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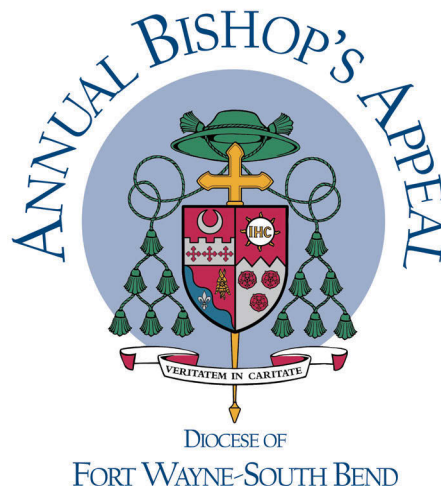
## The 2014 Annual Bishop's Appeal sets a record

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — The 2014 Annual Bishop's Appeal, "Let Us Love In Deed and Truth," is another success.

Harry Verhiley, Secretary for Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, told *Today's Catholic* the goal for the 2014-15 Appeal was \$5,048,769. "Because of the generosity of our families, we raised \$6,502,645 which accounts for 129 percent of the goal," he said.

"When our diocese raises funds above the goal, 100 percent of the overage goes back to the respective over-goal parishes," Verhiley said. "That means that the 2014 Bishop's Appeal will return nearly \$1.5 million back to our over-goal parishes, once collected. This is



important, since these funds support ministries and services offered in our parishes."

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades told *Today's Catholic*, "The faithful of our diocese are always generous to the Annual Bishop's Appeal, as well as other parish and diocesan needs. I am so very grateful to all who gave to the 2014 Appeal."

"The Annual Bishop's Appeal is an important funding source for the mission and ministries of our diocese," Bishop Rhoades said. "Your generous support for the work of the Church is a faithful witness to the generous love of God. This witness is Christ-like, because Jesus gave Himself completely for our sake. I pray that God will continue to bless the work of our diocese and all the faithful who continue to contribute to this important work."

## Arise Together in Christ renews diocese

Faithful continue the journey with Why Catholic? process

BY KAY COZAD



Many parishes across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend have recently completed their three-year goal of faith formation and renewal through the ARISE Together in Christ/LEVANTATE. Unamonos en Cristo process. Introduced in 2012, the small group, faith-sharing initiative has nurtured the seeds of faith in action that are now being harvested across the area.

The ARISE process, a RENEW International initiative, focused on establishing small Christian communities who met regularly in homes, parishes, youth groups and college campuses, to read and reflect on Scripture and Church teaching, share how it relates in their personal lives and encourage active service and discipleship.

The five distinct six-week sessions that the process offered, which began in fall of 2012 in the diocese, have included "Encountering Christ Today," "Change Our Hearts," "In the Footsteps of Christ," "New Hearts, New Spirit," and finally, "We Are the Good News!" Coordinator and team leadership training was provided by Renew International

prior to each season.

In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend more than 6,000 small faith members in 58 parishes participated in English and more than 1,000 members in 10 parishes in Spanish. More than 650 lay leaders were trained in English and more than 150 in Spanish.

From this effort parish life has been revitalized in many ways.

St. Patrick Parish in Fort Wayne reports, "This past season, 'New Heart, New Spirit,' with its theme of forgiveness and reconciliation, led many to go back to the sacrament of Reconciliation after years of absence. They then received the Holy Eucharist." And in Angola, St. Anthony of Padua ARISE members worked to put together a parish mission in November.

Gospel action in Monroeville came in the form of feeding the hungry when the ARISE group there not only prepared and served the soup supper for the "Soup and Stations" night during Lent, but they also led the rosary as a group.

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## DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS



JERRY KESSENS

St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne was one of many parishes offering Divine Mercy Sunday devotions on April 12. A family prays before the monstrance and the Divine Mercy image there. In the 1930s Jesus requested through St. Faustina Kowalska that a feast of Divine Mercy be established and solemnly celebrated in the Church on the first Sunday after Easter every year. In the year 2000 after many years of study by the Catholic Church, St. John Paul II officially established that feast of Divine Mercy and named it Divine Mercy Sunday. The feast of Divine Mercy offers the faithful the promises of the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment for anyone that would go to Confession and receive Communion on that day.

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# Pope says Year of Mercy will be time to heal, to help, to forgive

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Mercy is what makes God perfect and all-powerful, Pope Francis said in his document officially proclaiming the 2015-2016 extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy.

"If God limited Himself to only justice, He would cease to be God, and would instead be like human beings who ask merely that the law be respected," the pope wrote in "Misericordiae Vultus," ("The Face of Mercy"), which is the "bull of indiction" calling a Holy Year to begin Dec. 8.

Standing in front of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica April 11, Pope Francis handed copies of the document to the archpriests of the major basilicas of Rome and to Vatican officials representing Catholics around the world.

Portions of the 9,300-word proclamation were read aloud before Pope Francis and his aides processed into St. Peter's Basilica to celebrate the first vespers of Divine Mercy Sunday.

In his homily at vespers, the pope said he proclaimed the Year of Mercy because "it is the favorable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone the way of forgiveness and reconciliation."

The boundless nature of God's mercy — His willingness always to forgive anything — has been a constant subject of Pope Francis' preaching and is explained in detail in the document, which outlines some of the specific projects the pope has in mind for the year.

The Old Testament stories of how God repeatedly offered mercy to His unfaithful people and the New Testament stories of Jesus' compassion, healing and mercy demonstrate, the pope said, that "the mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality through which He reveals His love," just like mothers and fathers love their children.

"How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God," he wrote. "May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the kingdom of God is already present in our midst."

Nothing in the Church's preaching or witness, he said, can be lacking in mercy.

Pope Francis asked that all dioceses around the world designate a "Door of Mercy" at their cathedral or another special church or shrine, and that every diocese implement the "24 Hours for the Lord" initia-



CNS PHOTO/ANDREA SOLARO, REUTERS POOL

**Pope Francis stands in front of the Holy Door prior to first vespers of Divine Mercy Sunday in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican April 11. Before celebrating vespers, the pope released a 9,300-word document officially proclaiming the 2015-2016 extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy.**

tive on the Friday and Saturday before the fourth week of Lent. In Rome the last two years, the pope has opened the celebration with a penance service in St. Peter's Basilica and churches around the city were open for the next 24 hours for Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration.

The pope said he will designate and send out "Missionaries of Mercy" to preach about mercy; they will be given special authority, he said, "to pardon even those sins reserved to the Holy See." Under Church law, those sins involve: a man who directly participated in an abortion and later wants to enter the Priesthood; priests who have broken the seal of Confession; priests who have offered sacramental absolution to their own sexual partners; desecrating the Eucharist; and making an attempt on the life of the pope. Usually, the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court, handles those cases.

And he urged all Catholics to spend more time practicing what traditionally have been called the corporal and spiritual works of

mercy. The corporal works are: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, giving drink to the thirsty and burying the dead. The spiritual works are: converting sinners, instructing the ignorant, advising the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries and praying for the living and dead.

The date the pope chose to open the year — Dec. 8 — is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. Both dates, he wrote, are related to the Year of Mercy.

Mercy, he said, is "the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sins." That bridge was made concrete when God chose Mary to be the mother of His Son.

The Year of Mercy, Pope Francis wrote, is also a way to keep the Second Vatican Council alive. "The walls which too long had made the Church a kind of fortress were torn down and the time had

come to proclaim the Gospel in a new way," he said. The council recognized "a responsibility to be a living sign of the Father's love in the world."

The life and action of the Church, he said, "is authentic and credible only when she becomes a convincing herald of mercy," a mercy that "knows no bounds and extends to everyone without exception."

While some people try to argue that mercy, even God's mercy, is limited by the demands of justice, Pope Francis said mercy and justice are "two dimensions of a single reality that unfolds progressively until it culminates in the fullness of love."

Preaching mercy, he said, is not the same as ignoring sin or withholding correction. Instead, mercy invites repentance and conversion and ensures the sinner that once God forgives a sin, He forgets it.

The pope addressed direct appeals in the document to members of the mafia and other criminal organizations as well as to officials and others involved in corruption. "For their own good, I beg them to change their lives," he wrote. "I ask them this in the name of the Son of God who, though rejecting sin, never rejected the sinner."

"Violence inflicted for the sake of amassing riches soaked in blood makes one neither powerful nor immortal," he continued. "Everyone, sooner or later, will be subject to God's judgment, from which no one can escape."

At the same time, Pope Francis wrote, many of those who insist first on God's justice are like the Pharisees who thought they could save themselves by following the letter of the law, but ended up simply placing "burdens on the shoulders of others and undermined the Father's mercy."

"God's justice is His mercy," the pope said. "Mercy is not opposed to justice, but rather expresses God's way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert and believe."

Recognizing that they have been treated with mercy by God, he said, Christians are obliged to treat others with mercy. In fact, the Gospel says that Christians will be judged by the mercy they show others.

"At times how hard it seems to forgive," he said. "And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart. To let go of anger, wrath, violence and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully."

Pope Francis also noted that God's mercy is an important theme in Judaism and Islam, and he urged efforts during the Year of Mercy to increase interreligious dialogue and mutual understanding with followers of both faiths.

# Flurry of briefs seeks to shape court's look at same-sex marriage

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When it takes up same-sex marriage cases from four states April 28, the Supreme Court will officially be considering just two constitutional questions.

