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This coming week, the church throughout the world celebrates Holy Week. During Holy Week, the church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of His life on earth, beginning with His messianic entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

Holy Week reaches its climax during the three days called "The Paschal (or Easter) Triduum," the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the passing of the Lord Jesus from this world to His Father. The Paschal Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and ends with Vespers of Easter Sunday. Good Friday, the day of Our Lord's death on the cross, is a day of fasting and abstinence.

"On Holy Saturday, the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on His Passion and Death and on His Descent into Hell, and awaiting His Resurrection" (Roman Missal) On Holy Saturday night, the church keeps vigil. The Mass of the Easter Vigil, which can only be celebrated after sunset, begins the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord.

Nate Proulx

"The Cross of Christ! Ever blossoming, the tree of the Cross continues to bear new fruits of salvation. This is why believers look with confidence to the Cross, drawing from its mystery of love the courage and strength to walk faithfully in the footsteps of the crucified and risen Christ. Thus the message of the Cross has entered the hearts of so many men and women and changed their lives." — Pope St. John Paul II

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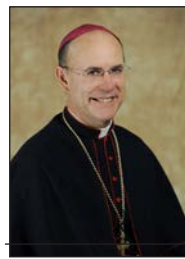
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The beauty and the power of the Chrism Mass



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The Chrism Mass is one of the most joyful and intense liturgies of the year, in my experience as a bishop. It evokes the joy I feel when celebrating Masses of priestly ordination. I also feel the faith and vitality of the diocesan Church as so many laity and religious fill the cathedral to pray for our priests as they renew their priestly promises at the Chrism Mass. Their love for our priests is evident as they spontaneously erupt in applause for our priests at some point during the liturgy.

The readings and prayers at the Chrism Mass offer rich material for prayer and reflection, centered on the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the consecration that anointing brings about. The Anointed One, Christ Himself, was consecrated our great High Priest. At the Chrism Mass, we recall that His priesthood, by God's design, continues in the Church. The consecration of the chrism which will be used at Baptisms and Confirmations reminds us that "Christ... adorns with a royal priesthood the people he has made his own." The chrism will also be used to anoint the hands of the newly ordained priests and reminds us that "with a brother's kindness Christ also chooses men to become sharers in His sacred ministry through the laying on of hands" (Preface of Chrism Mass).

The Roman Missal says that the Chrism Mass "should be, as it were, a manifestation of the Priests' communion with their Bishop." Though I experience that "communion" with my priests at other concelebrated liturgies during the year, the experience is particularly intense at the Chrism Mass. I am reminded of my own priestly ordination and thereby feel united "as a brother" to all the priests who renew their priestly promises. We share a special unity in consecration and mission, a shared love for Christ and His Church that flows from the grace of our priestly ordination.



Kevin Haggenjos

The Oil of the Catechumens, Sacred Chrism and Oil of the Infirm, from left, are pictured at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend.

When I look out at the priests during the Chrism Mass, I see younger men whom I was privileged to ordain. For me, they are "spiritual sons" in a unique way. I see priests my age, with whom I share a similar priestly and cultural formation and experiences. I see priests who are older, many who have served in the ministry many more years than I. They are men whose fidelity inspires me since they have truly borne "the burden of the day and the heat" (cf. Mt 20:12). All these brothers in the one priesthood of Christ have given themselves to the service of the Church and witness to the Lord who is our Teacher, Priest and Shepherd.

The actual renewal of priestly promises at the Chrism Mass reminds us of the integrity to which we are called as priests of Jesus Christ. The Church, through the Bishop, asks the priests if they are resolved "to be more united with the Lord Jesus and more closely conformed to Him,... and to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God...". The questions refer to self-denial, not seeking gain and zeal for souls. These questions humble us since we know our failures and weaknesses. It is good that we publicly express our desire and resolve, trusting in God's grace, to be converted anew as disciples and witnesses of the Good Shepherd. We who are confessors are also penitents who need to seek again and again the pardon and strength of God in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Prayer over the Offerings at the Chrism Mass expresses in a succinct way the powerful petition we offer especially for our priests: "May the power of this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, mercifully wipe away what is old in us and increase in us grace of salvation and newness of life." This is a prayer filled with hope in the power of the Eucharistic sacrifice to renew us in our priestly life and ministry. The Eucharist, which Pope St. John Paul II called "the principal and central raison d'être of the sacrament of the Priesthood," which we offer every day for our people, also purifies us in the mystery of the Redemption. In His great mercy, the Lord truly wipes away what is old in us and bestows upon us an increase of His grace.

The renewal of priestly promises, the blessing of new oils and the consecration of new chrism remind us of the perennial "newness" of the Gospel, of our faith, and of the ministerial priesthood. Of course, we remember the past; we remember our ordination; and we remember the Paschal mystery. We remember with thanksgiving, yet in remembering, we experience new joy and hope which brings new fruitfulness to our ministry. For me, this is the beauty and the power of the Chrism Mass each year.

Chrism Mass schedule

Monday, April 10: 7:30 p.m.,
St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend

Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.,
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception,
Fort Wayne

All are welcome and encouraged to attend
these Masses.



Holy Week public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, April 9: 11 a.m. — Mass, Palm Sunday, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
Sunday, April 9: 7:15 p.m. — Service of Prayer for the Martyrs, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
Monday, April 10: 7:30 p.m. — Chrism Mass, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
Tuesday, April 11: 7:30 p.m. — Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
Thursday, April 13: 6:30 p.m. — Mass, Holy Thursday, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
Friday, April 14: 1 p.m. — Good Friday Service, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
Saturday, April 15: 9 p.m. — Mass, Easter Vigil, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
Sunday, April 16: 10:30 a.m. — Mass, Easter Sunday, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Huntington

Bishops urge bipartisan approach on health care reform

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Now that lawmakers have withdrawn the American Health Care Act, Congress must “seize this moment to create a new spirit of bipartisanship” and make “necessary reforms” in existing health care law to address access, affordability, life and conscience, said three U.S. bishops’ committee chairmen.

The GOP bill was removed from consideration by the House at the eleventh hour March 24 because its passage looked unlikely, as a number of lawmakers disagreed with several of its provisions as well as the process that led to the drafting of the bill.

The measure “contained serious deficiencies, particularly in its changes to Medicaid, that would have impacted the poor and others most in need in unacceptable ways,” the bishops said in a joint letter to Congress dated March 30 and released March 31 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

But the committee chairmen also said that withdrawal of the bill “must not end our nation’s efforts to improve health care.”

The letter was signed by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty; and Bishop Frank J. Dewane of Venice, Fla., chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.

The bishops stressed that a positive aspect to the proposed legislation was its “critical life protections for the unborn.”

“By restricting federal funding for abortion, its providers and the purchase of plans that cover it, the bill would have finally resolved a grave moral failing rooted within the very structure of the Affordable Care Act,” they said.

The letter also pointed out issues that still need to be addressed, such as conscience protections for those who participate in the delivery or coverage of health care services, problems of rising costs and premiums and the obstacles to immigrant access to health care.

“Lawmakers still have a duty to confront these significant challenges. While a comprehensive approach is preferable, some of the problems can be fixed with more narrow reforms, and in a bipartisan way,” the bishops said, suggesting that Congress pass the Conscience Protection Act, extend full Hyde Amendment protections to the Affordable Care Act, and enact other targeted laws to remove current and impending barriers to obtaining health care.

The 41-year-old Hyde Amendment, which has to be



CNS photo/Carlos Barria, Reuters
U.S. President Donald Trump talks to journalists in the Oval Office at the White House March 24 after the American Health Care Act was pulled before a vote. Now that lawmakers have withdrawn the bill, Congress must “seize this moment to create a new spirit of bipartisanship” and make “necessary reforms” in existing health care law to address access, affordability, life and conscience, said three U.S. bishops’ committee chairmen.

approved each year as part of the budget for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, prohibits tax dollars from paying for abortion except in cases of rape, incest or threat to the woman’s life. The Conscience Protection Act 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.

Sister Carol Keehan, a Daughter of Charity, who is president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association, said her organization is “pleased that the hastily crafted American Health Care Act did not garner enough support from congressional members for it to be approved in the House of Representatives.”

In a statement to be published in the April 15 issue of Catholic Health World, a CHA publication, Sister Keehan said the association remains “concerned about the continued affordability and stability of the individual health insurance market under the ACA.” She said she hopes Congress will work in a bipartisan way going forward to address those challenges, adding that it has “a perfect opportunity to do that now.”

Sister Keehan, who heads an organization of more than 600 hospitals and 1,400 long-term care and other health facilities in the United States, said “maintaining health care coverage is not a problem either party can

solve alone at this point, but it is solvable with bipartisan efforts.”

“CHA is anxious to cooperate with President Donald Trump and Congress in working toward a solution that is better for everyone. We need to craft a solution that seeks the common good for all Americans,” she said.

In a March 17 letter to House members about the American Health Care Act, Bishop Dewane said the bill’s inclusion of “critical life protections” was laudable, but other provisions, including those related to Medicaid and tax credits, were troubling.

“The ACA is, by no means, a perfect law,” Bishop Dewane said. “The Catholic bishops of the United States registered serious objections at the time of its passage. However, in attempting to improve the deficiencies of the ACA, health care policy ought not create other unacceptable problems, particularly for those who struggle on the margins of our society.”

