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Bishop visits Marian High School

Bishop speaks to the challenges of young adulthood

BY JEANNIE EWING



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Seniors Taylor Ryan-Sizemore and Alex Dlugosz lead the Marian community in the responsorial Psalm "I Will Bless the Lord at All Times" during a Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades Feb. 10. The bishop made a pastoral visit to the school on the feast day of Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel.

"Be open to God's call in your life." The crux of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades' message to Marian High School students framed the entire day of his annual visit to the Mishawaka school, which took place Feb. 9, as he discussed with fervor and candor the importance of discovery and discernment in young people's lives. Among his favorite aspects of serving as bishop of the diocese, he told the students during Mass, is mingling with adolescents and young adults. In this way he unravels what is important to them, as well as what they are dealing with in the outside world.

"I see three particular challenges in our culture, which I call the 'dark side' of young adulthood: consumerism, intoxication and sex before marriage," he said. These specific social pressures often sway young people away from the beauty of Jesus' mandate that we work for food that satisfies eternally, which

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The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will again this year host a special Lenten opportunity to obtain the sacrament of reconciliation.

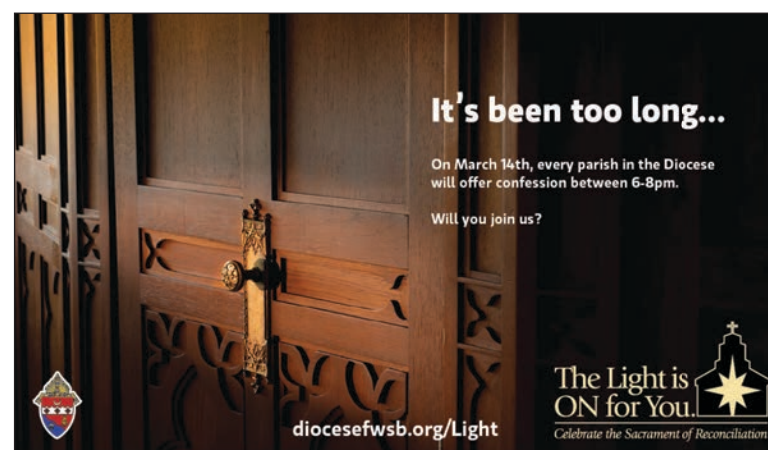
In addition to the penance services that will be scheduled in parishes some time during the 40-day period of atonement that is Lent, The Light Is On For You, a 14-county initiative, will take place from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14. Eighty of the 81 parishes in the diocese will participate, with the exception of St. Pius X in Granger, due to parish construction. During this time, churches throughout the diocese will be open and prepared to receive those who either wish to make a confession or sit in quiet reflection.

For many Catholics, both those brought up in the church and those formerly of Protestant or non-Christian faiths, the sacrament of reconciliation can seem a bit frightening. For some

it may have been a long time since they have made a confession; perhaps they struggle with disbelief, despair, human weakness, addictions or lingering resentment or grief. And yet, how wonderful it is to be freed from these chains.

The Lord is grateful for those who seek reconciliation with Him, which is why a particularly special invitation is extended for everyone to take advantage of The Light Is On For You. After all, this is the time for a New Evangelization, for proclaiming glad tidings anew. Jesus tells us, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28) — which is the very essence of the Good News. Within the sacrament, Jesus, the most merciful, loving, forgiving God will be waiting.

Guides on how to make a good confession, examinations of conscience and prayers used during the Rite of Reconciliation



will be available in the parishes for anyone unsure of how to participate in the sacrament.

All Catholics within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are encouraged to renew their relationship with the Lord by participating in The Light Is On For You, by going to confession and by reaching out and inviting others to come back

home as well.

Those who wish to obtain the sacrament on March 14 but require special assistance to do so should contact Mary Glowaski of the Secretariat for Evangelization at mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org or 260-399-1458.

Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/light for additional resources.

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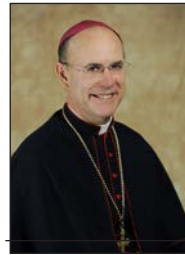
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Prayer in the morning, at night and at meals

IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following is an excerpt from a talk given by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Feb. 7 at St. Louis Besancon Parish.

A central component of living as a disciple of Jesus, of pursuing the call to holiness in our everyday life, is prayer. Many people already have a good daily regimen of prayer. Some attend daily Mass. Others struggle to maintain a daily routine of prayer. I would like to describe some practices of prayer for your consideration, wherever you might be in your prayer life.

Of course, every Catholic should have a discipline of daily prayer. One size does not fit all when it comes to how we pray. The wonderful thing is that the Catholic Church has such a rich treasury of prayers, devotions, and spiritual practices. The most important thing is not "how" we pray, but "that" we pray, that we converse with God as the Lord of our life, with God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prayer when we get up in the morning, when we go to bed at night, and when we eat are staples of a daily regimen of prayer.

Prayer upon rising in the morning

Priests, deacons and religious are required every morning to pray Lauds, the Morning Prayer of the Church, from the Liturgy of the Hours. Some lay people also pray Lauds. It is a beautiful prayer with psalms, a reading, and intercessions. It takes about 10 to 15 minutes to pray. Some lay people use the wonderful little book "*Magnificat*," which includes a shorter version of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, as well as the readings and prayers of daily Mass. It is a great resource that I highly recommend. I know many Catholics who have grown in their prayer life by using the monthly published *Magnificat* booklets.

Morning Prayer is a great way to sanctify one's day, all one's activities and works of the day. Whether or not one uses the Liturgy of the Hours or *Magnificat*, what is most important is that one begins his or her day giving praise and thanks to God and offering one's day to Him.

For many Catholics, a great and simple way to begin the day is to pray the Morning Offering. I have it taped to the mirror in my bathroom! It reminds us of the common priesthood of all the baptized because it is an offering, an act of sacrifice, which is a priestly act. There are different versions of the Morning Offering, but each one is basically a prayer offering everything that day to God, including our works, joys, and sufferings. We are giving our day to God.

It is also good when we make our Morning Offering to offer some specific prayers for spouses and children, for coworkers perhaps, and for the needy, the sick, and the dying, including those individuals who have asked for our prayers or whom we have promised to pray for. If we anticipate a dif-



Individual copies or a subscription to the *Magnificat* periodical can be obtained through local Catholic bookstores, magnificat.com and us.magnificat.net.

icult situation that day, like a challenging meeting or encounter, it is good to ask the Lord in advance for wisdom and patience.

Beginning our day with prayer should be a daily habit. I read a story about the actor Denzel Washington giving advice to a group of young actors. He said something surprising. He said to them: "Put your shoes way under the bed at night so that you gotta get on your knees in the morning to find them. And while you're down there thank God for grace and mercy and understanding." Great advice — if we put our shoes way under our bed, getting down on our knees to get them may remind us to stay on our knees for a few minutes to pray in the morning!

Night Prayer

Like prayer in the morning, prayer at night before going to bed should be part of our daily routine. As with Morning Prayer, priests, deacons and religious are required to pray Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. The monthly *Magnificat* booklet also includes this Night Prayer. Night prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours only takes about five minutes. Whether or not we use this official prayer of the Church, the important thing is that we end our day with prayer.

As I recommended the Morning Offering upon rising, I recommend the Act of Contrition when going to bed. Many of us learned this custom as children. Before saying the Act of Contrition, I was taught to think back over the day and to give thanks to God for specific blessings: and then to think back over the day and ask God pardon for my sins that day.

Prayer of thanksgiving is very important before we go to bed. It is a reminder of God's goodness and love. The examination of conscience and Act of Contrition are also

important. It takes humility and is good for our souls to express sorrow for our sins and to express the desire to change and to live in God's grace. Of course, we can offer the Act of Contrition any time during the day, but it is good to do so at the end of a day — to review our day, trying to see it as God saw it. The Holy Spirit's gift of wisdom enables us to see things as God sees things.

We should look not only at any moral failure in our actions, but also in our words and our thoughts, as well as our sins of omission, what we have failed to do. This shouldn't be a scrupulous scrutiny — it only takes a few minutes. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are holding to your faith." This daily examen helps us to have a healthy self-knowledge. This is good for the spiritual life. With that knowledge, we can more consciously be resolved to fight against particular temptations and sins.

The end of our day, like the beginning of our day, can be an act of prayer. That's what is key. The hinges of our day are focused on the Lord.

Grace before meals

This should be a regular habit in our lives. It is good to be aware that the food we eat is a gift from God and that our companions at a meal are also a gift. We are acknowledging God's presence and goodness every time we say grace. We can pray before meals in spontaneous words or with the traditional "Bless us, O Lord," prayer. It is a small thing, but if done attentively and deliberately, it helps us to cultivate an awareness of God at mealtime. Grace at meals reminds us that God is with us as He was with His people when Jesus shared meals with the disciples and others.

U.S. bishops call for solidarity with Middle East victims of violence

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Christians and all people in the Middle East need the solidarity of the U.S. Catholic Church, said the chairmen of three committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the head of the Catholic Relief Services board.

"A concern for our Christian brethren is inclusive and does not exclude a concern for all the peoples of the region who suffer violence and persecution, both minorities and majorities, both Muslims and Christians," said a Feb. 10 statement from the four bishops.

"To focus attention on the plight of Christians and other minorities is not to ignore the suffering of others," the statement said. "Rather, by focusing on the most vulnerable members of society, we strengthen the entire fabric of society to protect the rights of all."

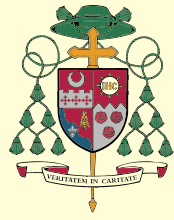
The group consisted of Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty; Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces, N.M., chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace; Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the Committee on Migration; and Bishop Gregory J. Mansour of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, N.Y., chairman of the board of Catholic Relief Services.

The group pointed to the find-



The damaged entrance of St. Mary's Church is seen in 2016 in Damascus, Syria. Christians and all people in the Middle East need the solidarity of the U.S. Catholic Church, said the chairmen of three committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the head of the Catholic Relief Services board.

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Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, February 19: 9:45 a.m. — Mass, Saint Paul's Senior Living Community, South Bend
 Sunday, February 19: 5 p.m. — Mass and Dinner with "Communion and Liberation" Members, Notre Dame Our Mother Chapel, Coleman-Morse Building, Notre Dame
 Wednesday, February 22: 12:30 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Finance Council, Holiday Express Inn, Warsaw
 Thursday, February 23: 5:15 p.m. — Mass, "Under Caesar's Sword" Program, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame
 Saturday, February 25: 5 p.m. — Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

ings of a recent USCCB delegation to Iraq, which confirmed that Christians, Yezidis, Shiite Muslims and other minorities had experienced genocide at the hands of the Islamic State group.

"It is important for Syrians and Iraqis of all faiths to recognize this as genocide, for that recognition is a way to help everyone come to grips with what is happening and to form future generations that will reject any ideology that leads to genocidal acts and other atrocities," the bishops said in their statement.

The bishops called on Americans to accept "our nation's fair share" of vulnerable families, regardless of religion and ethnicity, for resettlement as refugees. They called for special consideration of the victims of genocide and other violence.

They urged the U.S. to encourage the Iraqi government and the regional government in Irbil, Iraq, to "strengthen the rule of law based on equal citizenship and ensure the protection of all."

U.S. aid should assist local and national efforts to improve policing and the court system and encourage local self-governance, the bishops said. Similar efforts are needed in Syria as well, they said.

The U.S. also can provide "generous" humanitarian and development assistance to refugees, displaced people and Iraqi and Syrian communities as they rebuild, the statement said. Such funding can be directed in part to "trusted faith-based nongovernmental agencies" such as Catholic Relief Services and local Caritas agencies, the bishops said.

Latin patriarchate: New law governing lands poses 'serious consequences'

BY JUDITH SUDILOVSKY

JERUSALEM (CNS) — The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem warned of "serious consequences" from a new law that allows the government to seize private Palestinian lands where unauthorized Israeli settlements have been built.

"Such a law undermines the two-state solution, further eliminating hopes of peace," the patriarchate said in a Feb. 8 statement. "The Latin Patriarchate strongly condemns this unjust and unilateral law that allows the de facto annexation of Palestinian private land for the benefit of Israeli settlements."

"Strongly concerned about the future of peace and justice in the Holy Land, the Latin Patriarchate calls on leaders to take decisive decisions in favor of peace, justice and dignity for all," the statement said.

The Israeli Knesset passed the law Feb. 6. It will affect settlements or outposts built in "good faith" or on instructions of the government and will deem those lands as government property.

The legislation was quickly passed in the wake of the evacu-

ation of the illegal outpost of Amona in the West Bank. The Feb. 1-2 evacuation took two days and was first ordered by the Israeli Supreme Court in 2014, but repeatedly had been pushed back because of legal appeals, until a final deadline of Feb. 8 was set in December.

The outpost consisted of mobile homes and log cabins and was built on privately owned Palestinian land. Some settlers had lived on the land for 20 years. The outpost's buildings were either removed whole or demolished.

It is unclear whether the Palestinian owners will be permitted to return to farm there because the land abuts another Jewish settlement.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has promised to found a new settlement for the Amona evacuees on nearby land.

The Ha'aretz newspaper reported that a group of Palestinian civil and human rights organizations filed an appeal against the new law with the Supreme Court.