But judging from the outpouring of friend-of-the-court or “amicus” briefs, the court is expected to affect the very definition of marriage in American society.

Around 120 “amicus” briefs filed with the court by the early April deadline offer the views of everyone from people who have sought same-sex marriages and states that support them to scholars and religious institutions that come down on both sides of the question, plus business leaders, sociologists and others who weigh in on the effects of different types of marriage. Among those are groups and individuals with views about the potential effect of a ruling on First Amendment rights and those with opinions about issues such as the use of sexual orientation change therapy.

The court has bundled appeals of lower court rulings about the laws of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee under the title of the Ohio case, *Obergefell v. Hodges*. That case arose after the October 2013 death of John Arthur of Cincinnati. He and his long-time partner, James Obergefell, had married earlier that year in Maryland. When the local Ohio registrar agreed to list Obergefell as the surviving spouse on Arthur's death certificate — which is key to a range of survivor's benefits — the state attorney general challenged the status because Ohio law bars same-sex marriages.

*Tanco v. Haslam*, the Tennessee case, and *Bourke v. Beshear*, the Kentucky case, similarly challenge those states' refusal to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions. *DeBoer v. Snyder*, the Michigan case, does so based on a lesbian couple's efforts to jointly adopt their children. Michigan law limits adoption by a second parent to married couples and the state does not allow or recognize same-sex marriages.

The Supreme Court ruled in 2013 that the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which defined marriage as between one man and one woman, is unconstitutional. The same day it sent back to lower courts a case that resulted in California's law barring same-sex marriage being overturned. Since then, four federal Circuit Courts have ruled that state bans on same-sex marriage are unconstitutional, while a fifth Circuit Court upheld such restrictions. Between state laws and judicial rulings, same-sex marriage is now

legal in 38 states and the District of Columbia.

In agreeing in January to take the cases, the Supreme Court said it would consider two constitutional questions:

- Does the 14th Amendment require a state to license a marriage between two people of the same sex?

- Does the 14th Amendment require a state to recognize a marriage between two people of the same sex when their marriage was lawfully licensed and performed out of state?

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops filed a brief arguing that the state laws limiting marriage of heterosexual couples should be upheld. The first reason the USCCB cites is that “as a matter of simple biology, the sexual union of one man and one woman is the only union capable of creating new life,” and that homes with a father and a mother are the optimal environment for children. It said it is “reasonable and just” for states to treat heterosexual marriages as having more value than other kinds of relationships.

“Government support for a marital bond between mothers and fathers serves the interest of reducing, or preventing further increases in, the incidence of single parenthood and the consequent burdens it places upon the custodial parent (usually the mother) and the public,” it said.

The USCCB also argues that laws permitting same-sex marriages redefine the traditional definition of marriage and would “needlessly create church-state conflict for generations to come.”

The brief said that when government treats people differently on the basis of race, sex or national origin, “it discriminates on the basis of an immutable trait identifiable from conception or birth. In contrast, a decision to participate in a same-sex relationship is not a trait, but a species of conduct.”

The USCCB brief noted that the court has previously said that while same-sex sexual conduct may be “closely correlated” with homosexual inclination, “the correlation is by no means absolute, and what separates the two is critical both legally and morally — the exercise of a responsible human will. The court should maintain this venerable distinction between inclination and overt conduct because it pervades the Anglo-American legal tradition, applicable to but extending far beyond discussions of sexuality. In general, though the government may legally disadvantage all manner of conduct, the Constitution forbids it to do the same to a person's status, belief, or inclination.”

The Catholic Church teaches that homosexual attraction itself is not sinful, though homosexual

actions are sinful. It teaches that marriage is only a union between a man and a woman and that any sexual activity outside of marriage is sinful.

Among other Catholic entities that filed briefs, the Michigan Catholic Conference weighed in, echoing many of the USCCB's points about the definition of marriage and the value to the state of limiting marriage to heterosexual pairs in the interest of the foundation of family. But it also echoed the state of Michigan's defense of its law.

“States' decisions to recognize, benefit and burden only the naturally procreative union serves legitimate state interests,” the Michigan conference said, quoting from the state's defense of its law: “One starts from the premise that governments got into the business of defining marriage, and remain in the business of defining marriage, not to regulate love but to regulate sex, most especially the intended and unintended effects of male-female intercourse.”

The state encourages, supports and protects traditionally defined marriage to promote the stability of society and its children, the brief said. “It is not hard to envision problems that can result without state regulation of the natural effects of male-female intercourse. States regulate opposite-sex marriage to ensure domestic tranquility, for example, by legitimizing children, ensuring domestic support and prohibiting neglect.”

Elsewhere, the brief observes: “Because the fundamental right to marriage is inextricably linked to procreation, there simply is no fundamental right to marry someone of the same sex.”

The Supreme Court is expected to rule on the cases before the end of its term in late June.



## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, April 19, 9:30 a.m. — Mass at Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka
- Sunday, April 19, 12:15 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Pius X Church, Granger
- Sunday, April 19, 3 p.m. — Groundbreaking ceremony for new St. Pius X Church, Granger
- Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur
- Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. — Religious Appreciation Dinner, Knights of Columbus, Council 451, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, Kendallville
- Friday, April 24, 5:30 p.m. — Dinner for St. Vincent de Paul Society, Lester's, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Mary of the Lake Church, Culver
- Saturday, April 25, 5 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Adalbert Church, South Bend



## Priest appointment

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has appointed **Reverend John M. Santone, CSC**, as Temporary Administrator of Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka, effective April 20, 2015.

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

- St. Joseph Church, 1300 N. Main St., Bluffton, hosts prayer for vocations and religious freedom the first Thursday of each month beginning with Morning Prayer at 7:45 a.m., Mass at 8 a.m., Adoration from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m., Litany of the Eucharist and Benediction at 6:45 p.m. and Mass at 7 p.m. On the second Wednesday of the month, Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty takes place beginning at 5 p.m. and ending with Mass at 7 p.m.
- St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd, Fort Wayne, has a holy hour all Fridays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the chapel.
- Queen of Peace Church in Mishawaka has an hour and a half (3:30-5 p.m.) of Adoration and Exposition every Saturday prior to the Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. They dedicate this time in honor of private prayer for the Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty.
- St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur, hosts Eucharistic Exposition on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9-10 a.m. and 4:30-8 p.m. The parish asks participants to pray for the protection of marriage, religious freedom and unborn children.
- Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, hosts a holy hour for religious liberty beginning with a rosary at 9:30 a.m. every Tuesday.

## NUN PRAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AT VATICAN



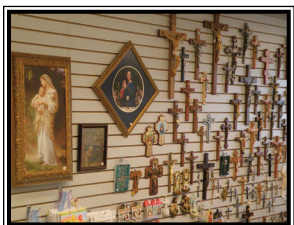
A nun prays during an April 11 Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. The Mass was for participants in an international congress organized by the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Formation staffs were in Rome for an international Congress April 7-11. The congress was one of several events organized for the Year of Consecrated Life.

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## St. John the Evangelist parishioners recall Palm Sunday tornadoes

BY DENISE FEDOROW

GOSHEN — April 11th marked the 50th anniversary of the infamous Palm Sunday tornadoes that tore through the Goshen area, leaving a path of devastation behind. Forty-nine people lost their lives and 600 homes were destroyed in Elkhart County.

Two of the hardest hit areas were the Midway Mobile Home Park and the Sunnyside subdivision in Dunlap — an unincorporated area between Goshen and Elkhart, and the Jefferson Place subdivision and Pine Creek Trailer Park north of Goshen on State Road 15 and U.S. Hwy 20 near Bristol and Middlebury.

St. John the Evangelist parishioners recently recalled memories of that fateful day. Parishioner Patrice (Eash) Traxler's family home was destroyed in the tornado. Traxler was four years old at the time and recalled she and her sister Denise had been playing with a neighbor and had been sent home. She said

Denise, who was six, was upset by the weather so their mother, who had been cleaning, tried to calm her. They soon were headed to a neighbor's house because they didn't have a basement. The next-door neighbor wasn't home so they ran down the street, her mom carrying her baby brother, to the home where the girls had been playing.

Traxler said, "No sooner than we got there it got real black and nasty. As we headed to the basement we passed a big picture window and mom saw the tornado coming."

Traxler recalls huddling in a corner and hearing the sounds of debris coming down around them. She said she wasn't sure if it was the first or second tornado that hit her home. Reportedly, the first tornado struck between 6:15-6:30 p.m. hitting the Midway Mobile Home Park and Jefferson Place. Another tornado touched down near Wakarusa, skipped over Goshen Hospital and Goshen College and hit Sunnyside subdivision around 7 p.m.

She recalled that a young girl in

their area had been killed. Traxler recalled that her home had one "bright orange wall standing" with a shelf where two piggybanks, hand-painted by her grandmother, sat unharmed. Another vivid image was that of the mop and bucket her mom had used before the tornado hit, standing completely undisturbed.

Traxler also shared that as her grandparents were driving home after the tornado her grandmother told her husband that their house had been hit because along the way she saw his ties hanging from tree branches.

Traxler said she credits her sister for saving their lives. It was also a blessing the first neighbors weren't home as their house was destroyed as well. Traxler's family rebuilt their house, this time with a basement and storm shelter.