Main provisions of the shelved legislation included: eliminating the mandate that most individuals have health insurance and putting in its place a new system of tax credits; expanding Health Savings Accounts; repealing Medicaid expansion and transitioning to a “per capita allotment”; and prohibiting health insurers from denying coverage or charging more money to patients based on pre-existing conditions.

Sant’Egidio Prayer for Martyrs



Provided by Jennifer Miller

The Community of Sant’Egidio will hold a Service of Prayer for the Martyrs at 7:15 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 9, at St. Matthew Cathedral, 1701 Miami St., South Bend. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will preside. All are welcome and invited to pray for those who died for their faith and for those who are being persecuted today.

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Ten safety lessons to teach your child

Parents, as your children grow and progress through school, they also embark on increasingly greater independence. They spend more time away from home and less time under your watchful eye. For their safety, teach your children these lessons in right relationships and personal safety.

Trust your feelings

God created us to experience emotions for a reason. When we are faced with danger we experience fear, preparing us to fight or flee. We experience anxiety or apprehension at times, as a precursor, warning us in advance of pending danger. Teaching your child to notice and respond to their feelings can help them avoid danger and help you know when to take a closer look at their surroundings.

Give and expect respect

As Catholic Christians, we are called to respect all human life. We are all part of God's creation and deserving of dignity and respect. By your words, actions and interactions with your children, teach them that they are precious gifts from God. Make it clear that they are to respect others and that they are worthy of respect and dignity themselves.

Question motives

Children are born vulnerable. It is the job of adults, especially parents, to look out for the best interest of children. Make it clear to your children that, as their parents, you are the adults whom God has called to take primary care and responsibility for them. Teach your children to be wary of other adults who flood them with gifts and attention. Teach them to question "What's up?" with an adult who wants to spend most of their time with them, hangs out with them and their friends instead of other adults, buys them alcohol or otherwise tempts them to break your rules. Teach your children to ask the questions, "What's in it for them? ... Do they have my best interest at heart?"

Avoid going alone

There is safety in numbers. Encourage your child to take a friend along when going out, to hang out in groups and to spend time in places where there are trusted adults to supervise or step in if they need help.

Know the rules for adult interaction

Teach your children what a healthy adult/child relationship is. Teach them what to expect from an adult and what to question. Encourage them to tell you if an adult is breaking the rules or pressuring them to break the rules.

Speak up

Teach your children to tell someone if they are feeling uncomfortable. Sometimes we think we are doing the right thing by keeping our feelings inside. But if someone is making us uncomfortable, we aren't helping anyone by keeping our feelings to ourselves. If someone cares about us, they will want to know how we feel because they don't want to do anything to hurt us. If they don't care how we feel, then we need help getting out or dealing with that relationship.

Know your comfort zone

Everyone has a different comfort zone with regard to physical boundaries. That comfort zone can vary depending on the nature of our relationship with others. Teach your children to be aware of their comfort zone. Offer some suggestions about safe boundaries. Give them some ideas of what to do if someone crosses the line.

Be sure someone knows where you are

Reinforce to your children that it is your job to keep them safe, but you can't protect them if you don't know where they are. Remind them, "If no one knows where you are, there won't be anyone to assist you in an emergency." Show them through your words and actions that people who care about each other, even adults, look out for each other in this way.

Talk to your parents

Keep lines of communication open. Inquire about your child's life. Listen actively as they speak. Teach them by listening, accepting and respecting their privacy, that they can tell you anything. Let them know that their safety is your top priority,

10 SAFETY LESSONS TO TEACH YOUR CHILD

Trust your feelings.

Treat others with **Respect** and expect to be treated the same.

Question the motives of adults who single you out with gifts, privileges attention.

Avoid going Alone.

KNOW THE RULES FOR ADULT / CHILD INTERACTIONS.

Speak Up - tell someone if you are feeling uncomfortable.

Know your Comfort Zone and expect others to respect your boundaries.

Be Sure Someone **Knows Where You Are.**

TALK - TO YOUR PARENTS IT'S THEIR JOB TO KEEP YOU SAFE.

Remember you have the **Right to Say NO** when you feel unsafe.

Information provided by the Diocese of Grand Island, Neb.

but you can't help them if they don't tell you what is going on.

You have the right to say no

God created us, as human beings, with the ability to make independent behavioral choices. And as human beings, we don't always make good choices. Teach your children that they have the right to set limits on

others' behavior if they are feeling unsafe. Help them decide if the behavior another individual is choosing to engage in is right for them. Reinforce to them that God, our creator, wants us to be safe. Teach your children when and how to say no.

Information provided by Elizabeth A. Heidt Kozisek, Safe Environment coordinator for the Diocese of Grand Island, Neb.

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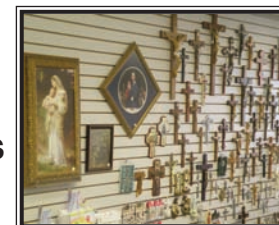
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Bill to strengthen parental rights for minors seeking abortion advances in the House

INDIANAPOLIS — A bill to strengthen parental rights for minors seeking abortion passed a House panel on March 28 by a vote of 8-4 and moves to the full House for further consideration.

Senate Bill 404, authored by Sen. Erin Houchin, R-Salem, would require parents to verify their identity for a minor child seeking an abortion. The measure aims to prevent adults who are not a minor's parent from posing as the minor's parent and would prohibit a person from aiding or assisting a minor who is pregnant in obtaining an abortion without parental consent. Parents could collect damages against an adult who either posed as the minor child's parent to obtain an abortion, or aided or assisted the minor in obtaining an abortion. The legislation also increases the age for reporting child abuse from age 14 to age 16.

"This is a bill about strengthening parental rights. This is not

a bill about women seeking abortion. It's about children seeking abortions, and the right of her parents to participate in that decision," said Houchin. "This is about parental rights, not women's rights. It strengthens parental rights that already exist."

Current law requires parental consent before a minor child may receive an abortion. However, there is no requirement that the person claiming to be the parent or guardian provide proof of identity. We can't just assume the person claiming to be the parent, is not a friend or other family member who is taking the child without the parent's knowledge."

Houchin said parents have to be present or give permission for a minor to get a tattoo or ears pierced, but under current law, there is no proof required for parents when that child seeks an abortion. "We are requiring parental consent by proof of identity," said Houchin.

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Current law allows minors to obtain an abortion without parental consent through a legal procedure called a judicial bypass, whereby a judge may determine if a minor is mature enough to have an abortion without parental consent. When asked by a House panel member how many minors seek a judicial bypass annually in Indiana, Judge Marilyn Moores, presiding judge of the Marion County Juvenile Courts who handles judicial bypasses, said that annually only a handful of minors, not more than 10, seek a judicial bypass for abortion.

Glenn Tebbe, executive director for the Indiana Catholic

Conference, said human life, created in the image and likeness of God deserves respect. Tebbe said, "Senate Bill 404 provides a clarification regarding parental notification and protection of a minor seeking an abortion, and assures notification to the proper authorities. It allows minors to be protected against sexual predators and abuse by persons who may pose as a parent of a minor so the minor can get an abortion."

"Parents have the right and responsibility to be involved in the decisions of their children's life and life-altering decisions," said Tebbe. "It will be the parent who assists the child in the aftermath of an abortion physically, emotionally and spiritually. Senate Bill 404 restores a parent's rightful position."

According to Indiana Right to Life, a pro-life advocacy organization, at least 15 other states have passed legislation similar to Senate Bill 404 requiring parental verification for a minor seeking an abortion as part of the state's parental consent law.

Rep. Peggy Mayfield, R-Martinsville, House sponsor of the bill, offered an amendment before the House Public Policy Committee which was adopted as part of the bill. Mayfield's amendment removed a controversial provision requiring parental notification prior to the hearing for a judicial bypass. It also added that parental consent of a minor would require the parent to accompany the minor in person to the abortion facility, and show proof of identity. The new language also delineates two types of licensing; one for surgical abortion centers and another for chemical abortion providers. Current law provides only one type of licensing which all abortion providers must obtain.

In the final weeks of the Indiana General Assembly, lawmakers will move into the conference committee phase to complete negotiations on legislation which advanced in both houses, but passed different versions. If a conference committee is able to reach a consensus, the conference committee report must be voted on a final time by the House and Senate before it could become law. Tebbe said Senate Bill 404 is likely to move to four-member conference committee, where the House and Senate versions of the bill will be reconciled.

The Indiana General Assembly must adjourn by the April 29 deadline; however, Tebbe said lawmakers plan to adjourn a week earlier this year.

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Last three popes share close bond to Fatima

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Recent popes have had a special affection for Our Lady of Fatima, but no pope's connection can match that of St. John Paul II.

"We cannot forget that he was saved by Our Lady of Fatima from the assassination attempt here in St. Peter's. This is fundamental and central. It is never forgotten," Portuguese Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, former prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, told Catholic News Service March 29. Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turk, shot Pope John Paul at close range as the pope was greeting a crowd in St. Peter's Square on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 1981. St. John Paul would later credit his survival to her, saying, "It was a mother's hand that guided the bullet's path." Pope Benedict, the cardinal said, was a "great devotee" of Our Lady of Fatima, even before his election to the papacy. And the special papal bond with Our Lady of Fatima continues today with Pope Francis, who as archbishop of Buenos Aires, was a frequent visitor to a shrine in the Argentine city devoted to her, Cardinal Saraiva Martins said. Pope Francis will visit Fatima May 12-13 to mark the 100th anniversary of the apparitions.

