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The Third Option builds better marriages

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Four Fort Wayne parishes — Our Lady of Good Hope, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Jude and St. Vincent de Paul — have combined efforts to offer a ministry of hope, healing and help for married couples. And those married from other area parishes are invited to participate as well.

“The goal of The Third Option is to build better marriages by promoting growth and reconciliation,” said Natalie Kohrman, the coordinator of The Third Option and member of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish.

“Each 14-session cycle,” she said, “covers a comprehensive set of tools that couples can use to develop better levels of understanding, conflict-resolution, and trust while also learning more effective communication skills.”

Kohrman works with Scott and Cathy McLeish of St. Vincent de Paul Parish as a trained couple at the meetings.

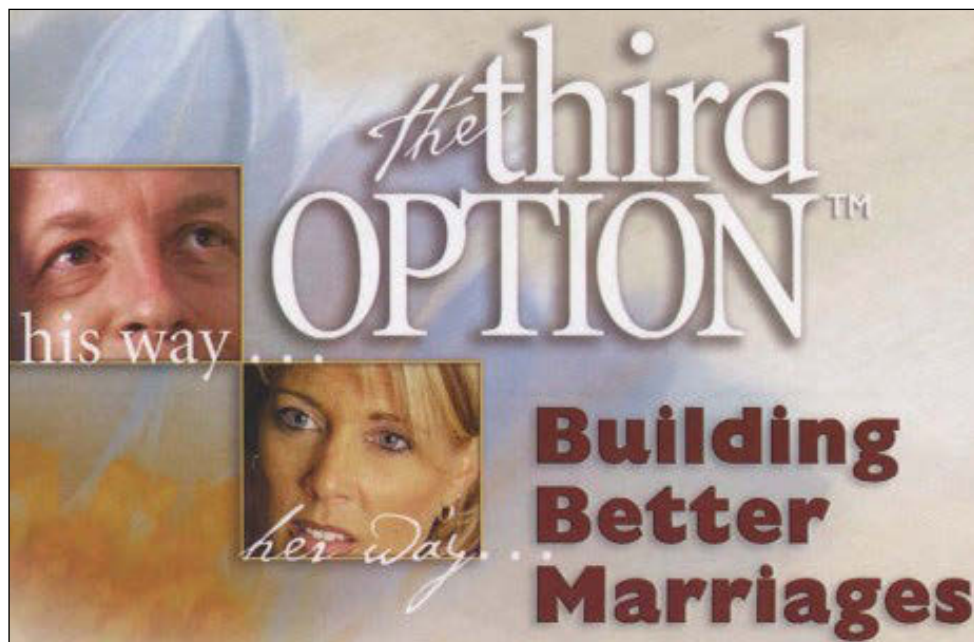
The sessions are held at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. and attendees enter through Door No. 1, the main office.

“While this is not a counseling program, it does provide a peer-to-peer ministry in which couples can learn from other couples who have overcome marital difficulties,” Kohrman said.

Kohrman told *Today's Catholic* the program is intended to help married couples whether they have been married a few years or many; whether both are Catholic or not; whether they are looking to build on a strong foundation or are in crisis.

“We are often asked if couples who are engaged or couples living together but not married can attend,” she noted. “Unfortunately, out of respect for the sanctity of Marriage and the spirit in which the ministry was created, this ministry is available only to those who are married.”

In explaining what happens at a meeting, Kohrman began with the second hour of the meeting. “During this time, a 25-minute workshop on one of 14 topics is given by trained volunteers,” she said.



The workshop offers tools and suggestions for how to deal with the common problems encountered in marriage. In addition, a trained couple also gives a witness on the same topic. The witness aims to connect with people on an emotional level. People can see themselves in the situations that the couples describe and may think, “Wow, if they can get through that, then maybe we can work through this.”

Kohrman said the witness provides hope — a glimpse of what it looks like on the other side of a marital struggle. “At the end of this hour, those in attendance are challenged to set a goal that they can work on in the two weeks between meetings,” she said.

“This is the heart of the ministry — offering people a chance to focus in on their marriage

by putting it first and really working at it,” Kohrman said. “Goal-setting is always geared toward self-change which is one of the main premises of the program.”

Kohrman said the first hour of the meeting depends on whether it's an attendee's first meeting or not. Any newcomers are welcomed by volunteers and provided with a 50-minute orientation, which covers the basic premises of the program such as confidentiality and self-change. At the same time, those who have attended a meeting before quickly review the previous meeting's topic in another room.

“Although no one is ever forced to speak, this is an opportunity for the group to share

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POPE FRANCIS TO VISIT HOLY LAND



CNS PHOTO/AMIR COHEN, REUTERS

A poster of Pope Francis is displayed at a shop in Jerusalem's Old City May 16. Pope Francis will visit Jordan, the Palestinian Territories and Israel during his May 24-26 trip, his first as pope to the region.

Father Michael Gaitley explains importance of Marian Consecration

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

WARSAW — Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception priest Father Michael Gaitley, a prominent author, theologian and retreat leader best known for his book “33 Days to Morning Glory,” spoke to an assembly of priests and offered a personal interview on the purpose and meaning of consecrating oneself “to Jesus through Mary,” on Thursday, May 8, at Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who was in attendance for Father Gaitley's speech, is planning to renew the consecration the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to the Blessed Mother on Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption. Bishop Rhoades is encouraging all members of the diocese to com-



FATHER MICHAEL GAITLEY

plete Marian consecrations using the method of “33 Days to Morning Glory.”

St. Louis de Montfort formally established the most traditional method of Marian consecration, which seeks to bring men and women into deeper union with both Mary and Jesus. Father Gaitley explained, “St. Louis was

the first to take all the threads of Marian consecration, popularize them and synthesize them. The way I look at it, ‘33 Days to Morning Glory’ is written in the same spirit, meant to combine and promote the main streams of Marian devotion that have

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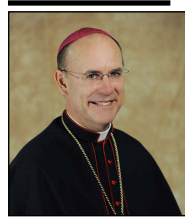
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Embrace the Pope Francis challenge



IN TRUTH
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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

In the Commencement Speech at Mount Saint Mary's University and at Baccalaureate Masses at Holy Cross College, Saint Mary's College, the University of Saint Francis, and the University of Notre Dame, Bishop Rhoades exhorted the graduates to "embrace the Pope Francis challenge." The bishop incorporated and adapted the following thoughts in the talks and homilies to the new graduates:

My message to you today is inspired by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. He is challenging the whole Church, and especially young people like you, to be missionary disciples. Pope Francis doesn't want us to be a self-referential Church, one that is comfortable and turned in on itself. He is calling us to go out, to go forth, like the first disciples of Jesus, to bring the joy of the Gospel to others, especially to those on the edges or peripheries of society: the poor, the needy, the suffering, the weak, and the vulnerable. I like to call this the "Pope Francis challenge."

You have been equipped here at this Catholic university to accept the Pope Francis challenge: to go forth as Christ's disciples with the joy and courage of faith. This means being men and women of hope, not pessimistic or indifferent, not mere observers of life, but involved, protagonists of the Gospel. True disciples are witnesses of hope: hope in the triumph of love over hate, of grace over sin, and of life over death. This hope is not self-focused. It is not founded in an idea or a philosophy, not founded in a political or an economic system. It is a hope founded in a person, a Divine Person, who assumed our human nature. It is hope in the Incarnate Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified and risen Christ.

Graduates: the Church, the Body of Christ, needs you. We need your talents, your enthusiasm, and your energy. The Pope is asking you to swim against the tide and to rebel against a culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes that you are incapable of responsibility and that you are incapable of true love. They're wrong. Reject this false belief. You are capable of responsibility, commitment, and true love. The Lord is calling you to be His disciples, disciples with a mission: to bring His mercy and love into the world, to bring the Gospel that breaks down evil and violence and overcomes selfishness and hatred. I encourage you to embrace the Pope Francis challenge, to be generous with Christ and His Church, to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel, the truth that sets us free.

You go forth from a place that honors (by its name) the holy Mother of God. Mary was the perfect disciple of the Lord. "She let herself be guided by the Holy Spirit on a journey of faith toward a destiny of service



PHOTO PROVIDED BY TOM LESSER, MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, along with Mount St. Mary's University President, Thomas H. Powell, are shown at the presentation of The Founder's Medal to Bishop Rhoades on May 11 during commencement exercises. The medal, offered by Mount St. Mary's University's president, board of trustees, faculty and students, notes the award was presented for the bishop's "contribution to the Catholic Church through his work as a shepherd, scholar, leader and advisor," and "His work embodies the four pillars of our calling and our promise: Faith, Discovery, Leadership and Community." Bishop Rhoades served as a professor and rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary from 1995-2004.

and fruitfulness" (*Evangelii Gaudium* 287). She teaches us so much about how to live life with faith and courage. Mary teaches us the revolutionary nature of love and that "humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak but of the strong" (*EG* 288).

Graduates: I invite you to say a little prayer to our Lady before you leave this university. All of us who call Mary our Mother can be confident that, like the

beloved disciple to whom Jesus entrusted His mother from the cross, we are all disciples equally beloved. May you go forth with that confidence and act on it with generosity and courage as missionary disciples! I pray that you leave here with Mary, your loving Mother, always at your side, surrounding you with God's love!

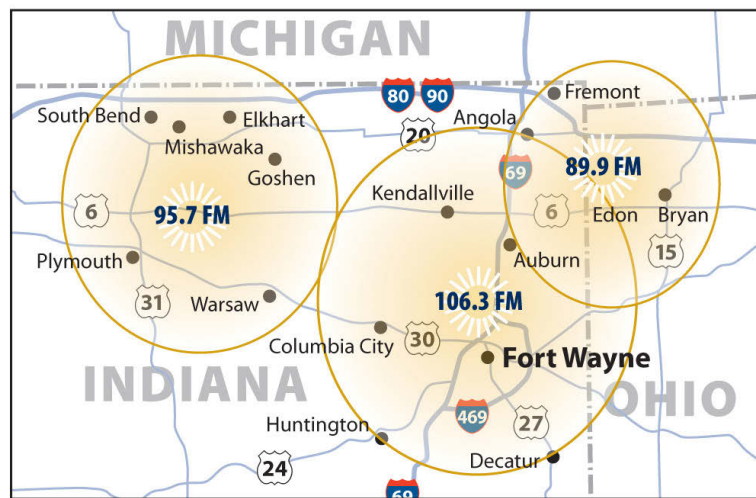
Congratulations, graduates! We're proud of you! May God bless you always!

