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CHRIST INDEED FROM DEATH IS RISEN

Grace, strength emphasized at Chrim Masses

BY TIM JOHNSON



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The Resurrection is depicted in a stained-glass window at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Greenlawn, N.Y.

SOUTH BEND — The faithful filled the cathedrals in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Chrim Masses.

Some of the Church's most ancient traditions and rituals are witnessed during Holy Week, including the preparation, blessing and distribution of oils central to the Catholic Church's sacraments and rites. These holy oils are prepared and distributed to churches at the Chrim Mass.

The South Bend Mass was celebrated Monday, March 30, at St. Matthew Cathedral, and the Fort Wayne Mass was Tuesday, March 31, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

"Grace and strength! God's grace and strength! That is what I think about at this Chrim Mass when I bless the oil of catechumens and the oil of the sick and when I consecrate the sacred chrim," Bishop Rhoades noted as he began his homily.

Virgin olive oil is used for the oil of the sick and oil of catechumens. To make the oil for the sacred chrim, it is mixed with a resin, balsam, giving it a sweet perfumed fragrance.

Explaining the uses of the oils, Bishop Rhoades said, "I think of the grace and strength that God, in His love, communicates to those who will be anointed with these holy oils."

"Let us pray for all the adults and infants who, before they are baptized, will be anointed with the oil of catechumens," he noted. "Let us pray for all the sick and the dying who will be spiritually strengthened through the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Let us pray for the beautiful babies who, after they are baptized, will be anointed on the crown of their heads with the chrim of salvation. Let us pray for the adults and many young teenagers who will be sealed with the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation through the anointing with the holy chrim. And let us pray for the young men whose hands will be anointed at their priestly ordination with the chrim that will be consecrated at this Mass."

The Chrim Mass is also a sign of the unity and communion of the priests with their bishop. After the homily, the renewal of priestly promises took place in which the priests who were gathered publicly recommitted themselves to serving Christ's Church through their selfless presbyteral ministry, and particularly through the faithful celebration of the liturgy and through the office of teaching.

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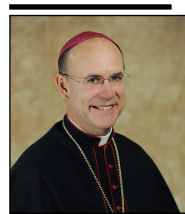
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IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

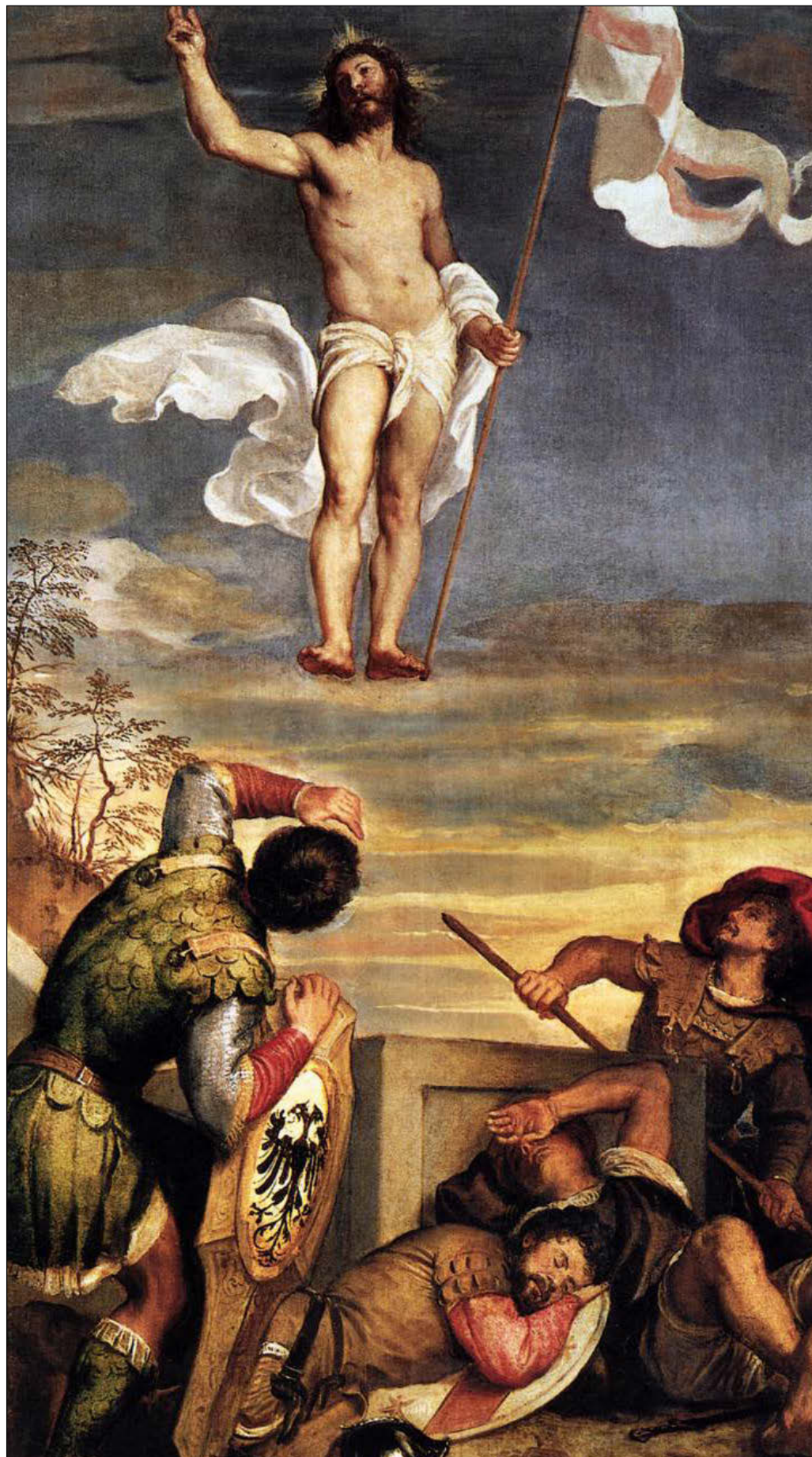
As we celebrate Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, we sing again with joy "Alleluia." God has given joy to the world through the Resurrection of His Son. And so, at Mass on Easter Sunday, we sing in the Responsorial Psalm: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad* (Psalm 118, v. 24). We can say with Saint Paul: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?* (1 Corinthians 15: 54-55).

Last Thursday, I flew to Philadelphia to celebrate the Funeral Mass of a dear friend, a religious sister who taught me at Lebanon Catholic High School. Her name was Sister Joan Melley, a Sister of Saint Joseph. We have stayed in touch through the years. When I was 15 years old, she was one of the few people in whom I confided that I was discerning the call to the priesthood. She was a joyful and deeply spiritual woman, very popular with her students because of her warmth and love. I was grateful to be able to celebrate her funeral. I related in the funeral homily how she helped me to overcome the fear of public speaking when I had to give speeches as a student council leader in high school. More importantly, her love for Christ and her joy in following Him was contagious! She was a very positive influence in my life and in my discernment of the priesthood.

Last week, I thought about how Sister Joan was a witness to the words of Pope Francis: *The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.* Our Holy Father is inviting all of us to spread this joy. He says: *Let us feel the joy of being Christian! We believe in the Risen One who conquered evil and death. Let us have the courage to "come out of ourselves" to take this joy and this light to all the places of our life!*

At Easter, it is good to reflect on our call to bring the joy of our faith to others. This is what attracts others to Christ and to the Church. To have this joy in our hearts, we must allow ourselves to be illuminated by Christ's resurrection, to be filled with the hope of eternal life, and to know the One who has risen from the dead. He makes Himself known to us in so many ways: in Sacred Scripture, in the Eucharist and the other sacraments, and in the lives of those who love us. And He makes Himself known to us in the silence of our prayer.

Our faith is meaningless without the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Our faith is founded on His death and resurrection. Through faith and Baptism, we are able to experience the power of His resurrection. And so when we have problems and worries, when we experience sadness or grief, we are not overwhelmed. The love of Christ sustains us. The Lord Jesus is alive and with us, always giving us hope. We only need to invite Him into our hearts and He gives us strength. This is the joy of being Christian — the Lord is always



The artist Titian (1490-1576) offers this rendition of the Resurrection which dates between 1542 and 1544.

with us with His mercy and love. As Pope Francis says: *Those who accept His offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew.*

I extend to all of you, my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, a blessed and happy Easter. I pray that the Risen Lord blesses you with joy and hope. I also pray that as missionary disciples of the Risen Jesus, you will spread the joy of Easter and the joy of the Gospel to all.

May our Blessed Mother, whose deep

sorrow on Good Friday was turned into great joy on Easter Sunday, pray for us. In the Easter season, we pray the following Marian antiphon called the *Regina Coeli*:

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

Has risen as He said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

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priests, the various oils and the gifts of bread and wine were brought forward by over a dozen individuals, all of whom represented some element of service and activity in the local Church. They included representatives of religious orders, people in the healthcare field, teachers and students from the Catholic high schools.

Having received these items, Bishop Rhoades blessed the oil of the sick and oil of catechumens, and then mixed in the balsam before consecrating the sacred chrism.

In the homily, Bishop Rhoades related to the priests that Pope Francis says, "For bishops and priests, this anointing is their strength and their joy."

