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A stained glass window at St. Adalbert Church, South Bend, depicts Christ's rising from the dead. Because of our Savior's victory over death and sin, our belief in the promises of God is justified. "The tomb is empty: Alleluia!" should be our cry of exaltation this Easter season.

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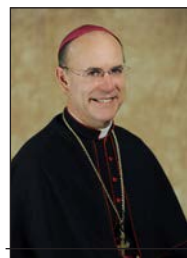


God has unlocked for us the path to eternity



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The risen Christ is depicted in the painting "Resurrection" by 15th-century Italian master Andrea Mantegna. Easter, the chief feast in the liturgical calendars of all Christian churches, commemorates Christ's resurrection from the dead.



IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Easter is the Church's greatest feast. It is the day when we celebrate the crowning truth of our faith, the Resurrection of the Lord. We rejoice that God, through His Son, has conquered death and, as the Collect prayer of Easter Sunday Mass says, has "unlocked for us the path to eternity." This is indeed good news, great news. It is the source of our hope as Christians.

On Easter Sunday, we hear in the first reading of Mass, from the Acts of the Apostles, the testimony of St. Peter, who preaches to the people: "They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead."

On Easter Sunday morning, Mary Magdalen went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. She ran to tell Peter and John. They both ran to the tomb and found it empty. The Gospel tells

us that John, the beloved disciple, "saw and believed."

The Resurrection of Jesus was a real historical event. There was an empty tomb, yet there was also more. As St. Peter said: God "granted that he be visible." Peter testifies that he and the other chosen witnesses ate and drank with Jesus after He rose from the dead. The appearances of the Risen Jesus convinced Mary Magdalen and the other apostles and disciples that Jesus had truly risen from the dead. The Resurrection confirmed for them that all that Jesus had said and done while He was with them was true.

What happened next is key for the Church of all ages, including today. The apostles and disciples who saw the Risen Lord went out to all the world to proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus. They went out, as Jesus commanded them, to make disciples of all nations and to baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

If the Resurrection had not happened, there would be no Christianity and no Catholic Church. As St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain."

In our journey of life, we face many challenges and sufferings. In the midst of the greatest trials, including death, we live in hope because of the Resurrection. Following Christ means that we take up our cross each day. Sometimes it can be heavy. But, with His grace, we carry it because Jesus, who is alive, is with us. He holds us firmly in

His hands. Because of the Resurrection, we know by faith that the cross of Jesus that we embrace is a triumphant and victorious cross.

I wish all of you, your families, and your loved ones a blessed and happy Easter. As you go to Mass on Easter you will encounter, as we do at every Mass, the crucified and risen Lord. The Holy Eucharist is a great Easter sacrament. Every time we receive Holy Communion, we receive the Body of Christ, risen from the dead. We receive the medicine of immortality. We remember the promise of Jesus: "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

As Catholics, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with great solemnity not only on Easter Sunday, but throughout the Octave of Easter, the eight days from Easter Sunday to the following Sunday. I invite you to consider attending Mass, even if only once during the Easter Octave, to savor the joy of the feast of Easter. I will be celebrating Confirmations in parishes throughout the diocese during the Easter Octave and throughout the Easter season. Confirmation, like Baptism and the Eucharist, is an Easter sacrament. Please pray for all our young people who will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to bear witness to the Risen Christ.

May the Risen Lord bless you with joy and peace! May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who stood by the cross in sorrow and was filled with joy at the Resurrection, intercede for us with her love!

Egypt attacks won't stop pope's visit for peace, says Vatican official

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Despite recent and repeated terrorist attacks against Egypt's minority Christian communities, Pope Francis will not cancel his visit to Egypt.

"The pope's trip to Egypt proceeds as scheduled," Greg Burke, Vatican spokesman, told Catholic News Service by email April 10. The pope is scheduled to meet governmental and interfaith leaders during an April 28-29 visit to Cairo.

"Egyptians are looking forward to Pope Francis' visit, although the atmosphere at present is heavy," Father Rafic Grieche, spokesman for the Egyptian bishops, told CNS April 10, the day after the attacks.

"The pope's mission is to be beside his brothers at the time of difficulty. Now is the real time that he can bring peace and hope to the Egyptian people as a whole and to the Christians of the East, in particular," Father Grieche added.

He said people were uneasy entering churches with metal detectors and other security measures.

"It's not like going to a normal church. But we need these measures to keep people safe," he said.

He said after the attack, he celebrated a Mass with 2,000 people.

"The people knew already about the attack in Tanta, but they did not want to be afraid. In the evening, they also came for the prayers of the Holy Week," Father Grieche said.

Coptic Orthodox Pope Tawadros II was in the Cathedral of St. Mark in Alexandria April 9 for the Palm Sunday service, when an explosion went off outside the church. Security footage appeared to show a security officer direct a man who was seeking entry into the cathedral to go through a metal detector. The man took a step under the detector then backed up a step, followed by a huge explosion that cut off the camera feed. Earlier, a bomb exploded 70 miles away inside the Church of St. George in Tanta, 50 miles north of Cairo, during its Palm Sunday service. Estimates say at least 44 people were killed and more than 100 injured in the two attacks, making it one of the deadliest against the nation's Christians in decades.



CNS photo/Khaled Elfiqi, EPA

Security personnel investigate the scene of a bomb explosion April 9 inside the Orthodox Church of St. George in Tanta, Egypt. That same day an explosion went off outside the Cathedral of St. Mark in Alexandria, where Coptic Orthodox Pope Tawadros II was presiding over the Palm Sunday service.

It was the single deadliest day for Christians in decades and the worst since a bombing at a Cairo church in December killed 30 people.

Pope Tawadros told the Italian national network Rai News April 9 the attacks would "not damage the unity and cohesiveness" of the Egyptian people.

"Egyptians are united before this terrorism," he said, adding that "these vile attacks that hit people of peace in places of prayer demonstrate that terrorism lacks any religion."

Sheik Ahmad el-Tayeb, grand imam of al-Azhar University, also condemned the attacks, calling them a "despicable terrorist bombing that targeted the lives of innocents."

Retired Coptic Catholic Bishop Antonios Mina of Giza, Egypt, said the incidents were an attack against the nation's unity, its Coptic Christians, "to remind them that they have no rights, and against all Christian minorities of the country that anxiously await Pope Francis."

"Despite it all, we will never lose hope. These atrocious gestures make us firmer in the faith and stronger," he said. "Egypt's Christians are warriors of hope."

One Catholic leader highlighted his country's failure to address the real causes behind the Palm Sunday massacres.

Speaking to "the officials and the wise of this country," Coptic Catholic Bishop Botros Fahim

Awad Hanna of Minya said that "you don't fight terrorism with words or slogans, nor with security or armies alone."

"What have you done for social, economic, health, political and human justice? What have you done for the poor and down-trodden? What have you done to reform thought, expression and religious discourse?"

In a posting on his Facebook page, Bishop Fahim said that when Pope Francis goes to Cairo, he "will come to say no to terrorism and evil, and yes to goodness and fraternity. Love will never fail."

Around the world, religious leaders offered prayers.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the attacks on the churches were "unspeakable persecution."

"In the midst of what should be peace, horrible violence yet again," he said. On behalf of all U.S. bishops, the cardinal expressed "our deepest sadness" for all those killed and injured, and their loved ones.

"I also express our solidarity with the Coptic church in Egypt, an ancient Christian community that faces mounting persecution in its historic home from violent extremism. I also pray for the nation of Egypt, that it may seek justice, find healing, and strengthen protection for Coptic Christians and other religious minorities who wish only to live in peace."

Egypt is 90 percent Sunni Muslim; Christians make up the remaining 10 percent, with that majority being the Coptic Orthodox church. The Catholic community in Egypt numbers about 272,000, less than 0.5 percent of the population.

Contributing to this story was Dale Gavlak in Amman, Jordan.



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Sunday, April 16: 10:30 a.m. — Mass, Easter Sunday, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Huntington
 Monday, April 17: 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop's Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
 Monday, April 17: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
 Tuesday, April 18: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Patrick Church, Arcola
 Wednesday, April 19: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Therese Church, Fort Wayne
 Thursday, April 20: 10:30 a.m. — Presbyterate Meeting, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Warsaw
 Friday, April 21: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Decatur
 Saturday, April 22: 10 a.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne

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Heart attack takes life of Queen of Angels deacon

John Hilger, a permanent deacon of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, died unexpectedly last week. Hilger and his wife, Mary, were traveling in Europe when he experienced a severe heart attack. He went to our Lord Friday, April 7, in Belgium, surrounded by Mary and the couple's daughters.

