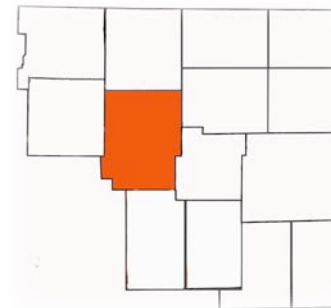


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A boy holds his teddy bear as Pope Francis leads a meeting with refugees at the Moria refugee camp on the island of Lesbos, Greece, April 16, 2016.

Pope prays for refugees, brings 12 Syrians back to Rome

BY CINDY WOODEN

MYTILENE, Greece (CNS) — Pope Francis' five-hour visit to Greece ended with him offering safe passage to Italy to 12 Syrian Muslims, half under the age of 18.

The Vatican had kept secret the pope's plan to invite the members of three Syrian families to fly back to Rome with him April 16. Rumors began swirling in the Greek media a couple hours before the flight took off, but it was confirmed by the Vatican only as the 12 were boarding the papal plane.

The Vatican Secretariat of State made formal arrangements with the Italy and the Greek governments to obtain the legal permits needed for the

refugees to live in Italy, a Vatican statement said. The Vatican will assume financial responsibility for the families, who will be assisted by the Rome-based Community of Sant'Egidio.

All 12 in the group, the Vatican added, had arrived in Greece prior to March 20, the date a European Union agreement with Turkey went into effect for returning most asylum seekers to Turkey. The children are between the ages of 2 and 17.

After spending the morning with desperate refugees interned in a camp in Greece, Pope Francis and Orthodox leaders turned their attention and prayers to the sea, the final burial place of hundreds who died trying to get to Europe.

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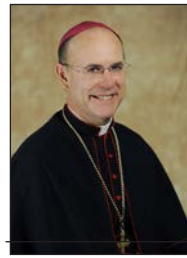
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A New Heaven and a New Earth



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

During the fifty days of the Easter season, we celebrate with joy the Resurrection of Jesus. Since Jesus, by His Resurrection, has opened for us the way to a new life, we also celebrate with hope our future resurrection. Saint Paul wrote: *Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.... For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive* (1 Corinthians 15: 20-22).

We profess in the Nicene Creed that we *look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come*. The resurrection of the dead is closely associated with Christ's Second Coming. The Church teaches that the resurrection of the dead will precede the Last Judgment. *Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his Kingdom will have no end* (Nicene Creed).

This coming Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of Easter, we will hear in the second reading from the book of Revelation Saint John's vision of *a new heaven and a new earth and of a new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God* (21:1-5). This new heaven and new earth refers to the mysterious

transformation of humanity and the world that will take place at the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time. The universe will be perfectly re-established in Christ. As Saint Paul teaches: *God will bring all things in the heavens and on earth into one under Christ's headship* (Ephesians 1:10).

We are called to live in hope of the new heaven and the new earth. We do not know when the Second Coming will occur nor do we know the way in which the universe will be transformed. It remains a mystery. Yet, we believe, as the Church teaches, that *the form of this world, distorted by sin, is passing away, and we are taught that God is preparing a new dwelling and a new earth in which righteousness dwells, in which happiness will fill and surpass all the desires of peace arising in our hearts* (Gaudium et spes 39, Second Vatican Council).

I mention these things since sometimes we might feel overwhelmed by the weakness, miseries, violence, injustices, sufferings, and misfortunes of earthly life and human history. Some may even adopt a fatalistic view, become indifferent, believing that nothing can change and that there is no sense of hoping. This is not the Christian perspective. We believe that God entered the world and human history in His Son who continues to be in our midst. Through His Church, the Lord continues to establish His kingdom of truth, justice, love, and peace in time and space, the Kingdom that will come in its fullness at the end of time, after the universal judgment.

Our expectation of the new heaven and

the new earth not only gives us hope, it is also a stimulus for our engagement with the world. We must not fall into the extremes of isolation or secularism. The Second Vatican Council emphasized our duty to *penetrate and perfect the temporal order with the spirit of the Gospel* (Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity 5). With hope of the new heaven and the new earth, we can walk courageously in this life, cooperating with the Lord in building up His Kingdom through our works of mercy, justice, and love.

Finally, in his vision of the new heaven and new earth. Saint John saw *the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband* (Revelation 21:2). The new Jerusalem appears as a bride because it symbolizes the Church, the Bride of Christ. This feminine symbol of the Church as Bride has deep meaning. It expresses the Church's mystery as loved by Christ the Bridegroom who gives His life for His Bride. It also expresses our calling, both men and women, through the Church to be the Bride of Christ, to love Him in return. We are called to bear witness to the love of the Bridegroom in the world. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: *As I have loved you, so you also should love one another* (John 13:34). This love of Christ and His Bride will shine forth at His Second Coming. May it shine forth even now through our witness, our "I do" to Christ the Bridegroom, our "Amen" to the Father's love, and our "Yes" to the Holy Spirit's grace!

Words and deeds can't be separated, pope tells new priests

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — What you say and how you live always go hand in hand, building up the church and the people of God, Pope Francis told new priests.

"Therefore, may your doctrine be nourishment to the people of God, joy and supporting those faithful to Christ (be) the fragrance of your life, because the word and example go together," he said.

"Word and example edify the house of God, which is the church," he said in his homily April 17, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Celebrating Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis ordained 11 new priests; nine were ordained for the Diocese of Rome and two of the new priests -- including one born in Baghdad — belong to the Rogationist religious order.

In his homily, the pope urged the men to read, reflect on and teach the word of God and to be a living example of what they preach.

He asked that they imitate Jesus in their lives, including "carrying Christ's death" inside of them and walking with him in new life. "Without the cross you will never find the true Jesus. And a cross without Christ has no meaning."

In administering the sacraments, especially the sacrament of penance, show mercy, he told them. "Please, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord, and in the name of the church, I asked you to be merciful, very merciful."

He reminded the men that they were called by Jesus to continue his mission as teacher, priest and shepherd, and to serve the Church and the people of God.

"Always have in front of your eyes the example of the Good Shepherd, who didn't



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Eleven new priests lie prostrate during their ordination by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican April 17.

come to be served, but to serve and to look for and save those who were lost," he said.

Later in the day, the pope told those gathered in St. Peter's Square for the "Regina Coeli" prayer that the image of a shepherd with his flock "shows the close relationship that Jesus wants to establish with each one of us."

"He is our guide, our teacher, our friend, our role model, but above all, he is our Savior," the pope said.

Christ has saved humanity and "nothing and nobody will be able to wrench us from Jesus' hands because nothing and no one can overpower his love," he said. "Jesus' love is invincible."

Catholic faithful are welcome to attend ordinations to the priesthood, diaconate

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will be celebrating the priestly ordination of three men this year: Deacon Bob Garrow, Deacon David Violi and Deacon Craig Borchard. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be presiding over the Mass for the Ordination to the Priesthood on June 4, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. Bishop Rhoades will also preside over the Mass for the Ordination to the Diaconate on May 21, at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend. This year, both events will be open to the public and all are invited to attend.

'It makes you weep,' pope says of refugees' stories

BY CINDY WOODEN

ABOARD THE PAPAL FLIGHT FROM GREECE (CNS) — When an aide suggested Pope Francis offer to fly some Syrian refugees back to Rome with him, the pope said he agreed immediately because it was “an inspiration of the Holy Spirit.”

In the end, he said, 12 Syrians — members of three families, including six children — had all the necessary papers from the Greek and Italian governments in time to fly with the pope April 16.

The fact that the 12 are all Muslims did not enter into the equation, the pope said. “I gave priority to children of God.”

Two Christian families originally had been on the Vatican’s list, too, he said, but their papers were not ready in time.

Spending about half an hour answering reporters’ questions, Pope Francis insisted his visit to Greece with Orthodox leaders was not about criticizing a recent agreement between the European Union and Turkey to return to Turkey those entering EU territory without legal permission.

“What I saw today and what you saw in that refugee camp — it makes you weep,” the pope told reporters.

“Look what I brought to show you,” the pope told them. He held up some of the drawings the children in the camp had given him. “Look at this,” he said, “this one saw a child drown.”

“Really, today is a day to weep,” he said. Holding up another picture, he pointed to the top and said, “The sun is crying. If the sun is able to cry, we should be able to shed at least one tear” for those children who will carry the memory of suffering with them.

Asked specifically about



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Pope Francis greets refugees who are traveling to Rome with him at the international airport in Mytilene on the island of Lesbos, Greece, April 16, 2016. The pope brought 12 refugees to Italy on his plane.

immigration to the United States and how it relates to what he had called a “catastrophe,” Pope Francis insisted “it’s a global problem” and that Central Americans fleeing poverty and violence also deserve the world’s concern and assistance.

On other questions during the inflight news conference:

— Pope Francis confirmed he had met U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders that morning as the pope was leaving his residence. Sanders and other participants at a Vatican conference were staying in the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where the pope lives.

“It was polite” for Sanders, who knew when the pope was leaving, to go downstairs to greet him, the pope said. “If someone thinks greeting someone is to get involved in politics, I recommend he see a psychiatrist.”