"My brothers in the Priesthood, you know this is true," Bishop Rhoades said. "Without Christ, we are weak; apart from Him, we can do nothing. We know this from our experience of messing up sometimes, by our sins and mistakes."

"Through our anointing, we receive the strength to lead our people forward, like King David did, to help them and to live at their service," Bishop Rhoades said. "The Lord and His anointing are our strength and also our joy. The Lord's hand is always with us. His arm makes us strong. His faithfulness and mercy are with us."

To the lay and religious brothers and sisters, Bishop Rhoades said, "Our priests and I need your prayers and loving support just as you need us to lead you and serve you according to the heart of Christ."

"We need good, holy and faithful bishops and priests," Bishop Rhoades added. "That's why we need your prayers. That's why we need to renew our promises every year. That's why, my brother priests, we need not only to pray each day, but also to go to Confession regularly. We need to pray like King David did: 'Have mercy on me, God, in Your kindness ... cleanse me from my sin. ... A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.'"

The diocese and the parishes grow, Bishop Rhoades said, "when we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit who has anointed us to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and freedom to the oppressed."

"The Church grows and flourishes only by God's grace, by His anointing, and by the reception of that grace and anointing in those who answer the call to holiness," Bishop Rhoades said. "I think today of the many holy bishops and priests of the Church who dedicated their entire lives to the service of their people. In the news, we usually only hear about



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The Chrism Mass is a sign of the unity and communion of the priests with their bishop. After the homily, the renewal of priestly promises takes place, in which the priests who are gathered publicly recommit themselves to serving Christ's Church through their selfless presbyteral ministry, and particularly through the faithful celebration of the liturgy and through the office of teaching.



Deacon Max Montalvo of Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend, and high school students Catherine Swick of Saint Joseph High School and Alexis Lolmaugh of Marian High School carry the oil and balsam that will be used to make the sacred chrism during the Chrism Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on March 30.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades stirs the balsam fragrance into the chrism, and blesses the oil at the Chrism Mass in South Bend. Extra-virgin olive oil is used for the oil of the sick and oil of catechumens. Sacred chrism is made by mixing the oil with balsam, giving it a sweet perfumed fragrance.

the sins of priests and bishops for which we must repent. But let's not forget the great number, mostly anonymous, who by their anointing gave their people strength, taught them the Gospel by their words and example, and administered the sacraments to them. How many good and faithful bishops and priests! They don't make the news. We thank God for them and their anointing."

In a final word to the priests, Bishop Rhoades said, "We didn't

become priests to exalt ourselves, to get ahead or to become famous. We're reminded of this on Holy Thursday in the ceremony of the washing of the feet. That's our life and ministry: the humble service of Jesus Christ. That's what we're anointed to do. We exist for others and for Christ. I pray that our union with Christ becomes ever deeper, so that through us Christ the Good Shepherd will tend and care for His flock."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, April 5, 11:30 a.m. — Easter Sunday Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Monday, April 6, 10 a.m. — Meeting of the Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Monday, April 6, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, April 7, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Patrick Church, Arcola
- Wednesday, April 8, 12 p.m. — Presentation of The Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ Award, St. Mary Mother of God Church, Fort Wayne.
- Wednesday, April 8, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne

Religious Freedom legislation becomes Indiana Law

STATEHOUSE — Hoosiers of all faith traditions can be assured that government will not infringe upon their constitutional right to freely exercise their religion.

In the final week of March, Indiana joined 19 other states to provide a state version of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) with Governor Mike Pence putting his stamp of approval on it by signing it into law.

The legislation, Senate Bill 101 received a large majority of support from both chambers passing it by large margins in the Senate 40-10, and the House 63-31.

At the bill signing March 26, Governor Pence said, "This bill is not about discrimination, and if I thought it legalized discrimination in any way in Indiana, I would have vetoed it. For more than 20 years, the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act has never undermined our nation's anti-discrimination laws, and it will not in Indiana."

The governor added, "Indiana is rightly celebrated for the hospitality, generosity, tolerance and values of our people, and that will never change. Faith and religion are important values to millions of Hoosiers and with the passage of this legislation, we ensure that Indiana will continue to be a place where we respect freedom of religion and make certain that government action will always be subject to the highest level of scrutiny that respects the religious beliefs of every Hoosier of every faith."

Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference executive director who officially represents the Catholic Church in Indiana on matters of public policy said, "This legislation will protect all faith traditions from government interference in the free exercise of religion. The legislation will help resolve disputes rather than create them."

While many have raised concerns that RFRA is a vehicle for legal discrimination of homosexuals or others, Indiana University Maurer School of Law professor Daniel Conkle has repeatedly debunked those claims citing current legal

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cases to back up his position. He testified in both in the House and Senate hearings and reiterated his position in a recent editorial to the *Indianapolis Star*.

Conkle, a constitutional law expert and advocate of gay rights and same-sex marriage said the RFRA legislation has "little to do with same-sex marriage and everything to do with religious freedom."

Conkle added that "most religious freedom claims have nothing to do with same-sex marriage or discrimination." Conkle said the law is "anything but a 'license to discriminate,' and it should not be mischaracterized or dismissed on that basis." According to Conkle, even in the narrow setting of wedding-service providers, claims for religious exemptions recently have been rejected in various states, including states that have adopted the RFRA test.

In addition to explaining what RFRA wouldn't do, Conkle explained to both the House and Senate members that a state RFRA would establish a general legal standard, the "compelling interest" test, for evaluating laws and governmental practices that impose substantial burdens on the exercise of religion.

Richard Garnett, a law professor at the University of Notre Dame in northern Indiana, in an opinion column in the March 26 issue of the *South Bend Tribune*, described the state's RFRA as a "moderate measure" modeled after the federal religious freedom law and those of several other states that "does not give anyone a 'license to discriminate.'"

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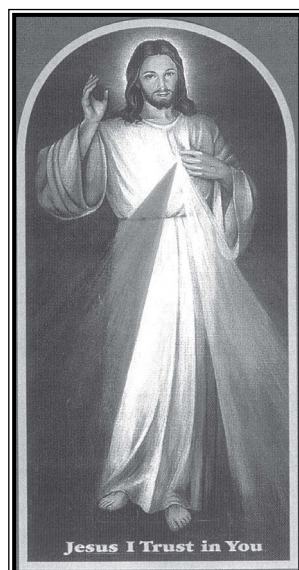
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President, first lady to welcome Pope Francis to White House Sept. 23

WASHINGTON (CNS) — President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama will welcome Pope Francis to the White House Sept. 23. “During the visit, the president and the pope will continue the dialogue, which they began during the president’s visit to the Vatican in March 2014, on their shared values and commitments on a wide range of issues,” said a statement released March 26 by the Office of the Press Secretary at the White House. Those issues, it said, include “caring for the marginalized and the poor; advancing economic opportunity for all; serving as good stewards of the environment; protecting religious minorities and promoting religious freedom around the world; and welcoming and integrating immigrants and refugees into our communities.” The statement added, “The president looks forward to continuing this conversation with the Holy Father during his first visit to the United States as pope.” Last year, in their first encounter, Pope Francis received the president at the Vatican for a discussion that touched on several areas of tension between the Catholic Church and the White House, including religious freedom and medical ethics.

Mother, daughter killed in crash recalled for devotion to faith, family

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS) — A mother and daughter from Virginia who perished in the French Alps plane crash were remembered by fellow Catholic parishioners as “wonderful people” who were active members of Sacred Heart Church in Manassas. Yvonne Selke and her daughter, Emily, were two of the three Americans killed in the crash of an Airbus jet March 24. The identity of the third American has not yet been released. Raymond Selke of Nokesville confirmed his wife and daughter were among the 150 people who died on the Germanwings flight from Spain to Germany. “They will obviously be very missed,” Raymond said in a brief phone interview March 25 with the *Arlington Catholic Herald*, diocesan newspaper. “There is a huge gap, a huge hole that will be difficult to fill.” Too devastated to provide additional information, the family released a statement: “Our entire family is deeply saddened by the losses of Yvonne and Emily Selke, two wonderful, caring, amazing people who meant so much to so many,” it said. “At this difficult time we respectfully ask for privacy and your prayers.”

Richard III, Catholic king of England, reburied at Leicester Cathedral

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — One of England’s last Catholic kings was reburied three years after his skeleton was discovered in a coffin beneath a parking lot. King Richard III — the last monarch of the Plantagenet dynasty and the last English king to die in battle — was originally buried by Franciscan friars in Leicester, a city in the Midlands, after he was slain at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. The priory was dissolved during the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century and it was widely believed that the king’s bones had been thrown into a river. But excavation work on the site of the priory in 2012 unearthed the remains and on March 26 they were reinterred in Leicester Cathedral after five days of commemorations. The events began with an interfaith service of compline in the Anglican cathedral March 22 during which Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster, president of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, preached a homily. The cardinal described King Richard as a “child of war” who spent much of his early life as a refugee before he seized power “on the battlefield and only by ruthless determination, strong alliances and a willingness to employ the use of force, at times with astonishing brutality.”

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He noted that the more than 20 years of history of the applying of RFRA statutes to specific cases shows that courts across the country "have not applied it to require excessive accommodations or exemptions from anti-discrimination laws and civil-rights protections."