Funeral services are pending. "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are grey" were the most favorable words sung and expressed by Deacon John at every moment of his life," said Father Ajay Tiru, pastor of Queen of Angels.

Father Tiru remembered the impact of the life of Deacon Hilger, "I was deeply touched by his child-like faith and the heart of simplicity and generosity, which was always reflected in his outlook and personality. He was a great gift to Queen of Angels Parish and served joyfully and faithfully in exhibiting a great example of stewardship with his time, talents and resources.

"He was gifted with the charisma of healing prayers, witnessed by the people who invited him to pray over sick people at homes or at hospitals. It was not easy for anyone to trace his inner pain and sufferings, which he had been going through all his life because of excruciating pain on his hip and the knees. Most of the time, his love and the passion for Christ and the people pushed him forward, positively, to accept the cross of suffering joyfully," Father Tiru continued.

"I cannot forget his gesture of humility for inviting me, always before the Mass at the sacristy of Queen of Angel Parish, with his humble words, 'Let us go for



DEACON JOHN HILGER

breakfast or for a meal if you have time," Father Tiru said. "I used to tell him, 'Of course, I have time for you: Let us go together.' The life that he lived and shared with one another was truly inspiring and enriching. So many people knew about him through his generosity and meekness of heart. He was a friend of all ages, and a very talented farmer knowing how to grow and plant seeds at the right time to produce good harvest.

"God always sent his humble servants to a chosen community and the family where the message of God's love, compassion and humility is to be shared. Deacon John truly accomplished the work and the mission of Christ faithfully and successfully with the simplicity of life. Let me say that his life resonates with the words of St. Mother Theresa, who said, 'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.'"

The family has set up a YouCaring crowdfunding account, www.youcaring.com/johnandmaryhilger-793294, for the purpose of transporting Deacon Hilger home to Fort Wayne.

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Equestrian Order gathers for Palm Sunday at St. Matthew



Provided by Dr. Thomas McGovern

On Palm Sunday, 20 members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem processed at the 11 a.m. liturgy at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. Afterwards, a brunch was held that included current members and several future members of the order, who will be invested in October in Indianapolis. The program included a presentation on the most recent information available on the historical and medical aspects of the passion of Christ, by Dr. Thomas W. McGovern, KCHS; remarks by Lt. Max Brown of Chicago (standing, second from right), who oversees the six-state North Central Lieutenancy of the order; and encouraging words from fellow knight Bishop Rhoades regarding his recent trip to the Holy Land. The Equestrian Order provides over 75 percent of the financial needs of the Latin-rite parishes and ministries in the Holy Land.

Via Crucis: French woman's meditations highlight victory of love

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A French biblical scholar not only wrote the meditations to guide Pope Francis' 2017 celebration of the Via Crucis at Rome's Colosseum, she also designed her own set of Bible-based Stations of the Cross. Pope Francis asked Anne-Marie Pelletier to share her reflections with the worldwide audi-

ence that follows the stations on the night of Good Friday. She is the first wife, mother and grandmother to author meditations for the papal service. Pelletier's stations are a variation on St. John Paul's Scriptural Stations of the Cross: She starts with Jesus being condemned to death, rather than with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, and ends with the women preparing to anoint Jesus' body in the tomb. Because the Stations of the Cross do not have a "binding form," Pelletier

told Vatican Radio, "I chose those moments that seemed particularly significant." "I didn't think about what I wanted to say or what I wanted to transmit," she said. "Rather, my idea was to put myself on this path, to try to follow in the footsteps of Jesus as he went up to Golgotha. "The driving idea, she said, is that "love is stronger" than any evil. "The love that comes from God is victorious over everything. I believe the task of Christians is to give witness to that."

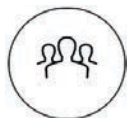
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Indiana General Assembly tweaks 'baby box' law

INDIANAPOLIS — A bill to ensure safety for newborns deposited into "baby boxes" cleared a final hurdle April 3, when it passed the Indiana House 92-4. The Indiana Catholic Conference supports the proposal.

Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle, author of Senate Bill 246, the baby box bill, said he brought the legislation forward as a way to fix a glitch in administering the baby box provision of Indiana's Safe Haven Law.

Holdman said two years ago the Indiana General Assembly passed a proposal giving authority to the Indiana Department of Health to promulgate rules governing the use of newborn safety incubator devices commonly referred to as "baby boxes." A baby box is a device where a parent could anonymously place his or her unwanted infant; a sensor would notify emergency personnel that a baby had been placed into the device for retrieval.

"We've had a little bit of a problem getting the program rolled out because those rules were never promulgated, because it was felt by some at the department of health that this was abandonment," said Holdman.

The Safe Haven Law allows a newborn baby who is less than 30 days old to be handed off to an emergency medical provider that is designated as a safe harbor. Without a baby box, the transfer of the baby involves a face-to-face encounter between a parent and emergency staff. Testimony indicated that parent anonymity may enhance successful transfers of infants through a baby box device. Indiana's Safe Haven Law allows legal anonymity, but the baby box provision allows full anonymity, an impetus for the original legislation.

Holdman said the legislation would set up a system where a baby would be safe, but the devices would be installed in a hospital or a hospital-affiliated facility. "The drop-off location would be in a conspicuous, visible place to the hospital staff," said Holdman. The bill provides immunity for a hospital and the program is voluntary.

The Indiana Department of Children's Services administers the Safe Haven Law. The law enables a person to give up an unwanted infant anonymously without fear of arrest or prosecution. As long as there are no signs of intentional abuse on the baby, no information is required of the person leaving the baby. The Indiana Department of Child Services takes the baby into custody through Child Protective Services and places the child with a caregiver.

Parvony Stover, legislative director for the Department of Child Services said the Children's Commission reviewed the Safe Haven Law and did not recommend statewide use of the baby boxes due to concerns about child safety, associated costs and potential liability. Two baby box devices are operational at fire sta-

tions in northwest Indiana and will be permitted to continue, but new baby boxes would be located at hospitals or hospital-affiliated facilities.

Cathie Humbarger, executive director of Allen County Right to Life, testified in support of the legislation. She said even with the publicity and education regarding the two boxes already in place — one in Allen County — not a single newborn has been deposited. Humbarger said since March of 2016 the publicity has generated nearly a thousand calls to the Baby Safe hotline that have been answered by trained volunteers. There have been 142 pregnancy resource center referrals, four confirmed adoptions referrals

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BRIGID CURTIS AYER

and six confirmed face-to-face surrenders.

Glenn Tebbe, executive director for the Indiana Catholic Conference, who also testified in support of the bill, said even though Indiana's Safe Haven Law allows a parent to relinquish an unwanted infant to medical or public safety personnel, too many

infants are still abandoned and left to perish.

"It is not clear why a parent would not take the infant to a place where proper care for the child could be provided," said Tebbe. "If there is a problem due to not wanting to be identified as abandoning the child, the newborn safety incubator is an answer if anonymity is necessary."

"The program has had an impact and has helped parents in need seek and find assistance for the child and the family. While concerns were raised about the safety of child in the baby safe device, Senate Bill 246 addresses the safety concerns by requiring them at hospitals where staff can provide immediate care," Tebbe said.

The Children's Bureau, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Department, issued the Child Welfare Gateway Information report in Feb. 2013 on Safe Haven Laws in the United States. Thirteen states and the District of Columbia, provide parent anonymity. In 34 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico parents retain criminal immunity when a baby is relinquished to a safe haven.

State lawmakers are expected to complete their legislative business and to finalize a state budget in less than two weeks. For a status update on priority legislation the ICC is following, go to the I-CAN Update at www.indianacc.org.