U.S. and European church leaders have spoken out against the settlements.



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Heavy equipment is seen as workers clear an area for the construction of a new home Feb. 7 in the Israeli settlement of Shilo, West Bank. The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem warned of "serious consequences" from a new law that allows the government to seize private Palestinian lands where unauthorized Israeli settlements have been built.

The chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace

told U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson that the settlements were an obstacle to peace.

"Settlement expansion on occupied Palestinian lands undermines a two-state solution, destroying the homes and the livelihoods of Palestinians as well as the long-term security and future of Israelis," Bishop Oscar Cantu of Las Cruces, N.M., wrote Feb. 1.

Bishop Cantu also reminded Tillerson that 2017 marked 50 years of "a crippling occupation" by Israel of the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza.

Bishops from the U.S., Canada and Europe who participated in the Holy Land Coordination Jan. 14-19 said the half-century of occupation "demands action" and expressed opposition to settlement construction.

"This is a scandal to which we must never become accustomed," said the group of 12 prelates, including Bishop Cantu, after their visit.

"This de facto annexation of land not only undermines the rights of Palestinians in areas such as Hebron and East Jerusalem but, as the U.N. recently recognized, also imperils the chance of peace," the statement said.

Bishop appoints new director of Stewardship and Development

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

Jeff Boetticher, former director of school financial assistance programs for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has been appointed by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to serve as director of the Secretariat for Stewardship and Development. Boetticher's professional background includes extensive and diverse experience in Catholic education. In the past, he served as director of Development and Alumni Relations and chief advancement officer for Saint Joseph High School in South Bend, associate director of the Alliance for Catholic Education Office of Educational Outreach at the University of Notre Dame, and assistant principal of Curriculum and Administration at Loyola College Preparatory High School in Shreveport, La.

While serving as chief advancement officer at Saint Joseph High School, Boetticher

oversaw the development and funding strategy for the construction of the new high school. He coordinated the \$38 million capital campaign for the project and was integral to both the project's management and completion of the new campus in just 18 months.

"The \$38 million Forward in Faith Campaign at Saint Joseph High School was the most transformative experience of my career," Boetticher said in an interview with *Today's Catholic*.

He went on to say that the success of the project demonstrated that seemingly impossible tasks can be accomplished through prayer, persistence and proper planning. He also expressed gratitude for the lessons learned and friendships formed through the experience.

The Secretariat for Stewardship and Development is a relatively new secretariat, created by Bishop Rhoades shortly after his installation as bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South



JEFF BOETTICHER

Bend in 2010. Boetticher said that the previous director of the secretariat was part of his inspiration in accepting the job.

"...I have a great respect and admiration for Harry Verhiley, who previously had this position, and I wanted to make sure his legacy of good work was contin-

ued and strengthened," he commented.

Boetticher also considers the position a vocation and a way to give back to his diocese.

"I view this position as a wonderful avenue to more fully serve Bishop Rhoades, our diocese, and the Lord," he said. "I believe

that stewardship is an important expression of our Catholic faith, and hopefully I can help the pastors of our diocese harvest the resources necessary to fulfill their visions for their individual parishes. "I'm looking forward to the new role and the new challenges of this position," he said.

In his role, Boetticher will oversee major gifts for the diocese, continue to cultivate and solicit Scholarship Granting Organization of Northeast Indiana scholarship gifts, work to strengthen funding for seminarian education and grow participation in the Annual Bishop's Appeal. He joins the directors of the Secretariat for Catholic Education, Secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries, Secretariat for Communications and Secretariat for Administrative Services, all of whom operate under the direction of the vicar general, Msgr. Robert Schulte, and Bishop Rhoades.

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Introduction: Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

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Couple donates Ethiopian religious manuscripts to Catholic University

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A massive donation of Ethiopian religious manuscripts to The Catholic University of America in Washington makes the school one of the largest holders of such texts outside Ethiopia.

The value of the donation, by Gerald and Barbara Weiner of Chicago, is estimated to be more than \$1 million. The collection includes more than 215 Islamic manuscripts, 125 Christian manuscripts, and 350 so-called "magic" scrolls with prayers to protect the owner or reader from particular illnesses.

What makes the manuscripts valuable is that they're handmade, according to Aaron Butts, an assistant professor of Semitic

languages and literature at Catholic University. What makes them rare, he added, is that such texts are rarely seen outside Ethiopia and that the East African nation's rainy season often renders the books and scrolls unusable or illegible after repeated use. That so many texts — most of which date back to the 18th and 19th centuries, with a few even older — still survive, and in a usable condition, he told Catholic News Service, is "amazing."

"Every one of them is a treasure," Butts said.

The donation makes Catholic University the holder of the fifth largest collection of Ethiopian Christian manuscripts in the United States, and the largest collection outside of Ethiopia. Butts said Gerald Weiner had hoped to collect holy books from

Ethiopian Judaism, but "when he realized how few were available, he started collecting books from Ethiopian Christianity and Islam."

Although modern bookbinding techniques exist in Ethiopia, the nation's religious leaders still greatly prefer to use handmade books. Their makers use the skins of sheep, goats and cattle to make the books; even the "parchment" pages come from these animal hides.

Each book's contents also must be written by hand with ink. Frequently, there are illustrations in the books — and definitely on the scrolls — making the production of even one book a prolonged and relatively costly venture.

Butts told CNS that the Weiners wanted to make sure the recipient of the gift would be able to provide access to the collection. Catholic University will be able to provide not only scholars and students with access, but also Washington's Ethiopian-American community.

The donated books and scrolls are still being assessed for their relative durability after two or three centuries. When the assessment is complete, which Butts hopes will be sometime in the spring, Catholic University will invite the Weiners to attend a reception marking the donation.

The Washington area is rivaled only by the much larger Los Angeles metropolitan area for the size of its Ethiopian community. There is a particular concentration of Ethiopian restaurants and shops — including an Ethiopian evangelical church — along the border of Washington with the suburb of Silver Spring, Md., and many Ethiopian-American men make their living as taxi drivers.

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Lawmakers consider adding abortion reversal pill to Indiana's informed consent law

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indiana House committee heard a bill to expand Indiana's laws regarding informed consent for abortion to include information on nonsurgical, chemical abortion reversal. The Indiana Catholic Conference supports the measure.

House Bill 1128, authored by Rep. Ron Bacon, R-Chandler, would require the Indiana Department of Health to develop a form that provides women information about an abortion pill reversal procedure. The form would have to list websites and telephone numbers that could provide more information on the potential reversal as well as the names of local medical professionals who could aid in the procedure.



REP. RON BACON

The measure was heard before the House Public Policy Committee, Feb. 8, and chairman of the panel Rep. Benjamin Smaltz, R-Auburn, said he would hold the bill to give panel members an opportunity to get their pending questions answered.

Glenn Tebbe, executive director for the Indiana Catholic Conference, testified in support of the bill, saying the measure would strengthen Indiana's informed consent statute by ensuring that the mother is fully

informed of the risks as well as options should she wish to reconsider her decision. "It gives the mother an opportunity to save her child," said Tebbe.

Bacon, who works as a respiratory therapist, said he learned about the abortion pill reversal for chemical abortion when he met Christina Francis, an obstetrician and gynecologist in Fort Wayne while attending a medical seminar. Bacon said, "If a woman changes her mind, there is a chance to reverse it."

A medical or chemical abortion is a nonsurgical, drug-induced form of abortion with a two-step process. The expectant mother takes pills containing Mifepristone (RU-486) and later takes Misoprostol, or Cytotec, to end the life of the baby. The first drug, Mifepristone, acts as a progesterone blocker and causes a miscarriage. The second drug, Misoprostol, causes the woman to have contractions to expel the baby. To reverse a chemical abortion, a woman is given progesterone to counteract the progesterone-blocking first drug. Current abortion pill reversal is successful only after the first drug is taken.

Testifying in support of the bill, Ashley Sams of Indianapolis choked back tears and stopped several times to compose herself. Shortly after taking the first round of abortion pills, Sams felt guilt and panic. Sams knew she made the "wrong choice". Immediately she began desper-

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BRIGID CURTIS AYER

ately surfing the web for a support group to help with her emotional breakdown, and stumbled across the abortion reversal pill.

Sams said, "I found reversal help by accident. That information should be provided to everyone who takes the abortion pill, because we're the ones that have to live with the consequences of our actions." Sams successfully reversed her abortion using the APR method and is the mother of a healthy, 17-month-old boy.

Patricia Stauffer, vice president of public policy for Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky testified in opposition to the bill saying the bill was unnecessary and it only "seeks to stigmatize a woman seeking abortion."

Katherine McHugh, a practicing obstetrician and gynecologist in Indianapolis with Indiana University Health, testified in opposition to the bill, saying she wanted to make a "simple point." She said, "This is not vetted science, and it's not good medicine." McHugh added, "This is not good science and it's not good for my patients."

Testifying in support of HS 1128, Francis, who is president of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, said that giving a large dose of progesterone can allow a woman who has initiated the first round of progesterone blockers to induce an abortion to be reversed. She said the use of progesterone to prevent miscarriage is safe and well documented. The first recorded successful abortion pill reversal was documented in 2006. The reversal procedure is 70 percent successful and does not increase the incidence of birth defects. Francis said the more women are aware of this option the more success stories there will be.

Casey Reising, who described herself as a "womb to tomb" family practice physician of Magnificat Family Medicine in Indianapolis, testified in support of the bill. Reising said she is the only full-time physician trained in NaProTechnology in Indianapolis and she has treated three patients with APR. Natural Procreative Technology, also called NaProTechnology, is a new women's health science that monitors and maintains a woman's reproductive health and gynecological health. Reising said she is one of many NaPro-trained physicians who assist patients that call into the APR reversal hotline. Reising treated

Sams' when she called the hotline to reverse her abortion.

The Abortion Reversal Pill Network reports there have been 300 successful births after using the reversal procedure. These documented abortion pill reversal cases are expected to be published in a medical journal in the near future by George Delgado, a family practice physician in San Diego who also serves as medical director for the Culture of Life Family Services.

Tebbe said he expects the bill to pass the House panel and move the House floor for approval by the end of February.

The ICC offers several resources to stay up to date with legislative action reports, review position papers or join the Indiana Catholic Action Network. As a part of its 50-year anniversary, the ICC produced videos to explain the role and importance of its involvement in public policy making. Visit www.indianacc.org.

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Congress urged to pass conscience protections for health care providers

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore have urged the House and Senate to pass the Conscience Protection Act of 2017. They called it “essential legislation protecting the fundamental rights of health care providers ... to ensure that those providing much-needed health care and health coverage can continue to do so without being forced by government to help destroy innocent unborn children.” The two prelates made the plea in a joint letter dated Feb. 8 and released Feb. 10 by the USCCB. Cardinal Dolan is chairman of the bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities and Archbishop Lori is chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty. In the Senate, the Conscience Protection Act of 2017 is known as S. 301, and in the other chamber it is H.R. 644. The companion bills would provide legal protection to doctors, nurses, hospitals and all health care providers who choose not to provide abortions as part of their health care practice. In the House, Republican Reps. Diane Black of Tennessee and Jeff Fortenberry of Nebraska introduced the measure Jan. 24. Republican Sen. James Lankford of Oklahoma sponsored it in the Senate Feb. 3 and it now has at least 16 co-sponsors.

Russia’s Catholics ponder ‘historic lessons’ on anniversary

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — As preparations get underway for this year’s 100th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, the country’s small Catholic Church is keeping a low profile. However, because some Russian Catholics support the policies of President Vladimir Putin, the church is looking to remain neutral and focus on prayer services and discussions of the church’s history of the last century. “Although we won’t be commemorating the revolution, our church communities will naturally reflect on what happened,” said Msgr. Igor Kovalevsky, secretary-general of the Russian bishops’ conference. “We’ll pray for Russia, and for all those who died for their faith during those dreadful years. But the Catholic faithful hold various political views, so the church won’t try to promote any one position,” he said. Russia’s observance will include the 1917 overthrow of Czar Nicholas II, which occurred in March under the country’s modern calendar, and the seizure of power by Bolsheviks under Vladimir Lenin the following November, which ended hopes of democratic rule.

Papal envoy headed to Medjugorje



CNS/Paul Haring

A statue of Mary is seen outside St. James Church in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, in this Feb. 26, 2011, file photo. Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Henryk Hoser of Warsaw-Praga, Poland, as his special envoy to Medjugorje, the site of alleged Marian apparitions. A Vatican statement said his role would be to study the pastoral situation in Medjugorje.

Colombian nun kidnapped in Mali

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Mali security forces arrested two suspects who they believe were involved in the kidnapping of a Colombian nun Feb. 7 in southern Mali. Sister Gloria Cecilia Narvaez Argoti, 56, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate, was taken by armed men in Karangasso village near the Burkina Faso border, according to Fides, the news agency of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. Around 9 p.m. a group of armed men broke into the parish, grabbed Sister Narvaez and took off in an ambulance that belonged to the church. The news agency Agence France-Presse reported Feb. 8 that a security source said the two suspects were stopped while heading toward Burkina Faso in the ambulance. “The abductors initially threw her into the ambulance of the church, which led to their arrest,” the source stated. A church worker told AFP that Sister Narvaez was one of four nuns living in Karangasso. The worker also stated that she was the only one abducted.