Redeemer Radio buys Michiana FM station

SOUTH BEND — Redeemer Radio, a nonprofit Catholic Radio apostolate in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement to purchase 95.7 FM a regional station covering the entire Michiana area. Redeemer is purchasing WAOR, 95.7 FM licensed to Bremen from Talking Stick Communications for an undisclosed price.

In announcing the purchase Dave Stevens, executive director of Redeemer Radio, said, "Redeemer Radio Michiana will be a local Catholic radio apostolate. We will have local offices and staff, and focus on serving the greater Michiana area — explaining and promoting the Catholic faith and thus seek to change lives. Listeners will hear about events and information from their parishes and area priests, and they will be able to listen to local and national speakers who inspire and teach about the faith. As a 501C3 nonprofit, we'll promote other Catholic nonprofits and many pro-life organizations free of charge."

Talking Stick Communications CFO John Lapehn said of the agreement, "as hard as the decision was to sell 95.7FM, we are very pleased that the station will be owned by such a local community oriented organization. In the last several months we've learned of the effective work and tremendous growth that Redeemer Radio has had



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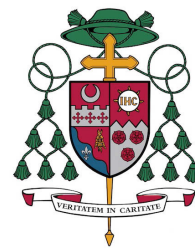
This map shows the coverage area that will be offered by Redeemer Radio's network of stations.

in the Fort Wayne area over the last eight years and we are glad we can help them expand their footprint throughout the entire diocese."

Mike Landrigan, Redeemer Radio board chair said of the purchase, "Many in the Michiana area have been praying for permanent Catholic Radio for years. As early as 2006 members of a local organization, the St. Thomas More Foundation were broadcasting Catholic Radio on an AM station. In 2010, four members of the foundation joined the Redeemer Radio board with the specific goal we've announced today. Since May of 2013 there has been no Catholic

Radio in the South Bend area. We are grateful for the prayers and hard work of so many, now that we can bring local Catholic Radio — Redeemer Radio to a large regional audience in the middle of the FM dial Michiana."

Talking Stick Communications will retain the call letters WAOR. The sale is subject to FCC approval, which is expected in 90 to 120 days. Both organizations have also signed a local operating agreement, which would allow Redeemer Radio to begin operating 95.7 FM prior to final regulatory approval. Future operating plans under that agreement will be announced soon.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, May 25, 2 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Saint Joseph High School, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame
- Monday, May 26, 4 p.m. — Mass and Blessing of Saint Joseph Hermitage Friary, Decatur
- Tuesday, May 27, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Angola
- Thursday, May 29, 12:30 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Finance Council, Franciscan Alliance, Mishawaka
- Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Marian High School, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Friday, May 30, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Elkhart
- Saturday, May 31, 5:30 p.m. — 50th Anniversary Mass, Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, Elkhart

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

- 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 Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.
- Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

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come since St. Louis' model. The way it is written also provides an easier to use and updated version from the traditional method."

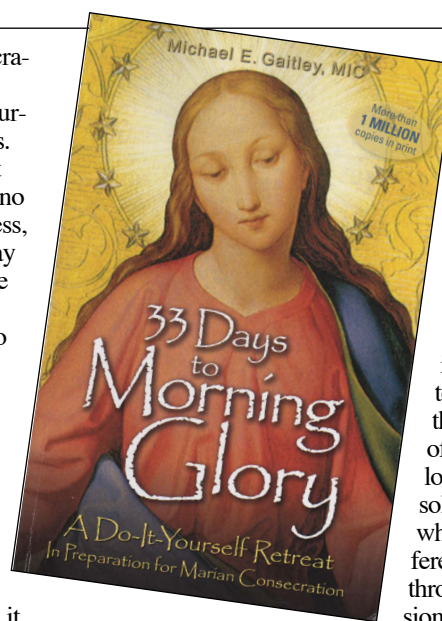
He elaborated, "It is easier because the traditional model uses lots of litanies and prayers that at times can distract or overwhelm the reader. This version actually has more prayer, but it involves heart-pondering prayer that reflects upon the various teachings of Marian consecration and how to incorporate them into daily life."

This consecration seeks to engage all people, encompassing those at various stages of spirituality and theological knowledge. "Each day there is only a few pages reading, which allows for deeper reflection as you ponder the teachings of the saints, leading you to formally acknowledging and accepting Mary as your spiritual Mother. While it is true that she already is our spiritual Mother, in her gentleness, she does not force her spiritual maternity on us. We have to give her our 'yes,' and she knows what the power of a 'yes' can do. When we say 'yes' to her as our Mother, it unleashes the full power of her motherly care, mediation and tenderness in our lives."

He continued, "According to St.

Louis, total consecration to Mary is the quickest, easiest, surest way to holiness. While some might argue that there is no easy way to holiness, mothers have a way of making even the challenges of carrying the cross into something sweet. For example, when you have to take a bitter pill, your mother puts honey on it to make it taste better or when you scrape your knee, mothers kiss it to make it feel better."

Father Gaitley describes his book as an updated version because "it takes the consecration and puts it squarely in the teaching of the mind of the Church." In addition to incorporating the theology of St. Louis de Montfort, Father Gaitley dedicates weeklong meditations to the Marian thoughts of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and St. John Paul, followed by a summation and recapitulation of the month-long reflections. These additions include a more Scripturally based awareness of Mary as an instrument of God's grace, who seeks to transfix the focus on Christ in order to come to a greater understanding of His thirst from the cross and on accepting His mercy.



He advocated completing the Marian consecration because it offers a profound understanding of how to address the desires of Christ and lovingly console His heart, which suffered so greatly through His passion and death. "One of the

best ways to console Jesus is to give yourself to Mary," Father Gaitley said. "As He was dying on the cross, Jesus in His greatest agony gives us the first and best example of Marian consecration when He looks down and entrusts Mary and the beloved disciple to one another. He challenges all Christians to take up their own crosses after Him, and He wants for us no less consolation than He had in His moments of darkness, which is to have His mother as our spiritual mother and to formally accept this invitation and take her into our home."

Father Gaitley explains, "the consecration preparation begins 33 days before a major Marian feast day. It is such an important gift that

you want to prepare properly, so when you offer the momentous gift of yourself to Jesus through Mary, it will be a day that you remember and celebrate with a special solemnity."

While it is possible to complete the consecration on one's own, ideally the best way to do it is as part of the Hearts Afire program, according to Father Gaitley, which includes a DVD set, retreat companion guide and group discussion manual. "Where two or more are gathered in my name," Jesus says, "there I am in their midst." To walk this path with Jesus, actually present through the Body of Christ, or with other members of the Body of Christ in a small group at a parish setting, would be most fruitful."

Father Gaitley concluded by synthesizing the overarching purpose to making a Marian consecration and placing it within the concept of missionary discipleship. "Mary brings us to a personal relationship with Jesus, Jesus then brings us to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and the Trinity in turn brings us closer to others. Transforming community with Christ is our goal, because when we enter into deeper intimacy with Christ we take on His heart and His thirst for souls."

For more information on "33 Days to Morning Glory," visit www.diocesefwsb.org/special-ministries.



CHRIS LUSHIS

Marianist Father Michael Gaitley offers a blessing upon Holy Cross student Rachel Staley on a recent visit to Notre Dame. Staley is a parishioner at St. Pius X, Granger, and has completed the Marian consecration. Bishop Rhoades is encouraging all members of the diocese to complete Marian consecrations using the method of "33 Days to Morning Glory."

Franciscans make history as they establish new province in US

ELLCOTT CITY, Md. — The Provincial Chapter of the Franciscan Friars Conventual of the eastern United States convened in Buffalo, N.Y., May 5-9. Held every four years, the Provincial Chapter of 2014 made history as it united the former Provinces of Immaculate Conception (founded in 1872) and St. Anthony of Padua (founded in 1906) into the new Our Lady of the Angels Province.

Formally established on May 5, the territory of the new Our Lady of the Angels Province stretches from Ontario, Canada, to the eastern United States,

from New England to Florida. The Province also includes Costa Rica and custodies in Brazil, Great Britain and Ireland. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the friars serve at St. Francis of Assisi Novitiate in Mishawaka.

Conventual Franciscan Father James McCurry, the first minister provincial of the new Our Lady of the Angels Province, was installed on May 7. The following friars were elected to serve in the new provincial administration: Father Brad Milunski, vicar provincial, Father Richard-Jacob Forcier, secretary, Father Mitchell



Over 170 Franciscan Friars Conventual assembled in Buffalo, N.Y., May 5-9, to form the new Our Lady of the Angels Province.

Sawicki, treasurer, Father Anthony Kall, definator, Father Jude Surowiec, definator, Brother James Moore, definator, Father Donald Grzynski, definator, and Father Michael Heine, definator.

Former minister provincial of the Immaculate Conception Province, Father Justin Biase, and former dean of St. Mary's Seminary School of Theology, Father Timothy Kulbicki, were elected delegates to the general chapter of the order.

Numbering over 200 friars, the Our Lady of the Angels Province will assemble again in the second session of Chapter 2014, Aug. 4-8.



Conventual Franciscan Father James McCurry was installed as the first Minister Provincial of the new Our Lady of the Angels Province on May 7.

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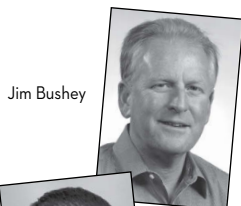
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Current threats to religious liberty

A fact sheet

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — Pope Benedict XVI spoke in 2012 about his worry that religious liberty in the United States is being weakened. He called religious liberty the “most cherished of American freedoms.” Unfortunately, our most cherished freedom is under threat:

HHS mandate for sterilization, contraception and abortion-inducing drugs

The mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services forces religious institutions to facilitate and/or fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching. Further, the federal government tries to define which religious institutions are “religious enough” to merit protection of their religious liberty.

Catholic foster care and adoption services

Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia and the State of Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities out of the business of providing adoption or foster care services — by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both — because those charities refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.