"Today we need faith, to be closer to God and our brothers and sisters — not hate each other — we need hope and we need peace," Cardinal Saraiva Martins said. "In short, the message of Fatima given 100 years ago is of extreme relevance."

Bill passes to allow states to redirect funds away from abortion clinics

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Senate voted late March 30 to override a rule change made by in the last days of the Obama administration that prevented states from redirecting Title X family planning funding away from clinics that performed abortions and to community clinics that provide comprehensive health care. "The clear purpose of this Title X rule change was to benefit abortion providers like Planned Parenthood," said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, who is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities. "Congress has done well to reverse this very bad public policy, and to restore the ability of states to stop one stream of our tax dollars going to Planned Parenthood and redirect it to community health centers that provide comprehensive primary and preventive health care," he said in a March 31 statement. Midday March 30 Vice President Mike Pence, as president of the Senate, cast a tiebreaking vote that allowed Senate action to proceed on a joint resolution to

Syrian religious sister honored by State Department



CNS photo/Kevin Lamarque, Reuters

First lady Melania Trump presents Sister Carolin Tahhan Fachakh of Syria with the 2017 Secretary of State's International Women of Courage Award, for advocating for women's rights, during a March 29 award ceremony at the U.S. State Department in Washington.

block the Obama-era regulation that went into Jan. 18, two days before President Barack Obama left office.

French priest pleads for safety of North Korean refugees

PARIS (CNS) — A French Catholic priest working with North Korean refugees in China said conditions have worsened for surviving Christians under the dictatorship of Kim Jong Un and urged the Chinese government to give shelter to fugitives from the communist-ruled country. Father Philippe Blot, who works with the Paris Foreign Mission Society, described the situation facing North Korean refugees as "becoming ever more dramatic" as they flee to China to avoid dying of hunger. "The 200,000 North Koreans now in China shouldn't be forcibly repatriated," he said in an interview with France's *Le Monde* daily March 30. "They all know they'll be tortured, sent to camps and killed if this happens." The priest said he had been asked for help from refugees while ministering in South Korea's Andong and Suwon dioceses, and had gone to China in 2010 to help establish a reception network. Each refugee was charged up to \$5,300 by traffickers, and their key concern was for family members still in the country, he said.

Kidnapped Mexican priest safe; indigenous priest murdered

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico (CNS) — A Mexican priest reported kidnapped in the border state of Tamaulipas was reported to have been safely returned March 30, the Diocese of Tampico said in a statement. Father Oscar Lopez Navarro, 40, a member of the Misioneros de Cristo Mediador (Missionaries of Christ the Mediator), was followed by his assailants as he left St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Altamira, a port city some 300 miles south of the Texas border at Brownsville. The priest was abducted as he arrived at his order's residence at around 10:30 p.m. March 28, reported local media. The diocese gave no other details, although Bishop Jose Dibildox Martinez of Tampico said March 29 that the priest's captors had contacted him and negotiations were occurring. Local media reported that Father Angel Vargas Uribe, diocesan spokesman, told a news conference: "We do not know the reasons why he was abducted. He did not have problems with anyone. ... We are not scared." The news of Father Lopez's kidnapping came as news broke of another priest being murdered in Mexico. Father Felipe Altamirano Carrillo, 54, an indigenous priest, was murdered March 27 in the

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A religious sister was one of 13 women honored recently by the U.S. Department of State with the Secretary of State's International Women of Courage Award. First lady Melania Trump presented the awards, which recognize women around the globe "who have shown exceptional courage and leadership in advocating for women's rights, empowerment and justice, often at great personal risk," said a news release. Sister Carolin Tahhan Fachakh, a member of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, who lives in Aleppo, was recognized for working "tirelessly to support the needs of Syria's most vulnerable populations, particularly internally displaced persons and children. During a period of intense bombing around a neighborhood school, Sister Carolin selflessly ensured that the children were brought safely home to their parents," the State Department said. "She has been a beacon of hope to both Muslims and Christians alike, while putting her own life at risk."

prelature of Nayar. The prelature serves a rugged region of western Mexico populated by the indigenous Cora and Huichol peoples. Regional news outlets reported that Father Altamirano was shot in the head during an assault on a rural roadway in Nayarit state, after celebrating Mass.

Alpha course lays foundation for discipleship

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS) — Speaking with lay staff and priests in St. Paul, national Alpha for Catholics director Deacon Steve Mitchell described five-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback Tom Brady as one who expressed the question that the Alpha course seeks to answer. "Why do I have three Super Bowl rings and still think there's something greater out there for me?" Brady asked on "60 Minutes" in 2009. He later said, "There's got to be more than this. ... I wish I knew." Deacon Mitchell, who ministers in the Archdiocese of Detroit, conjectured that five Super Bowls still haven't filled that desire for something "more than this." A Michigan native who works to promote the Alpha course in a Catholic context, the deacon said it breaks his heart to hear Brady's existential plight. Deacon Mitchell described Alpha as a course "to explore life's big-

gest questions through the lens of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal atmosphere through 10 interactive questions. No pressure, no follow-up, no charge." He spoke recently to more than 40 priests, parish faith formation staff members and volunteers in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis who gathered to learn about Alpha. The course started at an Anglican church in London. An Anglican priest, the Rev. Nicky Gumbel, spread it to other churches in 1990. The course runs at churches across the world and has been adapted for use in the Catholic Church.

Chaldean patriarch supports Holy Week peace march in Iraq

IRBIL, Iraq (CNS) — The Chaldean Catholic patriarch is supporting a more than 80-mile peace march during Holy Week to urge an end to violence in his homeland and throughout the Middle East. The Chaldean Catholic Church has dedicated 2017 as the Year of Peace. For the patriarch, Holy Week culminating in the Easter celebration offers a fresh hope to breathe new life into prayer and reflection, reconciliation and dialogue. "Peace must be achieved by us (religious leaders) as well as politicians, through courageous initiatives and responsible decisions," said Patriarch Louis Sako of Baghdad. He has repeatedly called on Iraqis to engage in "serious dialogue, openness and honesty" to realize national reconciliation and unity among the country's vast mosaic of religious and ethnic peoples, battered by years of sectarian violence.

Scars of past wounds give strength for the future, pope says

ROME (CNS) — While the wounds of past trials have healed, the scars that remain will serve as a reminder of strength and courage for future generations, Pope Francis told survivors of an earthquake. Visiting Carpi and Mirandola April 2, nearly five years after a 5.8-quake rocked the northern Italian region of Emilia-Romagna, the pope said his visit was a sign of "closeness and encouragement" as the people continue to rebuild their homes and their lives. "Looking at these scars, you will have the strength to grow and to make your children grow in that dignity, in that strength, in that spirit of hope, in that courage that you had in the moment you received those wounds," he said. The pope spoke to the survivors, who were gathered in the small square outside the Mirandola cathedral, which is still covered in scaffolding and where broken stones are still piled on the ground. Before addressing the people, he laid a bouquet of yellow and white flowers on the cathedral's main altar, closing his eyes in prayer then lifting his hand in blessing.

Commission approves USF as "teach out" institution

FORT WAYNE — On March 27, the Higher Learning Commission approved the University of Saint Francis as a "teach out" institution for students from Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer.

As a teach out institution, the University of Saint Francis is committed to helping SJC students who are projected to graduate no later than Aug. 1, 2018. USF will provide equivalent courses so these students can graduate on time in their degree programs, and will also work to match their previous SJC financial aid packages.

In addition, USF is providing a generous transfer and financial aid package to students who need to transfer from SJC but do not qualify for teach out status. Freshman students who are already admitted to SJC for the fall 2017 semester are also encouraged to apply online as USF offers competitive scholarship aid to incoming freshmen.

More details about participating in the USF/SJC teach out program are available at go.sf.edu/sjc-teachout. Students and families looking for additional information may also contact USF Enrollment Services at admiss@sf.edu or call 260-399-8000.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

New Haven students show appreciation to firefighters



Provided by Janice Comito

On Friday, March 24, the St. Maximillian Kolbe Faith Family from St. John the Baptist School, New Haven, visited the New Haven Fire Department and delivered some treats. The St. Maximillian Faith Family decided to bring the firefighters water and healthy snacks as a thank-you for all they do to keep the community safe. The crew showed the students around the station after accepting the students' gifts. The gesture served as a way for students to learn about service to the community.

St. Charles Borromeo engineering fair winners

FORT WAYNE — Several students at St. Charles Borromeo School, Fort Wayne, were placement winners in the Northeast Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair Saturday, March 18, at IPFW.

Ellie Schreck, grade four, was awarded third place in the elementary division for her project, "What is the Most Effective Sunscreen?"

David Thurber, grade 4, achieved second place and will represent St. Charles in the Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair in Indianapolis on April 1. His project title is, "How Does Weight Affect a Pinewood Derby Car?"