Her father-in-law, Vince Traxler, longtime member of St. John, remembered driving home from Kendallville "with a terrible looking sky" and telling his wife if he saw a tornado he was going to drive into a ditch. But the family made it home and Vince said he didn't know anything else until he showed up for work at Penn Controls the next day and no one was there. He said his wife Ruth knew of a family that was devastated in the tornado. Their son had only the clothes on his back, so Ruth took him shopping.

Vince also recalled his mother, who had heard news reports that Goshen was destroyed, grabbed a mop and bucket and drove up from Kendallville, not knowing what to expect. She was relieved to find her family was not affected.

Shirley Swartz recalls "such a nice day," so she took her daughters to her parents' home who lived near the Goshen Hospital, leaving her son home alone. After the tornado passed and the family was reunited at her parents' house, they watched numerous ambulances bringing the injured to the hospital.

Pat Keil was working at the Dairy Queen that day and said, "Every time I put a cone out it got covered with dust and I couldn't figure out why until I heard the sirens. It was a funny feeling — you could sense something in the air."

Keil's son-in-law, Chuck Cragun, who was 12 at the time, was right in the midst of the hardest hit area, near U.S. 33 and Country Road 13. He "very vividly" recalled his family going to the basement to escape the storm. "It felt like a sand-storm — all the basement windows had blown out and the house was shaken from its foundation," he said.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration listed this tornado in the "Most Notable Storms in the 20th Century."

St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, parishioner Patrice (Eash) Traxler still has the piggy bank that her grandmother painted for her that survived the destruction caused during the 1965 Palm Sunday tornadoes in the Goshen area.

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## Pope John XXIII and the Jews

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# Child care voucher bill to minimize 'cliff effect' for low income families

STATEHOUSE — A bill to assist low income families by providing a graduated phase-out of their child care subsidy is moving through the Indiana General Assembly, and eligible for conference committee negotiation. The Indiana Catholic Conference supports the legislation.

The proposal, House Bill 1616 authored by Rep. Ed Clere, R-New Albany, addresses the economic phenomenon known as the "cliff effect" by providing a tapering off of child care benefits rather than an automatic cut off.

The "cliff effect" phenomenon occurs when a family begins to earn above the limits set by the state and becomes ineligible for various government subsidies for food; housing; child care and other benefits. For low-income families, this means earning more income creates a more serious financial hardship for them.

Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, said, "Helping low income families become self-sufficient is good public policy. The legislation would have a big impact on families in need while having a minimal impact on the state's budget."

Clere said, "It's a very simple bill and I hope the beginning of a larger conversation about this concept of the 'cliff effect' and how we might apply this with other assistance programs where we want to help transition people off of assistance and to self-sufficiency."

Clere said that currently the child care benefit is eliminated at 170 percent of the federal poverty level. "Someone can make just a little bit more money and lose their entire benefit. These individuals are doing better, yet are worse off financially

due to the loss of their child care benefit," said Clere. "This affects thousands of Hoosiers who rely on this benefit who are trying to improve themselves through education."

Clere explained that the bill increases the phase-out for the child care subsidy from the current 170 percent of the federal poverty level to 250 percent of the federal poverty level. Clere said the legislation also helps families of five or more to be able to continue to receive the subsidy.

"As families get higher and higher on the income scale they would make higher and higher copays to their child care subsidy," said Clere. "The bottom line is we ought to be structuring programs such as this to encourage families to gain more skills to advance in the workforce and become self-sufficient."

Sen. Vaneta Becker, R-Evansville, a Senate sponsor of the bill, said, "I think it's important for us as legislators to be reminded that 69-71 percent of all jobs in Indiana do not pay a living wage. We are always talking about how great we are at economic development and job growth, but when I hear these statistics, it's extremely alarming because it really means that these families can work all they want and they're still not going to have enough money," said Becker. "We need to be doing more about providing and incentivizing good paying jobs, not just jobs that are below the federal poverty level."

Derek Thomas, senior policy analyst for Indiana Institute for Working Families, a program of the Indiana Community Action Agency testified in support of the legisla-

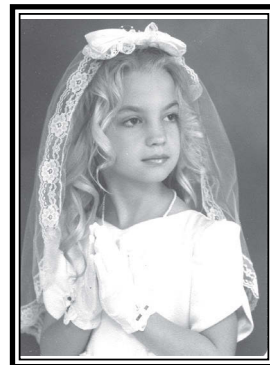
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tion, said, "We've been researching benefit cliffs. We hear stories from families who are turning down raises and full-time work, or not gotten married in order to keep their benefits." He said, "Poverty is still growing in Indiana. The middle class is still shrinking by even the most generous of estimates. This is just one small way that we can allow access to the middle class and reward hard work."

Lucinda Nord, representing United Way, also supporting the bill said, "We are very much in support of smoothing benefits to encourage self-sufficiency. As you make more money, you pay more money. With many families affected who are currently on the wait list, we expect the wait list to grow, but we think this is a good policy shift because it rewards work."

Tebbe said, "This bill received strong support in the House passing 94-0, and by a Senate panel. Even though it got held-up in the Senate Appropriations committee and failed to pass the full Senate, because it passed one chamber, it is eligible to be part of a conference committee process." Tebbe said, "We are going to continue to work to get it passed before the April 29th session adjournment deadline."



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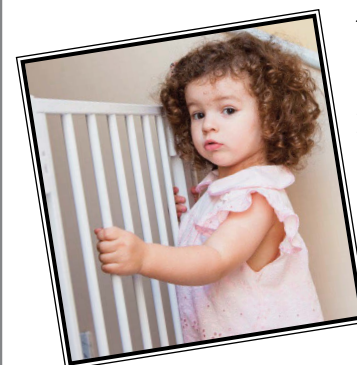
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# Beauty of art and sacraments as response to culture of pornography

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

NOTRE DAME — “May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know the hope that belongs to His call.” These words from St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians served as the inspiration and basis for a conference held at

the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College on March 26-27, focused on the dangers of pornography and the necessary response of the Church.

Numerous theologians, psychologists, educators and students participated in academic and pastoral discussions centered on the theme of “Seeing with the

Eyes of the Heart: Cultivating a Sacramental Imagination in an Age of Pornography.” Speakers first elaborated upon the harmful effects of pornography before establishing the counteraction necessary to provide systemic healing.

Erica Scharrer, professor and chair of communication at the University of Massachusetts

Amherst, began the conference by presenting details of a psychological study she had overseen, which evaluated “the contemporary character of pornography.” She revealed how “mainstream pornographic videos increasingly demonstrate high degrees of degradation, violence, abuse and both verbal and physical aggression, most often depicting men as perpetrators and women as targets of these actions.”

William Struthers, professor of psychology at Wheaton College, next shared how viewing sexually explicit material (SEM) influences the thoughts and behaviors of men. Through his neurological research he found that “men who are often exposed to SEM become less interested in real women because they have access to a controlled environment to engage their sexual desires without having to deal with the reality or messiness of a real relationship.” He also shared that “when viewing SEM, men neurologically trigger the function of vicariously engaging in the behaviors and feelings of what the performers are experiencing.” This leads to real life changes in behavior, which he addressed include “increases in risk-taking action, misperceptions of what should be expected or demanded in real relationships, and a higher likelihood of become more depressed, experiencing self doubt or becoming unable to bond with others.” Struthers reminded, however, that “through the lens of the Gospel, we find our response to this problem, because we are instead exposed to the examples of dignity, sacrifice and faithfulness, which SEM so greatly lacks.”

Dr. Jill Manning, a licensed marriage and family therapist, then followed by touching upon the effects of pornography on women. Citing further psychological research, she indicated that “pornography acceptance among women is a stronger correlate with permissive sexuality, alcohol use, binge drinking and smoking than actual pornography use. This pushes back on the notion that merely thinking something in your head is harmless. What we accept and adopt into our personal values and ethics matters. We also know that regular exposure to pornography use is associated with dynamics and attitudes that cause desensitization and increased tolerance to offensive material, negative body image, distorted views of sexuality, cynicism regarding love, and viewing abstinence as unhealthy and marriage as sexually confining, which research actually refutes.”

In response to these serious findings, the conference then shifted to explore how the Church aims to return the focus to a viewpoint on truth, holiness and the beauty of creation. Speaking on “The Sacramental Imagination,” David Fagerberg, Notre Dame theology professor and St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, parishioner, indicated, “An element of sacramental experience is when one thing is seen but another is understood. The problem with the pornographic imagination is that it has gone blind, and only sees part of the real world,

obscuring what is true, good, beautiful. The beauty of the world is not made of 50 shades of grey, but 100,000 shades of glory.”

He referred to the words of St. Pope John Paul II to further illustrate this point, “Chastity by no means signifies rejection of human sexuality or lack of esteem for it: rather it signifies spiritual energy capable of defending love from the perils of selfishness and aggressiveness.” Reminding of why God created human beings, Fagerberg invoked that “the eternal purpose, which always existed in the mind of the Father, was for us to be His adopted children. His plan for the fullness of time can be seen in the body of Christ walking the shores of Galilee. The Son’s incarnation makes known the Father’s mystery, and we come to see this not despite the body, but through the body. This mystery involves us; indeed, we have been chosen to participate in this plan.”

To continue emphasizing the visual culture of Catholicism, Dianne Phillips, an independent scholar, shared a slideshow presentation of various renditions of Catholic art, indicating how the wonder of God’s creation and the vulnerability of Christ depicted as a child born in poverty or a man crucified upon a cross allows the eyes of our heart to gaze upon transcendent beauty that counteracts a pornographic imagination.

