birds of the air enjoy the benefit of God's care and mercy? They neither sow nor reap, but God gives them all that they need for life.

Reflection

Lent is days away. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, the Church will call all its children to reinforce their faith and to strengthen the commitment of their faith. It will require more than a general willingness not to sin. It will mean a complete turning to God, in which fears are ignored, and trust in God reigns supreme.

It is good to remember that the Gospels were written when

Christians already were in trouble before the authorities of the Roman Empire and certainly in the face of the prevailing culture. The Roman leadership played for keeps. Being a Christian could easily lead to terrifying consequences.

Followers of Jesus had to question themselves. Is my faith in Christ worth the price that it may cost?

Times have changed, thanks be to God. Christians in this country do not have to fear arrest, torture and execution under the most cruel of circumstances. Christians in other places in the world are not so fortunate.

Opposition to the Gospel, however, comes not just from unfriendly rulers and unjust laws. In our society, the culture that envelops us, and that drives so much of what we do and how we think, is the Gospel's great competitor.

Loyal followers of Jesus cannot compromise. They cannot yield. They must be strong. Guiding them will be the revelation of the Lord, brought to them, as it truly is, by the Church.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 49:14-15 Ps 62:2-3, 6-9
1 Cor 4:1-5 Mt 6:24-34

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6,
9-10 Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1-4
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b,
12-14, 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6
Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6
Lk 5:27-32

Bring Lent to life with CRS Rice Bowl

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This year the areas of focus for Rice Bowl are:

Week 1:

Nation: Kenya; Catholic social teaching principle: Dignity of the human person

Week 2:

Nation: Guatemala; Catholic social teaching principle: Human rights and responsibilities

Week 3:

Nation: Philippines; Catholic social teaching principle: Preference for the poor and vulnerable

Week 4:

Nation: Malawi; Catholic social teaching principle: Dignity of work and rights of workers

Week 5:

Nation: Haiti; Catholic social teaching principle: Call to family, community and participation

Holy Week:

Nation: United States of America; Catholic social teaching principle: Solidarity

This Lent, I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the challenges facing many of our poorest brothers and sisters, and to deepen your own faith. Let us answer Pope Francis' call to "open up a horizon of hope" for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

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Saint of the Week

Blessed Daniel Brottier

1876-1936
February 28

Daniel was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Blois, France, in 1899, then taught school for three years. But the foreign missions beckoned. He joined the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and served eight years in West Africa. For health reasons he returned to France, where he raised money for a new cathedral in Dakar, Senegal. During World War I he volunteered as a chaplain and spent 52 months at the front without being wounded. From 1923 until the end of his life, he helped restore and run an orphanage in a Paris suburb. He was beatified in 1984, and is the patron of orphans and abandoned children. Daniel ministered always under the protection of St. Therese of Lisieux.

Chivalry is not dead with Catholic men

I heard the gentle clank of a mug being placed on my bedside nightstand, and the strong aroma of fresh coffee hit my nostrils. Then, I heard the familiar gentle deep voice I've loved for three decades, the voice of my husband.

"Your coffee is beside you. It's time to get up."

I opened my eyes to a dark room and the shadow of my husband's silhouette. He touched my face with his hand.

"Thank you," I whispered. I picked up the hot mug and breathed in the steam. Ahh!

It is never easy to get up on cold winter mornings with the wind howling outside in the darkness, but my husband made it a bit easier today. I smile as I realize how David's small act of sweet kindness has, once again, started my day out right.

He is my knight in so many ways, and has really taken to heart the job of a husband to provide and protect, not just for me but our little family, in both big and small ways. And I am grateful.

I recently read an article with the title "Eight Acts of Chivalry to Bring Back" by J. Sama. Right off the bat, I realized how blessed I am. Because of the men in my life, my husband, my sons, my brothers, father and brothers-in-law, I have little exposure to know that acts of chivalry are often missing in modern society.

Oh, I've noticed that some random man walking ahead of me at the YMCA may not stand to hold the door open as I approach, as they did in years past, but on a personal level, the men in my life have always been gentlemen supreme. And in talking with my friends, I hear much the same about their husbands and sons. We are so blessed!