Vatican official speaks at U.S. bishops’ bioethics conference

DALLAS (CNS) — The head of the Pontifical Council for Life urged the U.S. bishops to stress the human dimension that is under threat of being ignored in the continued search for technological progress. “New technologies, by reason of the satisfaction they bring, their complexity, and their great efficiency have become the touchstone by which today’s ethical challenges are judged,” said Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia Feb. 6 in Dallas, where the bishops were gathered for their 26th workshop on bioethical issues. “The promise of a longer life, and even of immortality is the most convincing argument that technological society can offer,” Archbishop Paglia said, adding the rhetorical question, “Why should we turn down the possibility of overcoming all limits that technology offers?” Archbishop Paglia cited 20th-century philosopher Hans Jonas, who fled Germany shortly after the Nazis took power in 1933, whose writings “influenced the development of our awareness today that we are stewards

of creation.” Jonas saw situations “where clearly our decisions must be based on much more than mechanistic technological and economic analysis,” he said. The text of Archbishop Paglia’s remarks were made available on the Vatican Radio website.

Don’t dialogue with the devil, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Satan is a liar and a cheat who promises people everything then leaves them with nothing, Pope Francis said at his early morning Mass. In his homily Feb. 10, Pope Francis contrasted the way Eve interacted with the serpent in the garden of Eden and the way Jesus reacted to the devil after spending 40 days in the desert. With Eve, “the father of lies” demonstrates how he is a specialist in tricking people, the pope said. First, he makes her feel comfortable, then he begins a dialogue with her, leading her “step by step” where he wants her to go. “He’s a trickster,” the pope said. “He promises you everything and leaves you naked,” like he left Adam and Eve. Jesus, on the other hand, does not enter into a dialogue

with the devil, but responds to his temptations by quoting Scripture, Pope Francis said.

NCEA leader says school choice support can help Catholic parents

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — The Trump administration’s apparent endorsement of parental school choice could present a “huge opportunity” for Catholic school parents, the president of the National Catholic Educational Association told a group of Catholic high school teachers in San Francisco. “This could be a huge opportunity for parents wanting to choose the right school for their children,” Thomas Burnford, NCEA president, told participants at the Archdiocese of San Francisco’s annual high school teachers’ consortium Feb. 3. “Whatever your politics, the current administration proclaims some understanding or belief in support of school choice,” Burnford said in his talk at Archbishop Riordan High School. In his remarks, he did not mention President Donald Trump directly, saying in later comments he did not want to politicize the subject of parental choice. His speech was given four days before Betsy DeVos was confirmed by the Senate as the nation’s education secretary. DeVos, former chairman of the American Federation for Children, a school choice advocacy group, has long been an advocate of school choice. She told the senators during her confirmation hearing: “Parents no longer believe that a one-size-fits-all model of learning fits the needs of every child.”

Rev. King’s words still resonate, say church leaders

HOUSTON (CNS) — At a time when the nation is politically divided, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy of seeking peace between races has particular resonance. “I believe Dr. King’s message of tolerance, human dignity and peace is just as meaningful and necessary today as it was in the 1950s and 1960s,” said Deacon Leonard Lockett, vicar for Catholics of African descent for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. “We find ourselves at this hour in a nation of unrest and the wonderment and beauty of Dr. King’s message is that it transcends time,” the deacon said. “Dr. King reminded us over and over during his ministry that we are all created in the image and likeness of God and therefore share in a sacred brotherhood and sisterhood.” Deacon Lockett said that as citizens of this nation — not just citizens of African descent, but all citizens regardless of one’s race, creed or political philosophy — must learn to live every day of the year as if it was Martin Luther King Day, which is observed every January. This year the King federal holiday was Jan. 16.

The work of the church: Near East and beyond

SOUTH BEND — Christopher Kennedy and Norma Intriago of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association will speak at St. Jude Parish on March 13, to discuss the work of their organization and the current plight of Christians in the Near East. The event will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Keller Room after the 5:30 Mass. RSVP to 574-291-0570, Ext. 308 or faith@stjudeparish.net to help plan refreshment needs.

Catholic Charities offers citizenship classes

FORTWAYNE — Catholic Charities is now registering individuals to participate in citizenship classes that will take place over eight weeks and are structured to help individuals understand and prepare to take the test to become U.S. citizens. Classes will be held every Tuesday evening from 4-6 p.m. at the Catholic Charities Fort Wayne office, 915 S. Clinton St. Registration fee is \$10. To register or for more information contact Bertha at 260-422-5625 ext. 282 or bspaulding@ccfwsb.org.

Presentation on the sufferings of Christ

ROME CITY — Dr. Tomas McGovern, a Fort Wayne physician, will use the Shroud of Turin as a guide to the wounds of Christ and speak to the death process from medical view point of view on Thursday, March 9,

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Quiz Bowl champions



Provided by Lisa Kochanowski

The Saint Joseph High School Quiz Bowl team defended its tournament title recently by defeating Riley High School 405-125 in the semifinal and Mishawaka High School 465-50 in the final, becoming South Bend city champions. The team swept through the league season and league tournament with a tally of 10-0. This is the sixth year out of the last seven that the team has finished undefeated. Team members will try for their fifth consecutive state title on April 22 at Ancilla College. Pictured in the front row, from left to right are team members Ryan Farrisee, Reed Oei, Tomas Aguilar-Fraga and Ashley Decker. In the back row are moderator Ben Dillon and team members Michael Hall, Jacob White, Gus Desch and Ben Culver.

at the Our Lady, Mother of Mercy Chapel, 2730 E Northport Rd. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Lenten dinner of soup, bread and water at 6 p.m., talk at 7 p.m. Graphic content: May not be suitable for young children. Tickets are free but seating is limited. Register by calling 260-303-4990. Free will donation will be accepted.

Forever Learning course on pilgrimage announced

SOUTH BEND — Forever Learning Institute is offering a course about pilgrimages. This class is for anyone who just wants to know more about this or any other pilgrimage and those interested in either walking or biking the Camino de Santiago in Spain. Those who have gone on the Camino and want to share their experiences are also invited to attend. This course will review and discuss the history of the Camino de Santiago with movies, books, photos, videos, blogs and documentaries about the Camino. There will be conversations about the pilgrimage experience discussing possible local pilgrimages. Participants will cover the how, where, when, who and why of pilgrimage and ask, are we all on a pilgrimage of life?

The class facilitator is Tom Labuzienski, who recently completed the Camino Santiago with his two oldest sons. The classes will be at Forever Learning Institute in the Little Flower Parish Center on North Ironwood Drive, Thursday mornings from 9-9:50 a.m., March 9 to May 11.

To register visit www.foreverlearninginstitute.org or call 574-282-1901.

Gifts for wedding couples is parishioner's legacy

BY MARIAM SCHMITZ

About 200 newlywed couples in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend have received a special gift from their parish as they started their married life together: a Bible and a crucifix. Couples who marry at either Queen of Angels or Most Precious Blood parishes in Fort Wayne receive the gift set as a special memory of their wedding day that also serves as reminders of God's love and promises throughout their marriage.

The project was the idea of Queen of Angels parishioner and Knights of Columbus member Norbert Sauter, who passed away in December. In an email Sauter sent in July, he wrote: "Since 2007, Most Precious Blood has distributed 123 sets to newlyweds and Queen of Angels has distributed 72 sets for a total of 195 sets. That impresses even me, and I was



NORBERT SAUTER

involved at the beginning."

According to his daughter, Pat Beckman, he felt strongly about the project. She remembered him saying, "There's not a more wonderful

way to start your marriage than to have your first wedding gift given to you by the church and it being a Bible and crucifix." She also says that her father never wanted any recognition for his works, and added that "he just wanted to do the right thing and go from there."

One of the newlywed couples who received the gift set was Shalei and Adam Beckman. Adam is Sauter's grandson. When Adam and Shalei were married at Most Precious Blood, they received the two gifts from the pastor, who also blessed both items. Shalei said it was a

surprise to receive them at the rehearsal dinner, and since they were both new to the Catholic faith, it held special meaning. "It was definitely a blessing, something that we were able to bring home and share with our family and enjoy," she said.

The project was initially funded from a Christmas card sale. When those funds ran out, Sauter approached the Queen of Angels/Most Precious Blood Knights of Columbus Council 11043 for assistance. They agreed to help. Grand Knight Tom Schall remembered Sauter's enthusiasm about the project, and the council continues to provide assistance.

To help keep the Bible and crucifix program going, donations can be sent to: Knights of Columbus Council 11043, 1515 Barthold St, Fort Wayne, IN 46808. For further information, send an email to gk@kofc11043.org.

Marian Light of Learning nominee



Provided by Linda Waltz

Ken Andrzejewski, a science teacher at Marian High School, Mishawaka, received the school's 2017 Light of Learning nomination, but due to a presentation at a science convention, was unable to attend the South Bend Area Light of Learning Luncheon sponsored by Quality Dining on Feb. 2. He is pictured with Marian High School Principal Mark Kirzeder during a school recognition of his nomination.

Sister Helen Alford to explore the purpose of business Feb. 28

BY PATRICK MURPHY

An international voice for ethics and social justice in the workplace is coming to Fort Wayne as part of the *Servus Omnium* Lecture series at the University of Saint Francis.

Sister Helen Alford, who worked for Michelin Tire, British Aerospace and other European companies before becoming a Dominican nun, will be the featured speaker at the fifth installment of the series, which will be presented at the downtown campus on Feb. 28, the day before Ash Wednesday.

Sister Alford is a professor of economics and ethics at the prestigious Pontifical University in Rome, and an advisor to the United Kingdom's blueprint for Better Business, a consortium of economic and intellectual leaders who about a decade ago came together to explore how business can and should operate for the purpose of serving society for mutual benefit — with profit as a vital outcome. She has written several books, including "Managing As If Faith Mattered" with Michael Naughton of Marquette University.

The event will begin at 7 a.m. with a blessing from Bishop

Kevin C. Rhoades, followed by a Mardi Gras breakfast. Sister Alford will begin speaking at 7:45 a.m., and a question-and-answer session will conclude at 8:45 a.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tables may be purchased in advance for \$80 and corporate sponsorships are available. Information is available through Dr. Lance Richey, dean of the USF School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, at (260) 399-8122 or lrichey@sf.edu.

Sister Alford's address is titled, "Have You been served? Human Dignity, the Common Good and the Purpose of Business." The topic is part of her life's work, she said, during a recent interview with *Today's Catholic*. It examines the role and impact of ethics and Christian social thought in the field of management, especially as it regards Catholic social teaching and sustainability.

She intends to focus her remarks on the purpose of business and what makes it work.

"Too often business leaders confuse specific business goals — like making a profit — with the purpose of business," she said. "While generating profit may be one of the goals of business, it can only do this because



Provided by Dr. Lance Richey

Economics expert and Dominican Sister Helen Alford presents the upcoming *Servus Omnium* lecture at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. She will explore the intersection of business, profit and the common good.

its purpose in some, perhaps imperfect, way is to make a specific contribution to the common good.

"Catholic social thought can help us be more realistic in the business world," she added. Profit can only be attained, she then pointed out, because the business' purpose in some way is to make a specific contribution to the common good.

After the economic crisis of

2009 — the most serious since the Great Depression, in the view of many — there has been general dissatisfaction with business and a loss of trust, especially in the financial sector. There has also been a call for tougher government regulations. But more stringent regulations could make things worse, Sister Alford insists. "If we are to rebuild trust in business, business needs a purpose that genuinely contributes to society's good."

Incorporating Catholic social thought into business is not only a good and proper thing to do, she believes, it also brings a significant competitive advantage. Catholic social thought is a more advanced form of what is being discussed in major business schools, she said, and what is needed is the involvement of people in decision-making to

enable them to grow in their mastery — rather than just giving them financial incentives to do better.

The whole idea of "shared value," as presented by Michael Porter and Mark Kramer from Harvard Business School, is a kind of simplified version of the way Catholic social thought is concerned about the common good, she said. "So I really encourage Catholic business people in the U.S. to study Catholic social thought and to start thinking practically about how it could be put into practice in their own businesses."

Sister Alford considers Catholic social thought as a house's foundation that supports the entire structure. "A business isn't just about profits for stockholders," she noted — a point on which she intends to elaborate.

Sister Alford enjoyed her time in the word of business, which led to her ultimate life's work — promoting social justice and ethics as a Dominican nun. She had occasionally thought about becoming a nun earlier in life, but didn't decide to enter the sisterhood until the early 1990s.

"I couldn't see it at the time, but God was calling me. Looking back, I can see I was being lead in this direction — the good Lord was preparing me."

The USF *Servus Omnium* series initiated in 2013; "*Servus Omnium*" is Latin for "Servant of All," according to Dr. Lance Richey, spokesperson for the series. St. Francis of Assisi, in a letter to his brotherhood, called himself the "servant of all," explained Richey, which embodied the Franciscan ideal of servant leadership.