Further showing how our response involves a multi-sensory experience in the context of the Mass, Boston College Theology Professor Boyd Coolman asserted, “The liturgy moves us through the senses to experience unitive contact with God. Pornography inhibits its practitioners from moving on to real contact with the real bodies of real people; those who use it can no longer touch and be touched. The Eucharistic liturgy, however, which begins with affected vision but is inexorably consummated in unitive contact, enacts precisely what is missing in porn, functioning as a kind of therapeutic exercise for learning or re-learning how to sense and relate to real bodies properly.”

Notre Dame theology graduate student, Nick Ogle, offered an additional practical understanding of offsetting the culture of pornography through extending selfless charity to others. He suggests that, “the corporal works of mercy offer us a means of returning to God not only in spirit, but with all of who we are.”

Saint Mary’s College, as host and sponsor of the conference, also included a presentation by Holy Cross Sister Eva Mary Hooker, on how college founder Holy Cross Sister Madeleva Wolff, sought to show throughout the campus “how art and the beauty of creation enable us to see God on moral and intellectual levels; providing an education of both the mind and the heart.”

Throughout the conference, graduate and undergraduate panel discussions were held to explore in greater depth how to live out a sacramental imagination on a daily basis.



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## Madeleva event to feature 'Voices of Young Catholic Women'

NOTRE DAME — The Saint Mary's College Center for Spirituality has announced that the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Madeleva Lecture Series, which is free and open to the public, will feature discussions about the "Voices of Young Catholic Women" project. The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, in Carroll Auditorium of Madeleva Hall.

In September 2014, students active in Campus Ministry at Saint Mary's College issued a national invitation to other millennial women — ages 18-30 — to join them in writing letters to Pope Francis expressing their love for the Catholic tradition and sharing ideas that could contribute to the Church's outreach to young women at this time of New Evangelization.

On Nov. 24, 2014, the letters and works of art from 225 women from around the country were personally presented to Pope Francis by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney, Kristen Millar '15, and Grace Urankar '14.

"This year's Madeleva program affords the opportunity to learn what some of the Millennial women who participated in this project voiced about Catholicism's mediation of beauty in their lives, the challenges young women face in our culture today, and ways that we can strengthen our support for them in meeting these challenges with grace, strength and dignity," said Elizabeth Groppe, interim director of the Center for Spirituality.

The 2015 Madeleva Lecture Series Event will feature speakers on the following topics related to the "Voices of Young Catholic Women" project:

- Sociological Data on Millennial Women and the Catholic Church
- Patricia Wittberg, Professor of Sociology, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis (author of *America* magazine article, "A Lost Generation?") which inspired the "Voices" project)
- Summary of letters received
- Judy Fean, Vice President for Mission, Saint Mary's College
- Saint Mary's students who worked on the "Voices" project
- Reflections on the Journey to Rome and the Audience with Pope Francis from Bishop Rhoades, Carol Ann Mooney and Kristen Millar
- Reflections and next steps from leaders in the Church
- Bethany Meola, assistant director, Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Helen Osman, Secretary of Communications, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Concluding Ecclesiological Reflections from Kristin M. Colberg, assistant professor of theology, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University

The Madeleva Lecture is named for Holy Cross Sister Madeleva Wolff, who served as president of the college from 1934-1961. Her many accomplishments include the

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The Congregation of Holy Cross presents six newly ordained priests, who received the Sacrament of Holy Orders on Saturday, April 11, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, Ill., conferred the sacrament. In the photo, from left, are the newly-ordained Holy Cross Father Chase Pepper, Holy Cross Father David Halm, Holy Cross Father Matthew Fase, Bishop Jenky, Holy Cross Father Daniel Ponisciak, Holy Cross Father Timothy Mouton and Holy Cross Father Christopher Rehagen.

establishment in 1943 of the School of Sacred Theology, the first institution in the United States to provide graduate education in theology to women. Although the school closed in 1971, the lecture series named in her honor has for three decades given voice to women scholars in the discipline of theology.

## Right to Life to sell Mother's Day carnations

HUNTINGTON — Huntington Right to Life will hold its 37<sup>th</sup> annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale May 8, 9 and 10. Long-stemmed carnations, corsages and vases will be sold Friday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the RTL office only, located at 34 E. Washington St., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the RTL office, J.C. Penney, the Trading Post, Family Dollar Store and Subway north store. Long-stemmed carnations and corsages will also be sold at Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Joseph, St. Catherine, St. Mary and St. Peter and Paul churches. Carnations will be made available on Friday for children at Huntington Catholic Middle Building and Huntington Catholic Primary Building. Prices are \$1 each for long-stemmed carnations, \$3 and up for corsages, and vases start at \$4. Corsages, vases and large quantities can be ordered in advance by calling the RTL office at 260-356-5933. Office hours are weekdays

2:30-6 p.m., closed Wednesdays. All proceeds will benefit pro-life efforts in the county.

## Estate planning, end-of-life issues to be discussed at St. Vincent de Paul Society luncheon

FORT WAYNE — The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Fort Wayne will host a luncheon Thursday, April 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with information about estate planning and end-of-life issues. The luncheon will be hosted at the Msgr. John Kuzmich Life Center located at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1502 E. Wallen Rd. in Fort Wayne.

The session is part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's effort to raise funds to assist local families and to build an endowment. An endowment would allow the society to help those in need in the community.

The luncheon includes a free lunch while the speakers talk and answer questions.

Darrel Dodane will speak about the St. Vincent de Paul Society, how the society serves individuals in the community and why the attendees should consider including the society in their estate planning.

Attorneys Joshua Burkhardt and Jane Gerardot will provide

general information about basic estate planning, last will and testament, medical and financial power of attorney and living will. They will also speak about what happens when someone dies without a will.

Father Daniel Scheidt, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, will speak about the spiritual aspects of end-of-life issues including euthanasia, withholding food and water, caring for loved ones and the dignity of life.

Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to Frank Oddou at 260-415-5744 or frankoddou@gmail.com or to Darrel Dodane at 260-602-7534 or dod2740@aol.com.

## Notre Dame FCU launches new national fundraising program

NOTRE DAME — Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (Notre Dame FCU) has announced the launch of a new, nationwide fundraising program that will initially assist Catholic parishes and schools raise money for their much-needed programs and services.

The Elevate program rewards individuals who select eligible Notre Dame FCU financial products by donating a percentage of their loan amount directly to their parish or school.

In response to Pope Francis' call for new forms of economic cooperatives, Notre Dame FCU President and CEO Tom Gryp said that Notre Dame FCU will apply this idea of cooperation to support the mission of Catholic parishes and schools. "We know that finances for Catholic parishes and schools are tight, and this exciting new concept taps into the cooperative spirit of credit unions to raise money for a myriad of worthy initiatives nationwide," he said.

It is projected that in just one year, an enrolled parish or school could generate significant contributions simply by encouraging parishioners to use the Elevate program for their financial needs. Financial products eligible through the Elevate program include vehicle loans, credit cards and student loans. Parish and school capital project loans and member business loans are also eligible for benefits through the Elevate program.

For example, if a family buys or refines a vehicle for \$20,000 via a loan through the Elevate program, Notre Dame FCU will make a \$275 donation to the sponsoring parish or school.

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Information regarding how to introduce the Elevate program at one's parish or school is available online at NDelevate.com or by calling Elevate Director Robert Kloska at 574-400-4731.

## School of Creative Arts offers summer academies

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis School of Creative Arts will host pre-college summer academies in theatre, music technology and art, July 6-24, for high school students in grades 9-12. Classes run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The theatre program will focus on monologue selection, on-stage performance, audition preparation, voice and movement strengthening, stage presence and confidence. The students will conclude their study by performing a one-act production during the academy student awards ceremony.

The pre-college summer music tech program provides training in the musical arts and guides students as they create their own digital recordings using the University of Saint Francis music technology studios and Musical Instrument Digital Interface lab. The program is designed for high school students and recent graduates with an interest in audio recording and songwriting. Each day includes group classes and individual instruction.

These intense, three-week programs include supplies, lunch and transportation. Cost is \$160 per student.

For a registration form or further information on any summer art event, contact the USF School of Creative Arts at 260-399-7700, ext. 8001.

# Steve Corona receives Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ award

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne city dignitaries, educational administrators, family and friends were on hand to celebrate as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades presented Steve Corona with the 2015 Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ Award, honoring him for Servant Leadership, during a special awards ceremony at St. Mary Mother of God Church on April 8. He is the ninth recipient of the prestigious award that was inaugurated in 2007.

During his remarks Bishop Rhoades spoke of Pope Francis' encouragement to be friend to the poor. "Steve is a great witness to that message," said the bishop. Bishop Rhoades expressed his appreciation to Corona for his faithful service as member of several distinguished boards as well as his service to the Latino community, a people near and dear to the bishop's heart. He thanked Corona for bringing the light of Christ to those he served and said, "I am deeply grateful to you for living the Gospel, for living your faith, your own personal encounter with Christ."

When asked how he felt about receiving the award, Corona simply said, "Humbled." This conscientious business and family man recalled years ago when coming to Fort Wayne in 1972 he became acquainted with Father Tom O'Connor and his service to God's people as a member of St. Mary's Church. The good priest's example inspired Corona who has passed this service legacy to his children, two of whom are following in their father's footsteps with community service.