For the young men reading *Today's Catholic* who are not yet educated in such matters, or for wonderful, hard-working husbands who may have forgotten, or for mothers who want to train their sons, I'll offer the list of chivalrous acts that women appreciate.

Like most acts of courtesy and

kindness, these chivalrous acts reflect the character of the one doing them, regardless of how they are received. So, it is always appropriate for men to do them, even if one individual female may not show gratitude for their thoughtfulness. Doing so reveals a strong, manly character.

The chivalrous acts mentioned in the aforementioned article were (with my comments following):

- **Giving up your seat for a woman when seating is limited.** This includes at Mass, in a meeting, on public transportation.

- **Pulling out a woman's chair when she is about to sit down.** Husbands do this for their wives and single men for their dates of course, but sons should also do this for their mothers, brothers for their sisters, and fathers for their daughters.

- **Opening doors for a woman (any woman).** And women, don't forget to smile and say, "Thank you!" It saddened me when I heard about one of my sons opening the door for a fellow student and she screeched, "I don't need your help! I can do that myself!" How ungrateful.

- **Calling, not texting for a date.** Single men, this is imperative. Married men, while your wives will appreciate you setting up a date no matter how you do it, a phone call is always nicer than getting the message electronically.

- **Complimenting.** Find something you sincerely like about your wife or girlfriend (or sister or grandmother) and tell her. (Here's a secret — not only will it be appreciated and motivate her to be better or work harder at whatever it is you are complimenting her about, but you are rightfully perceived as being appreciative and kind. Hint: Win/win.)

- **Walking on the street side of the sidewalk.** The original reason for this is to be willing to 'take the splash' from a car driving through a puddle or protect her from being hit. I read of one modern woman, however, who said, "In my culture the men do it to protect their wives/sisters/



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daughters from other men's improper calls or advances. It is literally to show that she "does not walk alone." Nice.

- **(For the single fellows) On a date, walking her to the door rather than just dropping her off.** Conversely, I might add, go up to the door when you go to pick her up. Don't text "I'm here," and expect her to come out. And certainly don't honk! Please.

- **Dropping her off at an entrance if you have to park far away.**

I would also like to add:

- **Helping her in and out of her coat or sweater.**

Our faith should shine through all our actions with love and joy, kindness and gratitude. What better way for Catholic men to respect the women in their lives than by doing chivalrous acts? And what better way for Catholic women to respect their men than by showing appreciation?

When women act like ladies, men are more likely to act like gentlemen. That's good food for thought too.

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Cross and meditate on each one.

- Fast from dessert today. Give your piece to someone else.
- Pray for loved ones and others who have died.
- Send a card to a grandparent or other loved one, just because.
- Tell your teacher or boss what you like about them today.
- Read the Bible for 10 minutes today. Share what you learned with someone.
- Take a walk with a friend or family member and pick up trash along the way.

- Thank the person who makes your dinner today.
- Pray for those who are ill or lonely today. Then if possible visit, call or send a card.
- Tell someone the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.
- Say "thank you" to five people today.
- Make cookies and take them to a nursing home or homebound neighbor.
- As a child of God, resolve to think and say only positive things about yourself today.
- Be nice to someone you don't like today.
- Complete a chore without being asked today.
- Turn off the TV and computer and pray the rosary

together with family or friends.

- Abstain from meat on Fridays and give the money you save to your church.
- Write a letter of love and gratitude to your parents today. Deliver it in person if possible.
- At day's end, perform an examination of conscience. Pray for mercy and the grace for change.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for March 2, 2014

Matthew 6:24-34

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: a lesson on trusting the Lord. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

CAN SERVE	TWO MASTERS	HATE
DEVOTED	WORRY	WILL EAT
DRINK	FOOD	BIRDS
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FATHER	FEEDS THEM	CLOTHED
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LITTLE FAITH	KINGDOM	TOMORROW