— The pope was asked to settle the debate about his post-synodal apostolic exhortation on the family and whether the document opened new possibilities for divorced and civilly remarried Catholics to receive Communion under some circumstances.

“I could say, ‘Yes. Period,’

but that would be too short a response,” the pope said. “I recommend everyone read the presentation made by Cardinal (Christoph) Schonborn” at the Vatican news conference presenting the document. The cardinal, archbishop of Vienna, had said the document represented “true innovations, but no break” with church tradition.

Still, the pope said, much of the news media focused so much on the question of Communion for the divorced that they skewed the public’s perception of the 2014 and 2015 meetings of the Synod of Bishops.

“Since I’m not a saint, this annoyed me and then saddened me,” the pope said. “Don’t they understand that the family throughout the world is in crisis?”

“The family is the foundation of society,” Pope Francis said. The great problems include a reluctance by young people to marry, extremely low birth rates in Europe, unemployment, poverty — “those are the big problems.”

and the stranger, whom you have welcomed.”

With hundreds of thousands of people fleeing violence in Syria and Iraq and fleeing extreme poverty and persecution elsewhere, Pope Francis acknowledged that Europeans and their governments naturally could feel overwhelmed. The fact that the newcomers speak different languages and have different religions and cultures adds to the challenge.

He praised the people of Lesbos for showing that “in these lands, the cradle of civilization, the heart of humanity continues to beat; a humanity that before all else recognizes others as brothers and sisters, a humanity that wants to build bridges and recoils from the idea of putting up walls to make us feel safer. In reality, barriers create divisions instead of promoting the true progress of peoples, and divisions sooner or later lead to confrontations.”

In his prayer, Pope Francis insisted “we are all migrants, journeying in hope” toward God in heaven.

Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and Archbishop Ieronymos II of Athens and all Greece stood alongside Pope Francis on the waterfront at the Mytilene harbor on the bright spring day. They, too, offered prayers for those who have died making the crossing and joined the pope in blessing laurel wreaths that were tossed into the sea.

Recognizing the generosity and sacrifice of the Greek government and Greek people, who had tried to assist hundreds of thousands of refugees despite an ongoing economic crisis, the pope told them, “You are guardians of humanity for you care with tenderness for the body of Christ, who suffers in the least of his brothers and sisters, the hungry

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Just since January, the International Organization for Migration said, more than 150,000 migrants and refugees arrived in Greece and 366 people died attempting crossing the Aegean Sea to the country.

“Though many of their graves bear no name, to you each one is know, loved and cherished,” Pope Francis prayed to God April 16 in Mytilene, a city on Lesbos, the island on which more than half the refugees have landed.

“Wake us from the slumber of indifference,” the pope prayed, “open our eyes to their suffering and free us from the insensitivity born of world comfort and self-centeredness.”



Public Schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

- Sunday, April 24, 3 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Jude Church, Fort Wayne
- Friday, April 29, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Holy Family Church, South Bend
- Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Patrick Church, South Bend
- Saturday, April 30, 5:30 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Saint Pius X Church, Granger

April is



“We pledge most solemnly to one another and to you, God’s people; that we will work to our utmost for the protection of children and youth. We pledge that we will devote to this goal the resources and personnel necessary to accomplish it.”

— Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

The details provide help

For more information on how the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend works to protect children, as well as documents that detail policies and procedures, visit <http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Youth-Protection>.

In 2002, many will remember when the national news story of abuse within the Catholic Church was released to the public. It was a painful time for many of the Catholic faithful for several reasons: the idea of a trusted adult, especially clergy, harming a child was sickening, and reports of cover-ups and ‘moving priests around’ to conceal the truth cut against the very foundation of Christian principles that define our faith.

It was because of that dark time in our Church history, that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) met in Texas and created The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

The Charter is a comprehensive set of procedures established by the USCCB in June 2002 for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The Charter also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability and prevention of future acts of abuse.

There are directives in the Charter that help to create a safe environment for children and young people and to facilitate healing and reconciliation of victims and survivors. It calls for prompt and effective responses to allegations and cooperating with civil authorities as well as disciplining offenders and pro-

viding a means of accountability for the future.

The directives to provide a safe environment can be seen in the work of the Office of Safe Environment through the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Cathie Cicchiello, Safe Environment Coordinator, manages the process of compliance for the diocese and works to prevent abuse from even occurring with background checks and training for all employees and volunteers in the diocese. Safety training is also given to children and young people in the Catholic schools and religious education programs.

Victim’s Assistance Coordinator for the diocese, Mary Glowaski, says, “I want people to know that there is a specific process to this, and we follow that to the letter each time, every time. It is essential too that people know we are treating people with dignity, both the people who accuse and the persons who are accused. We understand the trauma of the situation, we are confidential and we are thorough.”

Glowaski has noticed that public opinion, both secular and Catholic, brings different extremes of opinion with regard to perception of youth protection in the church. There are residual beliefs that the Catholic Church simply moves priests around to different parishes to cover up abuse. The other extreme is that when an accusation is made, the diocese simply believes the story, takes it at face value and the

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priest is removed from ministry. This is why the process is so very important, Glowaski emphasized. "Investigating the allegations and carefully following the procedures of the Charter every time is crucial for the protection of the alleged victims as well as the priests."

The Catholic Church's response to child abuse is not simply a response to the crisis of 2002. It is an implementation of a new way of operating in order that children are better protected against those who would do them harm. "We all want this to

be over, but our human nature is such that this won't ever be over," Glowaski said. "People throughout the diocese can take comfort in knowing that Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Msgr. Robert Schulte take this ministry very seriously. Although," she paused, "'take very seriously' doesn't even begin to describe how crucially important this topic is to both of them. Bishop Rhoades insists that we do this well."

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend always reports abuse to law enforcement regardless of whether the accusation is filed against members of clergy, school or parish staff. If you or someone you know has an allegation of sexual abuse by a member of the clergy, you are encouraged to contact the diocese.

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Events listed in blue are USCCB National Key Milestones

Events listed in red are Diocesan Key Milestones

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2002

February — Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, president of U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issues formal statement expressing "profound sorrow that some of our priests were responsible for this abuse under our watch."

June — USCCB writes and adopts "The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

July — National Review Board, an expert lay advisory board to the U.S. bishops, holds first meeting.

2003

February — Safe environment guidelines require all clerics, employees and volunteers who work with children to be trained on how to prevent and report child sexual abuse.

March — An independent audit of all dioceses begins to assess implementation of the Charter.

August — The diocese announces its background check requirements and safe environment training for adults.

August — First USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2004

September — The diocese introduces training for children in preschool-grade 6.

October — Second USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2005

February — The diocese introduces safe environment training for youth in grade 7-8.

August — Third USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2007

September — Fourth USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant,

2008

April — Pope Benedict XVI meets with victims of abuse in Washington, D.C.

August — Fifth USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2009

September — Sixth USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2010

August — Seventh USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant. Diocese begins to include parish audits as part of process. Eight parishes and schools participate.

2011

March — Release of study. "The Causes and Context of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Catholic Priests in the United States," conducted by John Jay College.

August — New curriculum material for grades 6-8 safe environment training introduced.

September — Eighth USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2012

January — Parish and school internal audits were started using financial in-house auditors.

September — Ninth USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2013

September — Tenth USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2014

March — The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors is formed by Pope Francis.

June — Diocese begins using Barada Associates, Inc., as provider of background screenings.

September — Eleventh USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

2015

June — Pope Francis creates a tribunal for bishop negligence in clergy sexual abuse cases.

September — Twelfth USCCB audit and the diocese is found compliant.

Equador earthquake



CNS photo/Guillermo Granja, Reuters

Firefighters search for survivors in Manta, Ecuador, April 17 after an earthquake struck the previous day off the country's Pacific coast. At least 272 people died, nearly 3,000 were injured and thousands were left homeless in the magnitude-7.8 earthquake.

John Bosco Jam delights northern end of diocese with basketball theatrics



Mary Beth Greer

BY STEPHANIE A. PATKA

SOUTH BEND — With both of the successful wins of the Cupertino Classic in Fort Wayne, the priests of the diocese joined forces with Jesuit priests to challenge the Congregation of the Holy Cross seminarians in the inaugural John Bosco Jam basketball game. This competitive game took place at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend on April 15. The seminarians took a big lead early in the game but the priests fought their way to the lead with numerous three point shots. By the end of the third quarter it looked as if the priests might be able to pull off the win but the seminarians were too determined in the fourth quarter and overpowered

the priests with their youth winning the game 45-38.

The dynamics of this game were important not just for the entertainment of the over 150 people who were in attendance. The game also opened doors of brotherhood to various groups of current and future church leaders. It was a great way for the diocesan priests to get to know and play along side of some of the Jesuit priests who are studying at the University of Notre Dame. Jesuit Father Mike Magree ended up having the most input on how the priest's team needed to adjust during the game. Team captain and game organizer, Father Drew Curry noted, "It was fun to see these types of unplanned talents shine forth throughout the evening. And of

course, to be able to play basketball with the future leaders of the Holy Cross order was a privilege as well."