A family contingent was present to celebrate with Corona



KAY COZAD

During the award ceremony in which Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades presented Steve Corona with the 9th annual Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ Award for servant leadership, Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry read a proclamation declaring April 8, 2015 as Steve Corona Day in Fort Wayne. Shown from left are Mayor Henry, Bishop Rhoades, Steve Corona and Father Phillip Widmann, pastor of St. Mary Mother of God Church where the ceremony was held.

including his wife of 37 years, Colleen, his mother Rose, brother Father Andrew Corona, priest in the Diocese of Gary, and three of Corona's four children, with one son's surprise arrival bringing tears

to his father's eyes. Corona and his wife have six grandchildren.

Corona is a native of Gary, Indiana, and a graduate of Indiana University. He retired in 2012 as president and CEO of JobWorks,

and the following year he created Latinos Count, a not-for-profit group that works with South Side High School's Latino students to prepare them with the necessary skills to be leaders in a global envi-

ronment.

Corona was appointed to the Fort Wayne Community Schools board of trustees by then Mayor Win Moses in 1981 and has the distinction of having the longest tenure of service in the school district's history.

Corona, a member of St. Peter Parish in Fort Wayne, also serves as the treasurer of national Hispanic Council of School Board members, affiliated with the National School Boards Association. He is a trustee for the University of Saint Francis and is a member of the Redevelopment Commission of the City of Fort Wayne. Corona is involved with the Community Harvest Food Bank as well.

The Father Tom Light of Christ award is presented annually to persons of faith whose life and work reflect the values of Father O'Connor, who served as pastor of St. Mary's from 1970 until his death on St. Patrick's Day, 2004. The Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ Award includes a monetary gift given in the recipient's name to a project or not-for-profit organization of the recipient's choosing.

Previous recipients of the Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ include Cliff Kindy, 2007, Nonviolence; Sister Janet Gildea, M.D., 2008, Cultural Diversity; William Critell, 2009, Education among the Disadvantaged; University of Saint Francis student Danielle Collins, 2010, Student Leadership; Turnstone Center Wheelchair Ramp Builders, 2011, Inclusiveness; Leon Youngpeter, 2012, Education; former Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke, 2013, Public Policy and Nonviolence; and Betty Stein, 2014, Education Beyond the Classroom.

## Stewardship — sharing God's eternity

The most profound gift that God blesses us with is a share of His own divine life. This gift of eternity is so profound that no one can comprehend it, at least not in this life. All we can do, in this mortal life, is catch glimpses of it. These glimpses can be understood through faith. St. Paul expresses it like this: "... What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love Him." — 1 Cor 2:9, referring to Is 64:3.

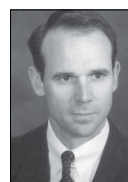
The tragedy of our time is, even among those who call themselves "Christians," some have lost the realization of the destiny God has planned for us. In place of this end, some simply build their own little kingdom in the here and now, with no concern for the end — God's eternity. Secular humanism encourages us to set our sights only on self-serving goals that produce immediate results. In other words, this life is all you get, so make the best of it. Yet, the best never seems to come, and as a result people are dissatisfied and ungrateful.

To see life only from this per-

spective is like living as an unborn baby in the womb — refusing to develop, refusing birth and all experiences after birth. Imagine an unborn child having that type of attitude (if that's possible). The Christian steward lives with the end in mind, knowing that God's plan will ultimately bring us to a supernatural life — complete fulfillment through Jesus Christ.

Jesus promised us complete fulfillment. "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." — Jn 10:10. This does not refer to the human life that every person already possesses. It is a new life as Jesus explains, "... no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, what is born of spirit is spirit." — Jn 3:5-6.

A Christian steward recognizes that we have been called upon to preserve and manage a treasure of infinite value. This treasure is not only what we "possess" like our money and all of our possessions. What God has blessed us with — our time, talents, even our possessions — do not compare to the real treasure He gives us. And



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that real treasure is one that we must not trade for anything in the world. Jesus put it very clearly in many of His references about the kingdom of God that is like a "hidden treasure in a field" that a man is willing to trade all for, or a "pearl of great price," far greater value than the rest of the man's possessions.

This treasure is "the kingdom of God" — a sharing of the divine life, thanks to Jesus. This treasure is a gift of great value. This is the true reason that a Christian steward is grateful. For this is the ultimate reason why we give to God in gratitude — and this gift is the end of the story! A Christian steward is not measured by what he or she has in material goods. A Christian steward is one who gives because he or she is grateful to God for this precious

gift that is beyond calculation.

Every Christian is called to be a good steward of the promise that Jesus gives. We are called to receive it gratefully, cherish it by living a Christian life, share it with others and give an account to God in the end.

A stewardship way of life is not a self-centered life. It is a life shared with others united with Jesus. As St. Paul points out, "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit." — 1 Cor 12:13.

The Spirit leads us to live by Christ: to strive to be Christ-like: think like Christ, love what Christ loves, witness to His teachings and radiate His divine influence upon the world. Taking to heart His words: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without Me you can do nothing." — Jn 15:5.

It is this unity with Christ and the promise of eternal life that a Christian steward is grateful for, and all the other blessings that God provides. Stewardship is the attitude of gratitude.



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## Goshen senior is 'grandma' to youth

BY DENISE FEDOROW

GOSHEN — St. John the Evangelist senior Pat Turco is known as “Grandma Pat” to the Goshen parish’s youth and has dedicated many years of service to not only St. John youth but also youth around the country with her involvement in the Catholic HEART Workcamp.

Turco was born and raised in Detroit. She attended Catholic schools, graduating from Holy Redeemer High School. One aunt was a nun and an uncle was a priest and she said, “My aunt and uncle did a lot to make me the person I am today.”

As a young adult she worked as a waitress at Jack and Jill Dude Ranch and also as a USO hostess and said she had “a blast.” She met her husband Jim at the dude ranch, about whom she said, “He was an absolute gentleman. I’ve never been treated as good as Jim did.”

Turco became a licensed practical nurse and worked in a hospital where she said she “caught a bug that almost killed me, but it changed my life. ... When the Lord opened up my eyes it’s been a brand new life and a much closer one to God.”

Pat and Jim married a year after they started dating and moved to Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. After Jim got out of the service they bought a house in Muskegon, Michigan. The couple had four children — Raymond, Brian, Kathy and Steven — but they also lost four babies.

“Life was a challenge and I enjoyed challenges,” Turco said. “We just counted on God in everything.”

Turco started teaching Sunday School when they lived in Muskegon and said, “That’s when I got bit by the Holy Spirit.”

The family moved to the Goshen area around 1980 and began attending St. John the Evangelist. Jim passed away about seven years after they moved to the area.

Turco said, “God talks to me in different ways. So with my two-year certificate in hand I bravely went up to the person in charge of religious education at the time and told her I was qualified to teach. So she asked, ‘Would you like to teach second grade?’”

Turco has continued to teach since then and said when the kids in her religious education classes moved up to youth group she followed them and started helping with the youth group, too.

When with the youth group she said she’s not there to push her ideas on the kids but to reinforce what Youth Minister Sarah Knight teaches them. She said Sarah does “a fabulous job with these kids” but said she does see a need for the part she plays in the ministry. Turco said every week prior to helping with the youth, “Before I do anything the Lord and I have a discussion,” she said.

Sarah Knight said, “So many older people feel they have no part to play — especially with teens —



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**St. John the Evangelist senior Pat Turco is shown at home with her great-granddaughter, Saphirra, who along with mom recently moved into Pat’s Goshen home.**

but these kids listen to every word she says. Especially with the climate of today with respect for life — not just the unborn but also the elderly — she’s a perfect example of having so much to give. She plays an integral role on Wednesday nights.”

The kids seem to think so, too. TJ Longacre said, “She feels like another grandma. She’s always able to relate stories to the things we’re talking about and things going on in our lives.”

### HEART Workcamp

Pat Turco and her daughter, Kathy, just came back from a conference in Florida with the people who organize the annual HEART youth workcamps. The mother-daughter duo takes charge of chaperoning St. John’s youth when they attend the service camp and host teens from other states that come to the area. The organization sends a staff team to conduct the camp. Kathy is the local manager and the local site the last few years has been in Mishawaka.

After a hard day’s work in the community the kids have dinner at 5 p.m. and it’s always served cafeteria-style. Turco said she was inspired to pass out napkins.

“It’s really a nothing job,” she said. “But I decided to pass out napkins so the kids have to come to me and they don’t get a napkin unless they smile at me. So, I’m the napkin lady and by the end of the week I have these kids right where I want them.”

She said volunteering at the HEART workcamp “is the most beautiful thing God has ever had me witness. You can see them grow (spiritually) through the week and it’s the most beautiful thing. I’m blown away, absolutely blown away by these kids.”

### Elder Care, too

But Turco doesn’t only take care of youth. As an LPN she worked in a local nursing home. “It was a

wonderful time. I enjoyed taking care of the people,” she recalled. “When I put people to bed I’d ask if they wanted me to pray with them and would pray with the ones who wanted to. I think that brought me closer to them.”

Now, along with Kathy, she’s been helping to care for a senior autistic parishioner — an uncle to the music director’s wife.

“These things just pop up. I didn’t go to Becky (Royal) and say I want to take care of him. Becky heard of my experience and asked if we’d take him out to lunch,” she said.

She said Becky warned her that Uncle Jim Brownell wouldn’t go to church. Undaunted, Turco would say, “This is where Becky’s husband plays organ; you have to come in and listen.” Or she’d ask, “Would you like to go in and talk to Jesus? Whenever you want to leave; we’ll leave. We’ll walk right back out.”