Instead, Garnett pointed out, religious freedom laws have helped people of a broad variety of faiths.

"In practice, over the last two decades or so, religious freedom restoration acts have been used not to excuse illegal discrimination or harmful behavior but instead to secure humane accommodations," Garnett said, "such as allowing members of a small Brazilian church to possess plants that are necessary to make sacramental tea, or preventing the government from firing a Rastafarian with a traditional haircut, or respecting a family's religious objections to an autopsy of their loved one."

Several members of the House spoke out against the bill during the House floor debate.

Rep. Ed Delaney, D-Indianapolis, called the bill "futile and destructive" adding that he felt the bill would allow discrimination. House Minority Leader Rep. Scott Pelath, D-Michigan City, also raised concerns that he also believed the bill would permit discrimination. Two African American lawmakers Rep. Vernon Smith, D-Gary and Rep. Cherrish Pryor D-Indianapolis said even though they were devout Christians they were

opposed to the bill given their belief that the bill could potentially cause discrimination.

Rep. Tom Washburn, R-Evansville, explained that the Religious Restoration Act assists the courts in determining what happens when a fundamental right and a government interest come in to conflict. When a conflict arises between a fundamental right, and the government, the government must have "a really good reason" or what's called a compelling government interest.

Washburn said that not only does the government have to have a really good reason, but it has to be focused on the reason they are trying to address. Washburn said that the basic analysis of fundamental rights as it relates to a government compelling interest has been applied for many decades, and in this legislation this standard will be applied to cases involving the free exercise of religion.

The federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) was passed by Congress, and signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1993. The federal legislation was authored by a Democrat, the Honorable Chuck Schumer, a U.S. Senator from New York, but the federal legislation does not apply to states. As a result, beginning also in 1993, states began adopting state RFRA laws. Currently, 19 states have passed RFRA legislation, and 11 states' constitutions have been interpreted to restore the compelling interest test when cases of the exercise of religion are substantially burdened.

Indiana's religious freedom legislation is mirrored after the federal RFRA. The legislation goes into effect July 1, 2015.

Bills aim to block D.C. laws opponents say violate religious liberty

BY NATE MADDEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Two U.S. senators have sponsored joint resolutions to try to block two new laws in the District of Columbia that they say prevent religious institutions, pro-life groups and individuals from operating within their own belief systems.

Sponsored by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and co-sponsored by Sen. James Lankford, R-Oklahoma, Joint Resolutions 10 and 11 were introduced March 18 in response to two ordinances recently enacted by the D.C. Council titled the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014 and the Human Rights Amendment Act of 2014.

The former would amend a pre-existing order to prohibit employers within the district from making employment decisions based on an employee or job applicant's decisions or views on, while the latter repeals a pre-existing statute in the district that allowed faith-based schools to approve student organizations whose goals matched the schools' institutional mission.

The laws were signed by D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser Jan. 25, went into effect March 11 and were sent to Congress for its mandatory review period of 30 days, which ends April 17.

In early March, the council reportedly adjusted the non-discrimination law to indicate employers would not be forced to provide insurance coverage for abortions, but opponents said that didn't go far enough. There is no religious exemption in the bill.

The joint Senate resolutions fol-

lowed an open letter from Catholics and other groups sent to members of both chambers of Congress, urging them to take action against the ordinances that are "unprecedented assaults upon our organizations."

Opponents of the measures include the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services, the Archdiocese of Washington, The Catholic University of America, the Eagle Forum, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Knights of Columbus, March for Life Education and Defense Fund, the National Association of Evangelicals, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

According to the open letter, "the Human Rights Amendment Act of 2014 requires religiously affiliated educational institutions to endorse, sponsor and provide school resources to persons or groups that oppose the institutions' religious teachings regarding human sexuality," while the "reproductive health" measure, it said, "could be read to require our organizations to subsidize elective abortions through their employee health plans."

"The government has no business forcing pro-life and faith-based organizations to betray the very values they were created to advance," said Alliance Defending Freedom senior counsel Casey Mattox in an interview. "D.C. officials had the opportunity to drop these laws, which clearly violate religious freedom and freedom of conscience, but they chose not to. ... Concerns about the constitutionality of these types of laws have come from people across the political spectrum."

On the day the joint resolutions

were introduced, Lankford's office issued a statement: "What the D.C. Council has done is a major threat to the fundamental right to religious freedom for D.C. residents and organizations, and a brazen display of intolerance."

"The Constitution provides that all Americans enjoy the right to live a life in accordance with their convictions of faith. Limiting religious practice to a church building is a weekend hobby, not a personal faith. The First Amendment is first for a reason — it cannot be ignored by the D.C. City Council," it added.

"Last summer's Supreme Court decision affirmed the right to live and work in accordance with your convictions," it said, referring to the Hobby Lobby decision on the federal contraceptive mandate.

A statement from Cruz's office said the district laws were "an assault on the Catholic Church, and we must act to protect religious liberty."

In its own letter to members of Congress, the chairmen of six U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' committees, ranging from pro-life, marriage and family and religious liberty, said the ordinances not only "trampled on religious liberty" by deliberately removing language meant to protect religious organizations, but that the Human Rights Amendment Act violates a "well-settled constitutional principle that private organizations have the freedom to decide the persons or groups to whom they will offer endorsement, approval or recognition."



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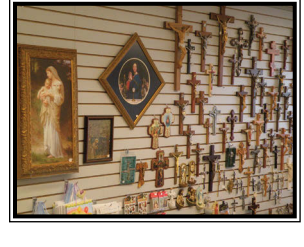
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Nick Zehr, newborn son, find a home in the Catholic Church

BY CATHY MCLEISH

FORT WAYNE — Unpretentious and enthusiastic, Nick and Pam Zehr are counting their blessings alongside the days until both Nick and their newborn son, Maxwell, will be baptized at the Easter Vigil at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Fort Wayne.

Married just last year, the young couple has had an emotionally charged 10 months. Their diligent commitment to Mass and the weekly RCIA sessions has allowed God to deeply enhance their Catholic faith. There is an unmistakable presence, a spiritual energy in their home; and, the addition of their four-week-old son appears to have only made this spiritual journey all the more treasurable.

While Pam tended to the baby, Nick shared what originally brought him to his decision to become Catholic.

“From the beginning I loved how important Pam’s faith was to her, and her commitment to living it out,” Nick said. “She wanted the assurance that we would raise our children in the faith. As for me, she was happy to have me go to church with her, but never judged me when I didn’t. Nobody in her family cared that I wasn’t Catholic; they accepted me because of me.”

Expressing that it was community that drew him in, Nick said, “It was the St. Vincent community, but

also Pam’s family with her siblings belonging to several neighboring parishes. I watched how they interacted with each other and even with strangers. Their hearts are all alike and open to love. That’s a community I wanted to be a part of.”

One of six children and the daughter of Bill and Ellen Gephart of St. Vincent Parish, Pam later reiterated Nick’s assessment of her family’s example. “It makes me very happy that he sees a faith practiced in our family that attracts him,” Pam said. “We try to not just preach our faith, but live it in our lives so that people might see something good.”

Nick clearly recalled what moved him from his decision to join the faith to the action of signing up for the RCIA program last fall.

“What pushed me over the edge was finding out we were having Max,” he said. “I had been attending church faithfully for over a year and I knew that I wanted us to be united under Christ’s love as parents.”

One week later Father Andrew Budzinski, parochial vicar, who had married the couple, made a pitch in his homily for those who were considering becoming Catholic. “When I met him in the gathering space after Mass, he just smiled and asked if I was ready to make the plunge,” Nick said.

Reflecting on the vast amount of knowledge the classes have offered, Nick said, “In one particular session, Father Andrew went through each



CATHY MCLEISH

Pam and Nick Zehr are shown with their newborn son Max, who along with his father, will be baptized at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 4 at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne.

part of the Mass, explaining the reasons behind everything we do. I had learned early on when to stand and what to say, but it was very powerful to finally know the theological reasons for doing everything.” Pam, who has accompanied her husband to every session, found the explanation of the one word response,

“Amen,” very profound. “Now, whenever I say ‘Amen’ I remember it is my ‘yes,’ my way of saying in one word that ‘I believe and I would stake my life on that belief.’”

As one of the elect, Nick will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and first Communion at the Easter Vigil. Joined by can-

didates for full communion (those who were baptized in another faith) there will be over 30 adults and children welcomed as new members into the faith community at St. Vincent.

Present with them, as they have been the entire journey, will be their sponsors.

“What a great guy. He has been so helpful and such an inspiration,” Nick noted of his own sponsor, Mark Wilder, who came into the Church only two years ago.

Julia Thill, in charge of the adult program, reflected on the role of sponsors in the RCIA process. “Mark and the others who come forth are just ordinary people. Usually a stranger who soon comes to be their confidant; parishioners who by the grace of God, live out their call and accompany the candidates and catechumens as they make this leap of faith.”

Teary eyed when they were first asked if they would like Maxwell to be baptized at the vigil, Nick elaborated, “We want our faith to be just as important to our children, and Max can always look back and say, ‘I was baptized with my dad!’ I pray that God will give us strength to continue on the path He has planned for us.”