State immigration laws

Several states have passed laws that forbid what they deem as “harboring” of undocumented immigrants — and what the Church deems Christian charity and pastoral care to these immigrants.

Discrimination against small church congregations

New York City adopted a policy that barred the Bronx Household of Faith and other churches from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for many other uses. Litigation in this case continues.

Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services

After years of excellent performance by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.

Christian students on campus

In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law has denied student organization status to only one group, the Christian Legal Society, because it required its leaders to be Christian and to abstain from sexual activity outside of marriage.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat? Yes. Pope Benedict XVI recognized just two years ago that various attempts to limit the freedom of religion in the U.S. are particularly concerning. The threat to religious freedom is larger than any single case or issue and has its roots in secularism in our culture. The Holy Father has asked for the laity to have courage to counter secularism that would “delegitimize the Church's participation in public debate about the issues which are determining the future of American society.”

What can you do to ensure the protection of religious freedom at home and abroad?

The U.S. Bishops have called for a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4. Visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information on this important time of prayer, education and action in support of religious freedom.

Boko Haram ramps up Nigeria violence

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — In 2013, the U.S. State Department designated Boko Haram and its more radical splinter group, Ansaru, as Foreign Terrorist Organizations. Both extremist movements claim ties to Islam that are repudiated by mainstream Muslim organizations. Boko Haram, whose name translates into “Western education is sinful,” aims to establish an Islamic state in Nigeria. To do so, they have stepped up their attacks against Nigerian government offices, media, educational and religious institutions, both Muslim and Christian. Ansaru seems to target Christian churches. The Nigerian government appears unable to control the violence and is slow to address the underlying issues feeding it.

2013 was a particularly bloody year. Boko Haram militants murdered scores of students and teachers, including some sleeping in their dormitory. Armed with powerful weapons, riding in trucks, and sometimes wearing military garb, some 500 militants overran a military base in December. In February 2014, Boko Haram militants killed over 120 people in a predominantly Christian village in northeastern Nigeria.

Possible ties to al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) mean that violence is likely to escalate and could spread to neighboring countries. In the past, a number of Christian churches have been targeted, including bombings of a Catholic church on Christmas Day and a Protestant church at Easter, killing many parishioners and wounding dozens. Boko Haram has also targeted Nigerian Muslims who they accuse of being too secular or moderate. Religious institutions are not their only targets. In 2012, the movement attacked a building housing Nigeria's major daily newspaper and two other newspapers, ostensibly because of what they viewed as inaccuracy in media reporting. With gunshots and blasts directed at schools, students are afraid to continue their education. Police and military have also been targeted. It is estimated that Boko Haram is responsible for the deaths of over 1,200 people since 2009.

Nigeria is the most populous nation in Africa and the seventh most populous in the world. Its over 170 million people are roughly evenly divided between Christians and Muslims. Emerging from a colonial past in 1960, ethnic and religious allegiances remain strong, and have been exploited to provoke violence and conflict. Nigeria is the 12th largest producer of oil in the world, but disputes, sometimes violent, over who controls and benefits from the sale of oil has increased tensions. Although Nigeria has a per capita income of more than \$2,700, 70 percent of the population lives below the poverty line. In fact, oil wealth has fueled rampant corruption. Inequality and corruption are exploited by extremists in gaining sympathizers and recruits. The government struggles to take action, but is often seen as unresponsive. The targeted attacks by Boko Haram aim to fuel sectarian sentiments and provoke religious conflict.

The Catholic Church is a major public presence in Nigeria and has worked to calm religious tensions. The president of the Nigerian Bishops' Conference decried the violence, saying the “authorities have so far failed to fulfill their task of ensuring peace and security to Nigerians in every area of the country.” He called for policymakers and the military to “go to the root of the phenomenon.” Christian and Muslim religious leaders have a strong history of working together for mutual respect and tolerance. The Church in Nigeria is working with the Muslim community to strengthen governance, reduce corruption and marginalize extremists.

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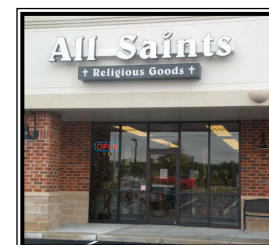
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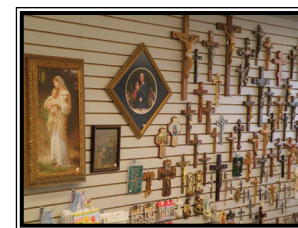
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Diocese's first married deacon retires

Deacon Ervin Kuspa honored at Mass of thanksgiving

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — Deacon Ervin Kuspa was honored at a Mass of thanksgiving at Our Lady of Hungary Parish for 43 years of service on May 18.

Deacon Kuspa's retirement celebration was honored by many in attendance including celebrant Archbishop Michael Blume, apostolic nuncio of the Holy See for Uganda, who is also an alum of Our Lady of Hungary School.

Kuspa was the first married deacon of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. In an *Our Sunday Visitor* newspaper article dated May 23, 1971, Bishop Leo A. Pursley commented on the importance of deacons in the Church.

"It is clear that the early Christian community recognized the need of helpers, of qualified men, to assist the apostles in their mission. They helped bring the good news of salvation to the world and helped establish communities of the faithful and ministered to their needs as the number of disciples increased. They were called 'deacon' — a word from the Greek 'diakonia,' meaning one who serves," said Bishop Pursley.

Following his ordination, Deacon Kuspa was assigned in South Bend to St. Adalbert Parish followed by St. Anthony de Padua, with the remaining years serving at Our Lady of Hungary.

Deacon Kuspa recalls that being the first married deacon included its share of challenges and rewards.

"Following the path of the Apostle St. Paul, my diaconate had a rough start, primarily because the clergy did not accept the program. Several of our local priests advised me to drop out of it," says Deacon Kuspa.

But his perseverance to stay bore fruit. "Now I feel that my calling to become a deacon inspired other men to do likewise. It gave cour-



Deacon Ervin Kuspa, left, stands with Archbishop Michael Blume, and Our Lady of Hungary Parish pastor, Father Kevin Bauman, at a Mass of thanksgiving on May 18 for Deacon Kuspa's service as deacon to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

age to other men to look into the program. The backing of family and friends was very important for me to stay in the program," Deacon Kuspa relates.

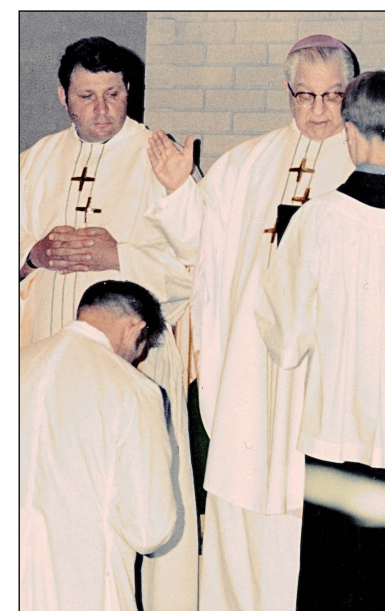
During his homily at his Mass of thanksgiving, Deacon Kuspa referenced the day's Gospel reading when quoting, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Deacon Kuspa acknowledged that while the passage is often associated with consolation and comfort, it takes on a broader meaning. "God will always be there," Deacon Kuspa emphasized.

With God's eternal presence, Deacon Kuspa noted that Jesus "Himself saw faith in the Father and it was the most energizing, fortifying, challenging thought that He could lay hold of the human mind."

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who was unable to attend the Mass for Deacon Kuspa, sent a letter that



Deacon Ervin Kuspa delivers a homily at Our Lady of Hungary Parish during a Mass of thanksgiving for his service as deacon to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.



OUR SUNDAY VISITOR ARCHIVES

Bishop Leo A. Pursley ordains Ervin Kuspa, the first married deacon in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, in 1971.

was read by Our Lady of Hungary Parish pastor, Father Kevin Bauman. In his letter of gratitude for Deacon Kuspa's service, Bishop Rhoades spoke of the many lives touched by Deacon Kuspa.

"Thank you for the mercy and compassion of Jesus the Good Shepherd. As you begin your retirement I pray the Lord will bless you, your wife Verna and your family with His abundant grace. May our Blessed Mother watch over you always with her maternal love and care," Bishop Rhoades' letter concluded.

At the end of Mass, Father Bauman thanked Archbishop Blume and the five area deacons that participated in the day's festivities. And he gave special appreciation for Deacon Kuspa's service and prayer for the congregation and all parish ministries during the deacon's tenure.

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their struggles, realizations and progress," Kohrman said.

Cathy McLeish described this first hour as "an opportunity to grow and learn by the sharing of struggles and victories of the other members of the group who are just beginning to use The Third Option tools. It is a time to talk or just listen, but most importantly to understand that we are not unique or alone. Every couple struggles with issues big and small, just like we do. The realization that others are with us and support us nurtures an atmosphere of hope."

The Catholic faith is incorporated into the meetings. McLeish said, "Invariably when we, as a trained couple, share our witness,

we never come out on the other side of our struggles without incorporating some aspect of our faith. With us, it has always come down to letting God help us in areas where our own efforts have gotten us nowhere. He has a great vision for married life as portrayed in the union of His Son and (His bride) the Church."

"Inevitably when we are sharing our experience of small successes," McLeish added, "we are directing people back to embracing the principles of their faith, which are foundational for finding the true happiness and purpose marriage was designed to bring about. In addition, the information given to and reviewed by the presenters has a section called 'The Catholic Perspective.' They are able to use in their presentation of the topics, that incorporates Scripture, the catechism and the teachings of the magisterium."

McLeish told *Today's Catholic*,

"Scott and I are just an ordinary 'learn by our mistakes' couple that has continued to get back up again when everyday married life knocks us off of our feet. We have worked through blended family issues, serious financial crisis, extended family issues, addiction and recovery, raising teenagers and more. In our marriage, we have had standoffs dealing with control, parenting issues, boundaries, sex, the Internet, anger, you name it."

McLeish said. "The Third Option continually provides us with insight and tools that allow the issues to become the enemy rather than each other. Life is difficult; and society with all its pressures does not often help us with that. Learning to listen better, show respect, accept responsibility and appreciate each other's differences are just a few of the tools that have helped us to work as a team when problems arise."