At first he fell asleep, but after about a year he met with Father Christopher Smith, who was pastor at the time and after receiving Reconciliation, he was baptized.

“If you treat people with respect that’s the name of the game, no matter how old or how challenged they are,” she said. “You don’t take them down a rosy path. Take them where they are, walk with them and go from there.”

A cancer survivor, Turco is a member of a group called Heartstrings Sisters, a support organization for those going through cancer. She also volunteers at the Center for Healing and Hope, an organization for those who don’t have a doctor or insurance.

She used to bring Eucharist to the homebound and she’s a proclaimer of the Word.

“I feel the Lord puts you where He feels you can do the most good and puts you in situations so He can help you, too,” Turco said.

“I’m a very happy person,” she said. “And smart enough to know that God is in control.”

## Guardian Angel Society helps families afford Catholic schools

BY TIM JOHNSON

When the Guardian Angel Society was established about 15 years ago in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, its purpose was to solicit financial support for children to attend diocesan Catholic grade schools. To date the society has raised several million dollars for this purpose, according to William Dotterweich, coordinator of the Guardian Angel Society.

In its early days, the society provided \$1,000 scholarships to children from needy families to attend Catholic grade schools. These schools are in the central areas of Fort Wayne and South Bend. Dotterweich said the ministry of the Guardian Angel Society is “to make the benefits of a superior education available to children from needy families.”

Superintendent of Catholic Schools Marsha Jordan told *Today’s Catholic*, “This is a group of individuals, who over the years have given several million dollars to certain lower income schools to support tuition for needy students. These people have given anonymously, and continuously over the years, in faithful support of Catholic education.”

Although the Indiana voucher system has made Catholic education accessible to many more children, Dotterweich said, “Unfortunately, the vouchers are not available in all circumstances, so there remains a compelling need to assist those families who need tuition assistance.”

In 2011, due to changes in Indiana State laws regarding school choice, the diocese created the Scholarship Granting Organization of Northeast Indiana. SGONEI provides low and middle-income families with scholarships to attend the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The goals of the Guardian Angel program and the SGONEI are essentially identical. With the advent of the SGONEI, the decision was made to include the ongoing contributions of the Guardian Angel Society as a part of the SGONEI activities, so that donors are able to benefit from the tax credits associated with SGONEI giving.

“Guardian Angel donations are unrestricted donations, so these donations are directed to the neediest of our schools,” Jordan noted. Under the new legislation, donations to an SGO qualify for a direct state income tax credit of 50 percent of the donation. In addition, the donation retains its federal income tax deductibility. There is no limit of the size of donation, which qualifies for the state tax credit; however, the credit must be used within nine years of the donation. Donor’s tax credits may not exceed their overall tax liability for that year.

**For more information** about the rebate process, contact Karen DeRose at 260-422-4611. For more information about the Guardian Angel Society ministry, contact Bill Dotterweich at 260-625-3122.

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# Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

In 2002 a team of physicians in France performed the first Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) in a human. When I heard about it I didn't know any of the details but I do remember what I was thinking: "How in the world did they do that? And, there is no way this will ever become mainstream!" I was wrong. In 2005 the first TAVR was performed here in the USA under an investigational protocol. In 2008 there were 19,578 done, and by 2013 there were over 33,000 done. The numbers continue to rise.

A group of my partners have formed a multidisciplinary team that now has successfully done over 40 at my hospital. I am pleased and amazed. So, why am I so excited about the procedure? Most of these procedures are offered to elderly patients with severe aortic valve stenosis who have less than 1-2 years to live. These people are too old, too sick or too high risk to operate on.

That has all changed with the evolution of TAVR.

The aortic valve opens as the left ventricle pumps blood out of the heart to the aorta and then through multiple arteries to the rest of the body. As some people age the aortic valve leaflets slowly get thick and then calcify until they become so stiff that the valve can't open properly anymore. Eventually the valve becomes narrowed or stenotic. When it approaches severe stenosis typical symptoms are shortness of breath or chest discomfort (tightness or pressure) with exertion. As the valve worsens to a more critical stenosis, congestive heart failure or syncope (passing out spells) may ensue usually signaling less than one year to live. Just a few years ago we would have to tell an 86 year old with significant comorbidities (multiple medical problems) that there was nothing we could do because we believed they would not recover from standard open-heart surgery. Now we can offer them a

## THE CATHOLIC DOCTOR IS IN

DR. DAVID KAMINSKAS

TAVR.

The procedure needs a team approach that usually includes several cardiologists, a thoracic surgeon, anesthesiologist and ancillary personnel. A small incision is made over the femoral artery (leg artery near groin), which is used to insert a sheath (a large straw like tube) and through the sheath the new valve in collapsed form, is advanced up the aorta to the severely narrowed aortic valve. Then it is carefully positioned in the native valve and opened (usually by balloon) crushing the

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# Our redemption is in the Risen Lord



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Lk 24:35-48

The Acts of the Apostles again furnishes the first biblical reading. Almost every Sunday in the Easter season features a reading from this book of the New Testament.

In this reading, Peter preaches to the crowds in Jerusalem. Americans are very accustomed to impassioned preaching. They hear it in their own churches. They hear it on the radio. They hear it on television. Preaching about salvation and God's mercy is common.

Actually, to preach is to assume a mighty role and a great responsibility. Preaching, after all, by definition is not simply lecturing or speaking aloud. It is speaking in the very name of God.

Those who preached, by ancient Jewish standards, were privileged people in this sense. None chose to be a preacher. Rather, God selected each preacher. Peter stood before this Jerusalem crowd after having been called to preach, but, most importantly, he spoke in the place of Jesus.

He preached the words of Jesus, in behalf of Jesus. This reading makes three points. First, it establishes the identity of Peter. He is an Apostle. Second, he is the chief of the Apostles. He speaks in the names of them all.

Finally, through Peter and the other Apostles, the salvation given by Jesus still reaches humankind. They continue the Lord's work.

The First Epistle of John provides the second reading. The epistles of John are alike in their eloquence and splendid language. They are alike in the depth of their theology and revelation.

This reading proclaims the majesty of Jesus, the Savior. It cautions, however, that accepting Jesus as Lord is more than lip service. It is the actual living of the Commandments, by which, and through which, humans realize the perfection, love, order and peace of life in God.

St. Luke's Gospel provides the last reading.

It is another Resurrection Narrative, and it looks back to the Emmaus story. (The Emmaus story, which reports the walk to a small town outside Jerusalem by two disciples and by the Risen Lord, and the disciples' recognizing Jesus in the "breaking of the bread," or Eucharist.)

As this group of disciples was talking, Jesus stood in their midst. He was no longer bound by location or time. Risen from earthly life, victorious over sin, Jesus now lived in the fullness of eternity — still in the Incarnation, true God and true man.

He showed them the pierced hands and feet. Indeed, these disciples were encountering the Crucified. But, the Crucified had overcome death and had lived!

### Reflection

The Church continues to summon us to the joy of Easter celebration. He lives! The readings once more this week exclaim the Church's great trust

in, and excitement about, the Resurrection. As Paul said, the Resurrection is the bedrock of our belief.

In these readings, the Church calls us to the fact that our redemption is in Jesus. He rescues us from death, from the living death of sin and hopelessness, from eternal death.

As did the Lord, all people, even all believers, must die. As Jesus rose, they too will rise if they do not relent in their love of, and obedience to, God. Thus, all believers can anticipate, and provide for, eternal life in God.

Christians further can rejoice in the fact that salvation did not pass away when Jesus, who lived for a time on earth, ascended into heaven. His mercy and power remain. His words endure. God has provided for us, so that we too may have salvation. We may encounter Jesus. We may hear the Lord's words.

We reach the Risen Jesus, and we learn of Jesus, from the Apostles. The Church carefully protects, and re-speaks, the words of Jesus as repeated by the Apostles. He lives for each of us!

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20



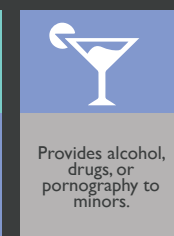
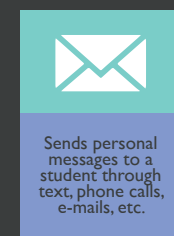
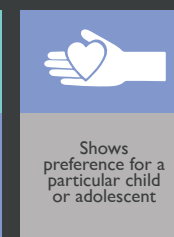
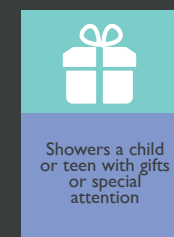
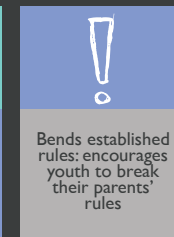
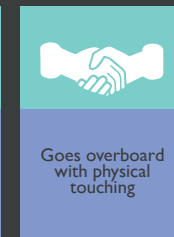
## Do you know the warning signs of abusers?

# 90%

90% of sexual abuse is committed by someone who is known to the child and/or the child's family.