New gender policy won't affect Catholic Scouting units, says committee

IRVING, Texas (CNS) — The Boy Scouts of America's new policy to accept members based on their gender identity will have no impact on Scouting units sponsored by the Catholic Church, said the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

The Boy Scouts announced Jan. 30 that effective immediately, the Texas-based organization will determine membership eligibility for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts on a youth's gender identity as indicated on the membership application. Previously, the policy based eligibility on the gender indicated on a youth's birth certificate.

The change in policy "has no impact on the operation and program delivery of Scouting program(s) in Catholic-chartered units," said a Feb. 4 statement issued by the Catholic Scouting committee.

"Scouting serves the Catholic Church through the charter concept, which is similar to a franchise," it said. "The units chartered to a Catholic institution are owned by that organization. The BSA has stipulated that religious partners will continue to have the right to make decisions for their units based on their religious beliefs."

The statement was signed by George S. Sparks, national chairman of the National Catholic

Committee on Scouting, and Father Kevin M. Smith, a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y., who is national chaplain of Catholic Scouting. The statement was approved by Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone of Charleston, S.C., who is the episcopal liaison between Catholic Scouting and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In announcing the membership change, Michael Surbaugh, chief Scout executive, said the organization has been "challenged by a very complex topic — the issue of gender identity." "After weeks of significant conversations" at all levels of the Scouting organization, he said, officials decided a birth certificate is no longer sufficient for determining eligibility for participating in Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts.

"We've taken the opportunity to evaluate and update our approach," he said in a video message posted online. "I hope you'll join with me in embracing the opportunity to bring Scouting to more families and children who can benefit from what our organization has to offer."

"This is an area that we will continue to thoughtfully evaluate to bring the benefits of Scouting to the greatest number of youth possible all while remaining true to our core

beliefs," Surbaugh said.

Those beliefs, he said, are based on the Scout Oath, which begins "with duty to God," and the Scout Law, which ends "with a Scout's obligation to be reverent."

In a separate statement emailed Feb. 7 to Catholic News Service, Effie Delimarkos, the Boy Scouts' director of communications, reiterated that "we will accept and register youth in the Cub and Boy Scout programs based on the gender identity indicated on the application. Our organization's local councils will help find units that can provide for the best interest of the child."

The organization did not say if a specific case had prompted the policy change, but another spokesperson told CNS that Boy Scouts' "approach to gender identity was no longer sufficient as communities are now interpreting gender identity differently."

Sparks and Father Smith said in their statement: "Scouting's chartered organizations have the right to uphold their own moral standards within the units they charter. The teachings of the Catholic Church are upheld."

About 70 percent of Boy Scout troops are run by faith-based groups.

Catholic Charities receives \$532,507 grant

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend announced Feb. 8 that it was awarded a grant of \$532,507 from Senior Service America Inc. Almost 90 percent of this grant — originally from the U.S. Department of Labor — will provide temporary employment to at least 102 low-income older adults living in Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Wabash and Whitley Counties. These older adults will participate in the Senior Community Service Employment Program, a major program of the Older Americans Act. SCSEP is the only federal government program mandated to assist unemployed older adults seeking to rejoin the workforce by working in their community.

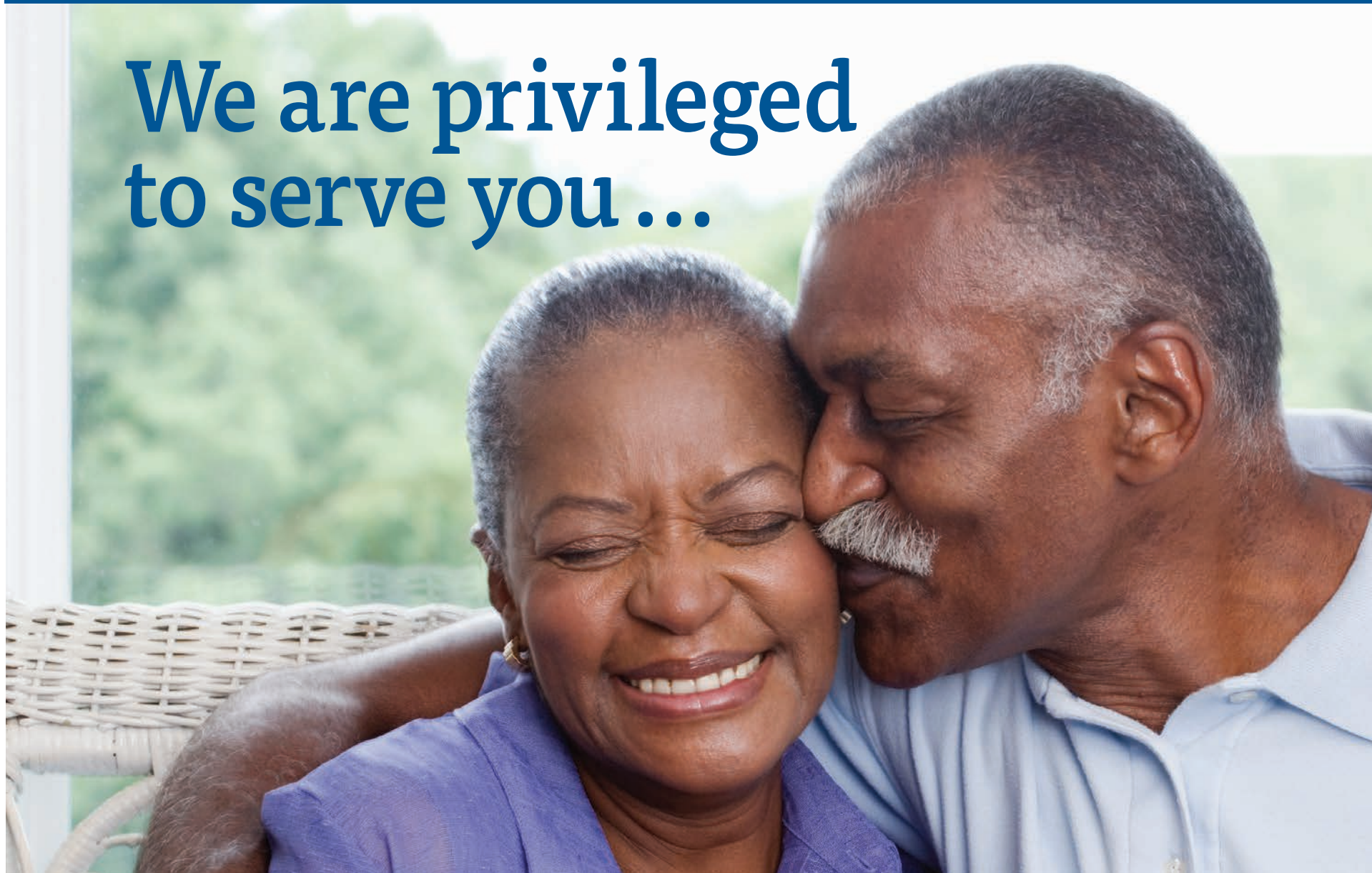
"We are very pleased to continue our support of the Catholic Charities of Fort Wayne-South Bend for the 13th consecutive year," said Tony Sarmiento, Senior Service America executive director. Catholic Charities has received this annual SCSEP

grant since 2003. Senior Service America is the second-largest sponsor of SCSEP, after a national grant competition held this year.

"This program delivers a triple win for older adults and the whole community," said Jen Zamaites, SCSEP program supervisor for Catholic Charities. "First, SCSEP participants are helping more than 30 local community, faith-based, and public agencies carry out their mission. Second, older workers are receiving on-the-job training to enhance their skills. And third, older workers are keeping healthy by remaining connected and not isolated in their community."

"Many low-income older adults want and need paid work, said Donna Satterthwaite, Senior Service America director of Employment Services. "By serving their community, older workers receive renewed skills as well as renewed hope, knowing that they are not forgotten. Older Hoosiers are fortunate to be given the opportunity through SCSEP and the dedicated staff of Catholic Charities."

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St. Aloysius, Yoder

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St. Aloysius Parish is known as home to many generations

BY DEB WAGNER

St. Aloysius Parish in Yoder has been a pillar of the small, rural community for the nearly 160 years. In 1858 Bishop John Henry Luers, the first bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, assigned a priest to help the Catholic families of the area commonly known as Pleasant Township. Three acres of land were donated for the plot where the church was built in 1859. Seventeen years after the church was erected Father Ferdinand Koerdt established the school, which opened Oct. 17, 1876, with 38 pupils. Last year marked 140 years of continuous Catholic education in the current school building, which was completed in 1956 with only four classrooms. Additional classrooms and a gym were added in 2001.

On the south side of the par-



**MSGR. BRUCE
PIECHOCKI**

ish grounds there is a small, old cemetery of about 600 graves. Eight priests are among those buried there. Four of them, all former pastors of St. Aloysius Parish, are located around the large cross in the center of the cemetery. Father Koerdt, the first resident pastor, is also buried in the cemetery, as well as approximately 50 veterans of the U.S. military.

Many priests and sisters have served the parish over the years. The parish and school have provided a nurturing environment that led 11 young men to join the priesthood and 10 young women to join the religious life. One such individual was quoted in the parish's 150th Anniversary book as saying, "We are all better off, being closer to our Divine Lord, more aware of our faith, better prepared to help others because of our association with St. Aloysius Parish."

In more recent times, the mission "to know Christ, meet Him in the sacraments, and evangelize through acts of love, and works of mercy" remains the same at St. Aloysius.



Today's Catholic archive photo

In the rural community of Yoder, located just south of Fort Wayne, lies the thriving parish of St. Aloysius.

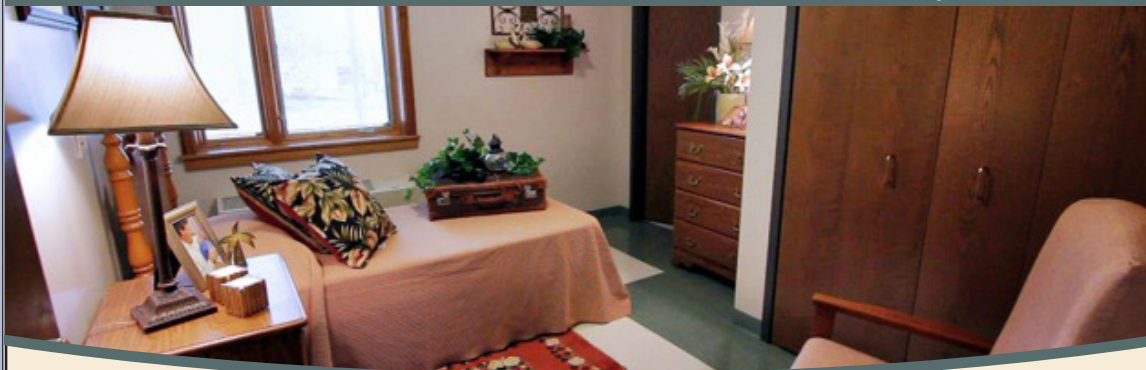
Currently, the parish is comprised of approximately 215 families. There are 108 students in grades prekindergarten through eighth grade currently enrolled in the school, whose small class sizes provide great learning possibilities. Many of the St. Aloysius students give back to their parish community by serving at Mass and participating in various sports activities. Some of them are also members of other organizations such as Lego Club, Girl Scouts and ACE, which stands for Aerospace Connections in



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Students at St. Aloysius School in Yoder dressed up as their favorite saints for the Fort Wayne-area All Schools Mass last fall.

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Education. The Sunday School of Religion provides children who do not attend the parish school with teachings about their Catholic faith. For the adults of the parish, St. Aloysius has one of the most active Knights of Columbus councils in the diocese. There is also a Rosary Sodality and a Pro-Life committee for those who wish to become involved.

Msgr. Bruce J. Piechocki was assigned St. Aloysius as pastor seven months ago, in June. When asked about his parish, he remarked, "I have found the people here to be very warm and welcoming, not only towards myself and others as well. I have been most impressed with the parishioners' willingness to share of their time and talent. They regard the parish not just as the place where they come to Mass or send their children to school; it's part of their family and has been for many generations."

In MY diocese

St. Therese, Fort Wayne

Allen County

St. Therese parishioners minister through service

BY RON BUSCH

A church is more than brick and mortar, and St. Therese is no exception, as one can see from the parish's numerous school and church activities. St. Therese not only offers many traditional Catholic Church activities, but also operates a food pantry for local families in need. The church and school are located in Waynedale, in the southwest part of Fort Wayne.



FATHER LAWRENCE TETE, CSSP

Parish history

St. Therese established its roots over 70 years ago, when Father Herman Schoudele was assigned on Nov. 13, 1946, to begin plans for a parish that was to be located in Waynedale.

While the plans were underway, Mass was said for this community at the Wayne Township School gymnasium. Eventually, in November of 1947, approval was given to purchase an Army chapel located at Baer Field's Army Air Base. In January of 1948 the chapel was moved to the grounds of the church and was



Ron Busch

In addition to the church and a school, a chapel is located on the grounds of St. Therese Parish — a faith community on the southwest side of Fort Wayne.

followed by a renovation and dedication the following October.

Tragedy struck the parish on Feb. 24, 1950, when a fire in the church caused major damage. After extensive repairs, a second fire in December 1970 caused irreparable damage. Church activities were moved into the school building near the church. Masses were held in the school building for some 30 years until plans were laid for a new church in August 2000.