Pastor of the St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, Msgr. Michael Heintz took part as a referee for the game. Holy Cross seminarians provided the attendees with laughter and entertaining commentary throughout the game with statements like "Bless me Father for I have missed," after a missed free throw or "Not even the year of mercy could save that shot," after an air ball. The event showed everyone the joyful and human face of the Church much in the same way that St. John Bosco was able to evangelize to young people through sports and outdoor activities.



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Left to right, Ave Maria House volunteers Theresa Mirza, Laura Ridgeway and Faye Westropp pose for a photo, along with Dottie Carpenter, Founder and Director of the Ave Maria House.

The Ave Maria House serves as a hospitality house for those who may not have access to the comforts of home. It is located at 432 Madison Street in downtown Fort Wayne, and is a ministry of St. Mary Mother of God Parish. Men and women find respite at the Ave Maria House, where they can get hot coffee, take showers, do laundry, pick up mail, make phone calls, share an occasional meal, and have fellowship with others in a home environment. On Tuesdays, the Giving Closet is open and gives out jackets, blankets, backpacks, shoes, socks, toiletries and more to Ave Maria House guests.

Ave Maria House was founded by Dottie Carpenter, a St. Mary's parishioner, in 2008. Carpenter works as director of the Ave Maria House today. Ave Maria House is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is run by volunteers.



Dan Howe, Nancy Enneking and Betsy Magner work as volunteers in the Giving Closet at the Ave Maria House.

St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, helps stock Bashor Children's Home



Denise Federow

Members of the St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, welcoming committee made a delivery to Bashor Children's Home in Goshen of items collected during a month-long drive. Shown from left are Steve Riikonen, director of development at Bashor Children's Home, Tena Jakubowicz, St. John welcoming committee, Don Phillips, president and CEO of Bashor Children's Home and Sandy Swartz, St. John welcoming committee.

BY DENISE FEDEROW

Members of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church helped stock the teen shelter at Bashor Children's Home in Goshen.

Parishioners donated items throughout the month of January for the "welcome kits"—toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo, socks, towels and washcloths, plus over a hundred small travel size soaps and shampoos. In addition \$200 in SCRIP certificates and cash was collected to be used to purchase clothing. The month-long collection was sponsored by the Welcoming Committee at St. John's — members of this ministry committee welcome new members to the church and sponsor monthly fun giveaways or fellowship events like coffee and donut Sundays. Each year in January the committee sponsors a parish collection to help the homeless or others in need in the community.

In this Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis, one of the corporal works of mercy is "shelter the homeless."

Bashor Children's Home opened in Goshen in 1922 and because of growing public concern over the lack of a shelter for homeless teens in Elkhart County in the last year, perpetuated by the death of a teen runaway; they made the commitment to take on the responsibility of providing a shelter for these homeless teens. They had a facility, which is currently being renovated, and have received donated labor and supplies from contractors.

Director of Development Steve Riikonen said, "The community has really stepped up to make this happen — it's been really great."

President and CEO Don Phillips told the representatives from St. John's Welcoming Committee, "We've not received donations like this yet so this is very well-timed and obviously needed."

He told them that when kids come to them, they often think no one cares, and the staff assures them that they care. He said when they tell the kids about the ways people in the community have helped, "it means a lot more to them. Thank you for helping."

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"There is no saint without a past and no sinner without a future."

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More photos showing works of mercy can be found at MyYearofMercy.org

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Father Tolton Chicago pilgrimage set Saturday, May 21

Servant of God, Father Augustus Tolton, the first recognizably Black U.S. priest, was ordained 130 years ago on April 24, 1886. He faced bitter racism with a loving, merciful heart. If canonized, he would become the first African American saint.

On Saturday, May 21, the Tolton Society of St. Augustine Parish will sponsor an all-day bus pilgrimage to sites in Chicago where Father Tolton lived and served, as well as his family's grave sites. The bus will leave promptly at 8 a.m. from St. Augustine Parish, and return by 6 p.m.

Seats must be reserved in advance for \$25 (before April 30) or \$30 (after April 30), payable to St. Augustine Parish. Price includes bus transportation, the guided tour and lunch at Pearl's Place (soul food restaurant in Chicago's historic Bronzeville area).

Twenty bus seats are for St. Augustine parishioners, with roughly 20 more available for other interested parties. To reserve seats, contact Annie Tardy, Tolton Society chair, at ARTardy@hotmail.com or 574-707-1232.

Catholic Social Teaching reflections available

FORT WAYNE — Father Dan Scheidt, pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, is offering a weekly article and meditation series by Keston Smith on the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. The series will continue through November.

Articles are available at www.saintv.org/catholiclinks.html.

DVD on life of Fred Tone and Dwenger football to premiere

Fort Wayne — Founded in 1963, Bishop Dwenger High School is known for its traditions, and for its retired principal, Fred Tone.

After receiving the cancer diagnosis news last fall of Fred Tone, some members of the Dwenger family thought to capture and document some of his legendary ideas and stories from his football days. The school's Campus Minister, Jason Garrett ('88), reached out to friends Joe Wharton ('87) and Sean McBride ('87) for their help. Wharton and McBride are part of the Redeemer Radio Sports Team and enlisted the expertise of another member of that crew, Eric Peat.

"We started with the idea of capturing the history behind some of the traditions surrounding the football program," noted McBride.

"After several conversations with Fred, we realized we had another video to make," com-

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Heart healthy activities promote research and education



Provided by Anne Rice

Five Saint Thomas the Apostle (Elkhart) middle school students participated in the 16th annual Huntington University Middle School Mathematics Competition on April 13 in Huntington, IN. Their team finished in 8th place out of 23 total teams. The STS team had 2 eighth-grade students, 2 seventh-grade students and 1 sixth-grader. Most of the teams in the competition were made up of eighth-grade students.

mented Wharton. Eric Peat followed the 2015 state championship team through their season to capture video of the team and its rituals. The trio also interviewed, on camera, a variety of students, athletes, and coaches.

The outcome is a two-part DVD set: "J. Fred Tone: Stories of a Saint" and "When the Saints Go Marching In: Traditions of Bishop Dwenger Football."

The trailers are available for preview at www.bishopdwenger.com/dvdset.

On Friday, May 6, at 7 p.m., Bishop Dwenger High School will host a premiere of these two videos in their gymnasium.

Girl Scout Gold Award turns 100

Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana is looking for Gold Award winners to share their Girl Scout story.

In 2016 the Girl Scouts will celebrate the centennial of the Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. Since 1916 Girl Scouts have been earning their Gold Awards by leading projects that create meaningful, sustainable change in their communities, and around the world. Through

the Gold Award, a century of girls have now had the opportunity to discover their passions, while connecting with others to solve community problems and make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana will recognize past and current Gold Award recipients with small tokens of merit. However, since the merging of the Limberlost Council, and the potential for incorrect or outdated records, GSNI-M is calling for all Gold Award recipients to provide name, address, phone number, and their Gold Award story.

The Girl Scout Gold Award and its significance is recognized nationwide, and is now acknowledged by many colleges and universities as being the Girl Scout equivalent to the Eagle Scout Award, earned by Boy Scouts, and offers scholarships unique to award recipients.

For information or to share your gold award information contact mktggsnim@gsnim.org

Sodalitas program serves community

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School's Sodalitas program

came to fruition on April 14 after months of planning, collaborating and working together to organize projects that will help fulfill the needs of the community.

Sodalitas is a program created for students, by students, with its main mission to serve, lead, grow and develop an appreciation for helping others.

Students and staff from Bishop Luers High School participated in service projects at more than 22 different locations including Vincent Village, Eagle Marsh Little River Wetlands, Children's Autism Center, Carriage House, Hope House, St. John's Parish, St. Henry's Parish, St. Joseph Hesse Cassel Parish, Unity Lutheran School, Foster Park, Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Christ Child Society, Children's Hope Hospitality House, Bloomingdale Elementary, ARC, Blessings in a Backpack and Community Harvest Food Bank.

Senior Resource Fair offers information

SOUTH BEND — The Michiana Gerontology Institute is hosting a Senior Resource Fair, to be held at the Century Center Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Everything is free; parking, admission, health screenings and entertainment.

Entertainment will feature the family-friendly ventriloquist act, "Willie Tyler and Lester." A nationally-known act, this duo has appeared on Late Night with David Letterman and The Jimmy Kimmel Show. They will perform at noon.

Other entertainment includes: Father and son acoustical soft rock/country music team Rob Parsons and Son at 10 a.m.

Kevin Wilson, with Abracadabra Magic, will be on stage at 2 p.m. to trick, amuse and delight. He will also perform throughout the exhibit hall, during the day.

At 2:30 p.m. St. Joseph Health System's "Senior Fit" group will give an exhibition.

The Antique Appraisers will be available to offer an appraisal of small antiques.

Major sponsors of the fair are American Senior Communities and St. Joseph Health Systems. Supportive sponsor is Beacon Home Care.

For more information visit www.mgi-hcc.org.