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Myanmar cardinal sees biggest challenge as stopping ethnic conflicts

YANGON, Myanmar (CNS) — The Catholic Church is helping to rebuild Myanmar as it emerges from six decades of military rule and isolation through peace-building efforts and education, Cardinal Charles Bo of Yangon said in a recent interview with *National Catholic Reporter*. The most important issue facing the country "is to see the civil war stopped ... between the (Kachin Independence Army) and the military government," Cardinal Bo said. "We'd like to see peace in the Kachin state and with the Rohingyas," a minority Muslim group named the world's most persecuted people by the United Nations. On April 26-27, the Catholic Church, other Christian communities and Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists will hold an interfaith peace conference; the cardinal said they plan to invite members of the military, armed groups and civil society. He also said churches nationwide are offering first Friday Masses, along with special fasts and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, for peace in the country. Continued ethnic conflicts mar the fledgling democracy in Myanmar, which, in March 2016, witnessed the inauguration of President U Htin Kyaw, a milestone in a transition to a mostly civilian-led government. The president is a close ally of Aung San Suu Kyi, the country's de facto leader as state counselor, a position above the presidency that allows her to direct the country's affairs. Suu Kyi led the opposition to the military government, was awarded the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize and lived under periodic house arrest for more than 15 years until her release in 2010, when she helped usher in the subsequent victory of the National League for Democracy party. Cardinal Bo said that, compared to five or six years ago, "there is quite a dramatic change in the country," noting that "it's just been two to three years that it's begun to open up and we could speak out freely."

Cardinal, other pro-life leaders praise decision to defund U.N. agency

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairman of the U.S. bishops' pro-life committee and other prominent pro-life leaders cheered the U.S. State Department's April 3 announcement that it would no longer contribute to the U.N. Population Fund because of the agency's involvement in China's Population and Family Planning Law, long known as the "one-child policy." "This is a victory for women and children across the globe, as well as for U.S. taxpayers," said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic

Pope horrified by 'unacceptable massacre' in Syria



CNS photo/EPA

A child receives treatment inside a field hospital in Idlib, Syria, after an April 4 chemical attack.

Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities. "We are so grateful to the Trump administration for taking this important action to end U.S. support for UNFPA so long as it remains committed to China's coercive abortion and sterilization programs," he said in a statement released April 6. According to an AP report, the \$32.5 million the U.S. is withdrawing from the U.N. Population Fund, known as UNFPA, will instead go to the U.S. Agency for International Development for maternal health and non-abortion reproductive health programs and efforts to end practices such as genital mutilation. The State Department invoked the Kemp-Kasten Amendment, originally enacted in 1985 to keep U.S. funds from supporting China's program and renewed each year since by Congress. It bans funding to any organization that "supports" or "participates in the management of" a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization.

Catholic population tops 1.28 billion; half are in 10 countries

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Taken together, the 10 countries with the most Catholics account for almost 56 percent of the world's Catholic population, the Vatican reported. The 2017 "Anuario Pontificio," or Vatican yearbook,

and a new edition of the Vatican Statistical Yearbook report that the countries with the most Catholics are, in order: Brazil, Mexico, Philippines, United States, Italy, France, Colombia, Spain, Congo and Argentina. The number of baptized Catholics grew 1 percent in a year to reach 1.285 billion as of Dec. 31, 2015, the date to which the statistics in both books refer. Looking at the period 2010-2015, the global Catholic population increased by 7.4 percent, the Vatican said. Africa continued to be the continent with the largest percentage growth, increasing by 19.4 percent over the same five-year period. The increase in Africa outpaced the growth of the general population. In Europe, the Americas and Asia, generally speaking, the statistical growth or decline of the Catholic population coincided with the growth or decline of the population as a whole over the five-year period, according to the Central Office for Church Statistics.

Cupich: Church will do everything it can 'to end scourge of violence'

CHICAGO (CNS) — Chicago Cardinal Blase J. Cupich April 4 announced a new initiative to increase the work of current anti-violence programs in parishes and schools and those run by Mercy Home for Boys and Girls,

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis reacted last week to the shocking chemical attack in Syria. "We are horrified by the latest events in Syria. I strongly deplore the unacceptable massacre that took place yesterday in the Idlib province, where dozens of civilians, including many children, were killed," the pope said April 5, before concluding his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square. Images of more than 70 dead men, women and children lying on the streets provoked international outrage following the attack in a rebel-held area. Western leaders have accused Syrian President Bashar Assad and the country's military of perpetrating the attack, based on reports that warplanes dropped chemical bombs in the early morning. According to The New York Times, the Syrian military denied attacking the town and said the attack was caused by insurgents who blame the Syrian government for similar attacks "every time they fail to achieve the goals of their sponsors."

Catholic Charities and Kolbe House, the archdiocese's jail ministry. The Chicago Archdiocese also will seek out partnerships to increase programs that will help break the cycle of violence. The cardinal announced the initiatives on the 49th anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. With a \$250,000 personal donation, Cardinal Cupich said the archdiocese will create the Instruments of Peace Venture Philanthropy Fund that will provide funds for both new and existing neighborhood-based anti-violence programs. The money comes from donations he's received to aid his personal charitable efforts. In 2018, the archdiocese also will hold the first U.S. meeting of Scholas Occurrentes, a program active in 100 countries that brings young people together to meet and problem-solve. The gathering will involve young people from Cook and Lake counties.

Birthday book: Scholars offer Pope Benedict traditional German tribute

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Before he was elected Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger once wrote that he was grateful for being born on a day that fell during the church's most intense liturgical season. Born

and baptized on April 16, 1927, which was Holy Saturday that year, "my life from the beginning was immersed in the paschal mystery, which could not be anything other than a blessing," he wrote in his book, "Milestones." This year, the retired German pope turns 90 and cards and letters have been pouring in; certainly there will be some presents, including a "Festschrift" — a collection of essays celebrating the work of a well-known scholar on an important occasion — in this case Pope Benedict and his 90th birthday. Creating a commemorative volume is a popular German tradition among academics and one that the pope is very familiar with. This year, the Vatican publishing house and the Joseph Ratzinger-Benedict XVI Vatican Foundation pieced together a "Festschrift" titled after the pope's episcopal motto, "Cooperatores Veritatis" (Co-workers of the truth). It was written by all 13 winners to date of the "Ratzinger Prize," an award to distinguished scholars in theology or related studies. The essays, published in their original language, cover a wide range of topics such as the pope's contributions to understanding the church's relationship with Judaism; seeing Christian-Islamic dialogue in light of Vatican II; Christianity and culture; and understanding Jesus of Nazareth through his trilogy — the first volume of which was released in 2007 on the pope's 80th birthday.

Love Jesus in all who suffer, pope says on Palm Sunday

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Jesus does not ask that people only contemplate his image, but that they also recognize and love him concretely in all people who suffer like he did, Pope Francis said. Jesus is "present in our many brothers and sisters who today endure sufferings like his own — they suffer from slave labor, from family tragedies, from diseases. They suffer from wars and terrorism, from interests that are armed and ready to strike," the pope said April 9 as he celebrated the Palm Sunday Mass of the Lord's Passion. In his noon Angelus address, the pope also decried recent terrorist attacks in Sweden and Egypt, calling on "those who sow terror, violence and death," including arms' manufacturers and dealers, to change their ways. In his prayers for those affected by the attacks, the pope also expressed his deepest condolences to "my dear brother, His Holiness Pope Tawadros, the Coptic church and the entire beloved Egyptian nation," which the pope is scheduled to visit April 28-29.

St. Vincent de Paul Society fundraising event April 19

SOUTH BEND — The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County 2017 Legacy Dinner and Vinnie's Runway will take place Wednesday, April 19, at the Hilton Garden Inn Gillespie Conference Center, where eight community members will walk the runway to raise funds for the society's programs.

Now in its third year, Vinnie's Runway is a peer-to-peer event. Each year, a select group of community members and partners commit to raising \$5,000 each in support of the society and its mission to serve the poor. On the evening of the Legacy Dinner, these "Vinnies" rock the runway, modeling clothing from the St. Vincent de Paul Stores. The person who raises the most is crowned the winner.

This year the runway features Chris Karam, president of the Mishawaka Medical Campus of Saint Joseph Health Systems; Leo J. and Leo E. Priemer of Edward Jones; Indiana Beverage's Pat Flynn; and the St. Vincent de Paul junior leaders, as well as community members Mary Harding, Hugh and Judy Kuzmich, Jennifer Probst and Stephanie Larimore.

Over the last two years, Vinnie's Runway has raised more than \$100,000 to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society provide food, clothing, furniture, financial assistance and educational resources to those in need in St. Joseph County.

The campaign is open to the public; however, the event is ticketed. Tickets are \$125 and may be purchased online at <http://legacy2017.causevox.com/>. To support any of the Vinnies, visit www.vinniesrunway.causevox.com or send a check to 520 Crescent Ave. in South Bend. For more information contact St. Vincent de Paul Society Development Coordinator Stephanie Kennedy at (574) 234-6000 ext. 12127, or at Stephanie.kennedy@svdpsb.org.