In the junior division, Zachary Schubert, grade seven, was honored with a second place. He will also represent St. Charles in the Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair. Zack also received many other awards for his project on "Blood Glucose vs. Breath Acetone": an Isaac Knapp District Dental Society monetary award, Northeast Indiana Optometric Society monetary award, Northeast Indiana Veterinary Medical Association monetary award, Science and Regulatory Consultants monetary award and a nomination to compete in the 2017 Broadcom Masters.

Tours of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center enlighten

Two groups of Catholic school students from within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend visited the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in downtown Fort Wayne, the week of March 27. The Archbishop Noll Center houses the Office of the Bishop, diocesan offices and ministries, Catholic Charities, Cathedral Museum and the Cathedral Bookstore.



Provided by Thomas Kenny

Theology students from Bishop Dwenger High School pose with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who conducted their tour.

Vicar General Msgr. Robert Schulte gives seventh-grade students from St. Matthew School, South Bend, a tour of the Noll Center.



Francie Hogan

Dress down at St. Joseph Hessen



Provided by Rose Worman

Students at St. Joseph Hessen Cassel School, Fort Wayne, enjoy a "Silly Spaghetti Dress-down Day" during the school's week-long community service project in March. Students brought in hundreds of items for the parish's food pantry. St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Parish food pantry serves over 50 families every week.

ST. ADALBERT SCHOOL WELCOMES

BY DENISE FEDOROW

The excitement about Bishop Kevin C Rhoades' visit to St. Adalbert School was evident among students and by all the signs posted inside and outside the school stating, "Welcome, Your Excellency."

The day began with Bishop Rhoades celebrating Mass at 8 a.m. He told those present that he was glad to be with them, and that he had originally planned to visit the school on Dec. 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but a snowstorm caused the visit to be rescheduled.

During his homily, Bishop Rhoades said, "One of the great things about attending a Catholic school is every day you learn about God and every day you pray. It's great we can pray together today."

One of the day's readings was from Exodus, and the bishop asked the students what they knew about Moses. He talked to them about God giving Moses the Ten Commandments and asked if they knew the first one. "We should put God first in our lives; more important than anyone or anything," he said in answer to his question.

He then asked the students if they thought people today worshiped idols and, if so, what idols. Students mentioned celebrities and money.

"Some people forget about God and they never pray, never thank Him, are more concerned about being famous or making money," he said. "God takes care of us; He gives us so many great things! We should not let a day go by without talking to God and praying and saying 'Thank you, Lord, for my life and my family.' I invite you all to think about, is God No. 1 in my life?"

At the end of Mass, Principal Andrew Currier had a presentation for the bishop. He said: "There is no greater gift than the Mass, but we have a few mementos of your visit to St. Adalbert's."

He gave the bishop a jar filled with notes from the children about the prayers they've been praying for him. They also gave him a St. Adalbert fleece sweatshirt and a book about St. Adalbert School.

"Thank you for honoring us by coming to our school. It's greatly appreciated, and we hope you come again," he said. Bishop Rhoades responded: "That jar of prayers means so much to me. It's the best gift I can receive — prayer." He said he would wear the sweatshirt with pride and looked forward to reading about the school.



Shown from left are, Deacon Ryan Pietrocarlo, Principal Andrew Currier, Bishop Kevin C Rhoades and Father Paul Ybarra, CSC, after celebrating Mass for the school, South Bend, during a visit by Bishop Rhoades on Thursday, April 6, 2017. At right, the student body

The bishop praised the school choir, staff and in light of his having accepted a new position, the job Currier has done in his time with St. Adalbert School. After the conclusion of Mass the students stayed and recited the St. Adalbert prayer together.

Classroom visits

Bishop Rhoades visited each classroom, from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, asking what the students were learning in religion class or if they had learned new prayers this year. The children were also given the chance to ask him some questions.

Kristi Jones' kindergarten class learned the bishop's favorite color is green and that he's allergic to furry animals; they also sang, "You are my Sunshine" for him. First graders in Jenny Crain's class impressed the bishop when they told him they were learning about the virtue of affability. Their teacher explained it was the virtue of the month in the Disciples of Christ Virtues program. Later an excited group of second graders talked with Bishop Rhoades about their upcoming first holy Communion.

Some of the day's most popular questions for the bishop included, "Who is your favorite saint?" "How long have you been a priest?" "Do you like being a bishop?" "Why do you wear those hats?" and "How do you become a bishop?"

The sixth graders had designed their own coats of arms, which were on display and sparked discussion about the bishop's coat of arms. He explained the significance of its symbols to the class. The sev-

enth graders shared that they were learning about the choices they make and that their goal was to get to heaven.

Bishop Rhoades said: "Some people ask, Why did God give us free will if some choose to do evil? But without that freedom we can't love. The Holy Spirit strengthens us to live out our faith with courage, resilience and conviction — to say yes to God and no to the devil, evil and temptation."

He told the students there would be many temptations as they move into high school. "It's not always popular to be Christian. God created us to be happy and fulfilled in life. True happiness comes from living out our faith. Every one of us is called to love."

The eighth graders who will soon be confirmed by the bishop were advised to study the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and the day of Pentecost. He shared that his call for vocation to the priesthood began at his own confirmation.

The bishop learned about the school's house system from three eighth-grade boys assigned as guides — Emanuel, David and Daniel — whom the bishop affectionately referred to as his "bodyguards." Later, he joined the staff for a lunch of authentic Mexican food.

Pastor Paul Ybarra, CSC, said of the bishop's visit, "We're immensely honored to have the bishop here; this is the first school visit by a bishop in over 30 years. We (were) excited to show him the wonderful programs we have here. The majority of our graduates will be going on to Catholic high schools; most to Saint Joseph, but several will be attending Marian, too."



BISHOP RHOADES



Photos by Kevin Haggenjos
Currier, Bishop Kevin C.
The students of St. Adalbert
March 30. Above, students
ly departs following Mass.



Visiting numerous classrooms following Mass, Bishop Rhoades fielded questions and engaged with students.



Above: Three eighth-grade students acted as the bishop's guides as he learned about the St. Adalbert School house system.



A standard of excellence

St. Adalbert School was established in 1912 as an apostolate of the Congregation of Holy Cross. The Felician Sisters came to the school as teachers and are still actively involved in the school today.

The school has 230 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. The principal, Andrew Currier, came to St. Adalbert's five or six years ago. According to Father Ybarra, Currier was instrumental in turning the school around and getting it up to an "A" grade for state testing.

Father Ybarra said Currier created a "house system" with students in third through eighth grades. There are four houses named after notable members of the Holy Cross order — Father William Corby, who was a Union Army chaplain at Gettysburg, Saint Andre Bessette, congregation's first saint, Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the order, and Father Edward Sorin, founder of Notre Dame. The students in different grades are mixed together, and each house is designated a color for ties and T-shirts.

Currier said the school has Father Colby's desk bell and new students entering the Colby House ring the bell. Each house meets once a month with adult mentors and focuses on service, good citizenship, and college and career readiness. "It's been really good for school spirit," Currier said.

What makes St. Adalbert special, he said, is the "incredibly talented and highly qualified staff" who have numerous degrees from Notre Dame. Most are English as a New Language certified and "very mission driven." In addition, the students have become more high-achieving academically. He attributes the academic turnaround to the staff understanding how the students learn, hard work on the part of the faculty and the students, and working hard with parents to push the importance of education.

St. Adalbert's has a strong connection to Notre Dame. Several of the teachers are or were Alliance for Catholic Education teachers and work with the program to help provide classroom training for those still in the program. They are especially supported by students in Fisher men's dormitory and McGlenn's women's dormitory who tutor students, and Fisher's Regatta and McGlenn's Casino Night fundraisers support St. Adalbert School.

St. Adalbert's has a student ambassador program for leadership development and a "great choir and drama program" for students in fourth through eighth grade.

Athletic programs include volleyball, basketball and a championship soccer program. School teams recently won two ICCL championships.

Currier also mentioned a "fantastic program for girls" called the Chiara Club — based on St. Claire and out of the Franciscan Sisters convent. Girls in the program are taken to St. Francis Convent and they work on character development, theatrical programs and more.

Future projects include renovating one of the rooms into a science lab in June to improve their ability to teach science, technology and math.

Currier said his hope for the future would be to "continue school improvement. We'd like to expand our services to the community and neighborhood; to be a stabilizing force in the neighborhood and a beacon of hope."

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HOLY WEEK

A Holy Thursday tradition: Pilgrimage to seven churches

BY STEPHANIE A. PATKA

Holy Thursday is the feast that marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the Holy Triduum, which also includes Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. At this Mass of the Lord's Supper Catholics remember the Passover meal, when Jesus instituted the sacrament of the holy Eucharist by sharing bread and wine with his disciples, saying, "Do this in memory of Me."

At the end of the Holy Thursday Mass, the Eucharist is placed on a temporary "altar of repose" away from the sanctuary. It is customary for the faithful to process together to this altar and spend time in quiet prayer and adoration. In the Roman Missal, it states: "The faithful are invited to continue adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for a suitable length of time during the night, according to circumstance."

The Seven Churches Visitation is a tradition that grew out of this time of prayer and adoration. Catholics remember when Jesus asked his disciples to stay and watch with Him while they were in the garden. This tradition of mindful watching is a sort of pilgrimage to various altars of repose, in different churches that correspond to each of the seven places, or "stations," that were made by Jesus between the Last Supper in the Upper Room to



Father Andrew Budzinski

St. John the Baptist Guerin Chapel, Fort Wayne, will be one of many churches offering Adoration on Holy Thursday.