Mother's Day carnation sale gears up

HUNTINGTON — The Huntington County Right to Life group will have a Mother's Day carnation sale May 6-8.

Long-stemmed carnations, corsages and vases will be sold Friday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the office, 34 E. Washington St., and made available to Huntington Catholic students. On Saturday and Sunday, flowers will be sold after Masses at St. Joseph, St. Catherine, St. Mary and Ss. Peter and Paul Parishes.

Prices are \$1 for long-stemmed carnations and \$3 and up for corsages. Vases start at \$4.

For information or to place a larger order call 260-356-5933. All proceeds benefit pro-life efforts.

Communion Closet adds one more shopping day

FORT WAYNE — A wide variety of new or gently worn dresses, veils, suits, shirts, pants, and ties for your child's First Holy Communion will be Sunday, April 24, in the basement of St. Joseph Parish on Brooklyn Avenue at 12:45 p.m.

A \$25 refundable deposit receives an outfit to celebrate this Sacrament in style without the financial burden. Donations of First Communion attire are always being sought as well. Pick up arrangements can be made.

Contact Keenan Baldus, 260-745-1315 for more information.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This week's issue features more questions and answers from three seminarians at different stages of the discernment process — Deacon Craig Borchard, Sam Lyons and Joe Knepper. This is part 2 of a feature on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

What has been the most surprising reaction you have gotten when you told people about your decision to become a priest?

Borchard: One of my friends in college used to tease me and say “quit running away from your vocation.” Actually, it was the support of a lot of friends and the seeds that they planted that got me thinking about becoming a priest saying things like, “You would make a really good priest.” Once I arrived at seminary, you really feel the support and love from your brother seminarians. Everyone has sacrificed something to come here and they are all more supportive as a result.

Lyon: My twin sister and I announced our decisions to enter into the priesthood and religious life about the same time and our family took it surprisingly well. Not all of my siblings are practicing Catholics, but their response was, “I don't necessarily agree with the Catholic faith, but this is for you and your journey, so I support you.” I was worried that they would react negatively and it would cause a huge rift, but they have all been respectful. A powerful experience for me telling others that I was going to enter the seminary was when I walked on the trail in the Camino de Santiago going to Spain last summer. I walked over 200 miles on this 600 mile trail and got to experience incredible inter-faith dialogue with other peoples who were on the trail. During one portion of it, I met 20 seminarians from Naples, Italy and when I told them of my decision to become a seminarian, it was like they just adopted me right there in this international fraternity. Even after knowing them for half of a day, they opened up their hearts to me—it was amazing how loving and powerful that response was.

Knepper: I've been surprised by the number of my friends, particularly my non-Catholic



CRAIG BORCHARD



SAM LYON



JOE KNEPPER

friends who weren't surprised at my decision at all. A couple of years ago, becoming a priest is not something that I would've ever imagined for my future, so for other people to recognize it, often before I did, surprises me. However, it makes me feel affirmed in my decision.

What is the thing that you like the best about serving the parish when you are home for break?

Borchard: This (serving the parish) is where it's at! I am looking forward to being a priest, not a seminarian for the rest of my life, so going home to the diocese is always a breath of fresh air and a cool drink of water to be with the people. Being rooted within the local diocese, to have those moments at home when you get to minister to your parish and serve them, because, at the end of the day—that's where you will be, it is just awesome. Serving your parish helps you remember who you are doing this work for.

Lyon: At seminary we tend to be intellectual and analytical in our discussions on God. But when you come back to the diocese and parish, the feeling just makes you want to be a priest 1,000 times more — to be able to help bring God to the people, it was just amazing. The beauty is in the simplicity, the people who make you humble again because they haven't had all of the theology teachings you have had and yet, in some ways of faith, they are wiser than you — that is refreshing. I like being able to serve Mass for my parish because it is giving back to something that has given so much to me.

Knepper: I am looking forward to continuing service to the parish when I'm home. I love spending a lot of time at helping at the parish and I get a lot of joy from that. Whether it's LifeTeen, RCIA or random projects around the parish, they are all life-giving to me. Serving was a key moment in my discernment. To be able to continue that when I'm home on breaks will be great.

What kinds of things does the average Catholic not realize about this journey to becoming a priest? What do you want them to know?

Borchard: We are still human and the seminary is a very human place. The seminary is a place to discern a call to the priesthood and is also a place for the growing up experience that you have to go through as you move towards becoming a priest. Many people may think that at seminary, you are either on your knees or at your desk — that's not what it's like. Yes, we study, yes we pray, but we also are regular people who play music, sports, board games and enjoy the help that we often receive from the diocese. We don't cease to be normal people when we get

here.

Lyon: Some people may not know that the journey for some to become a priest is 8 years long — it's a constant discernment process. Our journey is “God willing, I will be a priest in 8 years.” Also, discerning that priesthood is not for you is not a failure story. It's a success story because you found your vocation. Also, people tend to think that all we learn is “how to do Mass.” We don't even take classes on that until almost our final year, it's a lot more than that — it's theology, philosophy, history — it's everything.

Knepper: It's important for the average Catholic to understand that the choice to attend seminary is not a 100 percent commitment to become a priest — it's a deepening in faith and discernment to see if that's the correct vocation for you. There are still things about the spiritual life and faith that can be intimidating for seminarians and they still have vices that they are trying to overcome.

What is the biggest thing that you (or your brother seminarians) need prayers for?

Borchard: For peace and clarity in discernment. There can be a lot of difficulty to overcome. And let's be honest — the devil doesn't want us to be priests, nor does he want those of us called to marriage to be good husbands and fathers. There can be a lot of spiritual difficulties, doubts or fears. So, prayers for peace and clarity — so that we can see what God sees in us and why He has called us to this place and where He wants us to go.

Lyon: For perseverance in our vocation, that we may be able to listen to what God is telling us and not be swayed by our emotions.

Knepper: Prayers for confidence in God's will. People are always welcome to pray for me — I need them!

Do you have a patron saint or special devotion that has helped you?

Borchard: Our Lady of Lourdes, featured at Notre Dame's grotto as well as at Mount St. Mary's. We also went to Lourdes at World Youth Day, Our Lady of Lourdes has always been part of my Marian devotion. I also didn't have a devotion to St. John Vianney and St. Philomela until they teamed up on me when I got to Philadelphia. They kept popping up and their efforts together really influenced me to get into the seminary.

Lyon: I love St. Therese of Liseux and St. Maria Goretti and my confirmation saint, St. John the Baptist — those three are my kind of people.

Knepper: I was confirmed as an older adult and my confirmation saint was St. Peter. While at the beginning, people kept suggesting St. Peter, I was adamantly opposed to because

it just seemed like an obvious choice, which I thought was lazy. I wanted it to mean more and really wanted a saint that I could relate to. I really researched and prayed about it. One night, I was praying with Scripture and there was an encounter when Christ first calls Peter and I just saw Peter as a man who felt like he could do life without Jesus, but Jesus just inserted himself anyway. On the day that I got the call for my meeting with Bishop Rhoades to determine whether I would enter the seminary or not, I immediately went to look up the feast of the day, and I had to laugh when I saw the feast of the day was the Chair of St. Peter. Also, I found out that same day that Father Andrew assigns new seminarians an apostle when they are accepted and he has a list that he just works through, and it just happened that mine was St. Peter. So, Peter and I have an interesting relationship. There is a book on St. Peter with a subtitle, “flawed, forgiven and faithful.” In that regard, I feel like I can relate well to him. Peter wants to respond to Jesus even when it doesn't make sense to anyone else and that's definitely me.

You ask a young man if they've ever thought about becoming a priest and they respond, “I don't know, maybe.” What do you say next?

Borchard: “Try it out. Pray about it. Consider seminary. I would explain that the seminary is a great place to discern and grow in holiness. At the seminary you will learn if God is calling you to be a priest, and you will also learn if you want to be a priest. Either way, you will grow immensely as a man and as a Son of the Father.”

Lyon: One of the things that really got my attention when I was thinking about seminary was one particular Mass at the Cathedral where all the priests are walking in a procession out of the church. This older priest in particular, I couldn't even tell you his name, grabs my shoulder as he walks past and says to me, “this could be you!” and just kept walking. I would tell the guy to be open to it. This journey is a roller coaster, but it's the greatest ride ever. Just abandon yourself to God's will. It's not easy and sometimes not fun, but it's totally rewarding.

Knepper: I tell them that, no matter what they are being called to — to stay close to Christ in prayer — stay close to the sacraments, because no matter how flawed they deem themselves to be, the Lord doesn't view them in that way. In saying yes to their vocation in life, the Lord will offer them more joy than they could ever dream of.

What is something that any Catholic could do to help increase vocations?

Borchard: Prayer. We have to trust in the power of prayer,

and as people of faith, that has to be the first and primary thing. When you look at our number of seminarians, we have to trust that God is hearing our prayers. We have to thank God and praise God for that. Another thing is to simply be joyful Catholics and not be ashamed to live our faith and go to Mass, go to Confession — just do the things that Catholics do. That was such a witness to me — just to see people who just love being Catholic and priests who love being priests and are living out their faith despite their circumstances.