Filled with anticipation, Nick has never experienced the Easter Vigil; Pam can scarcely contain her excitement knowing how the culmination of this journey will transform her family.

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Six to be ordained Holy Cross priests

NOTRE DAME — The United States Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross has announced the ordination of six new priests on Saturday, April 11, at 2 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, located on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, bishop of Peoria in Illinois, will confer the sacrament of Holy Orders on Rev. Mr. Matthew Fase, CSC, Rev. Mr. David Halm, CSC, Rev. Mr. Timothy Mouton, CSC, Rev. Mr. Stephen Chase Pepper, CSC, Rev. Mr. Daniel Ponisciak, CSC, and Rev. Mr. Christopher Rehagen, CSC.

On Sept. 13, 2014, Deacons Fase, Halm, Mouton, Pepper, Ponisciak and Rehagen professed perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and committed themselves to the common life and apostolic work of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

In recognition of their upcoming ordination, Holy Cross Father Thomas J. O'Hara, provincial superior for the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province, calls to mind a few words Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of Holy Cross, once wrote. "Jesus Himself told us that His way of life can be reduced to three things: renouncing ourselves, taking up the cross, and walking in His footsteps," quoted Father O'Hara. "Moreau bid us as Holy Cross priests to 'work for holiness and eternal life by walking that route that Jesus took.' These six men will do so courageously on their ordination day, and not for the singular benefit of their union with God, but for the care and keeping of all who come to them seeking His salvation. We are eager to witness this transformational moment in their lives and will be blessed to have these six new Holy Cross priests in our midst."

Saint Joseph High School FBLA earn state awards

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members attended the Indiana State Conferences in Indianapolis March 13-15. The conference allows students from around the state to compete in leadership events, share their successes and learn new ideas about shaping their career future through workshops and exhibits.

Saint Joseph took first place in a record 18 competitive events. The Saint Joseph Chapter was honored with two special awards — The American Enterprise Project for running its Meghan Beeler Café and the Local Chapter Scrapbook Award for the scrapbook Taylor Rock created. Garrett Loitz was elected as Indiana State President.

First place state winners are: Banking and Financial, Team: Meg O'Brien and Love Osunnuga; Banking and Financial, Individual: Love Osunnuga; Business Calculations: Aiden Gonzales; Business Financial Plan, Team: Matt Faccenda, Austin Truhler,

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SPANISH CLUB ORGANIZES SERVICE PROJECT FOR FOOD PANTRY



PROVIDED BY BETH MAHAFFA

St. Thomas the Apostle students in Elkhart collected shoes and food items for La Casa de Amistad in South Bend. St Thomas Spanish Club students, who organized the service project, delivered three large boxes of shoes and 10 boxes of food to their food pantry. The director and employees were appreciative of the students' generosity. Donations from St. Thomas filled a need for the families the organization serves. The students were able to take a tour of the facilities and see the after-school tutoring programs in action. In the photo is St Thomas the Apostle Spanish Club students at La Casa de Amistad food pantry.

Nick Wawrzyniak; Computer Game and Simulation Programming, Team: Stephen Benchik, Scott Coyne, Colin Mackey; Computer Problem Solving: Stephen Benchik; Cyber Security: Stephen Benchik; Desktop Application Programming: Scott Coyne; Digital Design and Promotion, Team: Stephen Grisoli, Garrett Loitz; Digital Video Production: Nick Kuyers; E-business, Team: Scott Coyne, Colin Mackey, Joe Purcell; Economics: Mitch Murphy; Entrepreneurship: Austin Truhler; Global Business, Individual: Mitch Murphy; Job Interview: Garrett Loitz; Marketing, Team: Emily Anderson, Taylor Rock; Marketing, Individual: Taylor Rock; Securities and Investments: Austin Truhler.

USF hosting spring campus visit day

FORT WAYNE — Prospective students and their parents are invited to explore the University of Saint Francis campus on Saturday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Professors from USF's 80-plus academic programs will be available to meet and answer questions. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the beautiful wooded USF campus with a current student

and learn about the quality and value of a USF education and the Franciscan values that make the university a community.

Prospective students and parents will also be able to learn more about USF academic scholarships ranging from \$8,000-\$12,000 in 2015.

Visitors can also learn more about the new USF Marching Band, which is starting to recruit students to begin performing in 2016. Talent awards are available for prospective band members.

Individual personalized visits are also available. For more information, visit go.sf.edu/usf-visit.

Race to kick off Autism Awareness Week

NOTRE DAME — The student club of Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, will host a 5K walk/run on campus on Saturday, April 18, at 9 a.m., starting at the Welcome Center. The event, which is open to the public, is a first for the organization and students hope to make it an annual event. The 5K will kick off Autism Awareness Week on campus. Those interested in participating may email elementary education major Angelina Lazovich '15 at alazov01@saintmarys.edu.

USF lecture to cover 'Tradition Philosophically Understood'

FORT WAYNE — The Department of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Saint Francis invites the public to the free lecture, "Tradition Philosophically Understood" on Wednesday, April 8, at 2 p.m. on the campus of the University of Saint Francis, North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St.

Dr. Vincent Wargo, assistant professor of philosophy, will consider the questions: "What is tradition? How does it work?" He will discuss some common aspects of the notion of tradition as it is found in philosophy, theology and the social sciences.

Father Kohrman to present 'Islam, Christianity and the Crusades'

SOUTH BEND — Father Glenn Kohrman will offer the presentation, "Islam, Christianity and the Crusades," on Monday, April 6, at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 5202 Linden Ave., just east of Mayflower Road.

Islam's founder, Mohammad, was able to build an alliance of various factions that evolved into a religion that took much from Zoroastrian, Christian and Jewish religious perspectives. This set the stage for global conflicts that endure to this day. Father Kohrman's presentation will give an overview of the origins of Christianity and Islam and recount the historical clashes that came to a head in the Crusades. The presentation is free and everyone is welcome.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM COMPETES AT REGIONAL, STATE TOURNAMENTS



PROVIDED BY CHERYL DIFILIPPO

The Bishop Dwenger High School Science Olympiad team competed in the regional tournament at St. Joseph College on Feb. 14. Individual regional medals were earned by senior Mary Momper, juniors Megan Brelage, Jake Gloudemans, Zach Hensler, Adam Morr, Gabe Nicholson, Claire Roberts, Nick Thelen, sophomores Max DiFilippo, Sam Fair, Kevin LaMaster, Patrick Morr, Mike Voors and freshman Nikki Gloudemans. In the state tournament at Indiana University, Bloomington on March 21, medals were earned by Max DiFilippo, Adam Morr and Patrick Morr.

Prayer vigil recalls witness of recent Christian martyrs

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

SOUTH BEND — Addressing those in attendance for a memorial prayer vigil at St. Matthew Cathedral on March 29, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades reminded that “it is appropriate as we begin Holy Week to remember in prayer those who are the greatest witnesses to Our Lord’s self-giving love, witnesses to His suffering and death in the most vivid and radical manner: the Christian martyrs.”

The prayer service, which was led by local members of the Community of Sant’Egidio, called attention to the countless men, women, and children who have died or been killed in recent years for their faith and devotion to Jesus Christ.

Remembering the memory of Christians who have been martyred throughout the 20th and 21st centuries, the vigil focused special attention on each continent and specific countries, individuals, and occurrences of martyrdom, including those killed in recent months by ISIS. Prayerful hymns of petition for healing and peace were also sung throughout the memorial, following the same pattern and format each Sant’Egidio community prays throughout the world.

During his homily, Bishop Rhoades invoked the words of Pope Francis, “who reminds us of how in many ways, we are asked to compromise our faith, to water down the radical demands of the Gospel and to conform to the spirit of this age. Yet the martyrs call out to us to put Christ first and to see all else in this world in relation to Jesus and His eternal Kingdom. The martyrs challenge us to think about what, if anything, we ourselves would be willing to die for.”

He continued, “The martyrs teach us by the purity of their witness to Christ the importance of love, of charity, in our lives of faith. Like Jesus, they loved to the end. They knew the cost of discipleship and witnessed to the power of God’s love, a love that is victorious. They teach us to love God and our neighbor, to love one another as Jesus has loved us. In a world in which our faith is so often challenged, the martyrs teach us to put Christ first in our lives.”

Encouraging the importance of living with a spirit of self-sacrifice, he recalled the words of Archbishop



PHOTOS BY KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Members of the Community of Sant’Egidio are shown at the memorial prayer vigil for Christian martyrs at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. Members of the group, from left, are Shawn Storer, John Kurdelak, Brian Lee, Dan Philpott, Angela Philpott, Beth Lee, Maria Surat, Lisa Anderson, and Richard LaSalvia. The Community of Sant’Egidio, with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, organized the ecumenical prayer vigil on the evening of Palm Sunday, March 29.



Deacon Bill Gallagher, Sacred Heart Parish, proclaims the Gospel during the Prayer Vigil for the Christian Martyrs.

Oscar Romero, who will soon be beatified as martyr, stating, “We must be ready to die for our faith, even if the Lord does not grant us this honor. . . . Giving one’s life does not only mean being killed; giving one’s life, having the spirit of a martyr, is in giving in duty, in silence, in prayer, in honest fulfillment of his duty; in that silence of daily life; giving one’s life little by little.”