WHY WORRY

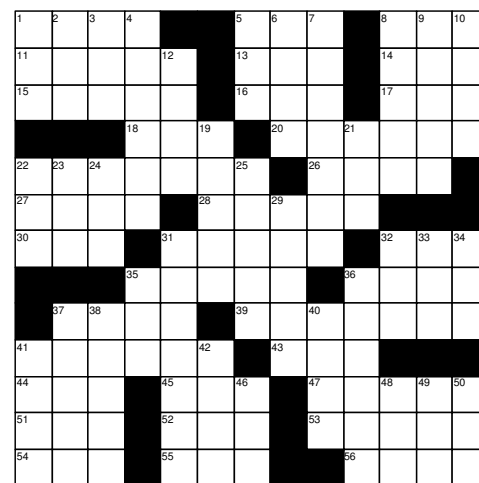
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The Cross Word

March 2, 9 and 16, 2014

- 54 Fast plane
- 55 Little bit
- 56 France and Germany river



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Based on these Scripture Readings: 1 Cor 4: 1-5; Mt 6: 24-34 and Gn 2: 7-9, 3:1-7; Rm 5: 12-19; Mt 4: 1-11 and Gn 12: 1-4a; 2 Tim 1: 8b-10; Mt 17: 1-9

ACROSS

- 1 Cliff
- 5 Fortify
- 8 Saloon
- 11 Priest title (Spanish)
- 13 Legume
- 14 Vane direction
- 15 Pounce
- 16 Beige
- 17 Day of the wk.
- 18 Sodden
- 20 11 were piping
- 22 Can't serve two
- 26 Retired persons group
- 27 Mormon state
- 28 Sagas
- 30 Ruby

- 31 Spore plants probably in 41A also
- 32 If you eat, you will _ _ _
- 35 Great Eastern saint
- 36 "Called to a ___ life"
- 37 Raised from the ___
- 39 Small, graceful antelopes
- 41 Eden
- 43 Congressional vote
- 44 Bullfight cheer
- 45 Klutz
- 47 Stewards are worthy of
- 51 Christmas month
- 52 Employ
- 53 Afloat (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1 Hertz
- 2 Uncooked
- 3 Hoopla
- 4 Expansion
- 5 Liable
- 6 Do not sow or ___
- 7 Madmen
- 8 He and James and John
- 9 Jacob's name meant
- 10 Honey makers
- 12 Fencing sword
- 19 Eden had many
- 21 Old-fashioned Dads
- 22 Stein
- 23 Adam & Eve did to fruit
- 24 Surface to air missile
- 25 Hyssop branch
- 29 Mosaic
- 31 Fading away (2 wds.)
- 32 Pain unit
- 33 Peaked
- 34 A symbol for the Father
- 35 Evil
- 36 God knows motives of ___
- 37 Dells
- 38 Construct
- 40 Sixth Greek letter
- 41 Adam & Eve wanted to be like ___
- 42 Space administration
- 46 Good shepherd make sure sheep are
- 48 America
- 49 Galilee water
- 50 Sticky black substance

Answer Key can be found on page 15

Sports

CONCUSSION PREVENTION TALK AT INDIANA TECH, FORT WAYNE — All coaches, administrators, parents and athletes are invited to a free concussion-prevention talk on March 11 from 6-8 p.m. The event will be hosted by Indiana Tech in the new Schafer Center and underwritten by Parkview Health/Hospital.

ICCL basketball teams head into quarterfinals

BY MATT SOBIERALSKI

MISHAWAKA — It is that time of the year again for the Inter-City Catholic League, post season tournament time. Hard work and dedication from players and coaches comes to a head during these final two weeks of the season that is filled with upsets, heart break and joy as the ICCL will crown a champion next weekend at Saint Joseph High School. The quarterfinals of the postseason tipped off on Sunday afternoon with a slate of games featuring teams that were striving to play another weekend and play in the final four of the tournament at Mishawaka Marian High School.