Lyon: Prayer, prayer and prayer. Pray for vocations and pray for the family. And as far as vocations are concerned, the biggest thing is the family because it all starts there. Many people simply default to marriage, which is fine because it is the vocation for most people, but we also need great priests. People need to pray and have the vocation discussion with their kids. Neither is better than the other, both are honorable, but parents have to inform their children that this is another option and pray with them about it.

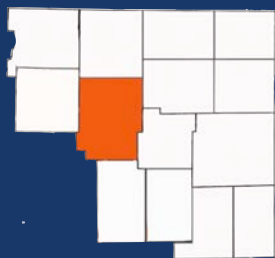
Knepper: I am very fortunate to come from a parish where it's normal for people to start talking about discerning their vocation as Catholics. As Catholics, wherever we are in the world, we need to make it a normal thing to talk about and to let people know that there is no default vocation. Also, if someone expresses an interest — it's important to not shut it down and just as important to not put pressure on them. Ultimately, we want people to do what God wants them to do.

Any words of wisdom to young men or women who are considering a vocation to the Church?

Borchard: Well, to quote Our Lord — Be not afraid! It's cliché, but the Lord doesn't call the qualified, but he qualifies the called. If you wait for the perfect moment to enter seminary or enter a religious order or to ask that girl to marry you, you will find that there never is a perfect moment. At some point, you have to make a leap of faith into the unknown because you can't let fear hold you back. The Lord will be there to catch you and to guide you.

Lyon: Continue to pray about it. There are a ton of men, women and religious orders who are praying for you right now. Don't let your decision be swayed by the emotion you feel that day, just know that whatever you choose, God wants you to be happy and will make the best out of whatever decision you make.

Knepper: Pray and take advantage of the sacraments. Don't be scared to talk about it with priests, family, friends or other faithful Catholic people that you can trust.



In MY diocese

Kosciusko County

St. Martin de Porres

BY DENISE FEDOROW

SYRACUSE — St. Martin de Porres Church in Syracuse was established Jan. 19, 1966, with Pastor Eugene Zimmerman its first pastor. He served the new parish for ten years. The church was dedicated on June 11, 1966 by former Bishop Leo A. Pursley.

Prior to building St. Martin's Church, Syracuse residents for the most part attended St. Patrick in Ligonier or St. Francis Xavier in Pierceton. At first, Father Zimmerman served both St. Francis and St. Martin's parishes.

The church was uniquely designed to look like a capsized boat from the interior. When the church was first established there were 65 registered families. In 1986 (according to The History of Kosciusko County 1856-1986) there were 250 registered families.

Currently there are 300 families registered year round, but the number of parishioners attending Mass doubles in the summer as the Lake Wawasee area has many homes where people from other parts of Indiana, Illinois and Ohio come every year to spend their summers.

Father Richard Hire is pastor at St. Martin's and he will have served the parish eight years this May.

"When I was a little kid my family came to the lake in the summers and there was no church then so we had to go all the way to Pierceton," he said.

Father Hire said it's nice that now the church has a religious education wing and room for hospitality. He said even though the "summer parishioners" don't attend St. Martin's all year, "They help support the parish very well," he said, adding with their help the church was able to add air conditioning to the hall.

In 2006 a renovation project was completed which doubled the square footage on two levels as the expansion wrapped around the existing church. At that time they added the religious education wing to move the students out of the basement storage rooms they were meeting in. They also added an elevator so the elderly parishioners could attend events held downstairs. They also added a narthex as a gathering place and some additional parking spaces.

Ministries at St. Martin's include Eucharistic ministry to the homebound, a regular food drive for the poor, religious education between Masses, a St. Vincent de Paul Society, adult education, Knights of Columbus and a choir.

Administrative Associate Liz List said the adult education classes are currently offering the Symbolon program at three different times to accommodate parishioner's schedules. They meet on Sundays after the 11 a.m. Mass, on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 6323 has its own reception hall at 414 S. Sycamore St. where Bingo is held every Saturday night.

There is currently no youth group at St. Martin's — List led the



Photos by Denise Fedorow

The interior of St. Martin de Porres Church in Syracuse in Kosciusko County was designed to look like a capsized boat. Looking up at the ceiling, the wood beams resemble the hull of an overturned boat.



group for over 12 years but when she stepped down there wasn't anyone who wanted to take her place. But she said there are not a lot of youth in the parish at this time — there are mainly younger families or older adults, many of whom spend the winter in warmer climates.

"It's very scarce around here from January-March," List said. Father Hire has many ties to the community — his family still has a condominium on the lake and he attended Our Lady of the Lakes Seminary on Lake Wawasee, which was run by the Crosier order from 1948-1970's.



Pastor Richard Hire and administrative associate Liz List as the two discuss church business recently.

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St. Francis Xavier

BY DENISE FEDOROW

PIERCETON — Tucked onto a quiet residential street in Pierceton in the eastern part of Kosciusko County is St. Francis Xavier Church. Because the church has been there longer than the town of Pierceton itself; the street it is on is named Catholic Street.

The church was established 152 years ago on Aug. 16, 1864; the town of Pierceton will be celebrating its 150th anniversary this year.

St. Francis was a mission church, served by priests from Largo, LaPorte, Columbia City and Arcola until 1946 or 1950, according to different accounts. There were 13 families at the time the church was established. According to historical accounts, in 1866 additional land was purchased for \$75 and in 1874 — 10 years after the church was established, land was purchased for a cemetery at a cost of \$40.

Father Robert Hoewel was the first resident priest and in 1953 a house was purchased at the corner of Catholic and Fourth streets for a rectory. A parish hall was then built attached to the rectory and reportedly became the center of parish activities.

When Rev. Eugene Zimmerman was pastor of both St. Martin de Porres in Syracuse and St. Francis in the late 1960's, he sold the rectory. In 1972, thanks to a generous donation left as a legacy from a parishioner, a new church was built and is still in use today. The church



Photos by Denise Fedorow

St. Francis Xavier Church in Pierceton celebrated its 150th anniversary two years ago.

was dedicated on April 16, 1972 by Bishop Joseph Crowley. A warm feeling envelopes one upon entering the cozy church.

Two years ago, Rev. Charles "Chuck" Herman was assigned to St. Francis Xavier and he's

the first resident priest in nearly 50 years. A new rectory was built about a year ago seven blocks away where Father Herman resides with his German shepherd companion. Apparently parishioners campaigned to have a fulltime priest again to offer daily Masses instead of just on weekends. The parish now has 160

the priest who has served at larger parishes, most recently Holy Family in South Bend. He said what struck him as special about the parish is the closeness of the parishioners,

"Something that amazes me is I've never been in a parish where people stay and talk (after Mass) like they do here. Parishioners will tell you that, too, and that's what attracts them to the parish," he said.

"Everyone is extremely friendly, they give a lot to the parish and work hard," he said. "For a small parish there's a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of good people."

Ministries at St. Francis include a Knights of Columbus round table group and a group that plans activities.



The interior of St. Francis Xavier Church in Pierceton has stained glass windows donated by parishioners.

"Each month we like to have activities to get people together (for example) two weeks ago we had a brunch on Divine Mercy Sunday and it was very well attended," he said.

A Daddy/Daughter Dance is upcoming, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. They also hold an annual Oktoberfest at the end of September and participate in the Pierceton Community Days Parade.

"We've won first place with our float the last two years," Father Herman said.

Parishioners also host a free community dinner every other month and an Irish Festival on St. Patrick's Day.

"They definitely like to pray, play and work together," Father

Herman said of his congregation.

Other ministries include parish council, finance council, liturgists, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, an RCIA program and CCD program.

Father Herman said they also get a lot of lake people in the summers.

Father Herman said they are about to start an expansion project and are just waiting for plans from the architect. They are adding space to the front of the church for the Sacristy and storage, and the second phase will be a gathering space to the church, which will also enable them to properly host viewings prior to funerals.

St. Francis Xavier Church is located at 408 W. Catholic Street, Pierceton
Phone is 574-594-5750
www.sfxpierceton.org.

Mass times are Saturdays at 4 p.m., Sundays at 9 a.m. and from Memorial Day through Labor Day Mass is celebrated at Jellystone Park at 7:30 a.m.
Confessions are Saturdays from 3-3:45 p.m.
A monthly Holy Hour is held on the second Wednesday of each month.

families.

"I'm basically a staff of one," Father Herman said. He has someone who comes in weekly for about four hours to do book-keeping.

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Sacred Heart Parish

"Where God and Education Lead the Way!"

BY PHOEBE MUTHART

WARSAW — Out of the two Catholic churches located in Kosciusko County, one of those is Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw. The church is led by pastor, Father Phil DeVolder.

Sacred Heart Church of Warsaw was first dedicated on the Feast of the Sacred Heart in June 1877. The location of the first church was on Market Street in downtown Warsaw. Sacred Heart Church moved to its present location on Harrison Street in 1947.

Sacred Heart School was started in 1957 with grades 1 through 3. Grades were added yearly until grade 6 was implemented. A new church was dedicated in May 1987 and the school added rooms to accommodate kindergarten and pre-school.