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### KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS



## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

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### Saint of the Week



## Fidelis of Sigmaringen

1577-1622  
Feast April 24

Born in Sigmaringen (Germany), Mark Roy studied philosophy and law at the University of Freiburg in Breisgau. After tutoring young aristocrats and traveling Europe with them, he began practicing law in Alsace, where he quickly became "the poor person's lawyer." But, disillusioned over other lawyers' behavior, he gave up the law to follow a vocation in religious life. As an ordained Capuchin named Fidelis, he was renowned for his holiness, preaching and leadership. He was superior at several houses before being invited to eastern Switzerland to call Protestants back to Catholicism. This mission, complicated by the politics of the time and hatred of the Catholic Habsburgs, became increasingly dangerous and led to his murder by opponents. He was canonized in 1746.

# From the attic to the inbox, the American accumulation problem

Carly Poppalardo had blisters on her feet when she drove home from an eight-hour session of professional organizing last Thursday, threw a bag of Trader Joe's pre-cut veggies and simmer sauce on the stove, flipped on "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" and sank into the couch.

"I was high on adrenaline," Carly said, "but I was so tired I could barely move."

When she arrived at the client's three-story house at 9 o'clock that morning, the situation hadn't looked particularly dire. But she and the mother of three, a Southern woman with an affinity for matching dresses, managed to fill two truck beds and an SUV: four car seats, five bouncy chairs and enough toys to stock a preschool room.

One of the ironies of our age of excess is how the littlest among us come with such outsized equipment. And then there is the strange reality that Americans pay to store the things we cannot fit in our homes, driving demand for more than 78 square miles of rentable self-storage — more than three times the size of Manhattan.

The burden of sorting the stuff under our roofs increasingly has become the work of a professional, an outsourcing of the most personal nature with a humbling implication: Help me manage my life. Until the expert arrives, the truth is we often don't even know what we have. Carly once uncovered 27 spatulas in one home and, in another, seven jars of saffron.

"Clients tell me I'm kind of like a therapist," Carly said. "As we're getting rid of stuff, we're talking about why it accumulated

in the first place."

The 27-year-old Catholic has no doubt there are spiritual ramifications to her work: a garage loaded with bulk items from Costco, a drawer stuffed with expired coupons, a give pile of clothes with tags.

"It's a rabbit hole," Carly said. "People are looking to fill other needs when they buy things, especially when they overbuy. Once they develop that awareness, there's a mental shift and they can focus on the more important stuff."

Hence, the statement on her Twitter profile: "I organize your life so you can live it."

Carly makes a point to keep her own life in order, which is why you'll find her at the 10:30 Mass at St. Agnes in Arlington, Virginia, in her family's standard spot — right side, toward the back — for a weekly "re-grounding and regrouping."

It was her trust in God that emboldened her to take the leap into self-employment at 23, turning down a job offer from a PR firm that once would've sounded like her dream job but felt more like a trap. "I was miserable in the corporate world. The system didn't make sense to me: The interns were working 7 to 7 because they wanted to move up to be an assistant account executive to work even longer hours."

Since then Carly has successfully built up her business. Armed with bins, shelving and a label maker, there's no basement she can't conquer. She jokes about spotting the National Geographics — that recurring strip of canary yellow — and her 50 percent success rate of persuading the owner to recycle



## TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

them.

Nearly all her clients hug her when she leaves, describing the weight lifted off their shoulders. It's amazing how the sight of a bare counter can fill your lungs and clear your mind.

In this season of spring cleaning, of open windows and Alleluias, of the pontiff who preaches simple living, now is the time to de-clutter — time to travel light, to give freely, to be empty handed and open hearted.

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contribute to His kingdom. Do you have unfinished business here on earth? Do you have a family that is still depending on you for strength and guidance? Do you have a grandson or granddaughter that needs mentoring? Do you have a spiritual leadership role at your church? Maybe you are needed on this earth to be a prayer warrior!

God has blessed our medical community with special talent and technology to help prolong life in certain people. If you develop severe aortic valve stenosis and believe that God is still calling you to continue to "fight the good fight" here on earth, then maybe a lifesaving procedure like a TAVR is an option for you so you can "finish the race." — 2 Tm 7.

Dr. David Kaminskas is a board certified cardiologist and member of Lutheran Medical Group who has practiced in Fort Wayne since 1982. He is a member of The Jerome Lejeune Guild of Northeast Indiana.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for April 19, 2015

Luke 24:35-48

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Third Sunday of Easter, Cycle B: the appearance of the flesh and blood Jesus. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| SAID TO THEM | PEACE       | STARTLED  |
| TERRIFIED    | SEEING      | GHOST     |
| MY FEET      | MYSELF      | TOUCH ME  |
| BONES        | ANYTHING    | TO EAT    |
| A PIECE      | FISH        | I SPOKE   |
| LAW OF MOSES | PSALMS      | OPENED    |
| SUFFER       | FORGIVENESS | WITNESSES |

## FLESH AND BONES

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# DOCTOR

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old calcified valve and replacing it with a new valve that now can open widely with each heartbeat. Usually one or two nights in the hospital are all that is needed.

There are potential complications. The most dreaded one is stroke at a rate of 2-5 percent. Other complications include damage to the leg artery, heart block requiring a pacemaker and occasionally leakage around the valve. The operative mortality for a TAVR is about 1-3 percent, but by replacing the valve with standard open chest surgery in these high-risk patients the death rate would be around 20-50 percent or even higher in the sickest patients. The complication rates should continue to fall as the operative team gains more experience and medical device companies make better valves with easier deployment. We are currently being restricted by the FDA to do TAVR's only in patients who are

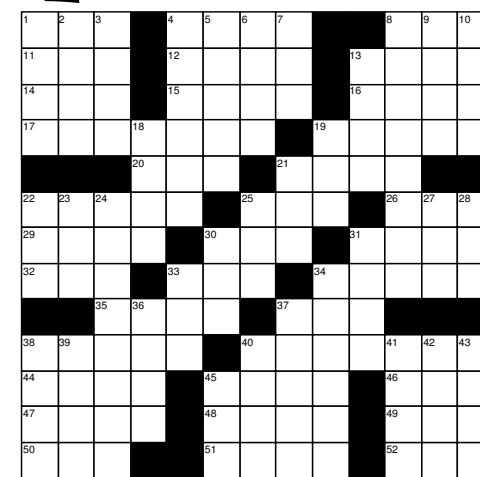
turned down for standard open-heart surgery. But I predict within a few years younger and healthier patients will be given this option and it may become the procedure of choice.

My favorite patient story involving a TAVR is an 89-year-old veteran that I had taken care of for a few years with aortic valve stenosis. He began to have concerning symptoms and testing confirmed his aortic valve stenosis had reached a critical level. He subsequently had a TAVR done without any complications and actually lobbied to go home the same day. We made him stay overnight pretty much on principle. He promptly returned to his active lifestyle. About one year later he came in for a routine checkup and tells me he celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by jumping out of a plane and parachuting safely to earth. Now there's a man that is living life!

Life is such a precious gift from God. I believe that God wants us to continue to be as active and engaged as our minds and bodies will let us as we get older. To those that are elderly but still capable, retirement should not mean withdrawal from life. God wants us to continue to

# The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Acts 3: 13-15; 17-19; Lk 24:35-48 and Acts 4: 8-12; Jn 10:11-18

### ACROSS

- 1 Wave
- 4 Defunct football league
- 8 Not the good thief
- 11 Anger
- 12 Horse hybrid
- 13 Island vacation spot
- 14 \_\_\_ of Galilee
- 15 Jacob did to Isaac
- 16 Sins
- 17 Derby silk
- 19 Abraham's son
- 20 Drag
- 21 Flat
- 22 Ornamental edge
- 25 Okay

- 26 Wager
- 29 Stuck-up
- 30 Nothing
- 31 Lucid
- 32 Frozen water
- 33 Jesus said a fox has one
- 34 The \_\_\_ Lord
- 35 Have tirade
- 37 Last of Jacob's sons (abbr.)
- 38 Capital of Bangladesh (Old spelling)
- 40 Farmer's concern
- 44 Give off
- 45 "I am the \_\_\_; you are branches"

- 46 Affirmative
- 47 Biblical prophet
- 48 Prayer ending
- 49 Malchus lost his
- 50 Put on
- 51 Swallows did in Temple
- 52 North by northeast

### DOWN

- 1 Risen Lord ate this
- 2 Realm
- 3 Precise
- 4 German letter topper
- 5 Taking to court
- 6 Ran
- 7 Moses did
- 8 He was a murderer
- 9 Halo
- 10 CD circle
- 13 Tableland
- 18 Jelly spot
- 19 Tax agency
- 21 Delaware
- 22 Pressure unit
- 23 Business abbr.
- 24 Duress
- 25 Yang's partner
- 27 Vane direction
- 28 # of Commandments
- 30 Peter and Andrew used one
- 31 Power to forgive these
- 33 Cell stuff
- 34 Be sorry for
- 36 "\_\_\_ of the Apostles"
- 37 Ghost has none
- 38 Jesus rose from
- 39 Bullets
- 40 What a clock tells
- 41 Moved stone aside
- 42 Ancient Persia
- 43 Stories
- 45 Moving truck