Ancilla College transfer program established

DONALDSON — Ancilla College has established a groundbreaking program to aid Ancilla graduates in transferring to four-year institutions. The Ancilla College Transfer Program, which became operational March 16, will have a profound effect on the ability of Ancilla College graduates to smoothly transfer to four-year institutions. To launch the Ancilla College Transfer Program, Ancilla College hosted a Transfer Day that brought 15 four-year institutions to campus to advise students on their transfer procedures. Ancilla has close and collaborative transfer relationships with 27 total institutions.

In many cases, those relationships involve formal agreements to engage in early and collaborative advising. For all institutions, Ancilla maintains

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Father Augustus Tolton pilgrimage



Joann Gabrich/Provided by Deacon Mel Tardy

Pilgrims from a variety of parishes in the greater South Bend area embarked on a two-day trip in March, to Quincy, Ill., and the grave and historic sites of Servant of God Father Augustus Tolton. Sponsored by the Tolton Society of St. Augustine Parish, the group of 28 was guided by the Most Reverend Joseph Perry, auxiliary bishop of Chicago, Ill., postulator for the canonization of Father Tolton, and C. Vanessa White, Ph.D., of Chicago Theological Union. The group is pictured in front of Father Tolton's gravesite.

direct advising contacts, which allows students to begin planning their four-year program, which includes a sequence of Ancilla College courses, along with the courses required for a baccalaureate degree. Baccalaureate institution advisors will determine which Ancilla courses meet baccalaureate degree requirements.

An additional key element of the Ancilla College Transfer program is a Memo of Collaboration, which spells out the collaborative responsibilities of Ancilla College and the partner four-year institution.

Sister Ilia Delio, Saint Mary's Madelva lecturer

NOTRE DAME — The Saint Mary's College Center for Spirituality is proud to announce that Sister Ilia Delio, OSF, will offer the college's 32nd annual Madeleva Lecture. She currently holds the Josephine C. Connelly Endowed Chair in Theology at Villanova University. Her lecture, "A Hunger for Wholeness: Soul, Space, and Transcendence," will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in Carroll Auditorium, Madeleva Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Delio is the author of 17 books, including "Making All Things New: Catholicity in the 21st Century" and "The Unbearable Wholeness of Being: God, Evolution, and the Power

of Love." Her work received the 2014 Silver Nautilus Book Award and a third-place Catholic Press Association Award for Faith and Science. Delio lectures nationally and internationally in the area of science and religion, with particular interests in evolution, ecology, and artificial intelligence.

The Center for Spirituality is honored to host Delio on campus to deliver this year's Madeleva Lecture said Arlene Montevicchio, director of the Center for Spirituality.

"Ilia Delio is one of the foremost scholars on science, religion, and spiritual transformation," Montevicchio said. "Her work as a Franciscan sister, spiritual retreat leader, and distinguished theologian situate her well in the tradition of the Madeleva lecture series and with the mission of Saint Mary's College. We are delighted to welcome her to campus."

For more information about the Madeleva Lecture, visit www.saintmarys.edu/Spirituality or call the Center for Spirituality at 574-284-4636.

Capella Artemisia to perform at The Center

DONALDSON — Capella Artemisia, an all-female ensemble from Bologna, Italy, presents "Invincible! 17th-Century Italian Nuns Sing of Virgins and Martyrs," Saturday, April 29, in

Ancilla Domini Chapel at The Center at Donaldson at 7 p.m. The free performance features music composed by Italian nuns of the 17th century and is dedicated to great women of the church. These women include Mary, Mother of Jesus; Mary Magdalene; Catherine of Alexandria; and the nuns of Italy who are too numerous to name and many of whom were martyred.

Since its inception in 1991, Cappella Artemisia has received critical and popular praise both for the rarity and originality of its repertoire and for the high quality of its performances. It has appeared at some of the most prestigious European and North American festivals of early music and its concerts and recordings have been broadcast on radios throughout Italy, Europe and North America.

Cappella Artemisia takes its name from the painter Artemisia Gentileschi, a striking figure in 17th-century Italy whose artistic accomplishments are beginning to be recognized. The group, under the direction of Candace Smith, performs works originally intended for and performed by the many talented women whose families consigned them to the convent — sometimes against their will — during the Baroque period.

The performance, which will be followed by refreshments, is free and open to the public. For

more information contact Andrew Jennings, director of liturgy and music at The Center at Donaldson, at 574-935-1723, or email ajennings@poorhandmaids.org. The Center at Donaldson is sponsored by The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

Holy Cross College names Father David Tyson, CSC, interim president

NOTRE DAME — The board of Holy Cross College has named Father David Tyson, CSC, interim president. Father Tyson succeeds Brother John Paige, CSC, who has begun a leave of absence before accepting a new assignment in Catholic higher education.

David Bender, chairman of the board of Holy Cross College, made the announcement following a meeting with board members.

"Father Tyson is a remarkable successor to Brother John Paige, who has led Holy Cross College as president since 2011," Bender said. "Father Tyson has served Holy Cross College since 2014 as a trustee and will be able to lead with the benefit of his own talents as well as familiarity with the mission, programs, students, and staff of the school."

Father David Tyson, CSC, is the St. André Bessette Director of Nonprofit Professional Development at Mendoza College, University of Notre Dame. A member of the Notre Dame class of 1970, he previously served at the university in a variety of positions on the staff and faculty in the 1970s and 1980s. He joined the Mendoza College faculty after completing graduate studies, where he served as an assistant and associate professor in the Department of Management. During that decade, he also served as executive assistant to the university president, Father Theodore Hesburgh, CSC, and as vice president for Student Affairs.

In 1990, he resigned from the university upon his election as the president of the University of Portland, a Holy Cross sister institution of Notre Dame. During his 13 years at Portland, Father Tyson oversaw a major expansion of the campus, a tripling of its endowment and improvement of the university's regional and national standing. In 2003, he was elected the provincial superior of what was then called the Indiana Province of Holy Cross, the largest Holy Cross province in the world. He led the U.S. Province until the end of his term in 2012. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Notre Dame for his contributions to the University, the Congregation of Holy Cross and Catholic higher education.



FATHER DAVID TYSON, CSC



10 signs of a safe program for children and youth

During the school year, religious education, sports and recreation programs fill the days of students. In fact, during those nine or so months of the year, children spend as much time in the company of their peers and care of other adults as they do with their parents. What should parents expect of the individuals and programs in whom they entrust their children's care? What makes a program "kid-safe?"

1. Screening of staff and volunteers.

All staff and volunteers who serve in a supervisory role with children and youth, or who have regular contact with children and youth, undergo criminal background screens and reference checks to ensure they have no history of criminal or other behavior that may place youth at risk of harm or abuse.


2. Safe Environment training.

Training is offered to all staff, volunteers, parents and concerned adults regarding safe environment strategies and signs of abuse. Strategies are implemented to create an environment that is physically and emotionally safe — free from environmental hazards, discrimination, harassment and abuse.

3. Codes of conduct. There are clear codes of conduct guiding adult interactions with youth. The written code of conduct is readily available and compliance is consistently enforced.

4. Open communication. An atmosphere of open communication is encouraged — between parents and staff, staff and children, children and parents. Parents and youth are encouraged to communicate their feelings and concerns. Concerns are met with empathy, acceptance and an active response. Parents are informed of activities, events and their children's progress. Children are encouraged to communicate their experiences to their parent(s).

5. Parents are welcome. Parents are always welcome to participate, observe or monitor their child's behavior. There may be instances where youth are encouraged and expected to act independently — where parent participation may influence group process or individual



October 07, 2016

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend
915 S. Clinton St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Dear Bishop Rhoades:
Based on the results of our recently performed on-site audit of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the Diocese has been found compliant with all audited Articles within the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* for the 2015/2016 audit period.

The conclusions reached as to the compliance of your Diocese are based upon inquiry, observation and the review of specifically requested documentation furnished to StoneBridge Business Partners during the course of this audit.

Thank you for your cooperation during this process.
Sincerely,

StoneBridge Business Partners

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Rochester, New York

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is audited every year by an independent company in order to assure its compliance with The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The diocese was found compliant during its most recent audit. The USCCB coordinates these audits for all dioceses in the U.S.

growth — but in such instances, parents are informed regarding their child; and youth are encouraged to share their experiences with their parent(s). Parents are encouraged to serve as volunteers in child/youth programs.