In July 2008, the school and church were expanded again for more capacity. Four new classrooms were added to the current school in January 2009. The remodel and expansion of the church increased its capacity by 200-plus seats. The first Mass in the remodeled church was March 28, 2009.

The parish that began with 30 families now numbers over 800 families. Over 200 children attend the parish's religious education program.

Sacred Heart offers several ministries to get involved in such as Christ Renews His Parish, which is a way to become spiritually refreshed and grow in faith.

The church also has a vocation committee, something only 20 percent of Catholic churches have, Father DeVolder said.

A free meal is offered the third Tuesday of each month.

The parish also has mens and womens softball teams for fellowship.

In March 2014, a group of Sacred Heart parishioners began meeting to explore opportunities for forming a jail ministry to work with the Kosciusko County Jail inmates. Jody Burns leads the jail ministry. Committee members visit Catholics, who are incarcerated, and see that they receive Communion each week, if they so desire.

The parish also offers The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is the process by which a person becomes a member of the Catholic Church through the sacraments; Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It is also for those who want to learn more about the Catholic faith. At Sacred Heart, the RCIA participants meet Monday evenings from September through May.



Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw, has several ministries, such as a vocation committee and a jail ministry.



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Father Phil DeVolder leads Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw, with daily and weekend Masses.



Sacred Heart School, Warsaw, offers a Catholic education for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Daily Mass is at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday and at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. A Saturday vigil is at 5 p.m. and Mass is at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday.

Sacred Heart's chapel is located directly behind the main sanctuary. Mass is celebrated in this chapel daily.

Father DeVolder presided over the church from 1988 to 1995 and then again from 2010 to the present. Doing a liturgy every week takes careful planning he said. "When you are a priest, you always have to create," he said. "Children's homilies can be difficult, and can be a challenge," he smiled.

Sacred Heart School

Sacred Heart also has a school. James Faroh is the principal. This is his seventh year as principal of Sacred Heart School. It offers a Catholic education for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Enrollment in the school has grown from 64 students to 208.

"It is my goal to use every resource available to me to develop and strengthen the educational program of this school. It is my mission to continue to carry out Sacred Heart's motto:

"Where God and Education Lead the Way," said Faroh.

First and foremost, Sacred Heart School is a family of faith brought together by a common love of Jesus Christ.

In a statement found on the Sacred Heart School website, the school "Educates our students to the highest possible standards in a spiritually enlightened atmosphere. We provide an environment that challenges students to academic excellence as they grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ."

Sacred Heart School offers a balanced curriculum encompassing the intellectual, physical, spiritual and artistic domains necessary for holistic development of the individual student. Art and music is offered once per week and is woven into the regular classroom curriculum. Physical education is offered twice per week.

The school has six sports in which students can participate. The school has 14 school board members.

For more information, visit www.sacredheart-warsaw.org. For information about the school, call 574-267-5874.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine offers Mass for Hispanics

BY PHOEBE MUTHART

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine is led by Father Constantino Rocha. Located in Warsaw, in Kosciusko County, the church consists of mainly Hispanic families with 200 to 300 parishioners.

On Sunday, May 4, 2004, Bishop John M. D'Arcy broke ground for a shrine of pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe for the faithful of the diocese. The plans for building the new church and shrine were held in conjunction of celebrating the great jubilee of 2000.

Jerry and Savina Kralis donated 11 acres for the new church and shrine and has room for 500 people. The new construction plans included meeting rooms, classrooms, a kitchen and dining area, a small residence and parking as well as a strategy for expansion.

The design of the church was the result of an international design competition. The diocese received 256 entries from around the world and announced the winner (a firm called Ruben N. Santos located in Oakland) on December 12, on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The current church in Warsaw was founded in 2007; the church was originally located in Milford.

Diana Mejia is the bi-lingual church secretary. Mejia has been a parishioner since the church was located in Milford.

"It's a blessing to be part of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I grew up going to Mass on Sundays and now I am working here as a secretary. I love that I can help out and learn every day from Father Rocha, as well as being more involved with getting to know people personally in our community. Throughout high school, I was involved in youth



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Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Diocesan Shrine, Warsaw, with Father Constantino Rocha is shown here.



The Warsaw church recently installed new stained glass windows.

group where I learned many things that helped me personally and to stay out of trouble and keep me in the right path. I can only say that Father Paul (Bueter) would be proud of the

community that he served for many years and to see that we are maintaining and improving the shrine he worked so very hard to see accomplished," Mejia said.

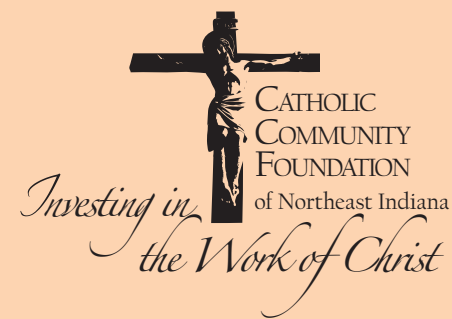
"The church is unique in that that we are an all-Spanish speaking church. Our cultures are varied from the different Mexico states, as well as a very few from the Columbian and Puerto Rican community," said Father Rocha.

Father Rocha has been the pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe for five and a half years. The church has had four other pastors: Father Paul R. Bueter (who passed away Dec. 7, 2014), Father J. Steele, Father Philip DeVolder and Father Fernando Jimenez.

The parish offers the "Por que ser Catolico" which is also known as "Why Catholic?" program.

The youth group meets the first and third Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

The parishioners enjoy meals together after the 10:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. Masses on Sundays.



What is the Catholic Community Foundation?

The Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana consists of 137 endowments collectively invested to fund the various ministries and services of the Church throughout the diocese. The ultimate purpose of these endowments is not simply to build financial stability, but rather to fund the mission that has been entrusted by Jesus Christ.

Here are some important facts about the Catholic Community Foundation:

- Established in 1994 by then Bishop John M. D'Arcy
- A 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity
- Contributions are deductible under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code
- Only the fund earnings are disbursed and used exclusively for donor intentions
- Endowment funds are invested following Church teachings as given by the U.S. bishops in their document "Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines"
- A minimum amount of \$5,000 can start a new endowment

The endowments invested within the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana for parishes, schools and/or ministries in Kosciusko County are as follows:

- **Sacred Heart Parish Endowment Fund** – This endowment provides support for the general operating needs of Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw.
- **Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund** – This endowment provides support for the general operating needs of Sacred Heart School, Warsaw.

Making a gift to the Catholic Community Foundation

There are many ways to give to one of these endowments, other than cash. In some instances, a donor is able to give even more than expected by simply using a planned gift option to create or build an endowment. For example, leaving a gift in a will (bequest) can be an advantage to a parish, school or charity and provide tax advantages. Those interested are encouraged to talk to their financial advisor to determine what would be best.

For more information on the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, how to create a new endowment, or about giving to an existing endowment, contact the Office of Stewardship and Development in South Bend at 574-258-6571 or in Fort Wayne at 260-969-9148 or by email at plannedgiving@diocesefwsb.org. There is also additional information, including frequently asked questions, at www.diocesefwsb.org/Catholic-Community-Foundation.

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Catholicism: An extreme sport?

Every generation has had its version of extreme sports, defined as “any athletic endeavor considered more dangerous than others.” Today they feature a combination of speed, height, danger, and spectacular stunts. They include a wide variety of events on snow, water, land, bridges, empty swimming pools, etc. They require quick thinking with potentially fatal consequences. They jack up the feel-good neurotransmitters and natural narcotics, which can make them addictive. I am guessing the demographics are largely young men, with many mothers who can’t bear to watch them.

What makes extreme sports popular today? Potential suspects include: 1) marketing; 2) an anti-authoritarian posture toward the previous generation, though things like surfing and ice climbing have been around a long time; 3) evolution of knowledge and skills, which produce some amazing feats; and 4) probably the rise of fatherless children and “nones” — people who pick “none” for their religion — who are seeking that innate desire for an ecstatic experience of transcendence.

The Catholic Church is extreme

It always has been and always will be, if the Holy Spirit is involved. Think about it — we get accused of having too many children since we prohibit contraception, then, of having celibate and childless priests and religious. But I want to focus on

some other extremes — sorrow and joy — using the Triduum as the launching pad.

“Let this holy building shake with joy!” is a beautiful line from the Easter Vigil. I thought immediately of families and evangelizing the world: “Families, we need to shake the world with joy!” If we live out the love we have been given in our families, we will actually “shake the world with joy!”

Pope Francis has been emphasizing joy a lot — for instance, “the joy of evangelizing.” Can you hear the shock of Catholic men everywhere? “He wants me to evangelize?” After having to look it up... “You’re kidding! I’ll die for my faith, but talk about my faith? No way!” His latest exhortation is also titled “The Joy of Love,” subtitled “On the Love in the Family.”

So what is joy?