Answer Key can be found on page 14

# All Diocese Team

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

## MARIAN

### Boys' basketball



Devin Cannady, senior, guard



Nick Harris, senior, center, St. Matthew

### Girls' basketball



Kiersten Reed, senior, guard, St. Bavo



Meghan Urbanski, freshman, guard, St. Matthew

### Boys' swimming



Pablo Montalvo, sophomore, freestyle relay, Our Lady of Hungary



Erick Maciel-Diaz, freshman, freestyle relay, St. Adalbert



Mason Stohler, sophomore, freestyle relay,



Sam Pierce, junior, freestyle relay, Queen of Peace

### Girls' swimming



Emma Griesinger, freshman, backstroke, Queen of Peace



Molly Pendergast, sophomore, breaststroke, St. Matthew



Greta Mehlberg, freshman, butterfly, St. Pius X



Morgan Guynn, freshman, freestyle, St. Anthony de Padua

### Wrestling



Patrick Ernst, junior, 220 lbs., St. Matthew



William Felix, senior, 120 lbs., St. Joseph, Mishawaka



Derek Glon, senior, 145 lbs., Corpus Christi

## BISHOP LUERS

### Boys' basketball



Blane Cook, sophomore, forward, St. Joseph



Caleb Kroft, senior, guard

### Girls' basketball



Kayla Knapke, junior, forward, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel



Emma Wolfe, junior, guard, St. Jude

### Boys' swimming



Ethan Brown, junior, 500 free-style/200 free-style, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Alexander Maldeney, junior, 50 freestyle/100 freestyle, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

### Girls' swimming



Olivia Koob, sophomore, 50 freestyle/100 freestyle, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Liz Romary, junior, 1M dive, St. John the Baptist



Mollie Shutt, senior, 200 medley-100 butterfly, St. Therese

### Wrestling



Gage Malott, sophomore, 106 lbs., St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel



Daemen Williams, junior, heavyweight



Chandler Woenker, freshman, 113 lbs., St. Therese

## SAINT JOSEPH

### Boys' basketball



Greenan Sullivan, senior, guard, St. Anthony de Padua



Francis Uzorh, junior, forward

### Girls' basketball



Michelle Weaver, senior, guard, St. Joseph



Madeline Raster, senior, guard, St. Joseph



Daly Sullivan, sophomore, guard, St. Anthony de Padua

### Boys' swimming



Anthony Kolbus, senior, 200 Med Relay



Cole Short, sophomore, 200 Med Relay, St. Joseph



Tim Greci, junior, 200 Med Relay



Billy Miller, senior, 200 Med Relay, St. Anthony de Padua

### Girls' swimming



Courtney Jenkins, senior, 100 free, St. Anthony de Padua



Meg Lloyd, senior, 200 free, St. Joseph



Lindsey Staszewski, senior, diving, St. Joseph

### Wrestling



Norm Hezlep, senior, 160 lbs., Holy Cross



Jared Kazmierzak, sophomore, 106 lbs., Holy Family



Cecilia Sordelet, senior, Our Lady of Good Hope



Alexandra Goetz, senior, St. Jude



Jordan Kazmierzak, senior, 170 lbs., Holy Family

**Boys' swimming**



Matt Gillett, senior, backstroke, Queen of Angels



Jared Deininger, senior, 170 lbs., St. Jude



Riley Delaney, senior, 160 lbs., St. Jude



Nicholas Lehman, senior, 145 lbs., St. Vincent de Paul



Chris DeWald, sophomore, breaststroke, St. Vincent de Paul



Nick DeWald, senior, butterfly, St. Vincent de Paul



Grant Dowell, senior, freestyle, St. Charles Borromeo



Vince Schipper, junior, Our Lady of Good Hope

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**Boys' basketball**



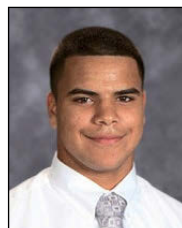
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Joseph Veracco, senior, St. Vincent de Paul



Ryan Christman, senior, St. Jude



Marcus Stepp, senior, St. Jude

**Girls' swimming**



Ryan Sturm, senior, backstroke, St. Vincent de Paul



Kristi McDonald, junior, breaststroke, St. Vincent de Paul



Natalie Yehle, sophomore, butterfly, St. Vincent de Paul



Erica Evans, senior, freestyle, St. Patrick

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# Retreat for teens with Down syndrome inspires hope

BY THERESA SCHORTGEN

FORT WAYNE — Teens with Down syndrome from the Fort Wayne area were given the opportunity to spend time in reflection on what it means to “Love One Another” (John 13:34-35) on Saturday, March 21, with the Franciscan Brothers Minor and the Franciscan Sisters Minor as the retreat masters. The teens, with family member support, gathered for the first annual Lenten Retreat, which coincided with the World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD). While it is the 10th anniversary of WDSD, the retreat was the first local event.

The brothers led the male teens in prayer, two sacramental projects, snacks and all around camaraderie with each other. To help the teens learn and live their faith more fully the brothers opened a question and answer period about Catholic teachings while the teens made crucifixes using wooden clothespins.

The Q and A was followed by the making of “Good Deed Beads,” a small line of beads that St. Thérèse reported kept in her pocket as a child to help her count the sacrifices she offered to God.

The sisters likewise invited the teen girls to prayer, to create a Lenten collage, enjoy a snack, and to make “Good Deed Beads” as well. The girls chose to reflect on a favorite decade that day — the Annunciation — and read special intentions regarding Down syndrome. The sisters guided them with



PROVIDED BY THERESA SCHORTGEN

The Franciscan Brothers Minor and Franciscan Sisters Minor recently hosted a retreat for teens with Down Syndrome.

gentle hands and loving words helping the teens know God is alive in their heart.

At the end of the retreat with spirits high and energies focused, the teens recognized they were gifted with the grand tour of the outdoor premises, learning about the daily prayer life of a Franciscan, the ringing of the church bell and an energetic ballgame.

Family members expressed that they look forward to continuing the dialogue with their teen and the use of the sacramentals made that day. In the Year of Consecrated Life, spending time with this fraternity in

community opened the door of hope for one teen girl who said on her way home from the retreat. “Mom, I want to be a sister!”


In the Year of Consecrated Life in the Church, the success of the first local annual WDSD where the human and spiritual needs were met for these teens, affirmed what their parents already knew, that their child was created in the love of Jesus Christ and prepared in advance to do good works for Him.

For more information on upcoming events contact Missy Reuille at 260-466-8399.

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### Theology on Capp

Mishawaka — High School teens are invited to Theology on Capp, Monday, April 20, from 7-8:45 p.m. at the Knights Hall, 114 W. First St., with Father Bob Lengerich.

### Respect Life prayer dinner planned

South Bend — An evening of prayer for Life on will be Tuesday, April 21, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Kroc Corps Community Center Chapel, 900 West Western Ave. Musical entertainment will be provided, as well as the testimony of a young father who courageously lives with a life-threatening illness. All clergy and religious admitted free of charge. A \$20 donation is requested of other guests.

### Piano dedication concert

South Bend — St. Jude Parish welcomes pianists Natasha Stojanovska and Tianpeng Yu for the dedication concert of the Baldwin grand piano, Saturday, April 18, at 7 p.m. The program will feature works by Frederic Chopin, Claude Debussy and Franz Schubert. Reception to follow. Concert is free and open to the public.

### Theology on Tap

Fort Wayne — Theology on Tap for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single or married, will be held at Soups Salad and Spirits, 1915 S. Calhoun St., Thursday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. The topic "Sacred Art: God Revealed Through Humanity," will be explored with Dr. Esperanca Camara, associate professor of art history at the University of Saint Francis, and local sculptor Frank Bougher. Visit [www.diocesefwsb.org/TOT](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/TOT) for information.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society fundraiser

Fort Wayne — St. Henry and Sacred Heart churches will have a fundraiser dinner on Friday, April 24, from 5:30-9 p.m. at Lester's Banquet Hall, 1502 Bluffton Rd. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be speaker. Tickets are \$30. A 50/50 drawing, silent auction and door prizes will be offered throughout the evening. For more information call Lou Ann Weber at 260-447-6791.

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## ARISE

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And a mother from the ARISE group at St. Augustine Parish in South Bend initiated an candle-lit evening prayer for her young children at bedtime and reports that the new family prayer time calms the children and brings the family together before bed.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne reports, "As a result of ARISE our hospitality and homeless ministries have grown." Sacred Heart Warsaw reports that a jail ministry is in the process of being formed, and a social justice action group that has provided activities for the parish to grow and share emerged from ARISE at St. Joseph in Fort Wayne.

A member of the ARISE group at St. Louis Besancon in New Haven has reached out to the bereaved community there by forming a support group as well.

Participation in the ARISE three-year process has led thousands in the diocese to put the Gospel faith into action in daily life, confidently witnessing to their faith and evangelizing others through their actions. To continue the formation of these and all others interested in growing their faith, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has invited all parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to offer "Why

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"Why Catholic? / ¿Por qué ser católico? Journey Through the Catechism" is based on the four pillars of Catholic faith as presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and offers insight into prayer, core beliefs, the sacraments and morality. Developed, as was the ARISE process, by RENEW International, the four-year program includes workshops, faith enrichment events and prayerful small group discussions that help parishioners relate Catholic teaching to their everyday lives.

Participants in "Why Catholic? / ¿Por qué ser católico? Journey Through the Catechism" will begin in the fall by exploring Christian prayer during the first year of the program. The following year is dedicated to delving into the Creed: the core beliefs of the Church. Then participants will go deeper into the sacraments, followed by the study of Christian moral teachings. The materials and format are designed to create an environment where members can reflect and share, as each session also includes relevant Scripture references, reflection questions and prayers.

For more information about how your parish can participate in "Why Catholic? / ¿Por qué ser católico?" contact Cindy Black at 260-422-4611 or email her at [cblack@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:cblack@diocesefwsb.org).

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