"Focusing on self-change, a

foundational principle of The Third Option has us moving to the solution of problems rather than blaming each other or shoving things under the rug," McLeish added. "The success we have found in implementing new ideas has relieved stress in our home, drawn us closer together as husband and wife and increased our faith in God's perfect plan for the sacrament of Marriage."

The meetings are open to any married person who believes that God's grace is essential for building-up and healing his or her marriage. Attendees can come with a spouse or alone, can start anytime in the cycle and attend as many sessions as their schedule allows.

For more information contact Natalie Kohrman at 260-388-OPT3 or thirdoptionFW@gmail.com The website is www.thirdoptionFW.org. Childcare is available.

The topics explored:

- May 5 — Building a climate of respect
- May 19 — Ending the blame game
- June 2 — Understanding expectations
- June 16 — Redefining the power struggle
- June 30 — Coping with control issues
- July 14 — Listening beyond the words
- July 28 — Appreciating personality differences
- Aug. 11 — Recognizing childhood/emotional baggage
- Aug. 25 — Handling anger constructively
- Sept. 8 — Speaking the truth in love
- Sept. 22 — Learning to fight fair
- Oct. 6 — Breaking the hurt cycle
- Oct. 20 — Practicing forgiveness and repair
- Nov. 3 — Rebuilding trust

Office of Worship to offer 'Mornings of Reflection'

The diocesan Office of Worship will be hosting "Mornings of Reflection" at the following times and locations:

- Fort Wayne area: Saturday, June 14, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne.

- South Bend area: Saturday, June 28, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Queen of Peace Church, 4508 Vistula Rd., Mishawaka.

Led by diocesan seminarians, these events can serve as an annual retreat for diocesan extraordinary ministers and lectors, although anybody is welcome to attend. However, pre-registration is necessary. The registration form can be downloaded at the diocesan website — <http://www.diocese-fwsb.org/Trainings-And-Retreats>.

Open house and blessing of new Saint Joseph Health Center slated

PLYMOUTH — Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRMC) invites the community to visit the new Saint Joseph Health Center (SJHC) and Health Insurance Services, Inc. location from 2-4 p.m. on Friday, May 23.

A short ceremony to bless the new building will precede guided tours and an open house. SJHC staff will be available to answer questions about services at the new facility. Light refreshments will be served.

SJHC moved to the Marshall County Resource Center to provide more space for its patients and optimize service. Its new location, 510 W. Adams St., lies in the heart of Marshall County in order to better serve the population that benefits most from the clinic's outreach services. Health Insurance Services, Inc. provides the community a team of talented, multi-cultural professionals so individuals and families can learn more about their health insurance options, as well as enroll for coverage in the health insurance marketplace.

"We remain committed to this community and will continue to invest in services that will create a superior patient care experience," said Loretta Schmidt, president of SJRMC in Plymouth. "The new location of the Saint Joseph Health Center and Health Insurance Services, Inc. will provide this community a place where anyone can have access to state-of-the-art care for decades to come. We look forward to celebrating this new location with our community."

The new location is readily accessible by local transportation services, still within walking distance for many patients and offers handicap parking and wheelchair ramps.

The Marshall County Community Resource Center is shared with numerous human service agencies including, WIC, Real Services and the Center Township Trustee.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CARDINAL TOPPO VISITS ST. PATRICK, ARCOLA



PROVIDED BY ROBERTA DAVIS

Cardinal Telesphore Toppo, from the Archdiocese of Ranchi, India, visited Arcola in 2008 and 2010 when Father Cyril Fernandes was pastor of St. Patrick Parish. Cardinal Toppo surprised staff and parishioners with a visit while he was in the United States for meetings on May 12. Msgr. Thadeus Balinda, pastor of St. Patrick Parish, and the parishioners welcomed Cardinal Toppo to celebrate Mass in their church and bless the new crucifix in the sanctuary. Above, Holli, Lydia and Levi Strack visit with Cardinal Telesphore Toppo during the reception following the Mass on May 12. When the cardinal visited in 2010 Holli asked him for a blessing, because she had not been able to conceive. Cardinal Toppo blessed her and said she would have children. Lydia and Levi are her two blessings.

St. Pius X Church breaks ground on new rectory

GRANGER — The St. Pius X Catholic Church community broke ground for a new rectory on Sunday, May 18. It will be the first visible outcome of a \$20 million Behold, I Make All Things New campaign to expand and renovate facilities and build a new church. The current priests' residence sits where the new church and additional parking will be built on Fir Road, south of State Road 23. The rectory groundbreaking took place on recently purchased property near the athletic fields on Santa Monica Drive across the street from the Parish Education Center.

"The groundbreaking for the new rectory is the first step in our major facilities project planned for the renovation and expansion of St. Pius X," said Msgr. William C. Schooler, pastor.

"This first step sets the stage for many to follow — including the major, celebratory groundbreaking for our new church home, which we anticipate will take place about a year from now," he said.

Architect Patrick Hess and contractor Dave Salela, both parishioners, along with other parishioners whose professions are related to home construction, are donating

their gifts of time and service to build the new rectory. The current rectory will then be demolished to make room for the new church and additional parking.

The present church was built in 1992 to accommodate 1,400 families. St. Pius X now serves more than 3,150 families. The new church will comfortably seat over 1,300 people, nearly doubling the size of the current church. This will allow more parishioners to attend Mass together each weekend. The current church will be renovated to include a baptistery, library and meeting rooms, and parts of the Parish Education Center will be expanded.

St. Pius X Church announced the Behold, I Make All Things New campaign in February. The expansion plans came at the recommendation of St. Pius' Facilities Study Committee, Parish Council and Finance Council, and approval from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and the Diocesan Finance Committee. Since the start of the campaign, more than \$10 million in pledges and donations have been made by parishioners and friends of the parish.

Those interested in learning more about the Behold I Make All Things New capital campaign may contact the parish campaign office at 574-272-8462, ext. 115 or behold@stpius.net or go to StPiusCampaign.com.

GRADUATES OF MASTER OF DIVINITY CELEBRATE WITH MASS



PROVIDED BY MSGR. MICHAEL HEINTZ

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, right, celebrated Mass at the Lewis Hall Chapel for the graduates of the Master of Divinity Program at the University of Notre Dame on April 30. These include both seminarians of the Congregation of Holy Cross and lay men and women who have been formed for ecclesial ministry.

Saint Joseph High School named Volunteer Group of the Year

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School was named the Volunteer Group of the Year at the Age of Excellence Luncheon sponsored by REAL Services, an agency that serves older adults, disabled individuals and low-income people in Northern Indiana.

Saint Joseph High School was chosen for dedication and commitment to volunteerism in service to the elderly. "I think winning this award really shows how special Saint Joseph High School is," said Tim Greci, a sophomore. "The Saint Joseph High School family really follows Christ's example by leading a life of service to others."

Junior Kristen Pascual "was very surprised to see so many people doing service here in South Bend. I didn't know about so many groups being involved in our own community. Some of the awards given were to really amazing people."

Saint Joseph was nominated for the Work For Saint Joe project. Students, staff and parents spend a day in November raking and cleaning up the yards of those who cannot do it for themselves.

"I have participated in Work For Saint Joe and I can honestly say it was one of the greatest highlights of my school experience so far," said Greci. "That day is truly something special. It is a very humbling experience for me. It's such an incredible thing to see the Saint Joseph family come together and do something special for those in the community."

Television star Vicki Lawrence was the guest speaker at the luncheon.

Derek Gloude mans named Bishop Dwenger valedictorian

FORT WAYNE — Derek Gloude mans will lead the Class of 2014 at Bishop Dwenger High School as valedictorian this spring. This parishioner of St. Vincent de Paul



DEREK
GLOUDE MANS

Parish in Fort Wayne values the firm foundation his education at Dwenger has laid in his faith formation and value system.

As his contemporaries there encouraged him to live his faith in service to others, he says, "By going to school with other Catholics whom I consider good people, I have been challenged to match their faith in my own life. ... I hope that through my actions I have set a decent example of what it means to be Catholic for others."

Gloude mans believes that his strong Catholic education at Bishop Dwenger has given him a firm basis in faith by which to make life decisions.

"A Catholic education helps give students a firm basis in faith and morals that they can use to help make decisions later in life. Ultimately students must make their own decisions about how to follow the faith but a Catholic education at least helps to get them headed in the right direction by learning about the faith and how to

live it out," he says.

In addition to his academics Gloude mans also finds time to participate in running cross-country and track for the school, writing for the school newspaper and competing in the Science Olympiad and the Math Academic Team. He also has been a four-year member and current president of the Key Club.

The busy Gloude mans also holds a part-time job at Electrical Motor Products where he works on weekends during the academic year and increased hours during summers.

In his free time this academic scholar and athlete enjoys running, playing guitar and piano, baking, playing soccer and reading. And he says, "Of course I like to hang out with my friends as well."

Gloude mans holds fond memories of his years at Dwenger, including advancing to state twice with the cross-country team, and hanging out at Pizza Forum with the team, attending Mass after the Guerin All Catholic Cross-Country Championships, dressing up as the Olympic rings for junior year homecoming and signing the Declaration of Independence with his friends in U.S. history class.

Gloude mans plans to attend Vanderbilt University in the fall to study engineering. He is considering architecture or development of biodegradable plastics as his career path.

Bishop Dwenger salutatorian is Matthew Krach

FORT WAYNE — Matthew Krach has earned his spot as Bishop Dwenger salutatorian for the class of 2014 with grand finesse. The Fort Wayne native attends St. Elizabeth



MATTHEW
KRACH

Ann Seton Parish and believes his Catholic education is priceless. "It enables students to grow deeper in their faith and learn Catholic values, morals and teachings, which can be applied over a lifetime," he says.

He is grateful to have had the opportunity to talk openly about his faith with his peers both in school and at extracurricular events. He also values the service opportunities that were available to him during high school. "Bishop Dwenger has provided me with so many extra opportunities to perform service outside of school and to become involved in my faith, by helping with Mass and retreats," he says.

Beyond his academic scholarship, Krach has been involved in Boy Scouts and youth group, both through St. Elizabeth Parish, where he is also a server and religious education teacher. He is a member of the cross-country and dive teams, and he pole-vaulted for the track team for four years.