From a psychological or experiential perspective, joy, like love, moves us out from ourselves toward God and others. The opposite movement, borne of fear and sin, is toward ourselves. In fear we protect ourselves with a fight, flight, or freeze response. If friends, spouses, siblings, or parents hurt us, and we are angry, hurt, or afraid, they feel like a threat, and we treat them like an enemy — as less than persons. Fear and sin turn us inward, separating us from God and others! Joy and love move us outward, with perfect love driving out fear.

Joy is also an encounter with the loving presence of God or others in our lives, especially in



THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

DAVE McCLOW

our suffering. If we can run to our Father’s merciful and loving arms when we have sinned or are hurt, afraid, ashamed, or even murderously mad, we experience joy. It really doesn’t matter what happens to us if we stay connected with God and/or others. Jesus would say it this way, “Joyful are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

Where are the extremes of sorrow and joy?

They are found in the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord. Holy Thursday night he knows he will be betrayed and executed. He is grieved unto death in the Garden of Gethsemane, sweating drops of blood, asking for a way out; but he remains connected, intensely praying to his Father. He does not deny or avoid his deepest emotions. He runs to his Abba and then decides to do his Father’s will. Later he is mocked, spat upon, punched, beaten and whipped to within an inch of his life, then immobilized on a cross, dying the harshest

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Finding God in your wife’s words and actions

Matt Weber admits that he had lived a relatively trouble-free, “Andy Griffith Show/Leave It to Beaver” life until the day his stomach burst open at the age of 30. No, it didn’t happen like a scene in an “Alien” movie. Rather, a high level of acid caused his stomach to perforate inside his body, which then allowed that acid to spill toward his other organs. Emergency surgery saved his life and also prompted some deep reflection on the topics of life, love, God, and especially marriage, being that Weber was a newlywed at the time.

He is now sharing his experiences in his new memoir “Operating on Faith.” But if you’re thinking the book is a depressing, “Woe is me” tome, you’d be wrong. In addition to being poignant, spiritually wise, and an endearing love letter to his wife Nell, it’s also very funny. Because Matt Weber can’t not be funny.

The Catholic humorist, author and host of “The Lens” on CatholicTV.com joined me on “Christopher Closeup” recently to discuss all the excitement in his life. He had been having stomach issues for a year, but he didn’t take them too seriously at first. He kept getting worse, though, and soon realized that for Nell, the “in sickness and in health” marriage vow would become a reality much sooner than either of them expected.

The care Nell provided for him not only gave Weber even deeper insight into the depth of her love



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TONY ROSSI, THE CHRISTOPHERS

and character, it taught him something about God. He said, “My wife is one of the best people in the world. She’s my heart and she’s my soul. In many ways, it’s easy to pray to Jesus and have that relationship when you’re sick and in need. But not everyone sees that in the caretaker, in your wife, in all the things that they do for you — that is that person living out the words, deeds and acts of Jesus Christ. I think my relationship with God was really strengthened in that I saw God and Jesus and everything that is good in the Bible, everything that we hear in the Gospel, played out in my wife’s words, deeds, and actions.”

Weber also revealed the reason he’s able to inject humor into everything, even life’s painful moments. He said, “Humor, to me, is one of the best ways to connect with people. I didn’t want this book to just be a bunch of chapters of me whining about my pain. I wanted there to be

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A look at our reward



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Fifth Sunday of Easter John 13:31-33a, 34-35

This weekend’s reading tells the story of some of the missionary activities of Paul and Barnabas. Although eventually they parted, Paul and Barnabas, Paul’s disciple, visited several places in Asia Minor that were prominent cities in the Roman Empire of the First Century A.D.

Ancient traditions see all the Apostles as missionaries, most of whom went far and wide to proclaim the Gospel.

Acts concentrates on many of Paul’s efforts in missionizing. The readings from Acts are more than a travelogue. They are les-

sons about the faith of Paul and Barnabas, and they reveal the conditions in which these two great figures in early Christianity lived and taught.

As they spoke to Christians in the cities that they visited, Paul and Barnabas warned these followers of Christ that hostility, and difficulties, often fearful difficulties, faced those who love the Lord. Paul and Barnabas themselves met hostility and endured difficulties, so their warnings hardly came from paranoia or as a strategy to build regard for themselves by fabrication.

The culture of the Roman Empire was absolutely hostile to the values of the Gospel. The political order was becoming hostile as well.

Yet Paul and Barnabas were undaunted. They continued to move from city to city, from Christian community to Christian community, to reassure believers in Christ. Despite the risks, and the more than occasional rejections, their faith inspired them and impelled them.

For the second reading, the Church this weekend offers a passage from the Book of Revelation. This book, the last book of the New Testament in the translations and versions that have been used for centuries, is highly poetic and symbolic. It is moving and strikingly beautiful in its imagery, but often its symbolism is so involved, or so unique to the First Century, that understanding the book is not easy without reading scholarly commentaries along with the text itself.

In this reading, the vision is of heaven, symbolized by the holy city of Jerusalem, but a transformed Jerusalem, and of God. It is a look into eternity and to the reward promised to those who obey God.

St. John’s Gospel is the source of the last reading. This is not a resurrection narrative, but it is strongly reminiscent of the resurrection, and of the Lord’s death on Calvary.

Jesus obliquely refers to the crucifixion. He refers to rising from the dead. Eternal life is an

option for humans who follow the Lord in obedience to God, in sacrifice, and in faith. With Jesus, the faithful will die but also rise to eternal life.

Reflection

A month ago the Church called us, with joy and the deepest faith, to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus after the terrible event of the crucifixion.

Gradually, gently, but unrelentingly, the Church has called upon us personally to respond to Jesus, to bond ourselves with the salvation brought to us by Jesus.

This weekend’s readings proclaim the sacrificial death as well as the rising of Jesus from the dead, but they also call upon us to respond by following the Lord.

As the second reading from Revelation says, eternal life with God in heaven will be our reward.

Following Jesus is more than a verbal announcement, it is actual involvement in the Redeemer’s mission by living lives of justice, charity, and ser-

vice. Christianity is not about ivory towers.

As Pope Francis so often insists, it is about living in our homes, in our jobs, and in our contacts with others.

Such was the teaching of Paul and Barnabas, who urged fortitude in living the Christian life, but who promised a marvelous reward, in this life and in the hereafter.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13
Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13b,
21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10
Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10, 12
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2,
3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

The best Nuncio we've had thus far

The announcement that Archbishop Christoph Pierre will succeed Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò as Apostolic Nuncio to the United States is an opportunity to pay tribute to a courageous churchman who has served Catholicism, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis in an exemplary way during his tenure in Washington.

I've had the pleasure of knowing and working with each of the Nuncios in Washington, since full diplomatic relations were established between this country and the Holy See under President Reagan and Pope John Paul II. And at the risk of embarrassing him, I have to say that I consider Archbishop Viganò to have been the best of them all thus far.

He came to Washington under what some in the Vatican thought was a cloud. The truth of the matter is that this scrupulously honest man had seen financial corruption in the Holy See and tried to do something about it – a task now being pursued with vigor by Pope Francis and Cardinal George Pell. But in the last years of Benedict XVI, things were not in good shape managerially in the Vatican; Viganò's honesty was resented and, I expect, feared by lesser men; and the Washington appointment was arranged to give what amounted to a sacking the appearance of a promotion.

It was a completely one-sided trade: those who exiled Viganò from the Vatican lost, badly, and the Church in the United States won, handsomely. For Carlo Maria Viganò understood this moment in U.S. Catholic history as perhaps few other career Vatican diplomats could have done.

He appreciated the many strengths of the Church in the

United States, including the evangelically-centered reconstruction of the hierarchy by John Paul II and Benedict XVI. He understood where the vitality was in American Catholicism, and he knew that this vitality had to do with the strength of faith in those living parts of the Church. He knew that Catholic Lite wasn't going to advance the New Evangelization, and he quickly grasped that the great project of converting a wounded culture in America was being threatened by an unprecedented assault on the Church's capacity to be itself. And he knew that the threat came, not from old-fashioned nativist bigots of Protestant persuasion, but from militant secularists allied with the federal government.

Thus there was complete agreement between the papal representative in Washington and the leadership of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on the imperative of defending religious freedom in full, and on challenging an administration that seemed determined to reduce that first freedom to a lifestyle choice about weekend leisure activities. The archbishop understood that there was no honorable retreat from what some deplored as "culture wars." He knew who had declared war on whom; that the Church had not been the aggressor in this struggle; and that the battle had to be engaged, with the tools of reason and persuasion, for the sake of all religious communities and indeed for the sake of American democracy. His support for the bishops was crucial and effective, as was his work in preparing the meeting in Rome between Pope Francis and President Obama, where POTUS got the message that the Bishop



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

of Rome was deeply concerned about the pressures being put on his flock in the United States.

The wonderful reception that Pope Francis received in the United States last September was due to many factors; Archbishop Viganò was surely one of them. As for the idiotic caterwauling in some quarters about the Pope's spending a few minutes with former Kentucky official Kim Davis, let's be clear that Kim Davis's presence in the Nunciature was cleared by Archbishop Viganò's superiors, Archbishop Giovanni Becciu and Archbishop Paul Gallagher. The obsession in certain quarters with this episode, which was front-loaded in far too many stories about Archbishop Pierre's appointment, says far more about the passions of the obsessed than it does about Archbishop Viganò.