His crucifixion on the cross.

The seven stations consist of: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22: 39-46), Jesus bound and taken before Annas (John 18: 19-22), Jesus taken before the High Priest, Caiaphas (Matthew 26: 63-65), Jesus taken before Pilate (John 18, 35-37), Jesus taken before Herod (Luke 23: 8-9; 11), Jesus taken before Pilate again

(Matthew 27: 22-26) and Jesus given the crown of thorns and led to his crucifixion (Matthew 27: 27-31).

Upon entering each church, pilgrims visit the altar of repose, kneel, make the sign of the cross, read the appropriate scripture for each station and engage in private prayer and adoration. Some may add other prayers as well. At the seventh

station, many will close their pilgrimage by opting to observe a Holy Hour.

The origin of the Seven Churches Visitation is typically credited to St. Philip Neri and is practiced by Catholics around the world, including in Poland, Mexico, Italy and the Philippines. The devotion can also be traced back to the Station Churches of Rome,

where the tradition is still practiced. More information is also available in George Weigel's book "Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches."

Some will argue that the Holy Thursday pilgrimage has roots in the Book of Revelation, in which the Seven Ancient Churches are visited by an angel. For those who live in an urban area with several Catholic churches nearby, they may want to visit seven different churches. However, those who live in a rural area can still take part in the tradition by praying all seven stations. For participating families with young ones, adaptations can be made for the sake of time and parish availability. Pilgrims may choose to say prayers for two stations at one location.

The Seven Churches Visitation is a powerful way to spend time in adoration, meditating on Christ's sacrifice of love for the salvation of souls in preparation for the joy of Easter. There is something special about visiting churches late into the night. It is not just because of the opportunity to visit other parishes, it's because of intentionally seeking Christ to spend time with Him and contemplating the gift of His love.

To help find nearby parishes, a Google map is available with this article at www.today-scatholicnews.org. A prayer card may also be downloaded for use at each of the stations. Please call ahead to verify the times of adoration at the parishes.

Pope suggests Lenten exercise of asking God why he weeps

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Lent is a time for Christians to reflect on the ways they have disappointed God and resolve to return to Him with their whole hearts, Pope Francis said.

"To forget that God created us, He raised us and He has accompanied us in life — that is disappointing God," Pope Francis said March 30 during his early morning Mass in the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

Sin leads people to be unsatisfied with what God has done for them and go looking for other idols and other gods, the pope said. The Israelites who made the golden calf — the subject of the day's first reading from Exodus -- were not an exception.

Referring to "the dreams and disappointments of God," Pope Francis said God dreams of His people because He loves them, and yet, because of sin, they continue to stray from Him, "forgetting that God saved them."

"We, too, are the people of God and we know our hearts," he said. "Each day we must take up the journey again so that we do not slide slowly toward idols, fantasies, worldliness and infidelity."

"It would do us good today to think about the disappointed Lord" and say, "Tell me, Lord, are you disappointed in me?"

Most likely, the pope said, all people can recognize some way that they have saddened God and not lived up to the calling of being a child of God.

"God has a tender heart,

the heart of a father" and will forgive those who repent and strengthen those who acknowledge their weakness, the pope said.

During his homily, the pope wondered if, since Jesus is depicted as crying over Jerusalem, God weeps for those who have strayed from Him.

"Let's think today about these disappointments of God who made us out of love, and we go seek love and well-being elsewhere and not in his love," the pope said.

"How many idols that

enslave me have I not been able to shed?" the pope suggested people ask. "And does God weep for me?"

Such questions, he said, are particularly important to ask during Lent. But also pray, "Lord, you had so many dreams for me. I know I have strayed, but tell me how I can return." The surprise will be that He always is waiting for you like the father of the prodigal son who saw him coming from afar because he was waiting for him."

Special Holy Week events

In parishes throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend this week, additional prayer times, reflections and blessings are scheduled so that parishioners and visitors may enter deeply into the holiness of the Sacred Triduum.

In addition to Triduum services, the following are scheduled. *Today's Catholic* wishes everyone a blessed celebration of this holy season.

St. John the Evangelist, Goshen

Good Friday: 11:30 a.m., Stations of the Cross in English; 6 p.m., Viacrucis (Live reenactment of Our Lord's Passion)

Holy Saturday: 11 a.m., Blessing of Easter baskets

St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr, South Bend

(All ceremonies in Latin, except for Stations, according to the liturgical books in force in 1962.)

Holy Thursday: 7 p.m., Sung Mass of the Lord's Supper, with no washing of the feet; Adoration until midnight

Good Friday: 7 p.m., Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 9:15 p.m., Sung Mass

Easter morning: 7:30 a.m., Sung Mass with schola; 9-10 a.m., confessions; 10 a.m. Sung Mass with mixed choir

St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart

Holy Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration following 8 p.m. Mass until 10 p.m.

Good Friday: 4-5:30 p.m., reconciliation; 7 p.m., Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 9-10 a.m., reconciliation; followed by Blessing of Easter baskets and foods

Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne

Wednesday of Holy Week: 7 p.m., Tenebrae Service

Holy Thursday: Confessions: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Good Friday: 2-4 p.m., confessions; 6:15 p.m., Mary Hilger live chalk drawing; 7 p.m., Stations of the Cross

Queen of Peace, Mishawaka

Friday, April 7: 6-8 p.m., Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit

Saturday, April 8: 2-7 p.m., Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit

Palm Sunday: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit; 1 p.m., Shroud of Turin presentation; 5 p.m., Vespers

Holy Thursday: 8 p.m., confession/Adoration; 10 p.m., Compline

Good Friday: 3:30 p.m., confessions; 7 p.m., Tenebrae Service

St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne

Holy Thursday: 8:30 p.m., confessions

Good Friday: 2 p.m. confessions; 3:30 p.m., Stations with confessions after; 7:30 p.m., Stations with confessions after

The church will be open for quiet prayer, day and night, throughout the Triduum.

St. John the Baptist, New Haven

Holy Thursday: 8-10 p.m., Adoration

Good Friday: 7 p.m., Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 1 p.m., Blessing of Easter food

Christ the King, South Bend

Tuesday: 7-8 p.m., confessions

Wednesday: 6-8 p.m., confessions

Holy Thursday: 9-10 a.m., confessions; 8:15-10 p.m., eucharistic Adoration (Holy Cross Chapel); 10 p.m., Night Prayer (Holy Cross Chapel)

Good Friday: 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer; 3 p.m., Divine Mercy Novena (Holy Cross Chapel); 7 p.m., Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer; 1 p.m., Food blessing; 3 p.m., Divine Mercy Novena (Holy Cross Chapel)

St. Adalbert, South Bend

Holy Thursday: 7 p.m., Vigil at the altar of repose until 9 p.m.

Holy Saturday: 1 p.m., Blessing of food for Easter;

St. Casimir, South Bend

Holy Thursday: 6:30 p.m., Vigil at the altar of repose until 9 p.m.

Holy Saturday: 11 a.m., Blessing of food for Easter

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Monday: 9:30 a.m., noon, 5:45-6:15 p.m. and 7 p.m., confessions

Tuesday: Noon-12:30 p.m., 1:30-2 p.m., 3:30 p.m., confessions

Wednesday 9:30 a.m., confessions

Holy Thursday: 10 a.m., confessions; 10 a.m., Way of the Cross; 1 p.m. and 8 p.m., confessions; 8 p.m.

Good Friday: 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., confessions

Holy Saturday: 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., confessions

St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne

Good Friday: 9 p.m., Tenebrae Service — musical meditation on the seven last words of Christ on the Cross

Holy Saturday: 10 a.m., Blessing of Easter baskets and food at the church.



Recalling the apostles' Good Friday weakness

BY SARAH DUSTMAN

Tenebrae, meaning shadows or darkness in Latin, is a Holy Week service that uses the simplicity of mostly darkness and some candlelight, along with psalms, prayers and music to reflect on the death of Jesus Christ.

Tenebrae involves the singing of two parts of the Divine Office — also known as the Liturgy of the Hours — in anticipation and observance of the Holy Triduum, which consists of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Matins and Lauds, the night and early morning prayers of the Divine Office, are combined to create the Tenebrae service.

The service takes place at night, in anticipation of the next day coming; services can be held on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday night of Holy Week. There is no set time that the service must begin, but Tenebrae often begins an hour after Vespers, the evening prayer of the Divine Office, is completed. The service is to end before midnight.

In the first part of the Tenebrae service, there are three nocturnes (a nighttime musical composition), each with three psalms; a versicle and response; the recitation of the Our Father; and a reading. During the second part there are five psalms, a versicle and response, the Benedictus Canticle, another recitation of Our Father and a reflection on the death of Jesus, called "Respice quaesumus". During the service, the lights in the church will be dimmed and a large, triangular candleholder with 15 candles will sit on the altar. After the reading of each psalm, a candle is extinguished.

The custom of gradually extinguishing the candles dates to the fifth century and symbolizes the waning faith of the apostles and disciples during the final days of Jesus's earthly life. Each of the candles has significance; 11 of them represent the 11 of the Twelve Apostles, three of them represent the Marys at the tomb and the highest candle represents Christ.