6. Education in right relationships. Qualities of right relationships are taught to children, through the modeling of healthy interac-

tions, discussion and experiential activities. In addition to teaching the qualities of right relationships, children are taught what to do if a relationship isn't right. They are encouraged to seek help from their parent(s) or another trusted adult.

7. All children are treated with dignity and respect. We are all made in God's image, worthy of dignity and respect. A child-safe program

shows this through its treatment of children. A child-safe program promotes the ideal that all persons are made in the image of God. Thus children are to be treated with dignity and respect at all times.

8. Rules and expectations are clear and enforced consistently. Children thrive when they are provided with the proper amount of structure or developmental scaffolding. Programs that provide clear rules and expectations provide such structure. In a kid-safe program, children and youth are expected to treat others with dignity and respect and to refrain from behaviors that are dangerous, hurtful to others, or interfere with a positive learning environment. Reinforcement of positive behaviors and consequences for negative behaviors are implemented consistently and without bias. Expectations are based on the child's developmental level, needs, and abilities.

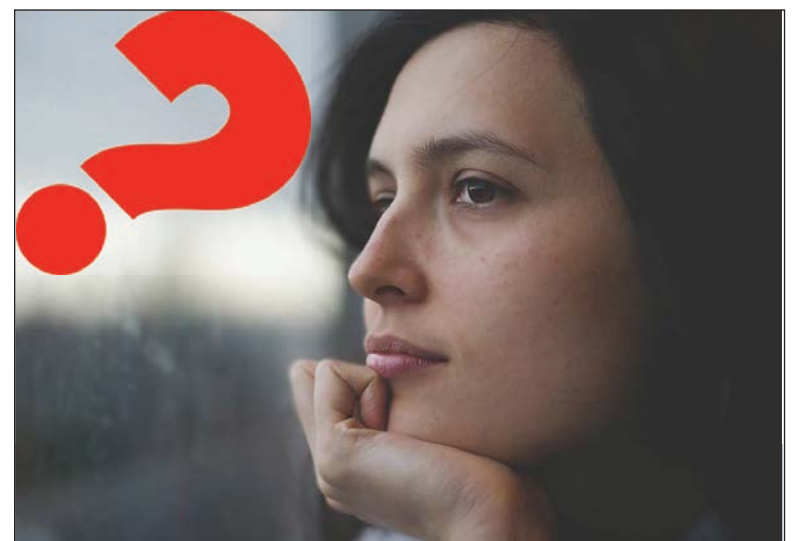
9. Accountability/supervision. The program provides adequate supervision of children and youth. Children and their peers are not left unsupervised, nor are they placed in situations where

they are in the isolated company of an adult. A team approach is used in decision-making, and adults hold one another accountable with regard to their conduct with youth.

10. Abuse is reported. Adults are trained in the warning signs of abuse. They are instructed in the state's mandated child abuse reporting law and are aware of how to seek help for children in need. There is complete transparency with regard to the investigation of allegations of abuse by program staff or volunteers. Program staff cooperates fully with such investigations.

If the programs your children are involved in don't stack up, take action. Ask questions. Request to review policies, codes of conduct, rules, and expectations. Get involved — volunteer your time, participate with your child, be present as an observer. Share these "kid-safe" recommendations.

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



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Divine Mercy novena begins on Good Friday

The devotion of the Divine Mercy novena is prayed between Good Friday and the Sunday of Divine Mercy, the Sunday following Easter, for the mercy of a good life and death. Those praying the novena are asked to say a prayer of special intentions on each of the nine days, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her, "On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls." (Diary of Faustina, 1209)

The prayers of special intentions for souls during the Divine Mercy novena are:

Day 1 (Good Friday) — All mankind, especially sinners

Day 2 (Holy Saturday) — The souls of priests and religious

Day 3 (Easter Sunday) — All devout and faithful souls

Day 4 (Easter Monday) — Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him

Day 5 (Easter Tuesday) — The souls of separated brethren

Day 6 (Easter Wednesday) — The meek and humble souls and the souls of children

Day 7 (Easter Thursday) — The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy

Day 8 (Easter Friday) — The souls who are detained in purgatory

Day 9 (Easter Saturday) — The souls who have become lukewarm

For a list of these prayers in their entirety, visit <https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/novena.htm> or stop by the nearest Catholic bookstore to purchase the Divine Mercy novena prayers.

The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a feast that was instituted on May 5, 2000, by Pope St. John Paul II. A Polish nun, St. Faustina Kowalska, heard Jesus telling her, "Say always the

Chaplet I have taught you. He (she) who says it, shall experience My Mercy, during his (her) life, and mostly at the hour of his (her) death."

"On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

DIARY OF FAUSTINA, 1209



How to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Begin with the optional opening prayers, then say:

"You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us."

Repeat three times:

"O blood and water, which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I trust in You!"

Using rosary beads, begin with the Sign of the Cross. Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed.

On each of the five decades, on the Our Father bead of the rosary, pray:

"Eternal Father, I offer you the body and blood, soul and divinity of Your dearly beloved son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

On each of the 10 Hail Mary beads, pray:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

For the concluding prayer, repeat three times:

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

You may also add this optional closing prayer:

"Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is love and mercy itself."

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School participates in Bowls of Kindness



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WARSAW — Sacred Heart Student Council members are pictured with James Faroh, principal; Roz Morgan, founding director of Our Father's House; and Drew Krichbaum, event coordinator, after the school participated in its annual Bowls of Kindness project to help restock the Warsaw community pantry. Students collected boxes of oatmeal or healthy cereal to donate to Our Father's House, with a goal of 200 boxes or 2400 servings. They collected over 250 boxes total.

In MY diocese

St. Patrick, Arcola

Allen County

Dedicated to the Catholic faith, parish and community

BY RON BUSCH

A few miles west of Fort Wayne, one finds the small village of Arcola. Although Arcola is only home to around 100 homes, the small community boasts a church with a rich history that dates back over 150 years. Today St. Patrick Parish lists 425 households, totaling 1,247 persons from both in and beyond the town's borders, according to the most recent diocesan directory.



**FATHER
THADEUS
BALINDA**

The parish began in 1845, when church services were held in the home of Victor Munier. In 1862 the parish was officially established and overseen by its first pastor, Father P.J. Jadden. In 1868 the first church and priest's residence were built on church grounds; Calvary Cemetery was established that same year. Just 12 years later Father Bartholomew Hartman helped to establish the parish's



Photos by Ron Busch

Small in size but mighty in faith is the parish of St. Patrick, Arcola. Members live out their baptismal calling by caring for one another and their community, but also by participating in ministries of education such as religious instruction and Vacation Bible School.

first school building. The dedication of the current church took place in 1899, a building that was constructed for a total cost of \$10,934.

In the 1920s the church and rectory were wired for electricity. Other improvements included a paved parking lot in 1936, an organ in 1939 and in 1941, one year before the church's diamond jubilee, the church underwent redecorating.

Construction of a new school building began in 1951. The school thrived for years, but in 1969 the doors were closed. The teaching nuns from the

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ discontinued their role at St. Patrick at that time.

The next renovation of the church occurred in the 1990s, overseen by Father Eugene Koers. During the next decade, the westward movement of the Fort Wayne-area population burgeoned the parish to almost 400 families. To accommodate the expansion a new rectory was built and a parish hall constructed, both of which were dedicated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy in 2007. The hall includes parish offices and religious education classrooms: The space has

also enabled conference rooms, library space, an infant cry room and new restrooms to complement the historic church.

St. Patrick Parish has celebrated 150-plus years of existence, and the faith community is looking forward to years ahead. Current staff members

include pastor Father Thadeus Balinda, religious education Director Roberta Davis, parish Secretary Patricia Denihan and youth group Director Cathy Diamente.

The parish is fortunate to have a large number of groups and activities contribute to its mission. Members of the faith community held their annual drive-through fish fry on Friday, March 24; Hard work and organization by many, along with homemade potato salad and coleslaw, made it a big hit. On the first Saturday after Easter St. Patrick conducts its annual bike blessing, which attracts motorcyclists from near and far. Summer evenings are often filled with softball games on a softball diamond constructed on parish grounds, thanks to the organizational and physical efforts of parishioner Gus Trahin.