In the interim years the church dedicated a new parish hall/gymnasium. In April of 1986 it adopted St. Maximilian

Kolbe in Honduras as its sister parish, and coordinates parish activities throughout the year to benefit that parish.

Plans for a modern church building were initiated in August of 2000 and on April 13, 2003, the first Mass was celebrated in the new St. Therese Church. The current church grounds include a school building, parish hall/gymnasium, the church and a rectory that is also utilized for parish offices.

Parish activities

In addition to the school, the

church of 518 families has a Youth Ministry for grades 5-12, Knights of Columbus Council No. 9460, a Holy Name Society and Rosary Society, a prayer Line, United for Life group, and a St. Vincent de Paul Society

group. The food pantry is operated by volunteers of the St. Vincent de Paul group.

The pastor of St. Therese Catholic Church is Father Lawrence Tete, CSSP. Father Tete has been pastor since June 21, 2011. He stated, "There are lots of rewarding things about working here in the parish; for example, parishioners always come through when we need them for our school and church. There is a good spirit of volunteering and the parish and school render lots of service even to the wider community. People are welcoming, and friendly. We have a strong core group of parishioners."

That strong core group of parishioners includes Linda Thomas, director of religious education and RCIA activities. The music ministry, led by Music Director Beverly Rieger, even has its own music blog found at: <http://music-ministrystthereseffw.blogspot.com>. And the newly formed St. Therese Ringers, a group of chimes players, began rehearsal on Feb. 1.

Other activities have included a Mardi Gras party for parish adults and a spaghetti dinner fundraisers for the School. More church and school activities can be found in the weekly parish bulletin.

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St. Therese School

St. Therese School has 200 students in grades pre-K to eight. As the only Catholic school and church in Waynedale, St. Therese is a feeder school for Bishop Luers High School, also located on the south side of Fort Wayne.

It's difficult to talk about St. Therese School without mention of former principal Charles Grimm, who became ill last August and passed on to be with our Lord. Jeanette Donovan, who taught fourth and fifth grades for eight years

under Grimm, was asked to assume the principal duties and graciously assumed the difficult task. Donovan remarked, "I feel like I am the quarterback of a great team here at St. Therese. We all work together in our new situation. I think my greatest reward this year is feeling like I have been there to help make the other teachers' jobs easier when I can. I have wanted to be the steady face each child sees smiling at them in the morning, and the last one that says goodbye in the evening."

Once the newer church was constructed and Masses at St. Therese were no longer held in the school, classrooms were added. In fact, the school expanded its footprint. St. Therese students also have the luxury of a location next to the Waynedale Branch Library,

which makes for a very short field trip for research and other school projects.

Principal Donovan stated that the ultimate goal at St. Therese School is to develop students that are faithful, productive and responsible students. "We want them to be proud to say, 'I am a St. Therese graduate,' and we want to be proud to say, 'They are our St. Therese graduates.'"

The addition of the attractive and aesthetic church in 2003 has added a significant landmark to the Waynedale and southwest Fort Wayne community. It's a place where parishioners worship the Lord with both pride and a sense of purpose, in service to God in Waynedale and the southwest Fort Wayne community.

'The most important thing is ... that we pray.'

Suggestions for integrating prayer into daily activities

BY MARIAM SCHMITZ

Big things are happening at St. Louis Besancon, a small church nestled in New Haven's farm country. An adult education series titled "Spark Your Faith" began at the church two years ago, and it has become a way for parishioners of all ages and backgrounds to delve deeper into their Catholic faith while strengthening their parish community.

Once a month, with exceptions made during the busy farming months of May-August, members gather together to hear from speakers or talk in small groups — or a combination of both — or perhaps something completely different. Previous speakers have included deacons, priests and parishioners. Catholic radio host Dr. Ray Guarendi spoke at the parish this past fall. On Tuesday, Feb. 7, the featured speaker was Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

One of the oldest parishes in the diocese, St. Louis Besancon has 295 families. Many of them came to hear Bishop's talk, titled "How to be Catholic the other six days of the week."

Daily prayer in the context of one's vocation was emphasized, as well as specific ways Catholics can live as joyful disciples. The bishop called attention to two saints who teach "that we can become saints in our ordinary lives, sanctifying ourselves and the world through work, family life, and all daily activities;" those saints were St. Josemaria Escriva and St. Francis de Sales. He specifically recommended St. Francis de Sales' book, "Introduction to the Devout Life."

Bishop Rhoades noted that when it comes to daily prayer, "one size does not fit all. The wonderful thing is that the Catholic Church has such a rich treasury of prayers, devotions, and spiritual practices. The most important thing is not how we pray, but that we pray."

Specifically, he recommended prayer upon rising in the morning. While priests, deacons and religious are required to pray Lauds, or the Morning Prayer of the Church, from the Liturgy of the Hours, laity can also pray Lauds. In fact, lay people have the option to use an abbreviated form that can be found in the monthly *Magnificat* publication. Another option for morning prayer is the Morning Offering, which Bishop said he has taped to his bathroom mirror.

He also encouraged everyone to end his or her day with prayer which, again, could be

from the Liturgy of the Hours or the shortened version found in "Magnificat." Another idea is praying the Act of Contrition when going to bed, a custom he learned as a child. In his words, "the end of our day, like the beginning of our day, is an act of prayer. That's what is key. The hinges of our day are focused on the Lord."

Praying Grace Before Meals was also recommended. "We can pray before meals in spontaneous words or with the traditional prayer. It is a small thing, but when done attentively and deliberately, it helps us to cultivate an awareness of God at meal time," the bishop said. Daily Mass, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, novenas, litanies or praying the Stations of the Cross, are similar practices. He said there should be a dedicated time of concentrated daily prayer for at least 15 minutes, time which be filled however one see fit: for instance, with the previous ideas or perhaps the *Lectio Divina* (the prayerful reading of Scripture) or a rosary.

All are called to live as intentional disciples, he concluded. Therefore, we should ask ourselves: "Do other people see God at work in our lives? Do they see goodness and generosity, mercy and love in us? Can they recognize that we are disciples of Jesus Christ by the way we speak?"

St. Louis Besancon pastor, Father Ben Muhlenkamp, reflected upon the evening event by saying, "it's always so nice to have our chief shepherd here with his flock. We're a small parish, but to have him come really means a lot to our people. They see our connection with the larger Catholic community."

Claire Stuerzenberger is St. Louis Besancon's youth minister and a junior at the University of Saint Francis. She said all the Spark Your Faith events, including Bishop's visit, strengthen the parish family. "I like to see the different generations coming together and being able to talk and share with one another."

A committee of four parishioners — Paul Kline, Jenny Wyss, Vickie Lortie and Jan Robbins — organize Spark Your Faith. Lortie said the events, as the name suggests, are "meant to be a spark: to get people charged up so that they want to go out and continue to research or read into it on their own."

Father Muhlenkamp said the Spark Your Faith events are powerful, and he appreciates the parishioners who suggested the idea and followed through. "I'm just so grateful. I try to empower them, and then they do amazing things."

To see when the next Spark Your Faith will be, and what its theme will be, call St. Louis Besancon parish at 260-749-4252 or visit the parish website, www.stlouisb.org.

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Mastodon Catholics strengthen commitment and community

BY SARAH DUSTMAN

Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne's Catholic group, Mastodon Catholic, is focusing this year on developing community and dipping deeper into the faith. The group has also gone through changes that will help with its mission, including a new name, a new chaplain, different weekly activities and the development of men's and women's households.

Mastodon Catholic changed its name to reach out to students on campus differently. The previous name of the group was IPFW Newman Catholic Fellowship. Riley McCullough, president of Mastodon Catholic, explained that someone who isn't Catholic might not understand that "fellowship" means "community." She also said that the name Mastodon Catholic is more straightforward.

The addition of chaplain Father Royce Gregerson has changed the game for Mastodon Catholic. Father Gregerson offers Mass on campus regularly and is present at the group's other events. His presence, McCullough said, brings a high level of knowledge, and he talks often about his experiences studying in Europe. Along with this, Father Gregerson is assigned to St. Charles Borromeo, which is only five minutes from IPFW; Mastodon Catholic is able to hold weekly events at St. Charles, providing a stability of meeting place that has been helpful for the group.

Mastodon Catholic held events during the past year that focused on obtaining deeper information about the Catholic faith. Some of these events include talks about the pro-life and pro-marriage movements, Theology of the Body, drinking, drugs and church teachings. Other events included Mass on campus, the Summit Awakening conference and an annual retreat at St. Felix Friary.

Among the changes, the recent establishment of a men's and a women's household have been the largest and possibly the most crucial. Both started after the group's campus minister approached her own friends and McCullough about the idea of households, hoping that it would help Mastodon Catholic develop a deeper sense of community. She got the idea from Ohio State University's St. Paul's Outreach, which consists of a small group of men or women living together in community to study, learn and grow together.

McCullough said that the households will bring the Mastodon Catholic community together in a new way, since school events aren't enough for group members to bond. The households have already helped Mastodon Catholic as a whole and have made group life fuller by instilling a deeper sense of community.



Photos by Sarah Dustman

The members of the Spes Unica household, a Catholic women's house on the campus of IPFW, pray together nightly.



Members of the Ave Cruz household, a men's Catholic fellowship at IPFW campus are currently looking for a permanent house at which to gather.

Spes Unica

The women's household, Spes Unica, translates from Latin into "Our Only Hope." McCullough said the women in the household prayed about a name and "wanted something that incorporated sisterhood." One of the women came across the phrase "Spes Unica," which is part of the Latin phrase, "Ave Cruz, Spes Unica" — "Hail to the cross, our only hope." The name resonated with the group because of how true it is that God is their only hope.

"The purpose of Spes Unica is women helping women become better women," McCullough said. One of the ways three women in the household help each other achieve the goal is by praying the Compline together at night. The women have busy schedules that include work and school, but McCullough said it's nice to come home to holy women who have holy conversations.

Due to their schedules, the women haven't been able to plan as many regular events as they'd like, but it's something that

they're working on this semester. Before establishing regular activities, Spes Unica wants to get a sense of the other women in their community and their interests. For example, if other women are interested in volunteering for a pro-life cause, then that's something that they'll do together. McCullough said that the focus of any of their activities is to invest in the women in their community.

Even though Spes Unica has an established community, six of the women are graduating this year, so more women are needed. Mastodon Catholic has a larger group of freshmen and sophomores currently, so there is a new age of women within the group. The main goal is that these women will get involved with Spes Unica and that their example will set an example for more women to join the household in the future.

Ave Cruz

The men's household took its name from the first part of the same phrase. Phillip Litchfield,

vice president of Mastodon Catholic, said that Ave Cruz's original name was Brothers of Divine Joy; however, the men decided to change the name because they like "the mysterious, virile and delightful joy that devotion to Christ's cross can bring."

Litchfield said that the most important event for Ave Cruz is weekly Adoration at St. Jude's Adoration Chapel. Some of their other events include weekly "Lagers and Logos" Bible study, where the men come together to "encounter Christ in the gospel as well as discover the fascinating nuance of both Bible and beer," and a monthly half-day retreat. In addition, at their weekly meetings, the men plan events, grow in Christian brotherhood and work on setting a foundation to the household community so that the community may continue past graduation.

While Ave Cruz is thriving with members and activities, they face the challenge of not having a physical house. The men work around this challenge by going to members' apartments, dorm rooms and relatives' houses and communicating through group messaging and email. Ave Cruz also encourages its members to meet up for a meal, to study or play video games. Litchfield said that this arrangement hasn't been easy, but it's their goal to have a house for the next school year because daily interactions are important for the men to help "build the bonds of brotherhood."

Litchfield stressed that Ave Cruz needs prayers. "Ave Cruz is a work of the Holy Spirit and beyond the abilities of any of the brothers," he said. He also said that in order to reach their full potential, Ave Cruz members need to "lead lives of authentic masculinity, virtue and Christian charity" that will inspire other men on campus.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the households at IPFW can email avecruzFW@gmail.com.

Bishop to students: Avoid hypocrisy in matters of faith

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass at IPFW on Tuesday, Feb. 7 for the Mastodon Catholic group as well as other students on campus. The bishop has the custom of celebrating Mass on the campus once a year. IPFW chaplain Father Royce Gregerson celebrated the Mass.

The homily began with Bishop Rhoades telling students about the importance of daily Mass. He shared that he started attending daily Mass halfway through his freshman year of college and heard a calling to the priesthood by his sophomore year. The bishop added that being nourished by the Eucharist through attending daily Mass is a beautiful habit.

The rest of the homily focused on the Gospel reading from Mark 7:1-13, in which Jesus addressed the Pharisees about their hypocrisy concerning God's law. In the parable, the Pharisees chastised the Apostles for eating with unclean hands. According to the law of the elders, a person of the time should have washed his hands carefully before eating.

Jesus responded by addressing Isaiah's prophesy, saying, "This people honors Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me" (Mark 7:6). Then Jesus told the Pharisees that they "dis-

Where is my heart?

Where is my heart

in relation to God?"

regard God's commandments, but cling to human tradition" (Mark 7:8). The bishop referred to the Pharisees' reaction as "paying lip service" to God and worshipping Him superficially. He also said that the Pharisees nullified the word of God through practicing the traditions of the elders.