After 14 of the 15 candles have been extinguished, the last candle is hidden to symbolize the

burial of Christ. Following this, a noise is made to symbolize the earthquake at the Crucifixion. The Tenebrae service ends with the clergy and congregation leaving the church in silence.

Father Jonathan Norton, parochial vicar at St. Vincent De Paul in Fort Wayne, said that a Tenebrae service is a different prayer experience than what Catholics are used to. "Coming to a Tenebrae service gives us a visual mode of prayer and really acknowledges Good Friday." The service can also help believers visually enter the darkness and

recognize the fullness of Good Friday in preparation for the joy and light of Easter Sunday, he explained.

Several churches throughout the diocese will hold Tenebrae services this week. These include Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne, on Wednesday, at 7 p.m.; St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, on Friday at 8:30 p.m.; St. Joseph, South Bend, on Friday at 8:30 p.m.; St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart, on Friday at 8:30 p.m.; and St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, on Friday at 9 p.m.



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'The Look': men, sin and mission?

A kid can live and die by the look on his mom's face! Her smile can light up his day, while her disappointment or anger can be a dark cloud. Boys certainly live and die by their dads' look, too. This is part of God's design, the communion of persons. While women tend to do better at facial recognition (I have to ask my wife during a movie if that is the same actor/actress), I think most men can at least tell when their women are mad. The face is our most powerful medium of communication. Even Scripture knows this: Moses blesses the people, saying, "The Lord let his face shine upon you!" (Num 6:24-26). On the negative side, David says, "Do not hide your face from me" (Ps 27:9; See also Mic 3:4; Is 8:17; Ps 88:15; 69:18).

The prime of the faith

We are first loved by God, and then challenged to live out that love (1 Jn. 4:19-20). Love and challenge as a prime of our faith is the framework I will use to illustrate what I call "The Look" verse from Luke's passion (22:61).

When was "The Look"? The context is Holy Thursday night. After Jesus celebrates the Passover, he goes through the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, where he sweats drops of blood as he prays. He is betrayed, arrested and taken to the high priest's courtyard in the middle of the night, where Peter denies Him. Just as Peter finishes his third denial, the cock crows, "and the Lord turned and looked at Peter." Peter remembers Jesus'

prediction and weeps bitterly!

It is the timing of the Lord's turning and looking at Peter that fascinates me. It is right after Peter's denial — he is in his sin, having just betrayed Jesus. Whenever we sin, we deny and betray Him. But the God of the universe does not wait for us to return; instead, He initiates and turns toward us! How often do we reverse who initiates our reconnection after sin?

What was "The Look"? This turning could be good news, depending on what the look meant. Was it harsh? Angry? Condemning? Vindictive? The look that could kill? I don't think so. Jesus was not surprised — He had predicted Peter's denial (22:34). He had also told Peter that Satan had "demanded" to sift him and all the disciples like wheat (22:31), so he knew Peter would struggle. Therefore, I think His look was one of love!

Confirmation of this comes from the arc of salvation history. After Adam and Eve sin, they do not run to God to confess. Rather, it is God who initiates contact: They hear Him walking in the garden, are afraid and run for the bushes. Then God asks, "Where are you?" Has God lost his kids? No! It is a relational question — "Where is my beloved son?" — not a behavioral one — "What did you do?" It is a verbal look of love.

It is the same with the prodigal son's father. He looks for his son constantly and is overjoyed when he comes home. The question of "Where are you, my beloved son?" has been answered: He is home! Sin is not



DAVE McCLOW

THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

really ignored here, just overwhelmed with communion/love. Paul puts an exclamation point on things with, "There is no condemnation in Christ." (Rom. 8:1). His look is one of love, not condemnation.

Why "The Look"? Because love is a powerful force. We need to experience being loved, even in our sins. When we experience "the tender mercy of our God" (Lk 1:78) and not harshness, especially in confession, then we can be driven with Peter to "weep bitterly" over our sins out of gratitude, not necessarily guilt.

And that's not all: The look of love comes with a challenge, too. Jesus' look is saying to Peter, "I am not done with you yet." After Jesus tells him that Satan demands to sift him, He continues, "but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers" (Lk 22:31-32). Out of Peter's sin comes his mission. He denies Christ, then spends the rest of his life, through prisons, beatings and ultimately crucifixion (upside down), proclaiming Him and strengthening the brothers.

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Evangelization by hitchhiking:

How to find an on-ramp

The place infants nod off and teens open up is also where road-weary adults will probe their spirituality: in the car.

That's the secret behind a new religious community, the Little Poor Friars and Poor Nuns of Jesus and Mary, who dress and live like St. Francis of Assisi: in poverty, entirely dependent on God's providence. They were founded in 1999 by a 25-year-old Sicilian and approved by the Catholic Church in 2014.

They are a throwback order, offering something that feels like the original to young adults wary of cheap imitations. Thirty-some Catholics already have joined, fulfilling a bold mission: to make like the apostles and spread the Good News. So they stand at the edge of a highway in their khaki-colored habits — garb that resembles sack cloth — with Bibles on their backs and sandals on their feet — the women in veils, the men with their St. Francis hairstyles shaved into a crown — and stick out their thumbs.

Evangelization by hitchhiking.

Sister Effata was 24 when she set out hitchhiking for the first time as a Little Nun, intending to travel with two friars from Sicily to France, their community's new home. She stepped outside and promptly asked: "OK, do we have to go to the right or the left?"

Surrendering to the unknown thrilled her. "I had that radical



CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

TWENTY SOMETHING

call in my heart," she said. "I wanted to be all in."

Born Mirijam, the young German chose the Hebrew name Effata as her religious name because it means "be open."

To hitchhike as a Little Nun was to embrace the open road, she felt, to be born of the Spirit, like the wind: "you do not know where it comes from or where it goes" (John 3:8).

"It's an experience of letting yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit," Sister Effata said. "It's amazing to have that freedom, to go in the direction of the highway, stand there and stick out your thumb and wait till someone stops and can give you a ride to the next town."

One morning, during her first hitchhike, Sister Effata had a premonition that she would meet someone who had attempted suicide. This was close to her heart: As a teen, she had plunged into anorexia and depression and attempted suicide before finding God.

Sure enough, the trio soon encountered a young woman who had tried to take her life

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Although evil exists, the Lord is almighty and victorious



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Palm Sunday Matt 26:14-27:66

This weekend observes Palm Sunday, recalling with great reverence the Lord's traditional entry into Jerusalem and beginning the drama and depth of Holy Week.

The liturgy includes two readings from the Gospels. The first, occurring at the blessing of the palms and as the procession of the faithful bearing the palms assembles, reveals both the Lord's divine power, seen through the knowledge that an ass and colt are in the village ahead, and the Lord's mission as messiah. He is approaching Jerusalem; more than just a city in pious Jewish minds, but

the holy place in which God's temple stands, where David once reigned as king and where the prophets spoke in the name of God. It was, as it is, the center of Jewish faith and worship. It was to be the site of the culmination of the Lord's mission.

The crowd proclaims the Lord as "son of David". They greet the Messiah as their own legitimate king, and David's heir — not the detested Roman emperor.

For its next reading, the church gives us a passage from the third part of Isaiah, one of those eloquent and expressive sections of Isaiah biblical scholars call the "Songs of the Suffering Servants". Poetic and descriptive, these four songs laud an unflinchingly faithful servant of God, who despite abuse and persecution remains steadfastly loyal. Christians always have seen Jesus prefigured in these beautiful poems.

In the next reading, from the Epistle to the Philippians, the stress again is on Jesus and again in the literary genre of poetry. Experts now believe, in fact, that this passage was an

early Christian liturgical hymn. Its deep understanding of the person and place of Christ is both clear and compelling.

Finally, the liturgy presents the Passion narrative of St. Matthew's Gospel. Matthew's presentation of Jesus, even in the horrifying circumstances of the Passion, conveys powerful lessons.

First, even at this fearful time, Jesus is the Christ. Far from being overwhelmed and helpless, the Lord is majestic and totally in control. He is the victim, but a victim completely complying in free will and committed to the Savior's mission.

While the apostles do not come across as heroic in their loyalty, to say the least, Jesus never repudiates them. He called them. Despite their fear and cowardice, especially in Peter's case, their call endures. Thus it is for all called to discipleship. Believers sin and fall, but they can return. Sin cancels no vocation. The Lord's call is forever.

Finally, all the intrigue, conspiracy and prejudice that surrounded Jesus fall away before

the fact that the Lord triumphs. He always reigns as king, the son of David.

Reflection

Matthew's Passion narrative is the centerpiece of this weekend's Liturgy of the Word. It is easy to lose its deep meaning by concentrating on the awfulness of all that was brought to bear upon Jesus.

Certainly, the treachery and cruelty cannot be dismissed or understated. These elements underscore the evil that genuinely exists in the world, and that overtakes many people.

In a week, the church will celebrate Easter. Jesus rose, but even in the dark hours of Good Friday, the Lord was almighty and victorious. Nothing then occurred without ultimately lending itself to the fulfillment of the divine plan of salvation.

The praise of the people who acclaimed Jesus' entry into Jerusalem does not illustrate fickleness just on their part. We all are fickle.