Bishop Rhoades further stressed the importance of “remembering in prayer all Christian martyrs: Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant. Pope Francis has spoken of how the blood of many Christians has become the seed of unity. The ecumenism of blood is a powerful call to

journey along the road of reconciliation among the churches, with decision and with trusting abandonment to the action of the Holy Spirit.”

Afterward the vigil, Richard LaSalvia, local coordinator for the Community of Sant’Egidio, warmly shared his gratefulness to Bishop Rhoades for presiding at the prayer service and thanked him for “reminding all of us in the diocese about how Christians in the world, especially those in the Middle East are persecuted for their faith and how we must continue to pray for them. The community is looking forward to making this prayer service an annual event in the diocese.”

Many others in attendance also



Seminarian Bob Garrow carries palms, which were placed in front of the Christian martyrs icon, during the Prayer Vigil for Christian Martyrs on March 29 at St. Matthew Cathedral. Hymns were sung and palms were placed before the icon, after the names of martyrs from each continent were named.

expressed appreciation for both the prayer vigil and Bishop Rhoades’ emphasis on living the Gospel with wholehearted commitment and love.

Sharing how the service touched her, Caroline Cole, a parishioner of St. Matthew, said, “You often hear about the 20th century martyrs, but to listen to their names and focus on each country and pray for their intercession, their witness, and their example is very beautiful. Especially during Holy Week, it is beautiful to think about the passion and all of the modern martyrs. The passion extends here today and we see how Christ continues to suffer through his people.”

Dr. Michael Griffin, professor of Theology at Holy Cross College, remarked, “In recent years, a lot of us Catholics who have small children have begun to be part of the

Community of Sant’Egidio, so it serves as a way of helping our kids to see this mission to the margins, and that part of the life of the Church is to combine beautiful worship with tender mercy and charity to others.


In this prayer for the martyrs, you witness this beautiful liturgy honoring the tender mercy of those who gave their lives for the Gospel.” The bishop’s focus on self-sacrifice also impacted Shawn Sullivan, founder of The Life Center in South Bend, who said, “It is marvelous to shine light on martyrdom, on what the Christian life is really supposed to be about. This is so appropriate as a reminder of how we are supposed to live, by giving up our lives and refusing to water down our faith to a less radical response to the Gospel.”

FINDING THE DUST UNDER THE PEWS




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The Confirmation class at St. Therese, Little Flower in South Bend did a service project, which involved dusting beneath the seats in church.



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Spring sports abound around...

Bishop Dwenger, Bishop Luers ready to kick off spring season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The calendar says spring has arrived and the Fort Wayne area Catholic high schools are more than ready to kick off their spring seasons. Both Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers are gearing up to defend Summit Athletic Conference (SAC) titles and are hopeful that their post-season runs will be deep in 2015.

Bishop Dwenger High School

Boys' golf

After a seventh-place finish at the state tournament, a sectional title and SAC championship in 2014, the Saints are back, along with veteran Coach Dave Scudder, and are ready for another successful season with goals of repeating their titles and placing higher at state. Helping their efforts to do so, Bishop Dwenger returns six of their nine top linksters — senior, John Hope (38.2); juniors, Callahan Elzey (37.6), Patrick Allgeier (37.7), James Wagner (38.6), Kyle Miller (39.9); and sophomore Tyler Fink (39).

Baseball

With 11 lettermen — Skyler Noll, Justin Wagoner, Cameron Kahlenbeck, Cody Miller, Dan Connolly, Patrick White, Noah Freimuth, Dalton O'Boyle, Zach Norton, Louis Garrett and Drew Davis — and exemplary leadership in Coach Jason Garrett (IHSBCA District D Coach of the Year) and his staff returning, the Saints' only plan to improve on the stellar season they had in 2014,

which took them all the way to the Class 3-A final four. Blessed with team unity and chemistry, Bishop Dwenger has goals to experience personal, Christ-like growth in virtue and overall character, embrace the process of growing and strengthening as a team through moments of adversity and exercise God-given talents and abilities en route to the school's first-ever baseball state championship. The Saints will kick off their season in Louisville, Kentucky, at the 2015 Super Prep Series Tournament the weekend of April 10-11.

Girls' tennis

Another spring sport to capture a 2014 sectional title and SAC championship for Bishop Dwenger was Coach Jeremy Patterson and the girls' tennis team. Despite graduating standout Audrey Rang, this year's squad will return experience in six seniors and several juniors, as well. Key players to watch for in the 2015 season include Amanda Brown, Claire Roberts and Abby Oswald.

Girls' track

Although Erin Brady will coach a young roster with over half listed as freshman or first-year track members this season for Bishop Dwenger, the former CYO standouts have already shown their commitment and ability in the early part of the 2015 season. The Saints have seniors Mary Momper, Erin Kilbane, Abby McGraw, Isabella Widner, Lindsey Kumfer and Caroline Ray back, along with junior speedster, Rachel Gibson, who excels in the short races. The distance relay is also expected to be strong again this season.

Boys' track

Bishop Dwenger Saints Coach Herb Widner enters his 39th year of coaching and boasts eight regional qualifiers and two state finals competitors returning for the 2015 track and field season. Led by the experience of seniors Greg Tippmann, Pete Beier, George Talarico, Jordan McHenry and Kevin Wuest, the Saints also have a fine group of underclassmen vying to contribute to this year's team. "As always we want to stay healthy, have fun and look to improve every day of the season," Widner concluded.

Softball

The Saints won the 2014 SAC title and placed 10 players on the all-conference list. They have high hopes for a strong 2015 post-season run after losing by just a run in the sectional championship to the eventual state champs (Leo) a year ago. Bishop Dwenger returns an all-star lineup in senior captains Audrey Sanfrey, who will be attending the University of Miami, Ohio, and ranks in the top 10 of her graduating class; Erin Ryan, who will be attending Purdue University; and Holly Weber, who will continue her softball career at Georgia Highland next year. Also back are juniors Kristina Burkhardt, Taya Andrews, April Atterberry and Hannah Lapp; and sophomores Stephanie Hanic, Bailey Rupley, Karsyn Kitchen, Amber Lancia and Brielle Dazey. The Saints also welcome freshman Emily Anglin, Victoria Fisher and Isabella McGillicuddy. Because of her dedicated work in the off-season, Lancia is expected to be one of the most elite pitchers in the area and contribute significantly as a hitter in the middle of the Saints' lineup.

Lacrosse

In its inaugural season, the Bishop Dwenger lacrosse club has a strong team of 19 athletes committed to learn the game and end their season with a winning record. Eight of the players have previous experience with other area high school teams and the southwest lacrosse youth program enabling them to be much-needed leaders on the new squad. Coach Nick Lichtsinn and Adam Macciomei have been practicing with the squad since December teaching them the fundamentals of lacrosse and encouraging them to become well-rounded, holy men. The Saints have 19 games on their schedule and hope to host an Indiana Club Championship in May to gain state recognition. "We look forward to a season of great competition, good sportsmanship and a lot of fun," reported spokesperson Marianne Stroud.

Rugby

The Bishop Dwenger boys' and girls' rugby clubs have strong rosters returning this season with over 20 seniors represented. Senior captain Aaron Ng, a three-year varsity starter and Indiana All Star will lead the boys. Senior standout players Peyton Kimes, James Terrell, Nolan Sliger, Nick Lehman and Jared Deininger will support Ng's dynamic play. Senior Matt Winkeljohn and juniors Nolan Sipe, Landon Campbell and Jeremy Herber are also on the watch list. Coach Sam DiFilippo detailed, "They moved up quickly on the depth chart last season and are prepared to make an impact in the pack with their size and athleticism." Senior leadership for the girls will come from veteran

Carmen Hinsey and Genevieve Reith. This year's juniors are also all returning starters — Karena Parish, Aubrey Motherwell, Sam Sliger, Liz Lawrence and Gina Obergfell. The girls' coaching staff is putting a big emphasis on fitness, skill and game knowledge to put the girls in position for a successful season.

Bishop Luers High School

Girls' tennis

With 30 young ladies competing for 14 spots (varsity and junior varsity), Coach Jerry Rahrig expects 2015 to be a reloading year for the Knights who were 6-1 a year ago. The roster will be a mix of classes, weighted more towards underclassmen and very few seniors as Rahrig lost five starters to graduation, which included his daughter and all-district player, Natalie Rahrig, but returns starters senior Maddie Strack and all-conference selection Katie Klinger, a junior. Also back for the Knights that saw varsity action in 2014 are Saydi Augustine, Emma Eckert, Sarah Braun and Josie Burton along with several JV players from a year ago who were on the verge of breaking into the varsity lineup and a new group of freshman that show great promise. "We will have a deep, competitive squad and be in the running for the upper part of conference," believes Rahrig, who is in his sixth season with the tennis program, but first without a daughter on the team.

Baseball

Under the leadership of Coach Gary Rogers, who returns for his

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KEVIN HAGGENJOS

The faithful pray for the Christian martyrs at St. Matthew Cathedral on March 29 at the Prayer Vigil for the Christian Martyrs. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was the presider and homilist at the event.