The first game of the day featured the cream of the crop in the John Bosco Division, the St. Anthony Panthers and the Kings from Christ the King. This was the first meeting between the two teams this year and it got off to a fast start. Christ the King controlled the opening tip and immediately found an open Hunter West in the corner to knock down his first three ball of

the day. The Panthers were quick to respond as Luke Faccenda drove from the right elbow to the basket and scored the bucket and got the foul. Faccenda hit the free throw and the scoring would go back and forth. An alley oop play orchestrated by West to Trey Miller would put the Kings up for good in the quarter as they led 16-11 after one.

The yellow-clad Kings would put on some relentless and unforgiving full court man to man defense in the second quarter. A transition bucket by Joe Mandell would put the Kings up 10 and would help the Kings go on a 12-4 run in the quarter. The Panthers could not handle the ball pressure of the Kings and scored their first bucket of the second quarter with only 1:03 left in the half.

The Panthers came out of the half time locker room looking to make a run on the Kings. Jarrett Bickel scored eight of his team high 10 points in the frame. Bickel knocked down a pair of threes to try and keep his Panthers' season alive, but ultimately the high intensity and pressure filled Christ the King defense would prevail with

a score of 50-28. The Kings advance to the final four and would face the winner of the next game between Mishawaka Catholic and Saint Joseph, South Bend.

The Kings were led by Michael Dunkelberger who cut and slashed his way to the bucket for a team high 14 points, while the sharpshooting Hunter West chipped in 12 points including two first quarter three pointers.

In the day's second game, the Mishawaka Catholic Saints and the Saint Joseph, South Bend Eagles saw a rematch from an early season contest that was full of high intensity and passionate play won by the Eagles. Their second meeting of the season picked up right where that game left off.

Ben Lamont of the Eagles opened the game up with a two-point lay-up and it would be a defense first kind of game in the first quarter as the Saints led 6-3 after one. Zach Whitfield of the purple-and-black-clad Saints attacked the basket hard in the second quarter and marched his way to the free throw line where

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CHAMPIONS ABOUND AS CYO GIRLS' BASKETBALL CROWNS NEW ROYALTY



PHOTOS BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth girls' basketball team was the CYO Gold League, eighth-grade league, champions.



St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel girls' basketball team was the CYO Blue League champions.



St. Charles girls' basketball team was the White League champions.

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Boys' CYO champions named for 2014

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The No. 1 seeded Cardinals (7-0) remained untouched in the White League and captured the 2014 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) title with a 42-18 victory over St. Joseph, Decatur, on their home court at the St. Charles Hession Center on Sunday, Feb. 23. This special team ended with a 20-5 record overall with losses only logged to all eighth-grade squads.

Coach Dan Sordelet described his seventh-grade boys, "They were a very smart, unselfish team — just a great group of kids."

When asked what made his team

so dominant, he said, "We played great defense and had good ball movement. Everybody on the team could handle the ball and everyone contributed."

Sordelet's assistants this season were Kurt Patterson and Kristin Sordelet.

Coach Jim Knapke has had some great teams at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel over the past several years and won a seventh consecutive CYO title last weekend, but this year's team just may rank right up there as one of his most talented.

"We were strong, tall AND fast," he detailed of his No. 1 seed (6-0). "We just got better and better week after week and played really well in the tournament," he continued.

The Squires beat Huntington

Catholic, 64-38, in the championship.

Knapke also praised his opponent, "The Rams are a very well-coached team. They came at us prepared and motivated."

He summarized, "We are looking forward to representing the CYO in the diocesan playoffs."

The Blue League regular season runner-up was St. Therese.

The St. Vincent Panthers capped off a stellar season in the Gold League (6-0) winning the tournament championship with a victory over St. John, Fort Wayne, who beat No. 2 St. Jude in overtime in the semifinals to advance to the title game. The mighty green and white jumped out to a 24-12 lead at the half and never looked back. The final score was 46-25.

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Regional free throw champs advance to finals

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul gym was the site of the 2014 regional level competition for the Knights of Columbus annual Free Throw Challenge contest. Individuals from all of north-east Indiana gathered on Sunday, Feb. 23, for the shoot off between boys and girls ages 9-14 who had previously won their district and council-level contests.