Yet, the reading from

Philippians illustrates not only that Jesus is Lord, but that we can be good disciples, even if we fall. Christ awaits us with forgiveness. No sin eternally must break our relationship with God, unless we reject God ultimately and finally. The Lord, living and victorious, always offers us mercy, if simply we ask.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14—27:66

Monday: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17 Jn 12:1-11

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: (1) Gn 1:1—2:2 (2) Gn 22:1-18 (3) Ex 14:15—15:1 (4) Is 54:5-14 (5) Is 55:1-11 (6) Bar 3:9-15, 32c:4 (7) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

Caring for the poor and needy in the United States: Hawaii



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climate and rising seas in her native Micronesia. Upon arriving in Hawaii, Micaela was struck by a community struggling with hunger. Through the One 'Ohana' initiative, she organizes groups of women to learn farming techniques for breadfruit trees.

Catholic social teaching holds that Jesus tells us to love our neighbors, both near and far. We are all members of one human family. St. Marianne Cope of Molokai gives witness to this global solidarity. St. Marianne is known as the Beloved Mother of Outcasts, much due to her sacrificial life given to people suffering with Hansen's disease, formerly called leprosy. Following in the footsteps of St. Damien, St. Marianne devoted her life to caring for the most needy and vulnerable members of the Hawaiian society.

This week, take time to pray this prayer in memory of St. Marianne and for all of those who suffer.

O God, who called us to serve your Son in the least of our brothers and sisters,

Grant, we pray, that by the example and intercession of the Virgin St. Marianne Cope, we may burn with love for you and for those who suffer.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Melissa Wheeler is the diocesan director for Catholic Relief Services.

Nation focus: United States of America

Catholic social teaching principle: Global solidarity

Question: What special intentions will you keep in prayer during Holy Week?

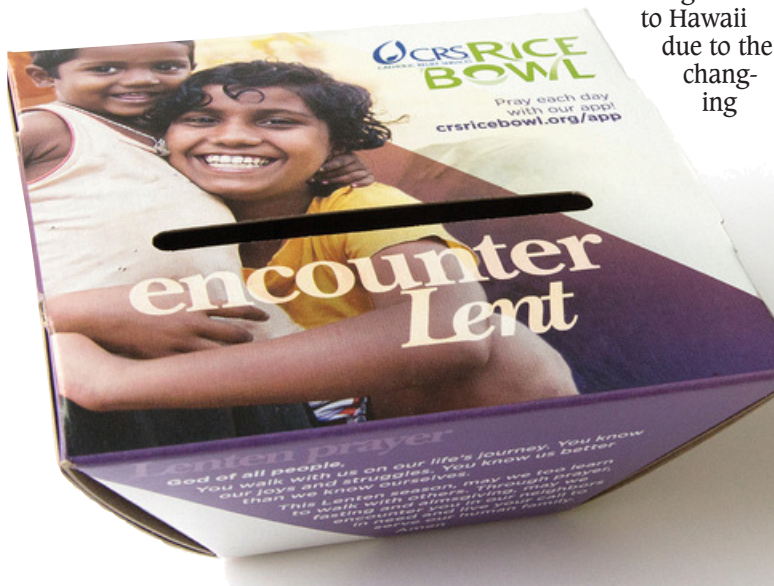
Scripture quote: "Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy." — 1 Corinthians 12:22-26

Prayer intention: For our community of faith, that we may welcome the homeless, the lost and the wandering, recognizing that Jesus himself lived without a permanent place to call home.

Almsgiving challenge: Give \$.25 to your CRS Rice Bowl for each time God surprised you this week.

In the final installment of this series, we highlight one of the United States programs that is partly funded by Catholic Relief Services. Seventy-five percent of the revenue from CRS Rice Bowls goes to overseas programming, while 25 percent stays in the United States for anti-poverty initiatives. Here we present a program in the Diocese of Honolulu, Hawaii.

One Ohana: Food and Housing for All is a statewide initiative in Hawaii. Through it and CRS Rice Bowl, we encounter Micaela. Micaela was forced to migrate to Hawaii due to the changing



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the day before. Her name was Miriam.

"God works mysteriously," Sister Effata said. "When we pay attention, we can catch those moments when we can really touch people's hearts."

Now 37 and working toward a master's degree in theology from Notre Dame Seminary in New

Orleans, Sister Effata has spent thousands of days hitchhiking. "People will bring up their most profound struggles. When we enter their car and say, 'Peace to this car and peace to all who enter it,' sometimes people will respond, 'I need some peace.' It can happen quickly. They get emotional, or share a struggle."

In turn, Sister Effata has learned to accept the invitation of strangers to join them for a warm meal and to sleep on the couch. "I have seen how God's providence works through people. God takes care of us all, like

the birds of the sky.

"There is so much evil in the world, but when we hitchhike, we meet so much goodness," she reflected. "You have to dig for it. You have to make a sacrifice to reach it. It's why we need to evangelize: to bring that good forth, to make it shine."

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for April 9, 2017

Matthew 21:1-11

Following is a word search based on the processional Gospel for Passion Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Cycle A. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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Saint of the Week

Magdalen Canossa

1774-1835
FEAST APRIL 10

This foundress, born to a noble family in Verona, Italy, lost her father at age 5 and was abandoned by her mother when she remarried. Choosing religious life over an advantageous marriage, Magdalen first joined the Carmelites, but left when she saw that their strict rules of enclosure would prohibit her charitable works. She began a new community, the Canossian Daughters of Charity, in 1799 by bringing two poor girls into her own home. The institute spread throughout Italy, and Magdalen helped found an order of priests and a third order for laypeople. Canossians minister today in Italy, Latin America and the Philippines. Magdalen, who was canonized in 1988, famously said, "Those who love are never tired, since love knows no burden."

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In the look of love, our sins can be turned into our mission. This is a basic principle of Scripture and of 12-step programs: Use your wounds and your forgiven sins to help and love others more (Step 12; Lk 7:47; 2 Cor 1:3-7).

'The Look': love and challenge

When you sin, can you experience Jesus turning toward you with the look of love? Going to confession can help. The look of love asks, "Where is my beloved son?" and expresses the Father's deepest desire for you — He wants you home! Then, "once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." You have been loved, and now challenged: What is your mission that comes from your wound or sin?

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Diocese approves 11 Parishes-in-Need grants

The Annual Bishop's Appeal of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend includes a funding program to assist less affluent parishes. A Parishes-in-Need Fund Committee met recently to review parish requests for financial assistance of church projects. The committee recommended a total of \$200,190 be granted to 11 parishes for essential projects, enabling them to arrive at a more stable existence. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades approved the grants.

According to Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the diocese, although the diocese cannot meet every request submitted by the parishes, the nature of each request is carefully considered "in light of the total needs and financial resources of the parish as well as the other parishes in the diocese requesting funding assistance. If all or part of a request cannot be met, often

the committee will recommend the parish apply to another fund of financial resource in the diocese or community, or seek other alternatives," he added.

Some funds usually remain in the account for use throughout the year by parishes when a new need arises. If all the money is not used in 2017, it will be carried over and allocated to next year's Parishes-in-Need fund.

"Hopefully, this money will strengthen these parishes financially, increase their outreach and improve their ability to do the work of Christ," Bishop Rhoades has said of Parishes-in-Need grants in the past.

This year's allocation of Parishes-in-Need funding brings the total amount granted to \$6,225,101 during the 30 years of the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

This year's dispersion and the primary parish projects are:

Fort Wayne

Queen of Angels — \$8,400 to repair and replace sidewalks
 St. Joseph — \$25,000 for a security system for the school
 St. Lawrence Friary — \$25,800 to replace water heater and boiler, and for plumbing work

South Bend

Corpus Christi — \$20,000 to replace fire alarm system in the school
 Holy Cross — \$15,000 to repair walls and ceilings in classrooms damaged by water
 St. Adalbert — \$18,000 for installation of a new HVAC system for the school
 St. Anthony de Padua — \$20,000 to install a new roof on the school
 St. Anthony de Padua — \$1,000

to replace two drinking fountains in the school

St. John the Baptist — \$27,400 for new lighting system in the church
 St. Patrick — \$12,850 to update electrical work

Area


St. Monica, Mishawaka — \$26,740 to replace and repair multiple sills on stained glass windows in the church

Bishop Dwenger hockey takes 2A championship



Provided by Stephen Yackley

Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, defeated Adams and Marian high schools from South Bend by a final score of 7-4 to win the Class 2A state hockey title in a game held Saturday, March 11, at the Ice Box in South Bend. This is the second state championship for the Bishop Dwenger hockey program. Led by senior captains Jacob Yehle, Jared Lamothe and Isaac Landstoffer, the Saints forced Adams-Marian into costly turnovers that put the Saints up 6-1 in the second period. From there, senior goaltender Ron Frank turned away the comeback bid. The Saints' team motto revolves around Psalm 17:17, which helps to establish their brotherhood both on and off the ice.



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Bake sale just in time for Easter

SOUTH BEND — The St. Adalbert sisters' auxiliary bake sale will be Saturday, April 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 519 S. Olive St. All kinds of baked goods for Easter along with homemade Polish noodles, sweet and sour cabbage, pierogi and more will be offered. Lunch will be available all day. The Easter Bunny will visit from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Catholic Business Network meetings

FORT WAYNE — The next Catholic Business Network meeting will be Friday, April 7, with Mass in the Guerin Chapel at 7 a.m. followed by fellowship in the Cathedral Center at 7:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Madeline Nugent from the Confraternity of Penitents who will be speaking on the topic: "A Quiet Prayer Spot in Fort Wayne" Refreshments provided by Carol Bunt with the World Apostolate of Fatima.