The bishop then discussed hypocrisy in today's world. "Hypocrisy is a danger that we need to avoid," he said, stressing that Christians especially need to avoid hypocrisy in their lives and that hypocrisy among Christians could cause young people to leave the faith. He asked those present to "examine ourselves to make sure that we're not like the Pharisees." He also told the students to ponder the questions "Where is my heart? Where is my heart in relation to God?"

Journeying through the mists of memory

BY BARB SIEMINSKI

When Patti Hagadorn attends Mass at St. Therese Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, she spends the hour not with her family or the other congregants, but seated alone in the confessional booth.

Sometimes her friend, Cindy Mowan, will stay with her for a few minutes until Hagadorn's husband, Jim, and daughter, Amy, come for her after the service, and take her to the altar to receive the Eucharist.

For many years Patti and Daisy, her beloved toy apricot poodle, would go for solitary walks through their friendly South Wayne neighborhood. Today her walks with Daisy continue, but her stroll has become plus-one: Someone must be with her, lest she get lost, and because she has been deemed a flight risk. In the evenings she heads upstairs to the dark sanctuary of her bedroom, where she stays until morning.

This, as of five years ago, is the new normal of Patti Hagadorn's life.

On Sept. 17, 1974, her care-free days were forever changed by a horrific drunken driver automobile crash that put her into a coma. Upon regaining consciousness, she began the tedious journey of returning to a semblance of her former health, which now included unwelcome side effects such as epileptic petit mal and grand mal seizures.

Then, five years ago Patti, now 61, went through severe, repeated periods of forgetfulness. Her doctor recommended a specialist, who performed exhaustive tests in search of a final answer.

The stunning diagnosis sent the family reeling — early-onset dementia. Since then there have been many changes that have affected the whole family, including Jim, Amy and recently married older daughter Jamie Covey. One major adjustment was Jim leaving his 42-year factory and softball umpiring jobs to take care of Patti full time.

"Each day Patti wakes up hoping to remember everybody and what is going on," said Jim, adding that they will celebrate 39 years of marriage this year.

So far Patti's decline has been slow, but exacerbated by an energy-draining Sundowner's Syndrome; which means she needs to get to her darkened bed-



Photos by Barb Sieminski

St. Therese parishioners Jim and Patti Hagadorn discuss where to display their copy of Michelangelo's beloved Pietà statue to the best advantage in their home. The Fort Wayne couple recently embraced the Catholic faith and rely on it to help them cope with the multiple physical and mental challenges that Patti faces.

room quickly or suffer a severe bout of confusion and agitation that comes with the exodus of daylight. She must stay there until sunrise.

Because she can no longer tolerate crowds and loud organ music, during Mass Patti withdraws to the solitude of the confessional and follows the service with her hymnal and rosary. Her many friends have taken it upon themselves to be protective of her, whether in church or outside.

Ever an optimist, Patti has found slivers of sunshine within the impending fog of dementia.

"I was raised in the Church of the Nazarene," she said, with parents who were strict about attending Sunday services. "When I was 16, I went with a friend to her Catholic church on a Saturday evening and I immediately knew that I wanted to convert. I spent each Saturday with my friend so I could secretly go to Mass with her on Saturdays and to my own church on Sundays. When I got married, I told Jim, a devout Baptist, that I wanted to convert to Catholicism, and he said jokingly that he'd

divorce me if I did. Long story short, we then ended up at Trinity Church of the Nazarene for 22 years; but my heart still ached to be Catholic.

"When I was diagnosed with dementia, I said again very firmly, 'I want to convert!' To my surprise, Jim finally agreed and let me begin RCIA classes at St. Therese. He would drop me off there and go to Trinity and pick me up after his own service.

"I was so happy. Becoming Catholic was the best decision I ever made in my entire life."

Patti was a delight to have in class, according to Cheryl Mowan, an RCIA catechist who had the gregarious woman as a student.

"She was so ecstatic about becoming Catholic that she wanted the same joy for Jim and Amy," Cheryl remembered. "Jim was adamant about not being interested; he was, after all, an elder in his own church. A few months after Patti was received into the Church, Amy followed in her mother's footsteps. Patti kept saying, 'Jim will become Catholic, too, just wait.' Sure enough, a year later Jim was in RCIA and we all rejoiced when he made his Profession of Faith!"

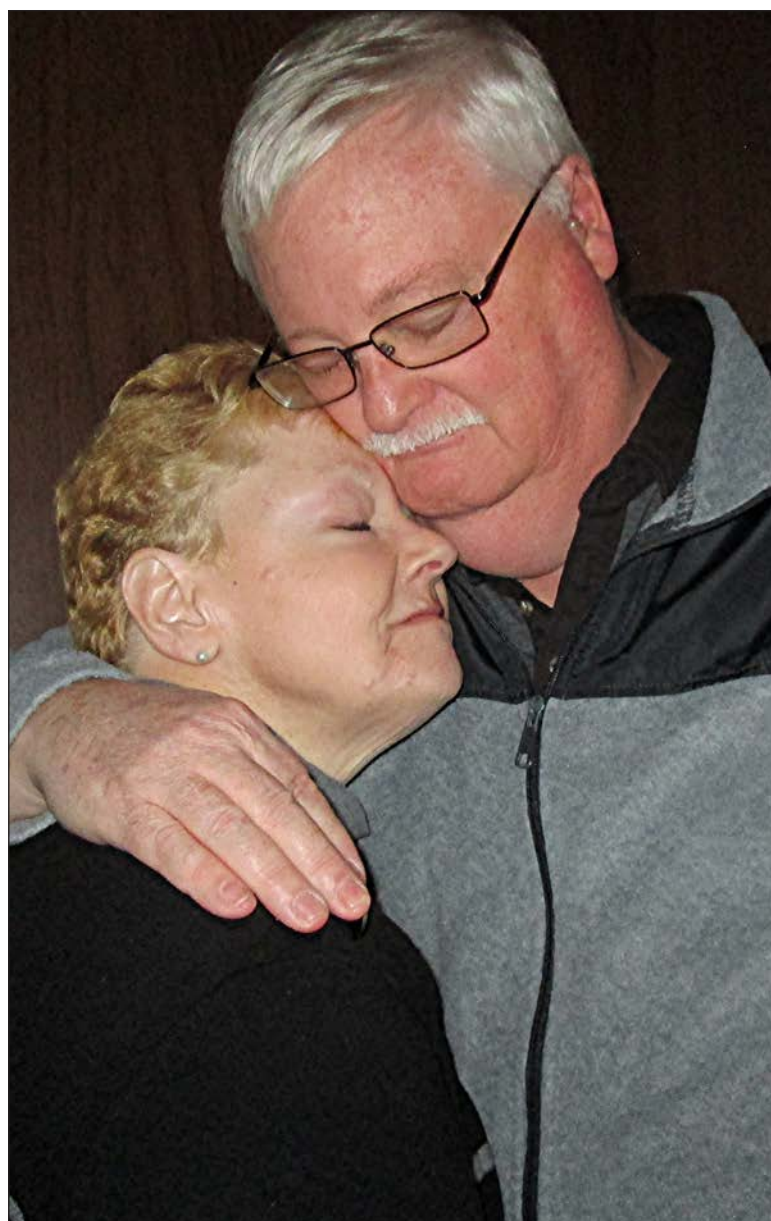
Jeanne Nes, treasurer of a ministry called the Blessing Bees Ministry that Patti started at St. Therese, was equally enthusiastic about the trio.

"Jim is the most supportive, loving husband. He enables Patti to be who God wants her to be, and I believe that his ability to do so is God giving him patience and love," said Nes. "I met Patti as she began her RCIA journey, and knew I had just found a most delightful woman. Her profound faith in God stands over and above her childlike trust, as she would do anything for anybody, whether she and Jim are financially able or not. She always says, 'God will provide.' She has a huge prayer board in her kitchen where she lists names given to her so she can storm the heavens with those requests. And her daughter Amy is an absolute joy, too."

Another way in which Patti has been meeting the demands of dementia since 2013 is by courageously journaling a soul-baring newspaper column for the *News Sentinel* about the ongoing changes in her life and the things she misses most, like walking Daisy alone. Her columns alternate between poignancy and gentle humor. She sheepishly admits, for example, that every single day, for years, she has gone to McDonald's restaurant to feed her addiction to its vanilla ice cream cones.

Each day brings new struggles for the Hagadorns, who are still trying to be valiant in their coping, Jim admitted.

"I still cannot comprehend what is happening to Patti, but the blessing in all of this has brought each of us much closer to God, whom we rely on more and more."



The Hagadorns share a tender moment as they wonder what the future holds, and pray for more blessed days on which Patti will remember the people in her life that she loves.

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Public lay association exchanges friendship and affection at South Bend nursing home

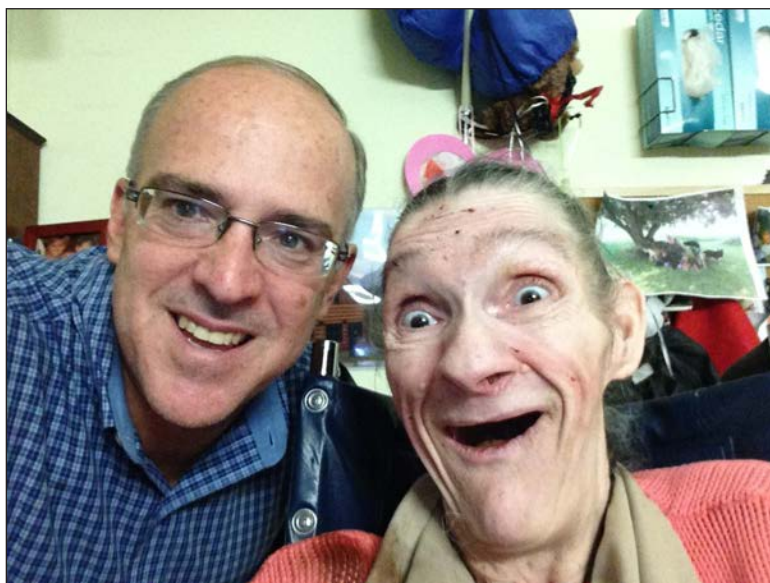
BY JENNIFER MILLER

On one of the busiest street corners on South Bend, Eddy and LaSalle, stands a building that most speed by as soon as the light turns green. Ironically, many of the people in that building move at the opposite pace, one small shuffle or push of the wheelchair at a time.

There is a hidden holiness the building's "Cardinal Nursing Home" sign: a beauty and passion for life that quietly flourishes in the residents whom the Sant'Egidio Community simply calls "friends".

Sant'Egidio began in Rome in the 1960s simply to live the Gospel in friendship with the poor. The community has spread through of the world and is best known for aiding the Peace Treaty of Mozambique after a bloody civil war. In September of 2002, a South Bend community of the famous international group was formed.

Professor Daniel Philpott was one of the four men who found the local Sant'Egidio Community. "In the poor we find Jesus himself, as the Gospel of Matthew records him explaining in Chapter 25. We love the poor because Jesus loves the poor with such a special love that He dwells in them," he said. "Besides friendship, we come without agenda or program. It's very simple. We don't call it 'ministry' or 'service' or 'volunteering'; rather, it is simple friendship. We try to be with them and get to know them in all of their particularity. ... We have visited them in the hospital. We have gone to their funeral when they die. We pray with them. We are often surprised by the mutuality of the friendship.



Photos by Jennifer Miller

Stroke victim Nancy Dowlut, at right, is one the seniors who resides at Cardinal Nursing Home in South Bend and to whom Dan Philpott and other members of the Sant'Egidio Community minister regularly.

They give us gifts, or say something nice to us, or simply share a smile — and we go home rich."

The members lead weekly prayer, the daily prayer of the church, and facilitate a monthly Mass at Cardinal. A beautiful tradition in the Sant'Egidio Community is that a book is kept of friends who have died, with photos and stories, so that they may be remembered. In the case of Cardinal Nursing Home residents, many of these friends were left or forgotten by their families, very poor and never had a visitor to remember them.

Visiting Cardinal Nursing Home is not a "check-off a box" or a drudgery obligation for members of the community; they think of it as a friend's home whom they want to visit, and friends whom they miss and love. This love is transformative.

Nancy Dowlut's life is one that transformed Philpott.

Dowlut was born in South Bend in 1949, a parishioner of St. Patrick Church. A "committed Catholic and person of faith," she still remembers her first Eucharist with Father Drielsko in 1956, when she was 7 years old. She attended Navarre Elementary, St. Patrick School, Washington High School and then studied mechanical engineering at IUSB and IU Gary. Very bright, she studied Russian both in high school and college. Nancy then worked for Shell Oil, with oil exploration, traveling to Louisiana. She received a master's degree in physics and soon afterward married James Dowlut and went to live in North Liberty. There she went to school again and studied library science and became a public librarian.

For 20 years Dowlut lived on a farm and worked as a librarian until suddenly when she was 55, she had a stroke. A condition she was born with, spinal meningitis, had possibly reoccurred. Her mother cared for her and she recovered slightly but then relapsed into her current condition. For the past 13 years Dowlut has not been able to speak or walk. Her hands, which cared for so many books of knowledge, are now bent and twisted.