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Saint Joseph High School gears up for spring sports

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — Spring has arrived and that means the start of the spring athletic season. Athletes at Saint Joseph High School are anxious to say goodbye to the snow and get outdoors.

Boys' golf

"We should have an extremely competitive team this spring. With four regular varsity players from last year's team back and some quality newcomers, we feel like we can compete in some of the bigger tournaments this season, as well as for the NIC championship and sectionals," said boys' golf coach Bret Bajdek.

Experience is the key to the team's strength. "Tate Heintzelman-Dee, Petey Han, Will DeTrempe and Charlie Williams have all played in a majority of the varsity matches over the last two years. Not only have they improved their games, but after two years, they are getting comfortable in the tourna-

ments we play in," noted Bajdek.

Consistency is an area the team needs to work on this year. Last season every golfer on the team scored well from time to time but struggled putting together four good rounds in a match. They hope to change that this season by playing smarter.

"Our guys really feel like we have the potential to do some really good things this year," said Bajdek on the goal of the season. "We just hope to get out there once the weather breaks and put ourselves into a position to be successful at tournaments, in the NIC and in the state playoffs."

Softball

"Based on our success the last three seasons, three straight semi-state appearances, we have the capability to be very solid since we did not have even one senior on last year's team. More hard work and tremendous focus is what can move us to the next level," said softball coach Earl Keith about his prediction for this year's team.

"Our strength is definitely our

experience and leadership. Eight seniors, Rachel Cole, Anna Irons, Kelly Welsh, Libby Peterson, Sarah Mead, Kaley Mrozinski, Katie Sopczynski and Maggie Gillis provide a lot of game and pressure experience. They will provide the talent and confidence to play well as a team, yet will also bring a humble attitude to our younger players," noted Keith.

According to Keith, the team's goal is to "win our conference, the Northern Indiana Conference and do our best to win a state championship."

Girls' tennis

"We will compete for the conference championship (Northern Indiana Conference), but we know Penn High School will be a great challenge for us to defend our title. We will be a young team this year, but depending on how we compete we have an excellent chance to get through sectional and beyond," said Bill Mountford about his prediction for the season.

The team will be strong at the

top of the line up. "Our No. 1 player from last year, junior Mary Mullaney, returns with a significant amount of experience playing at the top spot. She has worked extremely hard over the past year to improve. We also have a very good freshman, Maddie Yergler, whom we expect to challenge for the top position," noted Mountford.

One area to work on will be creating the best combinations. "We need to work on our depth and we need to 'mix and match' players to determine the best doubles combinations. We will do our best to see what two players mesh well on the court, both in terms of chemistry and in terms of complimentary strengths on the court," said Mountford.

According to Mountford, the goal for 2015 is to work hard, get better every single day and compete with a toughness and intensity that matches anyone in the state and to have fun.

Boys' lacrosse

"In 2015 I expect we will have one of our deeper teams in recent memory and, because of this, I would hope it will carry us toward a deep playoff run," said boys' lacrosse coach Mike Williams about the upcoming season.

In past years the team has had one or two standout players, but this year Williams feels the entire team will be successful because of the depth they possess. The senior class has only seven players that are strong in both talent and leadership, which should carry the team to victory this season. "Last year we lost some of the best defensemen our program has ever had. Because of this we will need to quickly identify and develop young players on the defensive end of the field," noted Williams of areas the team will need to work on this season.

Victory is the goal for the season. "Ultimately our team hopes to earn a trip to the IHSLA final four Memorial Day weekend to reestablish the success we have had in the past," said Williams.

Girls' lacrosse

"I have high expectations for our team this year. Although we lost 13 seniors after last season, we have several key returning starters who are showing leadership to the underclassmen. Our team is showing strong foundational skills going into the beginning of our season, which will allow us to focus our practices on strategy," said girls' lacrosse coach Caitlin Sears about this year's team.

According to Sears the team's strength is a lot of positive energy. The team is motivated, united and energetic.

With graduating several players comes the need to fill new spots on the varsity roster. This allows the new varsity team a fresh vision but also brings the challenges associated with playing on the varsity field for the first time. "I think if you would ask the team, they would say their goal is to make it into the second round of regionals this year. Historically, we've gotten stopped in tournament play by Culver, and it is always a goal to win that game," said Sears.

"Another goal that our team will focus on all season is playing at each practice and each game without leaving room for regrets. If we can keep that mentality each day, we'll have a successful season."

Baseball

Coach John Gumpf is excited about the upcoming season and predicts a great one.

"We will have quite a few guys returning," noted Gumpf — along with a sprinkle of new faces.

Gumpf feels the team's strength will come from the returning players. This leadership will mold the newcomers creating a strong overall team. "We need to be consistent, doing the little things that make you a better ball club," said Gumpf about areas to work on this season. The goal for 2015 is to stay consistent throughout the season so the team peaks at the end when it matters.

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Marian spring sports underway

BY TRISH LINNER

MISHAWAKA — With winter weather hopefully behind us, spring sports are in full swing at Marian High School.

Girls' tennis

Coach Tom Snelson returns five varsity players this season. Two seniors will fill the other two spots. Last season, the team posted a 10-4 record, losing only to the top-ranked teams. "We are looking forward to a great season," said Coach Snelson. "Some of the girls on varsity have been on the squad since their sophomore year." The toughest challenges will come against Culver, Saint Joseph and Penn. Penn is consistently in the top five in the state. "We have a deep team this year and the incoming freshman are better than I expected. We will need them to get a lot of experience this year as we will lose the entire varsity team next season," said Snelson.

Girls' softball

Last year Marian's softball team posted a record of 23-6, and won the Northern Indiana Conference. Coach George Grenert is now looking forward to the challenge of the new season. "Saint Joseph and Penn will be our toughest competition," said Grenert. "Our expectation is to improve as we go along this season." The team will have seven letter winners returning including seniors and leading hitters Kelsey Keilman, Shannon McCarty, Jordyn Westphal and Jamie Dennin. "We have a few new faces from the JV team last year and a few freshmen that may contribute to this year's team," Coach Grenert said.

Boys' lacrosse

The boys' lacrosse program continues to grow at Marian. "We are looking forward to playing new opponents as we are entering our

first season as a member of the Indiana Catholic Conference," said Coach Brian Welch. Last season the team had one first-team academic all-state player and one player make the all-academic team. They were ranked in the top 5 in the state in goals against average for the second straight season, and 9-5. With 11 returning varsity players, Coach Welch is looking forward to a successful season. "Our main goal each and every season is to make the state lacrosse tournament. Only the top 16 teams in the state make it, and we feel we have the talent and depth to do that this season.

"We have a nice balance of returners and young experienced players that have played the game of lacrosse for several years either in the ICCL or travel teams," Welch said. The biggest competition will likely be Saint Joseph, Penn, Northridge, Concordia, Bishop Dwenger, Bishop Chatard and North Central. "I expect big things from all four of my captains, seniors Jason Campbell and Russell Saputo and juniors Patrick Coulter and Ricky Vogel. Sophomore goalie Noah Wilsey is back in front of the cage after he recorded two shutouts in his first season of action. Sophomore Scott Smith will try and expand upon a great freshman campaign where he scored 22 goals and dished out nine assists," said Coach Welch. Twelve new players join the team this season with the majority of them having several years of experience. Freshmen Skylar Bays, Bransen Bonnell, Gave Davey, Kaene Haughee and Mateo Saputo will be counted on to play major roles to help the team make the playoffs in May. "Even though there are several new faces on the team this season, the goal remains the same: making the state tournament in May," Welch concluded.

Boys' rugby

Last year the team went 5-6, but

Coach Larry Daher is expecting to be more competitive this season. "We have seven returning starters with experienced seniors and juniors," said Daher. The team has started the season off with a victory over Angola last week. "We expect solid senior leadership both off and on the field this season," Coach Daher said. With 15 new players this season, Marian will have a total of 25 boys playing rugby for Marian this year.

Boys' track

Track Coach Santiago J. Bosque "Boz" is also hoping to see improvement in his squad this season. "Our goal last year was to win some meets, and improve our speed and strength. We had limited success, but we are looking to improve with experience and hard work. This year we want to be more competitive. We have experience even though we are still a young team. We have talent in our youth and with desire and hard work. Our improvement will show," Coach

Bosque said.

The team is led by senior tri-captains Rickie Entzian, Justin Horvath and Izayah Newsom, and also includes seniors Matt Ernst, Simon Siquenza, Cruze Juarez, Hunter Wiczorek, Matt Coleman, Louis Juarez and Elias Kirsten. Other returning lettermen include Alex Mroz, Noah Sizemore, Nick Pingel, Dominic Rulli, Paul Dieringer, Jacob Imus, Christian Dennis, Collin Linner and Tyler Bickle. "We have quite a few newcomers this year with some being able to make an immediate contribution to the success expected of our team. With the help of assistant coaches — Rob Carrasco and Rex Morris — all of our athletes will see improvement in themselves somewhere," concluded Coach Bosque.