The Knights of Columbus council puts on a monthly breakfast, sponsors the youth group and altar servers, offers bingo, oversees the mowing of the cemetery, offers financial support for seminarians and contributes to many other causes. The confirmation class puts out a Giving Tree at Christmas to help the Women Care Center with items for needy mothers and their babies. The Rosary Society provides fruit baskets to "live-alones" in the parish at Christmas and they also serve funeral dinners for



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The current St. Patrick Church was built in 1899; the parish hall followed about 100 years later and includes parish offices and religious education classrooms.

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families and sponsor families in need during the holidays. The pro-life group continues to promote and sponsor special events, and a young mom's group meets regularly to spiritually reflect on their families and to support one another.

The religious education program for pre-K through high school has over 150 students. Young people in the parish volunteer for youth group events and spiritual pilgrimage trips. Vacation Bible School gathers the children together in the summer to continue their learning and love of Jesus.

Denihan, a lifetime member

of the parish, expressed her personal love of St. Patrick. "The hearts of the people of St. Patrick's express the love of their faith and love of their parish. I have met so many wonderful and caring people working at the parish," she said.

Father Balinda feels a special privilege to be pastor at St. Patrick, he said. "The members are warm, they love me as their pastor, they are concerned about my life and how things are going back at my home in Uganda. I have had a few misfortunes back at home in Uganda, and every time they get to know, my misfortunes become their misfortunes and they are with me from the beginning to the end. Likewise, my joys are their joys. It's as if I have lived among them for decades. I am so happy that the silver jubilee of my priestly ordi-

nation is coming when I am in this community."

The pastor also appreciates the efforts of the various groups in the flock that he shepherds, and extended recognition to his staff as well. "I appreciate every one of our members and visitors who come to pray with us on weekends and weekdays."

And what of the future for St. Patrick Church, Arcola?

"I would like to see all the parish ministries continue to grow with the same zeal and dedication," said Father Balinda. "I would like to see our faith community grow in numbers and in our faith. I would like to see our parish young men and women join the seminary and become priests and religious, respectively. Lastly, I would like that we all meet one time in heaven."



The parish rectory is pictured above; below are the carved church sanctuary alcoves of Mary and St. Joseph.



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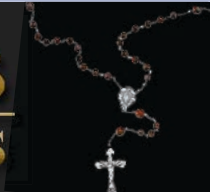
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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne

Allen County

'What a wonderful place to call home'

BY MARIAM SCHMITZ

In 1988, as the population of southwest Allen County continued to grow, Bishop John M. D'Arcy announced a new parish would be built to serve the area. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish was then formed and began to put down roots. It began humbly, with its first Mass celebrated by founding pastor Msgr. Robert Schulte at Haverhill Elementary School.

Over the past almost-30 years, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has grown to be the third largest parish in the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese and now includes its own school. Despite the size of the parish, both in square feet and in the number of parishioners, there is a palpable sense of family and community within its walls. It offers dozens of ways parishioners can grow in their Catholic faith individually, and there are just as many additional ways for them to share that



FATHER DAVID VOORS

light with others.

Groundbreaking for the new church took place on Aug. 6, 1989, at the corner of Aboite Center and Homestead roads in Fort Wayne. The first Mass in the new building was celebrated on Sept. 8, 1990, and the parish has not stopped growing since. Over the years, more acres were purchased and there have been several additions made to the original building, including increased church seating, a new parish office center, music room, nursery and school. The building now has 140,000 square feet under one roof. The parish and school, as well as a full outdoor football field and rectory, sit on 24 acres.

The second pastor assigned to St. Elizabeth was Father James Shafer, who arrived in 2000. He led the parish through multiple expansion projects while providing spiritual guidance to an ever-growing community. In June of 2016, Father Dave Voors became St. Elizabeth's third and current pastor. He said he has quickly adjusted to the parish and is especially grateful for its fine parishioners and staff. "You're greeted by friendliness when you come in here. They really



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The staff of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and school lead by example, putting faith formation, the offering of diverse worship opportunities and an exemplary Catholic education at the top of their list of priorities.

care about you. They all work hard, and their faith is the reason they're here."

Continuing its history of welcoming missionary priests, associate pastor Father Augustine Mugarura arrived from Uganda in January. He was a seminary professor for 22 years before coming to Fort Wayne. He currently has set office hours each week and is available for spiritual direction.

Father Voors spoke highly of

his colleague, and said his time at the seminary makes him an especially great spiritual director.

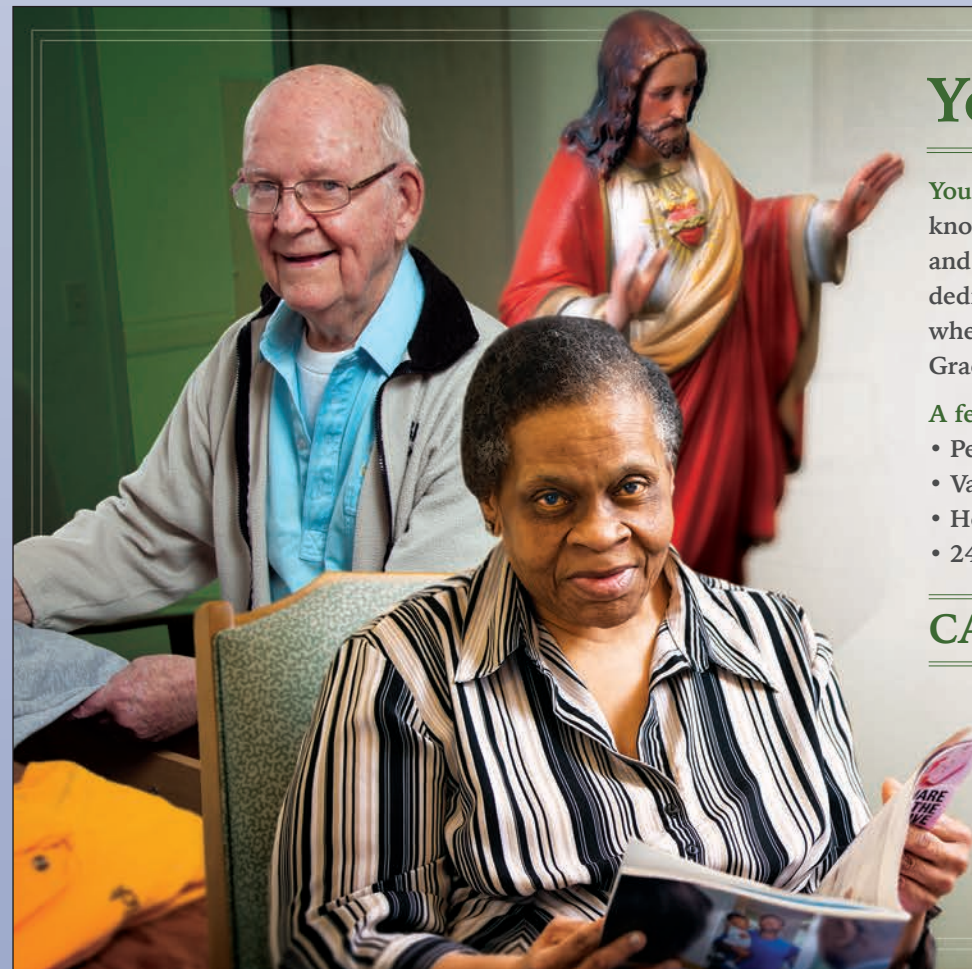
While the parish initially had 375 families, it has since grown to about 2,500 families and 8,360 individuals. Despite the number, St. Elizabeth is able to maintain a family atmosphere. According to Deacon Jim Kitchens, the Christ Renews His Parish retreat and formation process is a major contributor to

that climate. "CRHP feeds this place spiritually...it gives them a way to meet people and it's a beautiful spiritual thing," he said.

Parishioner Jennifer Vincent agreed. "Through the formation process, I was able to meet wonderful women and we were able to share our love for the Lord and just deepen our faith. We really support each other and help each other become more Christ-like in our daily lives." CRHP is now in its 25th year at the parish.

There are many additional ministries that bring parishioners together, including a Mary Our Mother group for mothers of elementary-aged and younger children. The group offers speakers, activities and fellowship. There's also a group just for dads that offers spiritual guidance and discussion. A Fraternal chapter is just beginning at the parish as well; Fraternal is a mentoring program aimed at developing boys into virtuous Catholic men.

The list of outreach programs the parish offers is extensive. A short list must include the St. Vincent de Paul Society that serves the needy within parish boundaries. Parishioners donate



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food to the pantry, which serves three to four families each week. It has been so successful that the St. Elizabeth chapter partners, or "twins," with other Fort Wayne parish chapters to help even more people. Then there is Project HOPE (Help Our Parishioners at St. Elizabeth) which provides confidential assistance to families in need.