Summer camp registrations now open

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School announces the 2017 summer camp registration at www.saintjoehigh.com/camps. Camp topics include art, ceramics, technology, STEM technology and/or various athletic camps.

Bake sale on Holy Saturday

MONROEVILLE — The St. Rose Altar and Rosary Sodality will have a bake sale Saturday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Fire Station, 205 W. South St.

Hesburgh panel on Pope Francis

FORT WAYNE — The Notre Dame Club and the St. Thomas More Society of Fort Wayne, in conjunction with the Alumni Association of the University of Notre Dame will offer a brief lecture followed by a panel discussion on the topic of Pope Francis' Vision for the Church on Tuesday, April 25, at 6 p.m. in the downtown library, meeting room A. Attendees will have an opportunity to interact with panel members during a question and answer session.

A Knight at the Castle

FORT WAYNE — "A Knight at the Castle" is the theme for LuersKnight 2017 on Friday, April 28. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The theme highlights the spring musical "Beauty and the Beast." Cost is \$150 per person, cocktail attire, with black tie optional. For reservations, contact Kathy Skelly at 260-456-1261, Ext. 3142 or email at kskelly@bish-opluers.org. Preview Knight will be Thursday, April 27, from 7-9 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person.

Formula for Life Run/Walk and Silent Auction

FORT WAYNE — University of Saint Francis, 2701 Spring St., 5k Run/Walk and Silent Auction will be Sunday, April 23, at 1 p.m. Fee is \$15 per person or \$13 per family of 3 or more. Donate a bottle of children's vitamins and be entered to win a \$50 giftcard. Visit www.usf.edu

RunReg.com for details. Proceeds will benefit the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Orphanage

New member coffee planned

SOUTH BEND — The Christ Child Society of South Bend will hold a new member coffee on Wednesday, May 10, at 9:30 a.m. in the center at 308 S. Scott St. Hear about the work of the Christ Child Society, meet members and tour the center. Contact Kristy Botich at 574-291-7523 or email wbotich@sbcglobal.net for information.

Mock interview night

FORT WAYNE — The Career Ministry of St. Vincent de Paul Parish will have a mock interview night Monday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center rooms A and B, 1502 E Wallen Rd. Sharpen your interview skills and receive real-time feedback from professional coaches. Bring a copy of your resume. Dress is casual.

Alpha sessions set to begin

The Office of Evangelization will offer Alpha informational ses-

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Florence B. Shepherd, 94, St. Henry

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sions on Wednesday, April 19, at the JPII Center in Mishawaka and Wednesday, April 26, at the Archbishop Noll Center in Fort Wayne. Alpha is a program, endorsed by Pope Francis, being used by Catholic parishes around the world as a primary tool of evangelization. Alpha is intended as a beginning: It is not catechesis, a Bible study or a theology class. Alpha is an invitation into friendship with Jesus. Afternoon sessions from 1-2:30 p.m. and evening sessions from 6:30-8 p.m. will be offered at both sites. There is no cost to attend but RSVP to Allison Sturm at 260-399-1452 or asturm@diocesefwsb.org. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/adult-faith-formation for details.

Fatima anniversary celebrated

HUNTINGTON — St. Mary Church will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions Wednesday, April 5, through Thursday, May 13, at St. Mary School. The Father Michael Gaitley, MIC, "33 Days to Morning Glory" DVD will be shown six consecutive days at 7 p.m., leading to a holy Mass consecration May 13. Books are available upon request. Call Mary Ehinger at 260-388-3402 or John Francis, oblate, at 260-358-1989.



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Mishawaka Eastern Rite church reaches out to fellow Catholics

BY ANDREW MENTOCK

Every Sunday in Mishawaka, a Mass is celebrated at a church where the congregation's view of the altar is mostly obscured by a screen of colorful iconography; the readings are spoken from the back of the church; and the body and blood of Christ are mixed together and administered on a spoon. Although quite different from the Mass that most of the faithful within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend celebrate each weekend and Holy Day of Obligation, this Mass is nonetheless Catholic.

St. Michael Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church was established on the west side of Mishawaka in 1916 and has cared for the spiritual life of Eastern Rite Catholics ever since.

The first thing one who walks into St. Michael is likely to notice is the vibrant iconography painted onto the Iconostasis, or wall of icons and religious paintings, near the altar. The prominent yellow, red and blue colors stick out; as do the doors leading to the altar, which only the priest may use. The embellished images of Jesus, Mary, and several saints may lead one to incorrectly assume that St. Michael is an Orthodox Church.

"Any Catholic can come to St. Michael and receive Communion and attend the Divine Liturgy," said Rev. George Kuzara CPPS, the parish's pastor. Attending Mass at St. Michael on Sunday fulfills a Roman Catholic's Sunday obligation.

St. Michael is part of the Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church, one of the 22 Eastern Catholic churches. Together with the Roman Catholic Church, they make up the one universal church.

"It's important to understand the Eastern churches because of what Pope John Paul II said about how the church 'breathes with both lungs.' It doesn't have one lung," said Rev. Kuzara. "It has both the Eastern and Roman Catholic churches."

The Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church is the largest of the Eastern churches, with roughly 5.3 million members. Ukrainian Byzantine churches separated from Rome during the Great Schism in the year 1054 and were reunited with it in 1595. Due to significant immigration over the past century, Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic churches, as well as other churches of the Byzantine Rite, were established in the West.

"Most people in the U.S. only know the Roman Rite," said Brett Perkins, who was baptized Roman Catholic but frequently attends Mass at St. Michael.



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Sophomore ecclesiology students at Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, had the opportunity to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Mishawaka in February. "The goal of the project is to help students understand that the Catholic church includes a communion of over 22 churches with distinct rites. It is one thing to hear about the existence of different rites within the Catholic Church; it is another to experience one," said theology teacher and department chairman Andy Oross.

"For the size of the South Bend/Mishawaka area, it's surprising that we'd even have an Eastern Catholic Church."

Both rites were developed based on how the Gospels were expressed and presented to different cultures. The Byzantine Rite originates from the act of the Apostle St. Andrew when he brought Christianity to the village of Byzantium, where Constantine later built his new capital, Constantinople. There, the region's own liturgical rite was developed from the Liturgy of St. James (Jerusalem) and later modified by St. Basil the Great and St. John Chrysostom. Then the Great Schism and other cultural differences had an influence on the Eastern church.

Because of the liturgical and developmental variations of Eastern Catholic churches, several aspects of the Mass and faith are noticeably different and dependent on the varying rituals.

A Roman Catholic attending St. Michael may notice several differences, including the manner of administration of the Body and Blood of Christ, the position from which the first and second readings are proclaimed and the Iconostasis that obstructs the view of the altar. Other variances include music being performed in a capella; the sign of the cross done from right to left; and the priest facing the altar, with his back to the congregation, when he is speaking to God.

Outside of the Mass, the Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church utilizes different terminology than the Roman Catholic Church during Lent. Liturgical seasons takes place on different dates, confession does not take place in a confessional and the

priest can be married, as long as his holy union began before he was ordained.

Additionally, St. Michael, though located in Mishawaka, is not part of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Instead, it is part of the Eparchy of Chicago, which consists of Indiana, Michigan, and every state to the west, including Alaska and Hawaii. Currently, the Eparchy — a term many Eastern Churches use to mean "jurisdiction" or "diocese" — does not have a bishop. The Most Reverend Bishop Richard Seminack passed away in August and has yet to be replaced.

The new bishop will be assigned by Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the patriarch and major archbishop of the Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church, who resides in Ukraine.

This type of process is typical, even though Eastern Catholic Churches are in full communion with Pope Francis and the Roman Catholic Church, because they are allowed to operate under maximum independence.

"The other reason it makes sense is for ecumenical purposes," said Perkins.

"The Eastern Catholic churches, with an exception of one, have a corresponding Orthodox church; the Orthodox are not in communion with Rome.

"Most Catholics don't know that the Eastern Rite Catholic churches exist," said Andrew Oross, a theology teacher at Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, who has taken ecclesiology students on a field trip to St. Michael each of the past two years.

The visit is beneficial to students because the best way to comprehend and retain infor-

mation regarding an Eastern Catholic church is to experience it first-hand; and St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church is very accepting of visitors.

"They're always welcome, and we want them to come so that they know who we are," said Rev. Kuzara.

The University of Notre Dame also currently offers a Byzantine Rite Mass. One of its professors is a Melkite Byzantine Catholic Priest originally from Egypt, who celebrates the Byzantine Divine Liturgy every other Sunday during the academic year in the Chapel of Mary, Seat of Wisdom, in Malloy Hall.

Additionally, there are numerous Eastern Catholic Churches throughout the world: People just have to keep an eye out for them.

"You can always tell which church is Catholic because it will have 'Catholic' in the name," said Rev. Kuzara, "like we do at St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church."



"We wanted students to experience the Byzantine Rite. The Byzantine Rite is the largest rite outside the Roman Rite that most of us know," said Oross.