Boys' baseball

Last season the boys' baseball team was young with little varsity experience. They went 13-16, but ended the season with a sectional win over Saint Joseph, who was ranked in 3-A at the time. "We started off slow, but continued to

develop throughout the season," said Coach Joe Turnock. "While we had some growing pains early on in 2014, I believe we will be stronger as a group as a result of the experience those players gained." Nine varsity lettermen are returning from last season with five of them being underclassmen.

The Northern Indiana Conference is a tough conference, but Turnock is hopeful with solid pitching and defense they will compete in every game. "As always, our goal is a sectional championship, and I think 2014 gave our guys some good experience in working towards that goal," Turnock said.

Senior captain Jay Eggeman returns for his third varsity season. Junior Nate Thomas will lead the pitching staff, while sophomore shortstop Riley Tirota and junior outfielder Joe Ravotto will provide solid defense through the middle. With five new varsity players, Turnock is expecting all the players to contribute this season.

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Traveling helps me be a better Catholic

As the mother of nine children, I rarely traveled and never took a plane when my children were young. I doubt most mothers of big families do. First there is the cost factor. Barring great wealth or a large loan, it is nearly financially impossible to take a brood of children far away. The tickets, gas, the double hotel room necessity, food that must be purchased on the road — all these things make traveling just too expensive. Second, there is the logistics consideration. Let's face it — it's a bit tricky to plan, pack, load and then implement a trek with, say, five or more little ones, especially since a steady, quick, cadenced pace must be kept over a duration of time. (Think: *marathon*). And then, to avert car or plane sickness, a steady supply of snacks are needed ... and frequent bathroom breaks. ... Third, I was afraid of flying. I hated the feeling of not being in control. I hated the dips in the air, every little bump of

turbulence. I hated being above the clouds.

While I did not travel when my children were all small, as they grew older this began to change, and I began to travel, even alone — mostly because when my young adult children graduated from college, they took jobs out of town, two of them 2,000 plus miles away. As every devoted mother knows, nothing comes between her and her offspring, not the least of which a stretch of highway (or air space), many miles and time zones away. Not even a fear of flying can stand in the way. "If you can't keep them home, go to them," mothers do and say. And so I did.

And so I, who not only did not travel in my mother-youth, and has not one wanderlust gene in her body, became a person who semi-regularly now tackles four-hour flights and five days away with just her two carry-on pieces of luggage and an actual, legitimately relaxed spirit. I've come a long way, baby.



HERESA A. THOMAS

EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

Last week I flew to San Francisco. My second oldest son was a top fundraiser for a charity that is close to my heart and I wanted to surprise him by attending. Then, I headed down to Los Angeles, where my oldest son just made a big career change.

As I stared out the window on the way home from both visits, it occurred to me that traveling has over time improved my spiritual and religious life. That might initially sound weird, but please

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Easter, the greatest of feasts



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Easter Sunday Jn 20:1-9

This weekend the Church celebrates the greatest of its feasts, the feast of the Resurrection of the Lord, or Easter. It is the greatest of feasts because it rejoices in the fulfillment of human salvation, finalized and completed when the Lord Jesus rose from death to new earthly life after having been crucified.

On Holy Saturday, after dusk, the Church presents its splendid liturgy of the Easter Vigil. Quite vividly in the vigil's readings the Church recalls the long history of God's unfailing love for us.

For Easter itself, the first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. Speaking in behalf of all the Apostles, Peter capsulizes the life and mission of Jesus. More than a biography, it is a testament of God's love for humankind, given in Jesus, and in the Sacrifice of Jesus. It is an invitation to people to follow the Lord, a reassurance that God is with us still alive and well in Jesus, the Risen.

For the second reading, the Church offers a passage from the Epistle to the Colossians. This reading tells us, as it told its first audience, that we have been raised with Christ. We usually associate resurrection with death, in that resurrection is re-vivifica-

tion after physical death. In the Pauline writings, resurrection also meant an event on earth while physical life is present. It is a resurrection over sin, voluntarily chosen by each disciple.

St. John's Gospel supplies the last reading. It is the familiar story of Mary Magdalene's early morning visit to the tomb where Jesus had been buried after being crucified. She found the tomb empty. Immediately, she hurried to Peter and the other disciples to give them the news.

Peter and the others took her word. At once they went to the tomb and saw for themselves that it was empty. The disciple whom Jesus loved saw the tomb. He was not bewildered. Strong in faith, he knew that Jesus had risen.

Reflection

The readings for this feast, as well as the feast of Easter itself, are overpowering in the richness and depth and breadth of their message. Jesus is the Savior! He lives forever!

In the Acts of the Apostles, it is clear that Peter and the Apostles were exercising a role given them earlier by Jesus, a commissioning documented in John and the other Gospels. Salvation in Jesus did not end when Jesus ascended. It lives in the Apostolic credentials, and ministry, of the Church.

Colossians, the second reading, calls us clearly and firmly to turn totally to Jesus. We must drown our sins, and in this we too rise, even now and not only after physical death. Sin is living death. If we do not repent, our sins are final. They doom us to death. Nothing good ever can come from sin, from rejecting God.

Volumes have been written about these verses from the Fourth Gospel. Two figures are very important. The first is Mary Magdalene. The second is the Beloved Disciple, assumed to have been the Apostle John, although the Gospel never identifies this disciple by name.

Common between them is their unqualified love for Jesus. Mary of Magdala is an example for us all. Her faith was unquestioning. She played with fire by paying attention to the corpse of a condemned traitor. The Romans always were looking for conspiracies, and they played for keeps. Yet, disregarding the risk, and indeed not knowing what she would find, Mary went to the tomb.

The Beloved Disciple realized what had happened.

The great early Christian figures call us to trust in the Lord relentlessly. We cannot predict or control everything. The ultimate fact is that we need Jesus. He lives. He will guide us and save us.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21 Mk 16:9-15

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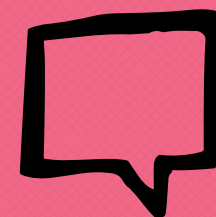
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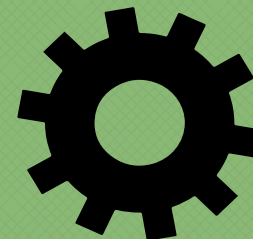


Verbal Boundaries

Do I make comments about students' physique or development?

Do I share too many details about my personal life?

Do I swear or use derogatory language?



Technology Boundaries

Do I call or send emails or text messages to individual students?

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Saint of the Week



Benedict the Moor

1526-1589
Feast April 4

Born near Messina, on the Italian island of Sicily, Benedict was the son of African slaves who, as their eldest son, was given his freedom. Growing up, he was nicknamed "il moro sante" ("the holy Moor") for his piety and good works. He became a hermit and then the community's superior; but, after the pope ordered them to disband in 1562, Benedict became a Franciscan lay brother. He served as cook, but drew many visitors and supplicants with his reputation for holiness and miracles. Despite his illiteracy, Benedict was chosen as superior and also as novice master, before being allowed to return to his kitchen refuge. He is a patron saint of Palermo, Sicily, and of blacks in the United States.

Our Holy Week retreat

I remember the saddest thing I ever heard about Lent. A few years ago one of my teachers remarked, "Lent is when you get to choose how you suffer." It was a wise, penetrating comment, yet I still can't relate to it completely.

Of course, I do understand what he meant. Yet for me it doesn't show the full picture, because in my family Lent is not just a desert of solitude and sacrifice. Lent — particularly Holy Week — is a time that everyone in my family looks forward to throughout the year. Three times a year someone asks, "What's better, Christmas or Easter?" We always debate it for a while, but Easter invariably wins — not so much because of Easter Sunday itself, but because of what leads up to it.

We all love Holy Week. Along with the "Christmas or Easter" conversation, we often discuss which of the Holy Week liturgies is our favorite, and which aspects of each are most meaningful to us. My younger brother likes seeing the priests washing the feet at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and prostrating themselves before the Good Friday service begins. The little kids have always enjoyed getting to bang on the pews during the Office of Tenebrae. My dad has always found the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday particularly meaningful. And of course, everyone loves standing around the Easter Vigil fire and holding the candles in the church afterward.

Much as Holy Week is a part of our family life now, however, it wasn't always that way. As recently as 10 years ago, we only attended the Easter Sunday morning Mass. I have few early memories of the other Holy Week liturgies. In fact, I recall the first

time we went to the Easter Vigil. We had a family discussion. Who would go, and who would stay home with the little ones? My sister Margaret and I ended up going with my mom. I made it through the many readings, but lay down in the pew after Communion and fell asleep. On the drive home we congratulated ourselves on the car clock — 12:10 a.m. — and were altogether proud of ourselves for staying up so late to witness such a beautiful Mass. We hummed the music around the house for the next six weeks.

After that our Holy Week liturgy attendance became much more regular. My sisters and I picked our favorite music, and then waited throughout the year to see if the choir would sing the same piece the next time.

My favorite by then was the Holy Thursday Mass, and when I was first scheduled to play violin for it, my joy was great. By the beginning of high school, I was regularly playing violin for the liturgies, which added a new depth of meaning to each of them. Soon after my sister Margaret followed me, and now our musical commitment has become a huge part of our family's Holy Week and Easter experience.