Carlo Maria Viganò may be seventy-five, but a man of his faith and integrity still has much to give the Church. The further reform of the Roman Curia would be well-served if he were drawn into it, officially or unofficially.

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moments in between where it's like, "Things are not going well, but you can still find some joy." I guess that's the way I approach most of life. You need to have joy in all components. I think the light, the candle in the darkness can be that joy, that joke, that laughter. When some things are really bad, to have a little joke there is a good way to bring things back down to a more positive level."

Weber concluded by noting that he hopes "Operating on Faith" will bring readers who've experienced pain back to that positive level: "Maybe you overcame some major medical issues. I'm hoping that you can find some sort of support and some sort of faith and a loving component in the reading of this book — and along the way, get a couple of laughs in the process."

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of deaths, praying. So through his own tortuous suffering and death, Jesus demonstrates how to stay connected with Abba; it is the movement of joy ... even on a cross. And how twisted or crazy is it for the Church to have used this instrument of extreme torture and death as its symbol of hope and joy. The crucifix is so commonplace today that we don't realize how in-your-face it was to the Romans — extreme!

The resurrection of Jesus is the most extreme, joy-filled lynch pin for our faith. His resurrection swallows up death, our biggest fear. It was the joy of the resurrection through the Holy Spirit that transformed common men into fearless and joyful men no matter what — whether imprisoned or tortured. If you conquer the fear of death, what else is there to fear? That is how they became extreme evangelizers.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for April 24, 2016

Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Following is a word search based on the Gospel and the second reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C: times of new commandments and new earth. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

HEAVEN	EARTH	THE SEA
NO MORE	I SAW	CITY
A BRIDE	ADORNED	HUSBAND
LOUD VOICE	THRONE	DWELL
EVERY TEAR	DEATH	ALL THINGS
JESUS	AT ONCE	LITTLE
LOVE	ANOTHER	LOVED YOU

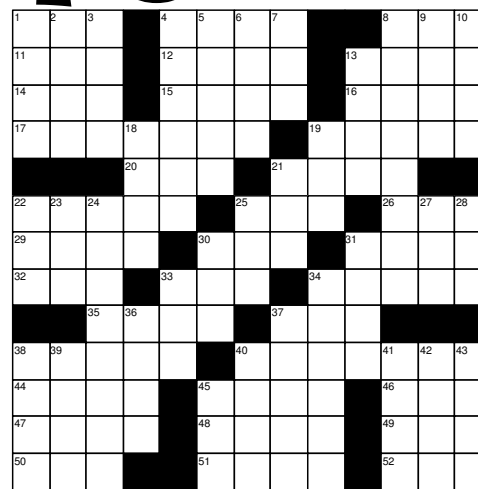
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The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture readings: Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Rv 7: 9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30 and Act 14:21-27; Rv 21: 1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

ACROSS

- 1 Entrance rug
- 4 Holier ___ thou
- 8 Bank Identifier Code
- 11 Chimp
- 12 Santa call (2 wds.)
- 13 New Delhi dress
- 14 Top spy agency
- 15 Type of tea
- 16 Horse's gait
- 17 Hearing necessity
- 19 Happy disposition
- 20 Ship initials
- 21 Sandwich fish
- 22 Push upward
- 25 ___ of Man glorified
- 26 Wager

29 Come up against

- 30 "A ___ heaven"
- 31 Angel's glow
- 32 Telegraphic signal
- 33 Genetic code
- 34 Sled dog
- 35 Third Evangelist
- 37 Large van
- 38 Cramp
- 40 Part of steering mechanism
- 44 Gospel is "the Good ___"
- 45 Ding's partner
- 46 ___ bon (sweet treat)
- 47 Works on a computer
- 48 Egg on

- 49 Biochemical oxygen demand
- 50 ___ the Father
- 51 Incense smoke gives off
- 52 Sales pitches

DOWN

- 1 Spray weapon
- 2 Western Samoa capital
- 3 God will wipe from eyes (singular)
- 4 "Will not hunger or ___"
- 5 ___ pocus
- 6 Excuse me!
- 7 East of Eden
- 8 Paul's companion
- 9 Used to make steel
- 10 Gathered to hear Paul
- 13 Shock
- 18 Paul shook from his feet
- 19 Light giver
- 21 Pull
- 22 Not nice
- 23 Kimono sash
- 24 Banned
- 25 In Rev., it was no more
- 27 Antlered animal
- 28 Plaything
- 30 North northeast
- 31 Seed shell
- 33 Dekametre
- 34 "They shall ___ and thirst no more"
- 36 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- 37 Winners say this
- 38 Homey
- 39 Mexican money
- 40 God's title
- 41 Syrian bishop
- 42 Gracious
- 43 "To the ___ of the earth"
- 45 Pair

Answer Key can be found on page 15

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WHAT'S HAPPENING carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. View more Catholic events and submit yours at www.diocesefwsb.org/bulletin. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at 260-456-2824 to purchase space.

Allen County Day of Prayer to be held
Fort Wayne — The Allen County Day of Prayer, "Wake Up America," will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at the Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, Room B and C, on May 5. This free county-wide prayer event is an opportunity for the public to gather to pray for the nation and its national and local leaders.

Rummage sale planned
Fort Wayne — St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Parish will have a spring rummage and bake sale Thursday, April 21, from 6-8 p.m., Friday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to noon. \$3 sack sale on Saturday. Located on US 27 just south of 469/US 27 interchange.

Day of Reflection
Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, May 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Storytelling." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by April 29 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at 574-259-5427.

Dinner supports St. Vincent de Paul Society
Fort Wayne — Sacred Heart and St. Henry Parishes will have a St. Vincent de Paul Society fundraiser Friday, April 29, from 5:30-9 p.m. at Lester's Banquet Hall, 1502 Bluffton Rd. The

guest speaker will be Sister Elise Kriss, president of the University of Saint Francis. The cost is \$30 a person.

Bach Collegium season finale
Fort Wayne — The Bach Collegium will perform Sunday, May 1, at St. Peter's Church, 518 E. Dewald St. with guest conductor Koji Otsuki. The program includes music of Bach, Telemann, and Krebs which features the Collegium choir, vocal soloists, baroque flutes and oboes, and baroque strings. Tickets are \$20, general admission; \$5, student with ID; under 12 free — at the door or at www.bachcollegium.org.

Knights to serve breakfast
Fort Wayne — The St. Gaspar del Bufalo Council No. 11043 will serve Breakfast on Sunday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Monsignor Faber Activities Center at Queen of Angels, 1500 W. State Blvd. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12 and \$20 per family. \$5 carry-out packs will be available. Proceeds will benefit the Roth Memorial Education Fund.

Marian procession and May crowning
Notre Dame — The Notre Dame Institute for Church Life will have a Marian procession and May crowning Sunday May 1, at 1 p.m. Beginning at the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, a statue of Mary will be carried through campus and crowned in Geddes

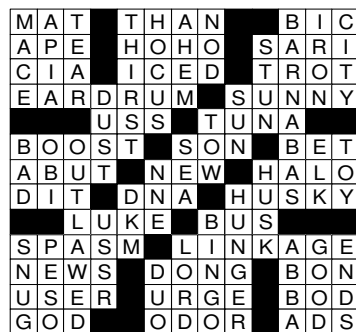
Hall Chapel. A light reception will follow on the third floor of Geddes Hall. All are welcome.

Spring rummage sale
Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish, 1505 Barthold St., will have a rummage sale Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Mohr Hall in the School basement.

Alice in Wonderland to be performed at St. Thomas School
Elkhart — The students of St. Thomas school will perform the musical Alice in Wonderland April 28 and 29 at 7 p.m. at Jimtown High School, 59021 C.R. 3. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Limited number of tickets at the door. Tickets can be purchased at St. Thomas School or call 574-264-4855 for more information.

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9:00 am	St. Mary Huntington, IN	Bishop Luers High School	University of St. Francis
10:00 am	St. Joseph – Brooklyn Fort Wayne, IN	Tippmann Hour Double Your Dollar	St. Robert Bellarmine North Manchester, IN
11:00 am	Our Lady of Good Hope Fort Wayne, IN	Most Precious Blood Fort Wayne, IN	St. Joseph – Hessen Cassel Fort Wayne, IN
Noon	St. Therese Fort Wayne, IN	St. Aloysius Fort Wayne, IN	St. Vincent de Paul Fort Wayne, IN
1:00 pm	St. John the Baptist New Haven, IN	St. Louis Besancon New Haven, IN	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fort Wayne, IN
2:00 pm	St. Mary of the Assumption Decatur, IN	St. Jude Fort Wayne, IN	St. Charles Borromeo Fort Wayne, IN
3:00 pm	St. Joseph Garrett, IN	Sacred Heart Fort Wayne, IN	St. Rose of Lima Monroeville, IN
4:00 pm	Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Fort Wayne, IN	Queen of Angels Fort Wayne, IN	St. Anthony of Padua Angola, IN
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