Other extracurricular memberships Krach enjoys include with the Spanish Club, Math and Science

Academic Super Bowl teams, Science Olympiad, ACTS (A Chance to Serve) Ministry, and the Bishop Dwenger pro-life club.

Krach holds a gymnastics instructor position at Summit Academy of Gymnastics as well as acting as a soccer referee. He says, "These jobs are both very flexible; I am able to choose games that I want to referee and that fit in my schedule, and I work on Mondays and Wednesdays right after track practice, at Summit."

The academic scholar and outdoorsman relishes canoeing, hiking, water skiing, swimming, wakeboarding and sledding during his free time. He also enjoys traveling to national parks and viewing the wildlife. Other interests include a number of scientific fields, most especially chemistry and marine biology.

Of his time at Bishop Dwenger, Krach says, "My school career has been filled with a number of amazing memories, but some of the most cherished have included time spent with my older siblings, winning track meets with my team, participating as a Russian dancer/chorus member in 'Fiddler on the Roof,' traversing the tunnels under the school and friendships made on mission trips and retreats."

Krach will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall and study biology with the hope of becoming a medical doctor.

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Nathan Grabner named valedictorian at Bishop Luers

FORT WAYNE — Nathan Grabner has been named valedictorian at Bishop Luers for the class of 2014 and finds his Catholic education as



NATHAN
GRABNER

more than just religion classes and school Mass. "It is knowing that I am surrounded by people who exhibit Christ's teachings and whom I can depend on," he says.

With the exemplary academic education he has received at Bishop Luers Grabner, who attends St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne, feels his faith has been developed and formed through service. "Through high school, I have been able to better develop my morals through religious classes and then act on those morals through volunteer

organizations like the school-sponsored Key Club as well as Big Brothers, Big Sisters and tutoring at Bloomingdale elementary," he says, adding, "Luers has allowed me the opportunity to not just improve myself, but follow Christ's teachings and help those around me."

This well-rounded valedictorian, who played football through his junior year, has been co-president of Student Council, president of Key Club, president of FBLA, captain of the Science Academic Superbowl Team, captain of the lacrosse team and treasurer of National Honor Society. Grabner has also been involved in Eagle Scouts, Model UN, Ukulele Society, World Culture Club, Student Ambassadors, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, tennis, swim and drama, and he works at Textbook Painting.

And even with all of that, his passion lies, he admits, in

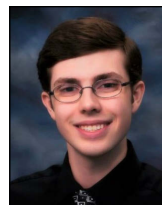
old cars. "I drive a 1966 Ford Thunderbird and take it to car shows whenever possible. Many of my weekends are spent cleaning it or trying to fix one of the many problems that it has," he says.

Grabner will cherish his years at Bishop Luers and says there are "too many treasured memories to count." But among his favorites he will hold dear playing football in Lucas Oil Stadium, and running down the halls of a Purdue building changing as he rushed from taking the SAT in Lafayette to making it on time for the Academic Superbowl State Competition.

Grabner plans to attend Purdue University in the fall to study mechanical engineering in the Honors College. Of his career path he says, "I hope to then earn an MBA and work in business with an automotive company."

Adam Baker named Bishop Luers' salutatorian

FORT WAYNE — Adam Baker as been named Bishop Luers High School's salutatorian for the class of 2014. This parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and Columbia City resident feels his Catholic education at Bishop Luers has deepened his faith and strengthened his character.



ADAM BAKER

"My Catholic education allowed me to gain a deeper understanding of my faith, which is oftentimes difficult to achieve elsewhere. The insightful lessons from my everyday religion classes really helped strengthen my moral character and answer my ques-

tions about life in general," he says.

In the many ways he put his faith into action he feels his main efforts benefited his Scout troop. "The single biggest place I put my faith into action was my Catholic Scout troop. We participated in many enjoyable service projects and camporees, and it was always great to have the enthusiastic support of Bishop Rhoades himself," he says.

In addition to his academic life Baker notes some favorite high school activities. "My favorite high school activities included Boy Scouts of America, Lego Robotics and journalism," he says, adding, "I was also a member of Key Club and Students Against Destructive Decisions." He is also active in his parish as an usher and with children's religious education.

Baker feels that one of the most significant of his accomplishments was earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

This academic scholar humbly notes that, "Most of my friends know me as a talented artist." And he enjoys camping and hiking in his free time.

This salutatorian values his four years at Bishop Luers High school and says, "I met some pretty unforgettable people at Luers, and whether it was getting my driver's license, going to basketball games, turning 18 or becoming salutatorian, the significant experiences will always stay with me."

Baker plans to attend Purdue University in West Lafayette in the fall to study computer science with a possible career in software engineering.

Claire Jilek earns spot as salutatorian for Saint Joseph's class of 2014

SOUTH BEND — Claire Jilek has been named salutatorian for the class of 2014 for Saint Joseph High School. She is a parishioner of St. Mary Parish in Niles, Mich., where she resides.



CLAIRE JILEK

Throughout her four-year academic experience at Saint Joseph High School, Jilek has learned that serving is the key to life. "I think that through our school's dedication to faith, prayer and

service to others, Catholic education has taught me that life is not solely about what you get but what you can give," she says, adding, "My high school experience has allowed me to put my faith into action because we focus on selfless service, retreats and the community."

In addition to her focus on exemplary academics, Jilek has participated in cross-country, tennis, the winter musical, Right to Life Club, SOUL Team, altar serving and volunteer work at Lakeland Community Hospital in Niles, Mich. She also holds a weekly position cleaning an

office, finding it "a minimal but satisfying commitment to incorporate into my schedule."

This academic scholar enjoys reading, spending time with family and friends and playing piano.

Of the many cherished memories Jilek holds of her high school years two that stand out include sing-along cross-country bus rides and the March for Life trips to Washington, D.C.

Jilek will attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where she hopes to study either mathematics or business.

THE GRADS!

BY KAY COZAD

Anna Boll co-valedictorian for Saint Joseph High School class of 2014

SOUTH BEND — Anna Boll has been named one of three valedictorians for Saint Joseph High School's class of 2014. Grateful for the atmosphere of love nurtured at Saint Joseph, Boll says, "Teachers and faculty are very aware of the call to love and they, in turn, pass this on to the student body."

Residing in Granger with membership at St. Pius X Parish, Boll has felt encouraged by her teachers to put her faith into action. "Through an emphasis on service work and unique opportunities like traveling to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life, my high school experience has been one in which my faith was encouraged and helped by the guidance of teachers and peers passionate about bringing God to every day life," she says.

A member of several clubs at Saint Joseph High School Boll was instrumental in establishing the St. Vincent de Paul Club at school with the help of her anatomy teacher, Mrs. Gergely. She also tutors at St. Vincent de Paul.

This academic scholar uses her time wisely, working out and studying before school. A self-proclaimed notecard addict, Boll says, "I use them to study when I have a minute while out and about."

Outside of academia Boll's interest lies in children and health and nutrition.

Of her high school years the valedictorian says, "I have found a great group of friends and have had some incredible teachers."

Boll plans to major in psychology and minor in nutrition at New York University in the fall in hopes of eventually working in research and the treatment of eating disorders.



ANNA BOLL

Chelsea Suppinger named co-valedictorian of Saint Joseph High School

SOUTH BEND — As one of three valedictorians named for the class of 2014 at Saint Joseph High School, Chelsea Suppinger values the academic environment as well as the supportive community of the South Bend high school. "Saint Joseph is not just a learning environment, but a community that supports one another, especially during difficult times," she says.

Suppinger attends St. John Kanty Parish in Rolling Prairie and resides in New Carlisle. After attending public grade and middle schools, she has found new meaning to service through her experience at Saint Joseph. "Attending Saint Joseph helped me realize the various injustices and inequities that exist not only worldwide, but also locally. I found great satisfaction serving for various organizations, such as El Campito, the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, Goodwill and our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive," she says.

Putting her leadership skills to good use, Suppinger has participated in positions with One Book, One School Discussion Leader, Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program representative and student representative on Counseling Gold Star Committee. She also has served as a Student Ambassador since her sophomore year and was secretary during senior year. She is a member of National Honor Society, serving as a tutoring coordinator and tutor, and she participated in h.o.p.e. (Helping Other People Endure) and their Thanksgiving Food Drive for three years.

Suppinger served as a retreat team leader engaging underclassmen in retreat activities and she played volleyball all four years as the starting libero and was all-conference and first team her senior year.

In addition to her extracurriculars, this scholar works at the Dunes Volleyball Center where she plays club volleyball, assisting at summer camps and on weekends. She also has tutored students with time management, organizational skills and providing specific help in several subjects.

This busy valedictorian enjoys reading for pleasure, water skiing, vacationing and hanging out at her grandparent's lake cottage with her cousins when she finds the time.

Memories of her high school years that will be held dear include going to the final four in volleyball her sophomore year, as well as going down to state to watch football her freshman and sophomore year, the mid-winter dances with her friends and, "obviously, graduating!" she says.

Suppinger plans to attend the University of Mississippi to major in pharmacy.



CHELSEA SUPPINGER

Greg Monnin co-valedictorian for Saint Joseph's class of 2014

SOUTH BEND — Greg Monnin has been named co-valedictorian for the class of 2014 at Saint Joseph High School. This St. Matthew Cathedral parishioner resides in South Bend and values the moral foundation Catholic education has afforded him. "I believe that Catholic education helps to bring morals to subjects that have recently seemed to lose morals. I think this is really important for today's society to have a good moral base before diving deep into the real world," he says.

Included in the exemplary education at Saint Joseph, Monnin feels the service opportunities there have been rewarding and informative. "Through doing service hours, I have definitely lived out my faith. I have volunteered at Healthwin and found it to be very eye opening. Caring for people who cannot care for themselves is incredibly rewarding as well," he says.

In addition to his stellar academic performance, Monnin has participated in running cross-country for four years and track for three. He was also part of SOUL Team, h.o.p.e., the National Honor Society and the French National Honor Society. At St. Matthew Parish, Monnin participated in many church-sanctioned events, including the annual fish fry and feeding the local neighborhood people on Thanksgiving.