Our appreciation of the Triduum as a whole has also changed. Slowly, Holy Saturday has become a family day. It's no longer an ordinary Saturday. We almost always leave town and go somewhere quiet, to be able to think and pray. Without even asking my parents if we planned to do the same thing this year, I canceled everything I had scheduled for this coming Holy Saturday. It's become the tradition.

The ages of the kids in our family spans a decade — seven to



CAROLINE PETERSON

TEEN TABLET

17 — so my younger siblings and I will have very different memories of Holy Week. Adam, the youngest, will never remember a Triduum in which our schedules did not stop. He will recall the exact details and images of the liturgies from a very young age. My memories start much later. I can still remember when the Triduum first started to become a big event.

As my family started to get more and more involved in this most Holy Week, Easter became everyone's favorite holiday. Easter isn't Christmas; no one is going to get big presents; we don't eat pie or get more than a few days off school at most. Yet Holy Week and Easter has become the time when my family is closer than almost any other time throughout the year. It's our annual "retreat" — but within our own house and parish.

Another teacher once showed my class a diagram. There are several dots arranged in a circle: the members of a family. In the middle is a large dot — God. The little dots begin to move closer towards the larger one. As they do so, they move closer to one another. When I think of Holy Week and Easter, this is what I see.

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hear me out. Here's how traveling helped me be a better Catholic:

I become grateful during my time away. Just observing other people and how they live, I appreciate my husband, my home, my house, and even little things like my cool soft comfy pillow. I also become grateful for the sweet niceties I have a chance to enjoy when I travel. Checking into the hotel last weekend, I was met with dimmed lights in a sweet smelling room and classical music playing softly from a device near the side of the bed. I am grateful for the quiet time away to think and reflect upon my life and the state of my soul, and I pray spontaneously, naturally with thankfulness to God for all I have been given. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to

God. ..." — Col. 3:16.

Traveling gives me time and distance for perspective. All those hours stretching before me in a plane (or car) offers me a chance to do an examination of conscience. How did I fail today? What attitudes will help me remedy that? How did I succeed? How do I make the most of the time in front of me the rest of the day? I think of the Ten Commandments and how I ought be applying them in my life. Am I being an instrument of truth, beauty and goodness in this world? In the quiet of the moments before me when I travel, it becomes sparkling clear how I can be a better wife, mother, friend and person.

Traveling forces me to rely on myself, and in turn, God. While traveling I have to look at the map and make decisions. I have to pay attention. I have to overcome my fears and realize ultimately I am dependent on God. I find myself quietly saying things like, "OK, Lord, help me figure this out." Or "Now what?" Getting out of the familiar I am challenged to use my intelligence and to trust both my

prayerfully guided judgment and God.

Traveling helps me learn compassion. Many of the people I meet in my travels live lives very different from mine. They have varied backgrounds. Their viewpoints are often vastly different. It is interesting to discover why they think the way they do, and that some of their choices are based on a worldview presented to them when they were young. God made them. God loves them. I feel called to emulate Mother Teresa who said, "If you judge people, you have no time to love them." I choose to love them and trust that God, who truly knows their hearts, will judge them best.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for April 5, 2015

Luek 24:13-35

Following is a word search based on the afternoon Gospel reading for Easter Sunday. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

EMMAUS	EYES	RECOGNIZING
TAKEN PLACE	THESE DAYS	WORD
BEFORE GOD	PRIESTS	CRUCIFIED
THIRD DAY	GROUP	TOMB
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VANISHED	BURNING	SIMON

IT IS TRUE

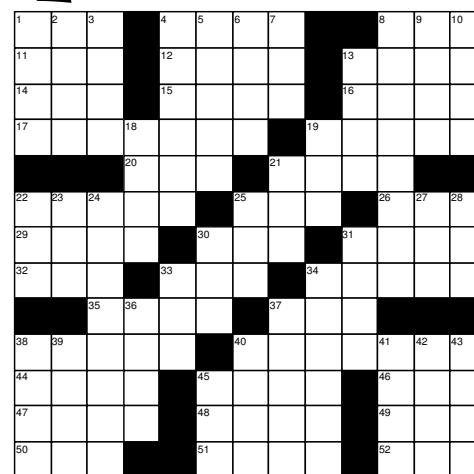
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The CrossWord

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Based on these readings: Acts 10: 43a, 37-42; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20: 1-9 and Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20: 19-31

ACROSS

- 1 Grain
- 4 Unconsciousness
- 8 "___ & ye shall receive"
- 11 Pounds per square inch
- 12 Opaque gem
- 13 Soon
- 14 Snake like fish
- 15 Muck
- 16 Center
- 17 Deceive
- 19 Easter liturgy color
- 20 "Raven" author
- 21 Small bird
- 22 Negatively charged particle

- 25 Disciples felt to see risen Christ
- 26 Also
- 29 Church song
- 30 Speak sinfully
- 31 Jesus rose from
- 32 American College of Physicians (abbr.)
- 33 Charges
- 34 Trained group
- 35 Easter flower
- 37 Slave lost one
- 38 Mont ___ in Alps
- 40 Cargo ships
- 44 Skating area
- 45 Greeting note
- 46 Volume (abbr.)

- 47 ___ of the Apostles
- 48 Not sharp
- 49 East southeast
- 50 Aye
- 51 Eye infection
- 52 Cardinals' color

DOWN

- 1 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
- 2 Afloat
- 3 Plow
- 4 One in heart and mind
- 5 Declare
- 6 ___ of Magdala
- 7 Monk brew
- 8 God did and gave Jesus power
- 9 Classify
- 10 Genuflect on
- 13 Muscle pain
- 18 "___ this rock"
- 19 Not quite humorous
- 21 "___ to you Pharisees"
- 22 Expression of surprise
- 23 New York City
- 24 Knee replacements
- 25 Fore-and-aft sail
- 27 Paddle
- 28 Poem
- 30 Not ordained
- 31 Early in the morning
- 33 Tender loving care
- 34 Paschal ___
- 36 Pen fillers
- 37 When Mary went to tomb
- 38 Hee-haw
- 39 Aphids
- 40 Tense
- 41 "___-living God"
- 42 Jesus did from tomb
- 43 Sleigh
- 45 Money notes

Answer Key can be found on page 15



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SPORTS

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28th season, Bishop Luers hopes to pick up where they left off after a strong finish in 2014. The 2015 baseball team returns five starters and last year's top pitcher in Travis Eckert. Returning to anchor the infield is junior Logan Gallaway and senior catcher Peter Pfister. Noah Hoeffel and Mike Vankoski both saw considerable time in the outfield last year where Tony Bottone, Brandon Diss and Josh Yarde will also see playing time this season. Tony Hoch, Korrie Griggs, Nick Carroll, Mick Palmer and Luke Lashure will compete for the other infield positions. Eckert leads an experienced pitching group, which includes Hoeffel, Bottone, Carroll, Gallaway and Diss. Newcomer Dustin Notter could also factor in. Blane Cook will share time behind the dish with Pfister.

Golf

Coach Tom O'Brien will return two varsity golfers in Conner Nix and Ben Reuille for the 2015 season and look for big things from senior newcomer, Caleb Kroft, who shot well in several summer 18-hole golf tournaments, including one first place finish thanks to a solid even par. If some Bishop Luers JV players from last year can raise their game to the varsity level, O'Brien feels the Knights could surprise some good teams.

Track

Coach Jason Draper will once again be at the helm of the Bishop Luers track program this season. After a short indoor season, the team will open their outdoor season with a meet at East Noble in pursuit of a deep postseason run, which culminates in Indianapolis at the IHSA state finals on June 6.

Softball

The Bishop Luers softball team will open their 2015 season at Central Noble. They will have a rigid schedule during the months of April and May before starting their postseason play with sectionals beginning on May 25. Coach Jeff Doll will lead the Lady Knights.

Lacrosse

Seniors Luke Dippold, Andrew Baehl and Paddy Adams are back and will serve as captains of the 2015 Bishop Luers Lacrosse team. The Knights have over 30 on the roster, which includes 12 seniors. In his third year as head coach, alum and coach Eric Frenz also lists junior attack Noah Meiser, along with four returning sophomores — Michael Colvin, Jonathan Silvers, Gareth Brouwer and Patrick Wyss — as key factors for a team committed to improving greatly this season. Highlights this spring on the 14-game schedule will be April 10 against rival Bishop Dwenger and May 14 for senior night.

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Young adults evening of discernment
Granger — A Discernment Night for Young Adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, will be Friday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Church. Contact Sean Allen at sallen@diocesefwsb.org or 858-354-9006 for information.

Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, April 9, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5-12.

Trivia night planned
Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish will hold a trivia night, Saturday, April 11, in the activity center. Doors open at 6 p.m., game begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, maximum 10 people

Spaghetti dinner planned
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202

per table, other fun games are \$1 each. Bring your own snacks, beverages will be available for purchase. For information contact Pam at 260-489-6931 or pam.mclaughlin100@yahoo.com.

Mass Mob gathering announced
South Bend — The monthly Mass Mob will gather at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 11, at St. Casimir Church, 1308 West Dunham. Visit southbendmassmob.com for information.

Catholic Business Network Group
Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, April 10, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Dave MacDonald of Catholics on a Mission will speak on reducing homelessness following Mass in the Cathedral Center. Refreshments provided by Redeemer Radio.

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