She met the Sant'Egidio Community simply because her feet were cold, as her slippers kept falling off. A member of the community bought her some slippers to keep them warm. Wanting to get to know her, and despite the verbal language divide, Judy Coros from the community devised a board of letters and pictures. Dowlut could

point and spell out words, while charades and gestures filled in the gaps. This allowed a bud of a friendship to blossom.

Philpott describes his friendship with her as well. "In Nancy I have had the gift of coming to know an extraordinary person. ... Nancy has a picture of my family with my daughter as a baby on her shelf. Coming to know her as a dear friend, I have learned to communicate with her easily and without words. Albeit through many episodes of misinterpretation, I can often tell what she is saying through her gestures. I can tell when she is frustrated, mischievous, affectionate, or ready to end a conversation and get some rest. She is popular with the nurses and the other residents, remarkably communicating affection to them. ... I often find myself at the receiving end of her expressions of love."



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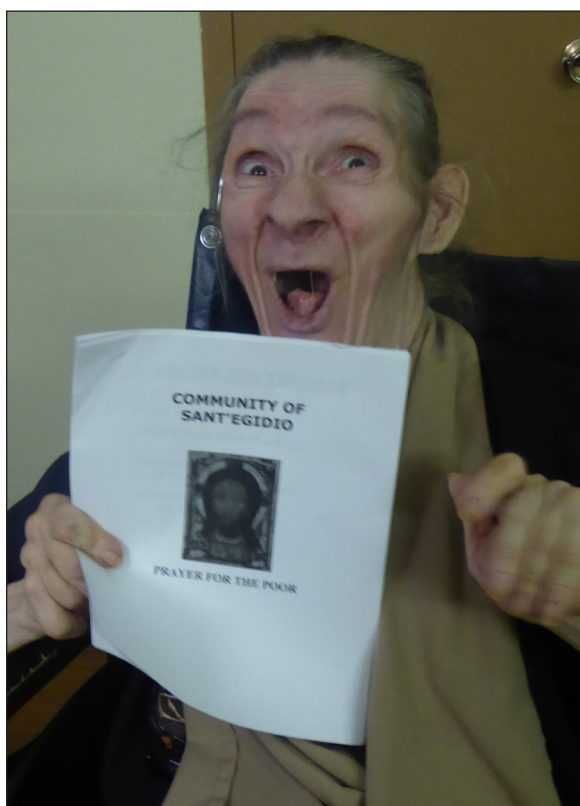
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Above, this white board is the manner through which visitors communicate with Dowlut.

At right, Dowlut, a stroke victim, is unable to communicate verbally but still manages to express joy during visits by the Sant'Egidio Community.

Dave Rubin, the pelvic issues and Larry David

At the end of January, I was interviewed in Los Angeles by Dave Rubin for his popular program, "The Rubin Report". Dave is a stand-up comedian, political satirist, protégé of Larry King and spokesman for, I think it's fair to say, the classically liberal, secularist worldview. He has demonstrated a particular interest in the issues raised by the new atheists and by the supposed conflict between religion and the sciences. He is also an advocate of gay marriage. You might be wondering, therefore, why he'd want to talk to a Catholic bishop. But this reveals one of his most appealing characteristics; namely, a willingness to engage points of view very different from his own. I found during my pleasant, stimulating hour with him that he has studied the methods of his mentor, Larry King, which is to say he asks good, searching questions but doesn't play "gotcha" or try to trip up his interlocutor.

About halfway through the conversation Dave turned to several hot-button issues, including abortion, pornography and gay marriage. I was more than happy to engage all of these, and I did so in a way that, I hope, struck the right balance between moral demand and mercy. I suppose you could watch the video and decide for yourself. But I will confess that the moment we turned to these matters, something in me tightened, precisely because I knew that, though this part of the interview covered perhaps 10 minutes, it would pretty much obscure everything else that we talked about. And judging from the thousands of comments on the videos, my instinct has proved to be more or less accurate. As I

have argued before, this preoccupation with "the pelvic issues" has served to undermine the work of evangelization.

When you read the great evangelizing texts of the New Testament — the Gospels, the Epistles of Paul, the book of Revelation, etc. — you don't get the impression that what their authors wanted you primarily to understand is sexual morality. Rather, they wanted you to know that the great story of Israel had come to its highpoint and that God, in the person of the crucified and risen Messiah, had come to reign as king of the world. God, redemption, the cross, the resurrection, Jesus the Lord, telling the Good News — these are the master themes of the New Testament. Again, please don't misunderstand me: God impinges upon all aspects of life and therefore placing our sex lives under the lordship of Jesus matters. But I fear that for so many people in the secular world today, religion is reduced to the policing of sexual behavior, and this is massively unfortunate.

I'd like to draw attention to one topic from my conversation with Dave Rubin that I think merits special consideration, since it shows an important link between Biblical religion and the very liberalism that Dave represents. Toward the end of our interview, he asked me about humor in relation to the Bible and referenced a number of famous Jewish comics, from Mel Brooks to Jerry Seinfeld to Larry David. I replied that whenever I hear such figures I do indeed think of the authors of the Scriptures, for the Bible is marked, through and through, by a playful irony and by a



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profound skepticism regarding power, authority and any claim to human perfectibility. Read Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, the author of the book of Jonah, the composer of first and second Samuel — especially in regard to kingship and institutional corruption — if you doubt me on this score. Much of our political sensibility in regard to checks and balances and much of our healthy skepticism in regard to the accumulation of power by any one person or one group, I insisted to Dave Rubin, are born of these Biblical instincts.

Nowhere is this principle on fuller display, I explained, than in the central symbol of the Christian religion. The cross of Jesus, depicting a tortured and humiliated man put to death by a corrupt political power, is held up as a kind of taunt to imperial Rome — and to any of Rome's successors down through the ages. What Christians say through that sign to all oppressive empires is this: You think you dominate the world through your threats and military power, but God's authority is greater than yours and God's might overwhelms yours. This is why it is a delicious (and typically Jewish) irony that Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, places over

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On orthodoxy

Orthodoxy is a multivalent term. It can refer in a more restricted or special sense to our brothers and sisters in the Eastern churches, and is often associated with particular national groups: the Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Armenian or Macedonian Orthodox, for example. Many of these wonderful Christian men and women live and work and pray in our diocese, and in terms of our ecumenical efforts, they have a special closeness to us as Catholics: They share with us both sacramental life and apostolic succession.

But orthodoxy is also a broader term used to refer to beliefs, teachings or ideas that are in accord with the established teaching of the community that is the church. And it is in this sense that the term is occasionally misused. Not infrequently one hears it said, "that individual is more orthodox" or "so-and-so is less orthodox" — the term being used rather loosely, and in fact often meaning nothing more than that the person in question happens to share the same opinions and world-view of the speaker (and so is "more orthodox") or has a difference of opinion from the speaker (and is thus "less orthodox").

To use the term in this way, however, is to misunderstand orthodoxy. Orthodoxy is like pregnancy: You either are or you aren't. No one is ever "more" or "less" pregnant, and likewise, no one is "more" or "less" orthodox. In terms of Catholic orthodoxy, there are no degrees or levels: you either are or you aren't. Orthodoxy means within the parameters established by



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the authority of the church and in accord with its public and defined teaching. If one's teaching or belief is in accord with the established teaching of the church and within the parameters established by the magisterium for "right belief," one cannot be considered anything but simply "orthodox," not "more" or "less" so.

Some individuals from time to time employ the language of "more" or "less" orthodox in order to praise those who share their views or to criticize their opponents — those who may or may not share the same emphases, devotions, interests or ecclesiastical aesthetic within the surprisingly broad and expansive intellectual horizon that is the Catholic Tradition. Sometimes, those who invoke "tradition" have only one small slice of "the tradition" in view, a "freeze-dried moment" or mere "snapshot" of a Tradition which is more broad — and far more interesting — than they might imagine. Unless it can be demonstrated that someone holds a view or belief that is clearly at variance with the established belief of the church, he or she cannot be considered anything but simply "orthodox."

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'Pray for those who persecute you'



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 5:38-48

The first reading is from the Book of Leviticus, one of the five books of the Pentateuch, the Torah, the basic revelation by God to the Chosen People.

This reading reports the day when God spoke to Moses. "I the Lord, your God, am holy," says God. He continues that no one must hate another, using the term "brother" as if to emphasize the point.

The reading sets the stage for the message from St. Matthew's

Gospel that will follow as the third reading.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians provides the second reading. A favorite image employed by Paul throughout his writings was that, through faith and in baptism, Christians literally bond with Christ. In Christ, they become heirs to eternal life. In Christ, they receive the Holy Spirit, bringing into their very beings divine grace and strength.

Having made this point, the Apostle then continues to remind the Corinthian Christians that, ultimately, they are not wise. They may be wise in a worldly sense, but often genuine wisdom comes across as foolishness to the worldly.

It was a fitting reminder. Corinth was totally immersed in the pagan world of the Roman Empire. Everything seemingly extolled the majesty of the Roman culture. This culture had created the legal system that brought order to human society, a system that still lives, being the basis of law in Western

civilization to this day. The very wonders of Roman architecture and art reaffirmed the depth and greatness of human wisdom in the empire.

Against this backdrop of the splendor of all things Roman and pagan, Paul tells the Corinthians that there is much more.

St. Matthew's Gospel furnishes the last reading. The context is the Sermon on the Mount, as Christians long ago came to call this section of the Gospel. In the background is the Jewish preoccupation with keeping God's law. In the Covenant, so basic to Judaism, God called the Jews to obedience. In obeying divine law, they would indeed be God's people, and God would protect them and bless them.

Here, in this reading from St. Matthew's Gospel, the Lord sets forth a series of contrasts. He gives a basis for obeying the law, separating truly Christian response to the law, which is love for God and others, from a series of mere maxims and rules.

Reflection

God has revealed to us the divine law. It is no set of rules for the sake of rules. Rather, it is the blueprint by which we can live, more fully resembling the perfection and love that dwells in the Holy Trinity. So, the law of God is vitally important.

In each of the statements of Jesus recorded in this reading from St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus draws a significant comparison. Realizing that God's law, as revealed to Moses, is of God and cannot be abridged or cancelled, the Lord did not discount the law or belittle it.

Rather, these words illustrate the fact that the Lord came to fulfill it. What does this mean? Observing God's law does not mean simply going through motions, as meaningful as the results may be. More profoundly, it means obeying God because of trust in, and love for, God.

God is love, and at the root of God's love is love. God lovingly revealed the divine law to

us for our benefit. If we respond because of our love for God, to be with God, then we obey fittingly. Then our obedience assumes a wonderfully higher personal meaning.

The reading finally reveals to us the identity of the Lord. God gave the law. Only God, as lawgiver, can interpret the law. Jesus acts in a divine role by answering questions about the law. He is God.

READINGS

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 30-40 Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6 Mt 16:13-19

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35 Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-18 Mk 10:13-16

How does the Catholic Church resolve new bioethical questions?

A number of years ago, I participated in a debate at Harvard on embryonic stem cell research that also included a Jewish rabbi, an Episcopalian clergyman and a Muslim imam. The debate went smoothly and cordially, although I was the only voice in the group who defended the human rights of individuals who happen still to be embryos. After the debate, the Episcopalian clergyman pulled me aside and told me how he thought Catholics should consider themselves fortunate to have such an authoritative reference point in the church and the Vatican, particularly when it comes to resolving new bioethical questions. With surprising candor, he shared how he had sat on various committees with others from his own faith tradition where they had tried to sort through the ethics of embryonic stem cells, and he lamented, "we just ended up discussing feelings and opinions, without any good way to arrive at conclusions."

Many people, indeed, appreciate that the Catholic Church holds firm and well-defined positions on moral questions, even if they may remain unsure about how or why the church actually arrives at those positions, especially when it comes to unpacking new scientific developments like embryonic stem cell research.

So how does the church arrive at its positions on bioethics? For one thing, it takes its time and doesn't jump to conclusions even in the face of media pressure for quick sound bites and rapid-fire news stories.

I once had a discussion with a journalist for a major newspaper about the ethics of human-animal chimeras. He mentioned that a leading researcher working on chimeras had met the pope and afterwards implied that the pope had given his blessing to the project. I reminded him that it's quite common for the pope to offer general encouragement and blessings to those he meets, though that wouldn't be

the same thing as sanctioning new and morally controversial techniques in the biosciences. As a rule, the Catholic Church does not address important bioethical questions that way, through chance encounters with the pope as you are strolling through the hallways of the Vatican.

Instead, the church may reflect for months, years or even decades to identify important considerations and guiding principles when new moral dilemmas arise in the biosciences. Even with this slow and deliberative process, I think it's fair to say that the church generally stays ahead of the curve. By the time of the successful cloning of Dolly the sheep in 1996, for example, the Catholic Church had already been reflecting on the question of human cloning for many years and concluded, nine years prior to Dolly, that human cloning would be morally unacceptable in an important document called "Donum Vitae" ("On the Gift of Life").

This same document also identified key moral problems with doing human embryonic stem cell research 11 years before it was even possible to destructively obtain those cells from human embryos. When the first test tube baby was born in 1978, the serious moral concerns raised by the procedure had already been spelled out 22 years earlier, by Pope Pius XII, in his 1956 allocution to the Second World Congress on Fertility and Human Sterility, wherein he concluded: "As regards experiments of human artificial fecundation 'in vitro,' let it be sufficient to observe that they must be rejected as immoral and absolutely unlawful."