Twelve champions were awarded regional trophies and will advance to the finals hosted by District Deputy 22, Frank Joseph, and will be held at St. Theodore Guérin High School in Noblesville on Sunday, March 9. Winners are determined by connections on the most attempts out of 25 baskets.



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

In front row from left are Elizabeth Mattern, Annie Seida, Hailee Wilcoxson, Taylor Reust, Alexandra Cranston and Grace Castleman; middle row, Landen Brown, Jayden Lepper, Caleb Nixon, Mark Parrish, Bryce Cochran and Matt Seida; and back row, St. Vincent Grand Knight Bruce Cadwell, District Deputy 12 Kirk Vachon and District Deputy 14 John Beuchel.

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he scored most of his points. The Eagles would grind their way back into the game as Josh De St. Jean's basket with 2:13 left in the second quarter gave them their first lead. Brock Van Nevel scored right before the half to give the Saints a 13-10 halftime advantage.

The Eagles came out of the

halftime break looking like a different team. They switched their defense to a trapping 1-2-2 half-court assault and caused the Saints offense chaos. As in their first meeting the Saints needed to stop De St. Jean, who scored 17 in the first contest, but they were unable to do so. De St. Jean got the ball inside and scored at will. He scored 10 of his game high 16 points in the fourth quarter. Van Nevel and the Saints would not go down quietly as he scored a bucket to cut the Eagle lead to one.

Lamont hit a clutch three

pointer in the corner with 1:45 left in the game that would give the Eagles the lead for good. The Saints were forced to foul to extend the game, but the Eagles got the ball into the hands of their clutch free throw shooter. Michael Anthony would take care of business at the line and clinch his team's berth into the final four with a 39-30 victory.

In action at the top of the bracket played at Saint Joseph High School, the undefeated Lions of St. Pius X advanced to the final four by taking care of business against the St. Thomas Spartans. In the other quarterfinal game at Saint Joseph, the Corpus Christi Cougars knocked off the St. Matthew Blazers.

The final four will be played this weekend at Marian High School with the St. Pius X Lions squaring off against the upstart Cougars of Corpus Christi in the first game. The second game will see a rematch of the Kings from Christ the King and the St. Joseph, South Bend Eagles. Winners of those games will play in the ICCL championship game played at Saint Joseph High School on Sunday, March 3.

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Queen of Angels Fish Fry

Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish will be hosting a fish fry Friday, March 7, in the school activity center, 1500 W. State Blvd., from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Family style-fast seating or carryout available. Tickets are \$9.50 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-10, and children 5 and under are free.

Las Vegas Night

South Bend — Holy Family Church, 56405 Mayflower Rd. will hold its annual Las Vegas Night Saturday, March 1, from 6-11 p.m. in the parish center. Tickets are \$8 and include sandwiches, beverages and a chance in a \$1,000 drawing. Lic No. 133331.

Dinner dance and auction

Monroeville — St. Rose School and Parish will have a dinner, dance and auction Saturday, March 8, at The Hayloft, 15112 Brunson Rd., Hoagland. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Cash bar. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. For information contact St. Rose School at 260-623-3447.

Card party announced

South Bend — The Rosary Society of St. Hedwig Parish will have a card party on Sunday, March 9, in the Hedwig Memorial Center. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own cards or dice. Donation is \$5 and lunch will be served. Presale only by calling 574-273-1484 or 574-273-9028 or the parish office 574-287-8932 by Friday, March 7, at 3 p.m.

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, March 7, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children (5-12) \$3.50. Shrimp for \$9 will be available.

St. Matthew Fish Fry

South Bend — St. Matthew Cathedral will have a fish fry Friday, March 7, from 4-7 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets at the door are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children 4-12 (age 3 and under are free). Tickets can be purchased in advance at a reduced price by calling 574-289-5539.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601

Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, March 7, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Pancake and sausage breakfast

Yoder — The St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus and Rosary Sodality will have a pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday, March 9, from 7:30-11 a.m. in the parish activity center, 14623 Bluffton Rd. Proceeds benefit the St. Aloysius outdoor meditation area.