In his free time Monnin's hobbies are varied. "My hobbies include watching Netflix or reading BuzzFeed, one of my favorite news websites. I also enjoy spending time with my friends, doing random spur-of-the-moment things like walking around Wal-Mart with close to no purpose," he says, adding, "Another of my hobbies is music. I love listening to music, especially terrible songs and electronic music."

As varied as his hobbies are, so are his treasured memories of his high school career. He says, "One of my treasured memories is when we, as a school, moved to the new building last year and were given laptops to use for school purposes. These laptops opened a whole new way of working at school and at home."

Monnin also enjoyed going to all the school-sanctioned dances throughout his four years of high school. He notes, "Although the music wasn't always the best, it was always nice to have a great night with all my friends at Saint Joe."

Monnin plans to attend IUPUI in Indianapolis where he will study pre-biology with the hope to advance to medical school and study pathology.



GREG MONNIN

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Justin Skycak leads Marian class of 2014 as valedictorian

MISHAWAKA — Justin Skycak will lead Marian High School's class of 2014 as valedictorian this year. He values peace and justice and the opportunity



JUSTIN SKYCAK

Marian High School has given him to develop his ability to "think about the moral and ethical consequences of choices."

He is grateful for the sense of wonder his education there nurtured. "... Religion opens one up to questions that our feeble minds cannot ever hope to handle, and it teaches one to appreciate the

mystery of what one does not know," he says.

In addition to his academic and religious education Skycak was involved in hockey, track and tennis. And for the past two years he has been involved in Science Olympiad and physics research at Indiana University, South Bend, and the University of Notre Dame. Recently Skycak has become involved in a genetic engineering project with Penn High School's iGEM team as well.

Skycak, a member of St. Pius X Parish in Granger, works as a

part-time learning center instructor at Mathnasium, a mathematics tutoring center, and he's also begun independent mathematics research and says, "I have a few useful theorems I hope to publish during my years as an undergraduate."

Music has found its way in to this academic scholar's life as well. "After playing guitar for Marian's production of the play 'Godspell' and performing at the fine arts festival, I have become very interested in music as well — not only performing music, but also researching its connections to

neuroscience and mathematics," Skycak says.

And his music has taken center stage in his cherished memories of high school. "If you asked me this question a month ago, I would say traveling to Phoenix, Ariz., with Eddie Hunckler and Mr. Andrzejewski to present my research (on improving sound sensors in a dark matter detector) at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair was my fondest memory. However, after playing guitar in Marian's production of 'Godspell,' I must say that sharing music with others and getting to know all the theater kids at the 'Godspell' performances was my most treasured memory at Marian. I've always enjoyed playing guitar, but I never had an opportunity to play in any kind of venue. Playing for 'Godspell' has really motivated me to continue writing and learning songs and has inspired me to develop further as a musician. I never realized there was a whole group of people at Marian who share my passion for writing and performing music."

Skycak plans to attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall and will major in honors mathematics and neuroscience. His career path involves becoming an applied mathematician who specializes in computational neuroscience.

Sarah Bueter salutatorian for Marian Class of 2014

MISHAWAKA — Marian High School has named Sarah Bueter as salutatorian for the class of 2014. Bueter is grateful for her exemplary academic and spiritual education at Marian



SARAH BUETER

and says, "Attending Marian has allowed me to explore my faith deeper, search for truth harder and develop a more meaningful relationship with Our Lord."

Her teachers, she says, have been extraordinary models of Christian life. "Through the witness of Marian's teachers, I've come to a better understanding of Christian discipleship," she says.

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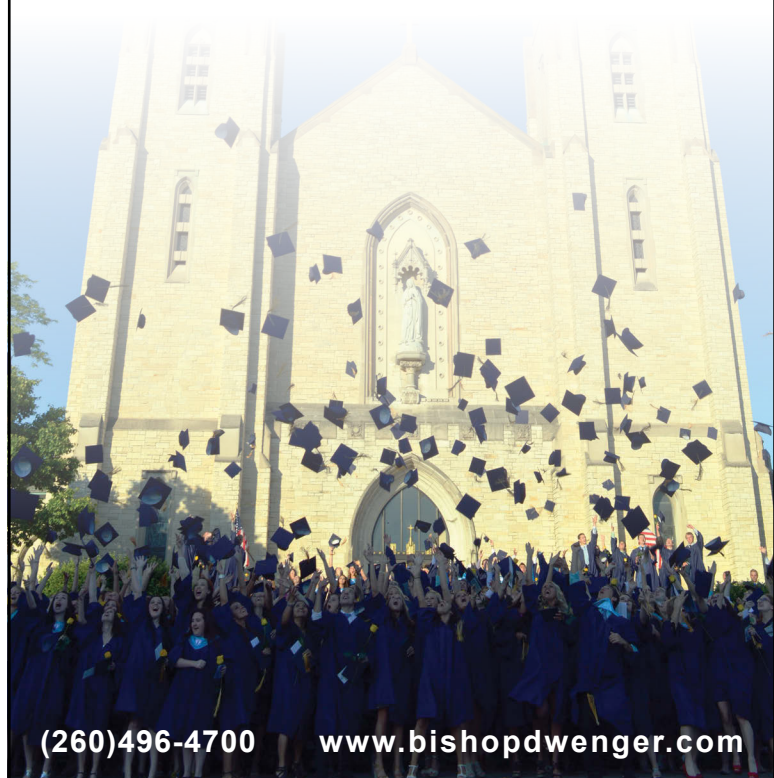
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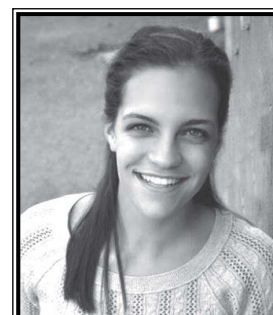
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ers Bueter found plentiful opportunities to live her faith at school. "Marian fosters an environment that promotes faith in action; every day is an opportunity to act on what we've learned. Every sport or club in which I participated always gave me opportunities to perform service," she says.

In addition to her rich academic career, Bueter has been involved in student council, campus ministry, National Honor Society and soccer.

"My favorite activity has been student council because we've been able to experiment with creative ideas for the school," she notes.

An active member of her home parish of St. Pius X, this Granger resident assists with parish activities such as retreats, soup suppers and track. "I've also been blessed to be with them on mission trips to West Virginia," she adds.

And she says, "Juggling school and church, I also work at Gigi's Cupcakes in Granger and at a biology lab at Notre Dame."

When this all around scholar does find free time, Bueter enjoys running and biking. She also enjoys being involved in the Michiana community or spending time with her cousins.

Of her academic career at Marian Bueter holds many warm memories and says, "One of my favorite memories of high school has been carpooling to and from Marian for four years. From being the passenger to becoming the driver, our car *always* has a good time."

Bueter will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall with a plan to study psychology, Spanish and peace studies.

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From here to there

It has long been known that many times well-meaning but unwitting supporters of those in mourning have offered some rather rough and unpalatable clichés in their attempt to console. We've all heard (and perhaps even offered at one time ourselves) heartfelt, albeit naïve, condolences such as "God must have needed him/her," or "Aren't you glad he/she is in heaven now?"

I well remember a time when those words rocked me to my core. Following the untimely death of my husband, Trent, my painfully bold response was, "I am glad he's in heaven, but I'd much rather him be here beside me where he belongs." (May I publicly apologize to anyone I offended in those very raw and confusing days.)

Of course, our greatest desire is to know our loved one is face to face with our Maker in heaven. However, losing the physical presence of someone we held dear can be a mind-numbing affair.

How do we cope?

Cognitively, we know that in loss our beloved is gone. But in our grief we must turn inward to our hearts and learn that nothing we have loved can ever be lost. We take those we have loved into our very being and carry them with us forever.

We move slowly in our grief from the physical relationship that we enjoyed with our loved one to one of a spiritual nature — from here to there.

I have learned that over time we learn to adjust our lives slowly around the gap the death of our loved one creates. We begin to fill the space with what is left yet to live and, of course, the memory of what we still hold dear — our loved one.

It was well over a year that my internal clock adjusted to the fact that Trent was not going to walk through our door at 6 p.m. and call out his cheerful daily greeting. I knew when I finally stopped looking toward the door at dinnertime that I was moving



KAY COZAD

HOPE IN THE MOURNING

toward healing.

Missing the physical presence of our loved one can sometimes be immobilizing with its aching loneliness. Moving through those early days without just one more chance to work, rest, play, dance, talk, laugh and cry with our loved one becomes a matter of simple survival.

But out of the ashes God creates gems. If we do the hard work of mourning — that is, listening to our hearts, minds and bodies when they speak and responding with gentle kindness and care — we can move from here to there, giving

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John Paul II's heroic soul

Rome's chief exorcist shared in a 2011 interview that invoking the intercession of St. John Paul has proven particularly effective during exorcisms. "I have asked the demon more than once, 'Why are you so scared of John Paul II?' and I have had two different responses. ... One, 'Because he disrupted my plans.' ... Another response that he gave me, 'Because he pulled so many young people from my hands.'"

Karol Wojtyla (who became John Paul II) had experienced the full darkness of the 20th century and of our frail human condition at a young age. The words of Isaiah the prophet about our Lord apply to him as well. He was "a man of suffering, acquainted with grief" (53:3).

His big sister died before he was born. Growing up, he loved his mom like any little boy does. He would later call her, "the soul of home." She died when he was eight. Karol loved and looked up to his older brother. Four years after his mother, his big brother died. People described him in sixth- and seventh-grade as being withdrawn and quiet (if you have a depressed pre-teen at home, he might become pope some day!).

His father became everything to him. He filled the role of dad, mom, mentor and friend. He not only helped guide Karol through the turbulent teenage years, but through the Nazi occupation of Poland when he was in high school, and soon after, the Soviet invasion. When he was 20, his father died. Later in life he reflected, "At 20 I had already lost all the people I loved, and even those I might have loved, like my older sister who, they said, died, six years before I was born."

But a sad reality of our human condition is that great souls are only chiseled out from the rest of us by great trials. I wish I could become the saint who was best known for sitting on a beach, surfing and sipping Coronas every day after morning Mass, but that saint won't ever exist. Not that we Catholics shun the enjoyment of life! To the contrary, Catholic cultures are historically the perfecters of good beer, wine, coffee and art. But those aren't the crucibles that forge heroic souls.