Fort Wayne's Community Harvest Food Bank has been assisting the parish as well. According to Deacon Kitchens, "no one in this city should ever go hungry. There's no reason for it, because between us and other parishes and churches, it's there."

Other ministries include an active Knights of Columbus council, a youth group for high school and middle school students, a religious education program, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, a bereavement ministry and a pro-life committee.

The award-winning St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School has been growing with the parish. There are currently 530 students enrolled in pre-school through eighth grade. The school offers many ways to enrich and enlighten its students: There are two state-of-the-art computer labs as well as a media center, which allows for livestreaming and corporate-grade videoconferencing so students can interact with others from around the world.

A new initiative called



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Above and at right, families take advantage of a St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Children's Adoration Hour.

Blended Learning combines the best of online learning with traditional teaching methods. According to school principal Lois Widner, Blended Learning "takes what the wonderful teachers have been working on and individually students can soar as high as they want to go."

In addition, students in fifth through eighth grade participate in Starbase Indiana, a premier educational program sponsored by the Department of Defense. It challenges them with activities in science, technology, engineering, and math subjects. There is also a National Junior Honor Society, a Spanish program for grades kindergarten

through eighth, a student council and many Catholic Youth Organization sports like track, cross country, football, volleyball and basketball. There is a vibrant arts curriculum too, which includes art classes for kindergarteners through eighth-grade students, as well as a show choir, band and guitar club. A dedicated resource department assists students who may need extra help, as well as those who need to be challenged.

The Catholic identity of the school is strong and is made even more secure through weekly Masses, daily religion classes, an eighth-grade Journey of Faith retreat and more.



The school participates in the Rachel's Challenge program, named after Rachel Scott, a student who was tragically killed at the Columbine High School shooting. According to Principal Lois Widner, Rachel's Challenge "really helps focus these children on how to be compassionate, caring and respectful towards everyone." This has led to a community outreach program called Rachel's Club, in which students help the local hospice, their church and each other.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

School recently earned the Best of Fort Wayne Award in Education for the second consecutive year. It is presented by the Fort Wayne Award program that honors the achievements of local businesses and educational institutions. In addition, Widner recently earned the Light of Learning Administrator Award as well as the 2016 Exemplary Administrator Award from the Indiana School Counselor Association. She gives credit to the school staff: "I can't say enough about our administrative staff. They're just fantastic... I know the teachers are dedicated. Everybody here gives 200 percent to everything they do."

Ultimately though, she added, it's about the students. "We're here for these children. We want them to grow and be great citizens. But the bigger picture is, they're going to have another life with Christ. So let's help them form that here."

With all the school and church offer, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish serves as a beacon of faith for all those in southwest Allen County. Recounts parishioner Steve Bush: "I was a Catholic who had fallen away from the church for 35 years, and St. Elizabeth was my homecoming. It was the loving embrace that this parish gave to us that brought us back home. I can't walk through the gathering area without getting hugs. What a wonderful place to call home."

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Palm Sunday Prayer for the Martyrs

BY JENNIFER MILLER

On Palm Sunday evening, the Community of Sant'Egidio and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades led a Prayer for the Martyrs at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend. The powerful and moving service remembered martyrs of the current era who gave their lives for the Gospel. Connecting their sacrifice with that of Jesus' on the cross, the prayer vigil was a striking way to begin Holy Week.

The sacred week began with Palm Sunday, Jesus' announcement of the building of the kingdom of God through humility; continuing through the painful agony of His suffering on the cross; and ending with His ultimate victory over death, the glory of the Easter resurrection. The lives of the modern-day martyrs recall Christ's Paschal Mystery, which they lived and experienced as His disciples.

Created and begun by St. John Paul II during the Jubilee Year of 2000, the Prayer for the Martyrs is unique in two ways. First, it is an accurate memory of specific Christians killed for their faith. Grouped by continent and region, each country where martyrs gave their lives is read aloud, name by name, with "Lord, have mercy" or "Kyrie Eleison," in Greek, petitioned between each. Each martyr's name, age, country of birth and life detail are briefly shared. These seemingly small but key details are vital in the living Tradition of the church.

The early church father Quintus Septimus Florens Tertullianus wrote that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church. He knew the names and stories of the hundreds killed in the church's early years, persecuted by the Romans. He observed, too, the flourishing of the faith as a direct result of the martyrs' witness. Thus the remembering of the specifics of each martyr follows in that great example.

Secondly, the remembering the martyrs by name is theologically significant for Christians. Throughout the Bible, from Adam and Eve to Jesus' own name, God calls individuals specifically and by name. Remembering their sacrifice for love of God by name reflects that same personal love that God called them into being. Listening to each name being read, country by country, is a powerful expression of the witness of the martyrs in the universal church. In his homily, Bishop Rhoades spoke of this testimony.

"The martyrs often faced unspeakable trials and sufferings, yet they refused to deny the Lord, to renounce the faith. ... They give very tangible testimony to the strength of the human spirit, actually the power of the Holy Spirit acting in human souls," he proclaimed. "It is the strength to carry the cross of Jesus, to follow the path of Jesus, to suffer with Him and for Him, in the firm hope of sharing in His resurrection.

"The martyrs teach us in the most vivid way what it means to live the Eucharist. Their bodies broken and their blood poured forth are an eloquent sign of the self-giving love, the sacrifice, of Jesus which we are privileged to share at the altar of the Lord."

The bishop especially recognized the life and witness of Father Stanley Rother, who will be the first U.S.-born priest and first U.S.-born martyr to be beatified in the Catholic Church this September. Originally from Oklahoma City, he was a missionary to the Tzutuhil Indians, serving in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala.

Bishop Rhoades' words were especially poignant considering the world news on the morning of the prayer, which reported on deadly attacks made at Coptic Christian churches in Egypt.

"This morning in Egypt, two Coptic Christian churches were bombed and 44 innocent people and over 120 people wounded.

They were at church to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus' sacrifice of love. Their bodies were broken and their blood was shed, like Jesus. Those who died died in Christ. Let us pray for them during this service, that they may rise with Christ to the glory of heaven. And let us ask Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, to comfort those who mourn their death and to intercede for the Church, the Body of Christ, in Egypt and throughout the Middle East.

"These modern-day martyrs remind us that the Passion of Jesus is not just an event of the past. Members of His body, the church, are united with Him in His suffering and death," Bishop Rhoades explained.

Meredith Anatolios, who attended the prayer with her two young daughters, echoed his words. "I was already planning on attending the Prayer for the Martyrs, but when I heard about the bombings in Egypt that very day, I felt it was even more important to attend. I think about those families in Egypt going to church knowing that they are risking their lives. I know I take our freedom to worship for granted, and I wanted to be there to pray for the Christians around the world who face such perilous times."

Bishop Rhoades also spoke to the situation of the local faithful, and said that while many present may not be called to direct martyrdom, "... we are (all) called to holiness. And this entails taking up our daily cross. We can look to the martyrs for inspiration, especially when we are tempted to selfishness. ... They remind us of our duty to grow every day in greater love for God and for our neighbor. They teach us that no matter how harsh the trial or how difficult the problems in our life, or how acute the suffering may be in our life, we are always in God's hands, the hands that created us and sustain us and accompany us on our journey through life, our pilgrimage to heaven."



Above, Sister Anh Thi Kim Tran, OP, places a palm in front of the Icon of the Martyrs at St. Matthew Cathedral April 9; below, Louis Albarran, theology professor at Holy Cross College, does the same. Both were participants in the annual remembrance of those who have died for the faith in recent years.



From left, John Kurdelak, Dan Philpott, James Philpott, Angela Philpott, Samara Kelley, Maria Surat, Jon Schommer, Claire Fyrqvist and Lisa Anderson, who composed the choir of the Prayer for the Martyrs, lead the congregation in a response.

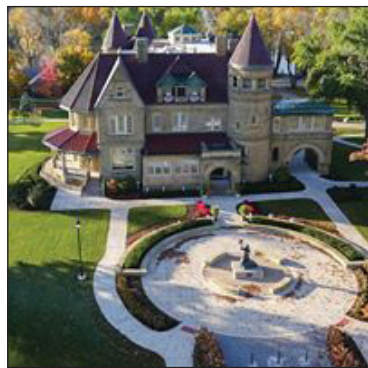
Those present offered prayers for the souls of martyrs around the world and for an end to the persecution of the faithful.