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disciples, because at that point, they didn't see clearly who Jesus was."

"But it also has a deeper meaning for us, because all of us can be blind," Bishop Rhoades added. "Yes we can see physically, biologically, but sometimes spiritually we don't see and understand our faith as clearly as we should. That is why we ask God to give us sight, to help us to understand our faith, to help us to grow in our understanding of the faith."

Bishop Rhoades further correlated the Gospel to the sacrament of Confirmation, which many of the students in attendance will receive later this year.

"Just like there were two stages of the cure of the blind man, in our lives there are the two sacraments — Baptism and Confirmation — where God gives us the grace to understand our faith. When we were baptized, we were first enlightened by Christ — but that is not the end! Later we have to be confirmed, where we receive the Holy Spirit and even more grace from God to see more clearly the Lord Jesus and to understand more fully His life and His teachings."

The bishop remarked that "this is why we have Catholic schools, to help you further grow in your knowledge of your faith."

Bishop Rhoades also encouraged each child to have a Bible of their

own so they would be able to enter more fully into the mystery of the Gospels.

The bishop focused not only on understanding, but also on truly demonstrating faith that is lived out.

"If we are disciples of Jesus, it is not just enough to hear the teachings of Jesus, we have to do it," Bishop Rhoades said. "We have to practice our faith, live our faith, do the Word, and not just hear it. To be a follower of Jesus means to especially reach out to those who are sick, to those who are suffering. We feed the hungry, give shelter to the homeless, welcome immigrants, take care of the sick, give comfort to those who are in sorrow and those who are hurting, and we pray for the living and the dead. Doing all those things is putting your faith into practice."

Students and faculty from area schools participated in various aspects of the liturgy, demonstrating great devotion and unity that all Catholic schools seek to instill through their education.

Steve Donndelinger, principal of St. Jude School said, "It's important for the students to see what we are as Catholic schools, that it is about more than just one school, to see that we are one Church. It helps them to see the size of the undertaking of Catholic education in South Bend and it is important they see and hear from their bishop. In many ways we often hold a competitive spirit with other Catholic schools through athletics. It is important that our students see that those in other schools are just like them."

Jeremy Hoy, Carol Flora, Megan Hartz and Julie Van Meter beauti-

fully directed the music for the Mass. The music ensembles included fifth and sixth graders from each school and the handbell choir was comprised of students from St. Pius X and Mishawaka Catholic.

One of the four cantors at the Mass, Hannah Golichowski, an eighth grader at St. Pius X, was supported by the attendance of her mother, father and grandmother.

Hannah remarked that she looks forward to this every year, and really likes when everyone comes together and to singing and celebrating Mass. "We are all united, and it's a very good community," she said.

Hannah's grandmother, a parishioner at St. John the Baptist Church, who was attending the all schools Mass for the first time, said the Mass was "a wonderful experience and was so happy to be able to witness and take part in it."

Chris Samuels, a kindergarten through eighth-grade resource teacher at Corpus Christi School who has spent 25 years teaching, observed, "Look at this! Where else can the bishop speak to so many children and have them all listen? It is something the kids look forward to every year. To see friends from other schools and see students from throughout the diocese praying together, it is fantastic."

Sixth graders from St. Joseph School, Teddy Maginn, Ryan Hruskovich, Luke Woodward and Josh Wasierski all indicated that they enjoyed coming to worship together. They also said they appreciated Bishop Rhoades' homily because it was one that "people of all ages could relate to."



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Catholic students carry baskets of food for the needy at the all schools Mass on Feb. 19 at the Joyce Center at the University of Notre Dame.



Students reverently participated in the all schools Mass for the South Bend area Catholic schools on Feb. 19. Nearly 4,000 students assembled for the Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

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The conference will also feature 2 workshop sessions. The sessions will include three workshops from which to choose. Topics will include theology of the Eucharist and marriage, communication and intimacy in marriage, family life, parenting issues, and the Christian family as the church of the home. Confirmed workshop speakers include Msgr. Michael Heintz, Fred and Lisa Everett, Theresa Thomas, and John Sikorski.

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