John Paul II didn't become a heroic soul despite his suffering, he became one precisely because



CHRISTOPHER STEFANICK

REAL LIFE CATHOLIC

of it. His response to personal pain wasn't to retreat from the world, but to embrace it with the love of Jesus Himself, whose Sacred Heart is simultaneously the icon of profound pain and perfect charity.

As bishop, Wojtyla's heart was wide open to his people. He wrote that, as bishop, "Everyone had direct access to me at all times. All were welcome to my home." His attention to the individual continued into his papacy. "I don't like the word 'crowd,' which seems too anonymous," he wrote, "I prefer the word, 'multitude.'" To him every person was important, and somehow my generation knew that. Perhaps that's why you could be in a crowd of a million strong at a World Youth Day, a half-mile away from that little white speck on the stage, and people around you were crying. They felt personally loved, and they were.

Throughout his ministry, his heart never recoiled in fear before the moral evils of the 20th century that risked (and still risk) bringing the human race to an end. He faced everything from communism, to the Cold War, to abortion, to rampant materialism — all aspects of what he referred to as "the culture of death" — with an almost supernatural grin that said, "I know who wins." His favorite phrase as pope was the one Jesus repeated more than any other in Scripture, "Be not afraid!"

Many things made Pope John Paul II truly great, but at the heart of it all is a man who maintained simple friendship, hope and love in the face of the deepest darkness. Few will be able to emulate him as a leader on the world stage, but that's the kind of everyday heroism we're all called to. It's that kind of heroism that makes demons tremble in the presence of ordinary Christians.

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THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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6th Sunday of Easter Jn 14:15-21

The Acts of the Apostles once again this Easter season furnishes the first reading. In the readings of the weekends earlier in this season, the identity of the Apostles has clearly been given.

The Apostles, absent Judas of course, had exercised the very power of Jesus in naming a new member of their group, Matthias, who succeeded the dead Judas. Peter healed the sick. In behalf of the Apostles, Peter spoke as Jesus had spoken.

It was not just simply that the Apostles had been with Jesus as specially selected students and followers, but they discharged the divine power that had belonged to Jesus, and they continued the mission of Jesus the Redeemer.

In this reading, announcement of this identity continues. While Acts already has clearly established that Peter was the head of the Apostles, the character of Apostleship belonged not just to him. It was also with the others.

Thus, in this reading, the central figures are Philip and John. They performed miracles, as Jesus had performed miracles.

However, they were not on their own. They were part of the community of believers in Jerusalem,

that had Peter as its head, and around Peter were the other Apostles.

This group of Apostles in Jerusalem sent Philip and John to Samaria. So the Apostles together had authority, and each within the group recognized this authority. They looked to the salvation of all people, even of Samaritans, who were so despised by the Jews. Finally, they bore within themselves the Holy Spirit, and they could give the Holy Spirit to others.

The second reading is from the First Epistle of Peter. This reading is a strong, joyful and enthusiastic proclamation of Jesus as Lord. It calls believers to hear the Lord and to follow the Lord. The Lord should be in their hearts and minds.

St. John's Gospel furnishes the last reading. Not a Resurrection Narrative, it nonetheless serves the Church's purpose as it teaches us this weekend. After celebrating the Resurrection for these weeks since Easter, the Church gently is summoning us to look at our lives.

This reading is our blueprint for life. Our task as disciples is to love others as Jesus loved all. It is clear. In God's love, given to us in the Lord, is our salvation.

Indeed, the very act of giving us a blueprint for living is a vitally important gift given in love to us by God.

Reflection

The next major liturgical event for us will be the celebration of the feast of the Ascension of Jesus. Soon after this feast, we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Within sight now is the close of the Easter season.

For these weeks the Church has informed us of the Resurrection of Jesus, gloriously occurring after the

dreadful events of Good Friday. It has shared with us its joy, copying the joy of the first Christians. It has told us again and again of the Risen Lord's appearances and admonitions.

Gently, gradually, but definitely the Church has begun the process of leading us to ask what the Resurrection truly means for each of us individually. It is an anniversary — or for each of us a personal experience?

The Church reassures us. Contact with Jesus was not lost with the Ascension, when Jesus returned to the Father. Contact remains, and it remains very clearly in the visible, institutional Church. The Church stands on the Apostles. It offers us the service of the modern successors of Peter and the other Apostles.

Through them we still hear the words of Christ. In the sacraments they give us, we still access the power of Christ's eternal life.

Finally, in the splendid reading from John's Gospel, the Church tells us how to live. We must love others.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4b-6 Lk 1:39-56



Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

first century
feast - May 31

This feast commemorates the three-month visit of Mary with her elderly cousin Elizabeth during Mary's pregnancy with Jesus and Elizabeth's with John the Baptist. The story appears in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel. It recounts Elizabeth's Spirit-filled greeting, acknowledging Mary as "the mother of my Lord," and Mary's beautiful response, the Magnificat, which begins, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." Introduced by the Franciscans in 1263, the feast became universal in the 16th century. The cousins' visit has been depicted by many artists over the centuries. An especially tender "Visitation," painted by Mariotto Albertinelli and considered his masterpiece, is on display at the Uffizi in Florence, Italy.

Editing our own genes?

A number of serious diseases are known to occur because of defects or mutations in our DNA. Curing such diseases could in principle be carried out by rewriting the DNA to fix the mutated base pairs. Yet until recently scientists have remained largely stymied in their attempts to directly modify genes in a living animal.

Findings described in the March 30, 2014, issue of *Nature Biotechnology*, however, reveal that a novel gene-editing technique, known as CRISPR (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats), can be used successfully in mice to reverse disease symptoms for a liver defect known as type I tyrosinemia. In humans, this potentially fatal ailment affects about one in 100,000 people. CRISPR, which enables researchers to snip out the mutated piece of DNA and replace it with the correct sequence, holds the potential for treating other genetic disorders as well. As the *MIT Technology Review* explains, the recently developed CRISPR technique is proving to be remarkably versatile in the hands of biomedical researchers: "This technology could allow researchers to perform microsurgery on genes, precisely and easily changing a DNA sequence at exact locations on a chromosome. ...CRISPR could make gene therapies more broadly applicable, providing remedies for simple genetic disorders like sickle-cell anemia and eventually even leading to cures for more complex diseases involving multiple genes. Most conventional gene therapies crudely place new genetic material at a random location in the cell and can only add a gene. In contrast, CRISPR and the other new tools also give scientists a precise way to delete and edit specific bits of DNA — even by changing a single base pair. This means they can rewrite the human genome at will."

Correcting mutations in the DNA to remedy a serious medical defect would certainly be desirable

and permissible. In 2008, in a document called "Dignitas Personae," the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) agreed that trying to restore "the normal genetic configuration of the patient or to counter damage caused by genetic anomalies" would be morally acceptable as long as the person being treated will not "be exposed to risks to his health or physical integrity which are excessive..."

Our ability to rewrite the human genome at will through precise DNA editing techniques, however, does raise substantial concerns about misusing the technology. In fact, researchers are already discussing the possibility of going beyond therapies and treatments, and instead, using CRISPR and other gene-alteration technologies to enhance human characteristics. For example, one possible direction would be to engineer changes in the genes of human muscles so that they could be worked harder and longer, thereby enhancing the performance of athletes and soldiers.

This kind of human re-engineering would cross an important line: instead of helping human beings who are struggling against serious diseases, scientists would now begin manipulating human beings for ulterior motives. As "Dignitas Personae" puts it, "such manipulation would promote a eugenic mentality and would lead to indirect social stigma with regard to people who lack certain qualities, while privileging (others)." The document also notes how attempting to create a new type of human being could unmask a dark and troubling ideology "in which man tries to take the place of his Creator," resulting in an "unjust domination of man over man."

Yet the line separating a therapy from an enhancement is not always an obvious one. Some researchers have claimed that the most common versions of genes that many people carry are not necessarily the ideal versions from the standpoint of health. Thus



FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

researchers might be able subtly to improve matters, for example, by rewriting normal genes so that people could better fight off infectious diseases. Would such a step be enhancement or therapy?

Even as scientists move forward with the project of rewriting our own genes to cure grave diseases, some will be tempted to go further and use techniques like CRISPR to engineer designer human embryos during in vitro fertilization; genetically modified monkeys have already been produced using this method in China. A prior CDF document called "Donum Vitae" unequivocally describes the grave problems with subjugating embryonic human beings for research purposes: "To use human embryos or fetuses as the object or instrument of experimentation constitutes a crime against their dignity as human beings having a right to the same respect that is due to the child already born and to every human person."

The remarkable tools becoming available not only for genetic therapies but also for human enhancement projects and embryonic manipulation raise daunting ethical concerns about the subjugation of man to his own technology, and call for thoughtful measures and vigilance to ensure the proper use of these techniques now and in the future.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

memories of those lives well lived can bring great joy to healing hearts.

I have wondered though of our death avoidant culture and its need for the bereaved to move on with life as quickly as possible. "Leave what's past in the past" it seems to shout. I believe that we can never forget our past, even if we wanted to. And why must we?

Part of the healing movement of healthy mourning is creating a new normal life step by step in which we carry our loved ones with us. Our hearts will tell us when it's time to make changes in our lives that will move us from here to there. It was a slow process for me to decide what belongings of Trent's to share with others as well as when to do it. I was able to recognize as I let go of those tangible things of his, that my relationship with him was shifting

and that it was okay.

The memory of Trent's presence in my life became part of who I am as I followed my path of grief. I was not forgetting my past but keeping what was important to me close to my heart as I moved into the future.