Whenever definitive conclusions about medical ethics are reached or otherwise clarified by the church, they are normally promulgated through official church documents like papal encyclicals and addresses, or, with the approval of the pope, documents and commentaries from the Congregation for



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

the Doctrine of the Faith — the Vatican office responsible for preserving and interpreting Catholic doctrine — or other congregations, councils or dicasteries of the church.

Even today, certain bioethical controversies remain under active discussion within the church, such as the question of whether it would be allowable to "adopt" abandoned frozen embryos by implanting and gestating them in volunteer mothers. While a 2007 CDF document expressed some reservations and concerns about the proposal, debate continues inside and outside the Vatican.

New medical discoveries and technological developments challenge us to careful moral reflection and discernment. These scientific developments can either be an opportunity for genuine human advancement or can lead to activities and policies that undermine human dignity. The U.S. bishops, in a recent document, summed it up this way: "In consultation with medical professionals, church leaders review these developments, judge them according to the principles of right reason and the ultimate standard of revealed truth, and offer authoritative teaching and guidance about the moral and pastoral responsibilities entailed by the Christian faith. While the church cannot furnish a ready answer to every moral dilemma, there are many questions about which she provides normative guidance and direction."

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the Scriptures squint skeptically, indeed, at such programs. I would argue that political liberalism at its best — wary of power, critical of political oppression, protective of those likely to be exploited by various forms of imperialism — is deeply rooted in the Jewish/Biblical mindset.

Anyway, I am very grateful to Dave Rubin for the interview and the opportunity to explore a number of issues related to faith and society. I just hope that his viewers can appreciate that there is a lot more to Christianity than the "pelvic issues."

Bishop Robert Barron is an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for February 19, 2017

Matthew 5:38-48

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: the law based on love and godliness. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

AN EYE	TOOTH	STRIKES YOU
RIGHT CHEEK	THE OTHER	CLOAK
ONE MILE	GIVE TO	LOVE
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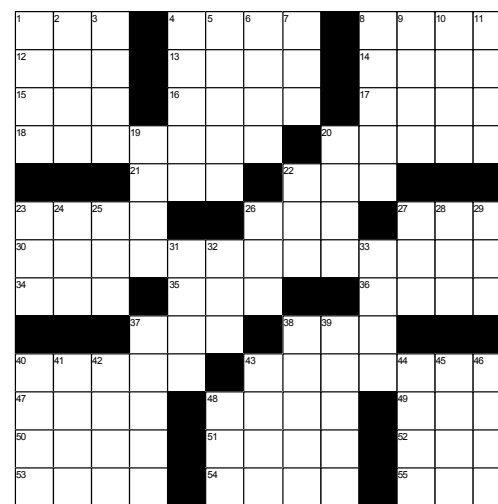
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Based on readings: Lv 19: 1-2,17-18; 1 Cor 3: 16-23; Mt 5:38-48 and Is 49: 14=15; 1Cor 4:1-5 & Mt 6:24-34

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| ACROSS | 22 Cannot serve ___ and Mammon | 28 Used to anoint |
| 1 Abbreviation for Book of Samuel | 23 Most High ___ | 29 Glacial |
| 4 Northeast by east | 26 Cat | 31 Follow commandment |
| 8 One of the soldiers did to Jesus | 27 Luau dish | 32 Billion years |
| 12 Compass point | 30 Waterpower electricity | 33 Melt |
| 13 "She" in French | 34 Still | 37 Curtain |
| 14 Apple center | 35 Child | 38 Have nests |
| 15 Anti-ballistic missile | 36 God is (good) | 39 Trouble |
| 16 Wrote to Corinthians | 37 Fox's home | 40 Cautious |
| 17 Falls on the just and the unjust | 38 Business degree | 41 Margarine |
| 18 Will validation | 40 Cannot lengthen life | 42 Rise up - horse |
| 20 Gladiator people | 43 Spectators | 43 Henry ___ (Tudor) |
| 21 Bullfight cheer | 47 Airborne Law Enforcement Association | 44 Otherwise |
| | 48 Ventilates | 45 Knocks |
| | | 46 Hit a fly |
| | | 48 Extremity |

Answer Key can be found on page 19

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Catholic orthodoxy is a rich, complex and beautiful thing; it is not narrow, constrained or rigid. Rather, as Chesterton came to recognize, it is a "romance" fit for an "adventurer."

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the cross of Jesus a sign that reads "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews," making Pilate the first great evangelist.

Relatedly, there is no text on earth more insistent upon the foibles, follies and wickedness of human beings than the Bible. Whereas many philosophies of the ancient world — Platonism and Gnosticism come readily to mind — teach some form of human perfectibility, and whereas many ideologies of modernity — Nazism and Communism most prominently — hold out utopian fantasies,

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Sacred Heart community meal
WARSAW — Knee Time women's prayer group will prepare and host the monthly community meal Tuesday, Feb. 21, in Sacred Heart School gym from 5:30-7 p.m. All are welcome.

Football smoker planned
FORT WAYNE — A Notre Dame Football Smoker will be Sunday, March 5, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at St. Joe Hessen Cassel activity center. This is a stag-only event. Presale tickets are \$20 and are available at 9 Mile Restaurant

or by calling Chuck at 260-450-4016. Tickets are \$25 at the door and seating may be limited. Must be 21 years old to enter. Admission includes all you can eat and drink. There will be duck races, door prizes and more. All proceeds benefit the St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Knights of Columbus, Council 12379 and the school.

Fish fry
ANGOLA — St. Anthony of Padua Knights of Columbus are offering a Lenten Fish Fry in the

Parish Hall at 700 W. Maumee St. from 5-7 p.m. on Feb. 17, March 3, 17, 31 and April 7. Dinner is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 4-12 and children under 3 are free. For more information contact the parish office at 260-665-2259.

St. Vincent's Career Ministry
FORT WAYNE — The St. Vincent de Paul Parish career ministry will meet Monday, Feb. 20, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Vincent's Spiritual Center, 1502 E. Wallen Rd., for one-on-one coaching, networking, educational resources as well as guest speaker and executive Bill Ambrose. Through Ambrose's presentation, "The Value of Being a Servant," you will not only learn how to prioritize and re-focus your job search but you will also discover what potential lies before you. Change your perspective and you will change your results. Bring a copy of your resume.

A do-it-yourself Lenten retreat
NIX SETTLEMENT — Father Michael Gaitley's book, "33 days to Morning Glory" will be the basis for a do-it-yourself retreat for Lent that will begin Feb. 20. Consecration Day is Saturday March 25, Feast of the Annunciation, with Father Dale Bauman at St. Cathrine of Alexandria, St. Rd. 9 and 114. The 8 a.m. Mass and Marian Consecration are open to all. Contact John Francis for the book and more information at 260-358-1989.

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Martin L. Horn, 65, St. Vincent de Paul

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 Jeremiah Driscoll, 84, SS. Peter and Paul

Sr. Anne Victoria McNulty, OLVN, 92, Noll Chapel

Mishawaka
 Louis Kalil, 94, St. Monica

Notre Dame
 Ellen J. Malone 92, St. Joseph Chapel

New Carlisle
 John F. Lubinski, 84, St. Stanislaus Kostka

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 Virginia Lee Brames, 86, St. Louis Besancon

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Carl Matthew Kay, 71, Holy Family

Therese Raven, 86, St. Therese, Little Flower

Veronica Puchala, 96, Christ the King

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Garage sale helps seventh grade
FORT WAYNE — The seventh-grade class of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School will have a garage sale on Saturday, March 18, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the school, 10650 Aboite Ctr. Rd. All proceeds from the sale will benefit their eighth-grade class trip the following school year.

Volunteers needed
SOUTH BEND — Catholic Charities has openings for volunteers in the Sewing or Yarn Crafters groups who meet at the South Bend office to make items for those in need. Donations of yarn or material also appreciated. For more information call 574-234-3111.

St. Patrick Day celebrations planned
SOUTH BEND — St. Patrick Church will offer the Celtic Mass at 9 a.m. followed by coffee and donuts. After the 11 a.m. downtown Irish Parade, St. Patrick Church will have the annual St. Patrick Day dinner in the par-

ish hall at 308 S. Scott St. on Saturday, March 18, from noon to 5 p.m. Live Irish music and dance. Beer and pop will also be available.

Las Vegas Night
SOUTH BEND — Holy Family Church Ushers Club, 56405 Mayflower Rd., will have Las Vegas Night Saturday, March 4, from 6-11 p.m. in the parish center. Tickets are \$8 in advance at the rectory and \$10 at the door. Ticket includes sandwiches, beverages and a chance in \$1000 drawing. Lic#143000

Mardi Gras dance
FORT WAYNE — The St. Gaspar del Bufalo Council No. 11043 Knights will host a Mardi Gras Dance on Saturday Feb. 25, in the gymnasium at Most Precious Blood, 1515 Barthold St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with music by the band "Actual Size" from 7-11 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks provided; a cash bar will be available. Advance tickets at www.kofc11043.org. Cost is \$30 per couple, or \$40 per couple at the door. Must be 21 years of age or older to attend.

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was a reference to the Eucharistic discourse in St. John's Gospel for the Mass. "Embrace the countercultural values you learn here," he added. "People are hungry for truth, freedom, justice, peace, meaning and purpose. The bread of God satisfies all the hungers of the heart. None of the pressures from the world will grant you the happiness you seek."

The date of Bishop's pastoral visit to the school fell on the feast day of Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel, foundress of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. The close connection between the sisters and Marian High School led Bishop Rhoades to invite the Franciscan friars and sisters to join in celebrating Mass together with the students and staff. The faithful who were present heard about the mission and ministry of Blessed Maria Theresia, which tied in with Bishop's message of discovery and discernment.

"Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel is a perfect example of faith," he said. Even though she was a woman who grew up in a wealthy family, with countless opportunities for what she could do with her life, she discerned as a child that she wished live like St. Francis of Assisi, later founding a religious community of sisters who served the poor, sick and orphans in Germany. In the 1870s, six of the sisters traveled to the U.S and started a hospital in Lafayette. Eventually the sisters were transferred to Mishawaka, where they reside today.

"If it weren't for the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, there would be no Marian High School," Bishop expounded. "They donated the land for this school to be built. Just as Mother Maria's motto was, 'He leads, I follow,' so I encourage you to use your time of discovery and discernment to work for the food that endures for eternal life."

For everyone, discovery includes self-knowledge: understanding one's natural gifts and talents, as well as supernatural gifts, which are most important of all. Discernment begins with praying about and being open to one's vocation to the priesthood, religious or consecrated life, or marriage. For many people, both self-knowledge and discernment unfurl slowly beginning in the teen years but continuing throughout adult life. Bishop Rhoades encouraged the students to "pray, ask and be open" to God's will for their lives every day.

A major part of being open includes education about the plight of those who are suffering throughout the world. Bishop Rhoades recalled and shared about his time spent in the Holy Land in January as part of the Catholic Relief Services board of directors, specifically in the war-torn areas of Palestine and Gaza. After meeting with leaders of the Palestinian government to understand more about the current political, economic and religious climate, he realized how incredibly divided, tense and oppressed the people of the Middle East truly are. One of the highlights of the trip, however, was helping the Missionaries of Charity take care of the disabled children and elderly in the homes they established near the one Catholic church in Gaza. "Learn about the church's work in these areas of the world. There are so many people hurting and suffering who need our help," he concluded.

These closing remarks of the Mass segued into Bishop Rhoades' classroom visits, mainly to theology classes: Apologetics, for seniors; Christ's Mission Continues in the Church, for sophomores; and Christology: Who is Jesus Christ? for freshmen. The conversations each began as true encounters between the bishop and the students, who seemed to feel comfortable opening up and laughing about their everyday lives. The youth were vibrant in the presence of the bishop and unpacked conversations about original sin, what the faculties of the bishop include, and even how St. Thomas Aquinas' theology is relevant today.

Midday, Bishop Rhoades mingled with student members of Campus Ministry and the Student Council over lunch as they shared both a prayer and the meal. Many of the students discussed issues that concerned them and ways they wanted to make a difference in the world, to which the bishop responded, "Speak with respect for the other, and be honest. Be evangelizers, not proselytizers."



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades blesses the congregation with the relic of Blessed Maria Theresia Bonzel, the foundress of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.



The bishop accepts the offertory gifts from Marian High School junior Audrey Carr and senior Erin Waltman.

Photos by Kevin Haggenjos



Students in Mary Ann Hinora's freshman class titled, "Who Is Jesus Christ?" listen attentively to Bishop Rhoades during a classroom visit that followed an all-school Mass.



Marian Principal Mark Kirzeder and the bishop hold signs of appreciation for Marian alumnus Demetrius Jackson, '13, who went on to play basketball at the University of Notre Dame and, currently, the Boston Celtics. Jackson recently made a gift of equipment to the school's basketball teams.



Seventeen members of the Marian Student Council and Campus Ministry enjoyed lunch and a conversation with Bishop Rhoades during his time at the school on Feb. 10.