Now almost 24 years later I see the good God has worked in me and in those I have walked with on their grief journey. Moving from here to there has been a challenging task, but well worth the effort. Our loved ones are just a whisper away in our healing hearts.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for May 25, 2014

John 14:15-21

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A: the promise of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

IF YOU LOVE ME	WILL KEEP	FATHER
ANOTHER	ADVOCATE	SPIRIT
TRUTH	WORLD	CANNOT
SEES	KNOWS	LEAVE YOU
COME TO YOU	LITTLE WHILE	SEE ME
I LIVE	DAY	LOVES ME
BE LOVED	REVEAL	MYSELF

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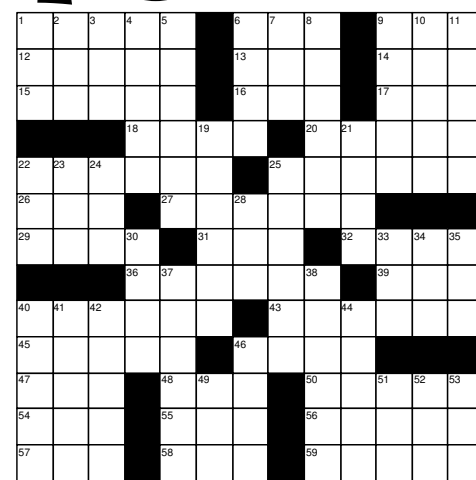
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Based on these Scripture Readings: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12 and Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; Jn 14: 15-21

ACROSS

- 1 Rejected by builders
- 6 String cleaner
- 9 Eye infection
- 12 Subcontinent
- 13 One of these
- 14 Dessert
- 15 Stairs
- 16 Complete group
- 17 Wing
- 18 Parent groups
- 20 Apostles laid these on to ordain
- 22 Disciples focused on this and word
- 25 Sac

- 26 Sun's name
- 27 New
- 29 Branch
- 31 Compass point
- 32 Back talk
- 36 Cooks
- 39 Galilee lake
- 40 French for skates
- 43 Married secretly
- 45 One book (2 wds)
- 46 Edge
- 47 Child
- 48 Anger
- 50 Can be bribed
- 54 Vane direction
- 55 Made a grave

- 56 Israel's slave master
- 57 Eye movement
- 58 Brake system
- 59 Had a speed contest

DOWN

- 1 Short for "sister"
- 2 Dynamite
- 3 Poem
- 4 Cold
- 5 Resurrection feast
- 6 Sunday celebration
- 7 We believe in ___ God
- 8 Big snake
- 9 Paddle
- 10 Symbol used for approximately
- 11 Not in Eucharist bread
- 19 Playing fields
- 21 Luke's other book
- 22 Pacific Time
- 23 Propel with oars
- 24 Popular Arab name
- 25 Utensil metal
- 28 Catholic News Service
- 30 Dreary
- 33 Poisonous snake
- 34 Bishop's turf
- 35 Sorrowful
- 37 Native American tribe
- 38 Log in your eye, this in brother's
- 40 Father in Latin
- 41 Make up for sin
- 42 Emblem
- 44 Alpha and ___
- 46 Mendicant does
- 49 Chafe
- 51 New York City
- 52 Gorilla
- 53 Type of partnership

Answer Key can be found on page 15

HOPE

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new form to the relationship we cherished with our loved one. We learn to think of our loved one in a different way.

Some may respond by saying, "I don't want a spiritual relationship, but rather my old physical one." I couldn't agree more. However, because death is the ultimate leveler, we simply have but one choice — to move with our grief into healing and live with the joy of memory.

On our journey of grief we learn that we can continue to love that which is no longer physically in our lives. We learn that even though we can't see or touch someone they are still alive in our hearts. The fond

Sports

TAMPA BAY ROOKIE KEVIN KIERMAIER GETS FIRST BIG-LEAGUE HIT Called up for the weekend, Tampa Bay rookie Kevin Kiermaier got his first big-league hit on Saturday, May 17, then added his first home run on Sunday. The former Bishop Luers standout also showed off the extraordinary defense he is known for with a spectacular leaping catch at the centerfield wall. "The guy wants to be in the big leagues," manager Joe Maddon said of Kiermaier. "He's going to get his opportunity. He's going to be here for a long time." — *Michelle Castleman*

CYO track, softball action continues

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — At the second meet of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) season, St. Jude ran away with the girls' team competition, while St. Vincent edged out St. Jude, 71-68, on the boys' side. Held at Bishop Dwenger High School on May 8, the quad-meet also featured athletes from St. John the Baptist, New Haven, (SJNH) and St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth (SJSE).

In the girls' events, St. Vincent got wins from Julianna Stureman (400) and the short relay foursome of Erin Strzelecki, Maria Reecer, Alyssa Dempsey and Meg Howe, who also took top honors in the long jump. For SJSE, Angela Bougher claimed the mile run, while Ella Machall won both sprints.

SJNH's lone first place came from hurdler Elizabeth Shepard.

Top finishes in the field events paced the Eagles from Rachel Landstoffer in the high jump and Olivia Ray with shot put and discus. More points for St. Jude came from Samantha Weldon who won the 800-meter run and anchored the winning 800-meter relay team along with teammates Allison Gerbers, Stephanie Newell and Ashley Stoots.

SJSE got a big win in the boys' meet from Ben Miles, who clocked a 63.46 in the 400-meter dash.

The Eagles were led by triple winner, T.J. McGarry who won the hurdles, the 200-meter dash and was lead off in the 4x200 relay along with Joshua Wolfe, Andrew Myers and Jacob Svarczkopf. Emmett Delaney won the mile and Gabe



JOE ROMIE

Runner Sandi Freistroffer slides into home as Kyra Zwick, catcher for the St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth CYO softball team, stands ready at the plate for a throw. St. Joe-St. E's fell to Queen of Angels, 10-2, in the CYO post-season softball tournament on May 17 at Queen of Angels' diamond.

Hendricks won in the discus.

And St. Vincent captured first place in the 100-meter dash (Colin Stroud), 800-meter run (Christopher Raines), high jump (Thomas Koehl), long jump (John Weibaker), shot put (John Reith) and the short relay (Stroud, Chris Hagar, Reith and James Black).

In softball action, St. Rose/St. Louis remained undefeated in regular season play with a 7-0 victory over St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth. In the year-end tournament, the Twins will play

the winner of St. Charles and St. Vincent on Tuesday, May 20. In the opposite bracket, Queen of Angels defeated St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth and will play St. Jude who downed St. Mary/St. Joseph in the opening round. The two bracket winners will play Wednesday, May 21.

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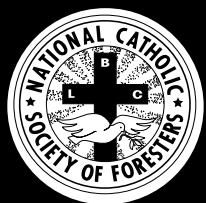
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Mass for the Deaf offered June 14
Fort Wayne — A Mass for the Deaf, celebrated by Father Mike Depcik, one of 10 priests in the world who is deaf and celebrates Mass through sign language, will be celebrated Saturday, June 14, at 4 p.m. in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne. A light dinner will be served afterward.

Germanfest kicks off with Mass
Fort Wayne — A German Mass, celebrated by Father Charles Herman with music by Fort Wayne Mannerchor & Dammenchor will be Sunday June 8, at 11 a.m., at St. Peter Church. After Mass a dinner of bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, kuchen and beverage will be served in the pavilion. Tickets are \$8 for adults, children 6-12 are \$5 and children under 6 are free. George Berger will be playing old German songs on his accordion.

BENEFIT FUNDRAISERS
Kickball tournament and activities to benefit David Dreiband
Bluffton — A kickball tournament will be held to benefit David Dreiband, who recently had a stroke rendering him paralyzed and without speech on Saturday, May 31, at the Wells County 4-H Park, 1240 4-H Park Rd. Team and individual registrations begin at 10 a.m. Activities include the kickball tournament, a silent auction, raffle, food, beverages, bake sale and children's activities. Visit www.facebook.com/kickballfordave or email kickballfordave@gmail.com.

Kim to Win cancer benefit
New Carlisle — St. Stanislaus Kostka, 55756 Tulip Rd., will have a benefit spaghetti dinner and raffle for Kim (Kaplon) Bader-Gozzola Saturday, May 31,

from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 5-12. Call 574-654-3603 for information.

Most Precious Blood Parish plans two-day festival
Fort Wayne — Funfest 2014 at Most Precious Blood Parish, Spring and Barthold Sts., begins with dinner on Friday, May 30, from 5-8 p.m. and the beer tent 5-10 p.m. with Karaoke from 7-10 p.m. On Saturday, May 31, bring the family from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for food, kids games, inflatables, Bingo, books, plants and silent auction. Dinner 4:30-7:30 p.m. Beer tent from 6-11 p.m. to include live music. Free admission.

Catholic Youth Summer Camp openings
Milford — Were Not Our Hearts Burning? Luke 24:32. Consider sending any of your children going into the fourth, fifth or sixth grade to travel along the road to Emmaus at Catholic Youth Summer Camp. This fun and faith-filled week will take place on the beautiful shores of Lake Waubee at Camp Mack in Milford, July 20-25. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will visit the camp. For more information, visit www.stjudeparish.net. Contact Dave and Jan Torma, camp directors, at 574-291-3381 or fisherofmendjt@msn.com.

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

Rummage sale
Mishawaka — The St. Joseph Rosary Society, 3rd and Spring St., will have a rummage sale Friday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Barb Meister at 574-257-4059 for information.

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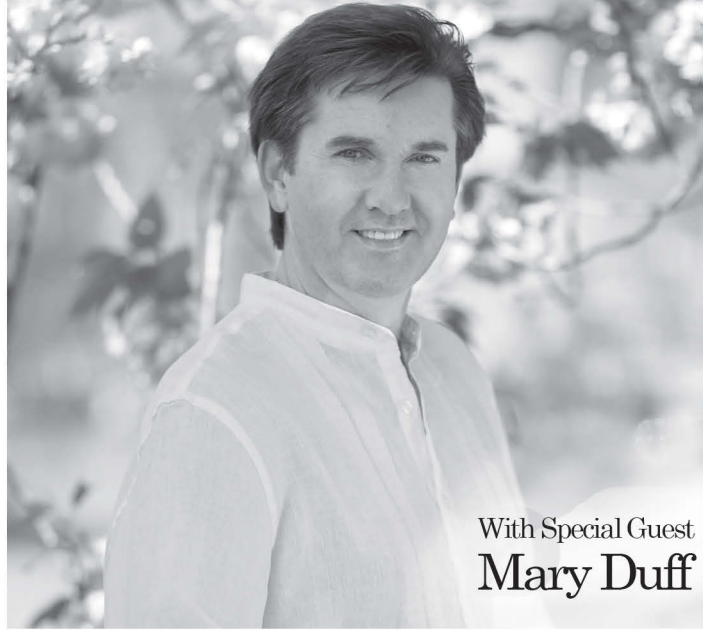
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