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High school summer theological conferences announced

BY TRISH LINNER

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is home to several Catholic colleges and universities. This summer, each of them will offer high school students the opportunity to attend a theological conference designed to deepen their faith and expand their knowledge. These week-long experiences are each unique, but all serve the goal of helping today's students grow in their love for Christ and the world.



University of Saint Francis

USF's summer camp, titled "Beauty Will Save the World!" takes place June 25-30 on the main campus near downtown Fort Wayne. Beauty Will Save the World seeks to broaden and enrich the theological understanding of students through the various ways beauty reveals God in the world.

The camp will explore five ways in which God is revealed through beauty: the beauty in the arts, including icons and icon-making; the beauty of the earth that God created, and our need to be good stewards of it; the beauty of serving the poor and suffering; the beauty of the human mind; the beauty of prayer; and the beauty of various religious and lay vocations.

During the camp, participants will learn about and explore different methods of prayer, such as the Liturgy of the Hours, contemplation, Lectio Divina and Sacred Meditation. They will have sessions with an iconographer and gain hands-on experience creating an icon. A visit to

downtown Fort Wayne is scheduled, where they will learn about and volunteer at the Associated Churches Food Bank; and they will explore the beauty of the human mind through theological readings and interaction with University of Saint Francis professors from various academic disciplines. The students will also hear Catholic religious men and women and laypersons talk about their vocations. Other planned activities include visiting the St. Felix Catholic Center in Huntington, learning about solar panels, canoeing, a barbecue and campfires.

For more information email Director Dr. Adam DeVille at adeville@sf.edu or coordinator Drew Stuart at dstuart@sf.edu, or visit <http://philosophy.sf.edu/summer-institute>.



University of Notre Dame

The University of Notre Dame will host a summer conference, Notre Dame Vision, in four sessions: June 19-23, June 26-30, July 10-14 and July 17-21. The conference will include dynamic large-group experiences, reflective small-group time, liturgies and music. During each week, speakers from across the country will break open important themes and help participants relate them to their own lives, challenging students to expand their imagination and deepen their faith. Sixty-five Notre Dame undergraduates will serve as mentors, whether as musicians or small group facilitators.

Students will be immersed in the spiritually and communally rich environment of the university: There will be large and small-group settings to facilitate

vibrant activities in prayer and conversations about real life issues. Notre Dame Vision will also explore vocations in the broad sense of the term: How is God calling us? How do our life choices reflect our Christian identity? A variety of callings will be considered during the week.

For more information about Notre Dame Vision, email icl@nd.edu or visit <http://icl.nd.edu/notre-dame-vision/learn-more/for-high-school-youth>.



Holy Cross College

"Pray with Saints, Learn with Scholars, Heal the World!" will be offered at Holy Cross College during a summer conference slated to take place twice, July 16-21 and July 23-28. The Saints and Scholars Summer Theology Institute hosts this opportunity for high school students to have seminar discussions and share community-building experiences with students from around the country. The goal is to support the spiritual and intellectual growth of the next generation of leaders and challenge them to discover the kind of saint that they are called to become.

Students will be led through a course of study by the distinguished theologians of the Holy Cross Theology Department. They will participate in discussions and direct community engagement and encouraged to think deeply about how their faith relates to the big questions facing the world. Participants will have the opportunity to choose different tracks of study, including theology and human rights, theology and public health, theology and media, theology and science, theology and sports,

theology and business, and theology and sustainability. These tracks will give them a chance to explore the specific topics they are most interested in pursuing in an in-depth way.

The leadership team of Saints and Scholars Institute is the core of both theology and campus ministry at Holy Cross College. Fourteen specially selected Holy Cross College students will serve as mentors for the conference attendees, alongside experienced Residence Life staff in the dorms. For more information contact Andrew Polaniecki at 574-239-8377 or visit <http://www.hcc-nd.edu/section/academics/saints-and-scholars>.



Saint Mary's College

Saint Mary's College will host a summer conference for young women, "Embody: Beauty, Justice, and Faith in Action," July 9-14. The week-long conference will explore themes of beauty, justice and faith and explain how those themes relate to being a young woman of faith. Theological reflection will be led by outstanding faculty from

Saint Mary's College and beyond.

"It's important to host this conference because our culture challenges young women in particular ways," said Jessica Mannen Kimmet, program coordinator, Embody Institute. "At Embody, we give our participants tools to be confident in their own beauty, to enter relationships with people who are different from them and to transition to their adult lives of faith. We do all this from a theological perspective, affirming that participants are beautiful precisely because they are created, beloved and called by God. We strive to educate the minds and hearts of these young women in the tradition of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, who have long been pioneers in the formation of women as leaders and theologians."

Students will participate in interactive group sessions that examine issues facing today's young women, and will be challenged to go beyond their comfort zones. There will also be opportunities for engagement with the South Bend community through service projects.

"Through opportunities for prayers and discernment, we hope that their journey inward to see the beauty in their heart is also what they're able to offer to those around them," said Judith Fean, vice president for mission and director of Embody Institute. "This (conference) is an opportunity for them to learn, to grow, to pray, to critically think about the needs and to respond."

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Counting 'The Twelve'

Jesus had numerous disciples; some of them known to us, most of them lost to history but not to the mind of God. From among those disciples (literally, "learners," or "followers") Jesus hand-picked and commissioned twelve as His apostles. Sometimes folks puzzle about the count and the names of the various disciples whom Jesus designated apostles (literally, those "sent with a mission"). If we can trust Prosper of Aquitaine's dictum — "legem credendi lex statuat supplicandi" (roughly, "let the pattern of prayer serve as a norm for faith") — we can

begin with the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), which lists, in the first "Memento," or commemoration: Peter, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude (minus, of course, Judas Iscariot and his replacement [Acts 1.15-26], Matthias).

This reflects the evidence of the Synoptic Gospels:

Mark 3.14-19: Simon (Peter), James, John, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddeus (Jude), Simon the Cananite (Zealot) and Judas Iscariot;

Matthew 10.2-4: Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddeus (Jude), Simon the Cananite (Zealot) and Judas Iscariot;

Luke 6.13-16: Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon the Zealot, Judas son of James (Jude) and Judas Iscariot.

Note that there are two Jameses, one usually called in the Tradition, the "greater" (son of Zebedee and John's brother, cf. Mk 1:19; 10:35 and Mt

20:20) and the other, the "lesser" (son of Alphaeus), as well as two Judas/Judes; the name is the same in Greek, Jude being an anglicized form of the Greek, and the distinction between them thus more easily maintained; one is usually referred to, for clarity, as Thaddeus, the other by the nickname Iscariot, which

some scholars suggest means something like "dagger-man," a possible indication of his zealot sympathies and perhaps providing a basis for understanding his betrayal of Jesus: Christ offered no political solution to Israel's woes. There are also two Simons (one later named "Peter;"

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the other the Cananite, or Zealot). Simon Peter and Andrew (sons of Jonah, cf. Mt 16:17 and Jn 21:15-17) are brothers, as are James and John (sons of Zebedee); elsewhere, James and John were given the nickname "Boanerges," or "sons of thunder," by Jesus because of their desire to call down fire on an unwelcoming town in Mark 3:17.

In John's Gospel there is no systematic listing or accounting of the names of the Twelve, but reference is made to Nathaniel (Jn 1:47); in subsequent tradition (since at least the ninth century in the East and since the 12th century in the West), he has been associated with Bartholomew, particularly in art and devotional piety and in liturgical texts. This is quite plausible, as Bartholomew is likely equivalent to a surname; literally, "son of Tolmai."

Thus, if one follows the list in the Roman Canon, which inserts Paul between Peter and Andrew, and recalls that Bartholomew and Nathaniel refer to the same person, it's easy to remember the Twelve.

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Put on your LifeVest

During a heart attack, there is a significant risk of dying from fatal cardiac arrhythmias (cardiac arrest). This is one of the main reasons we teach people to call 911 when having symptoms of a heart attack. The quicker you get to the hospital, the better the chance that we can prevent death. The first hour after the heart attack begins is the most common time that your heart can suddenly go into a potentially fatal arrhythmia (ventricular tachycardia or ventricular fibrillation). Unless you are shocked (cardioverted) promptly, you will likely die.

How much permanent damage the heart sustains during a heart attack is controlled by many variables. One of the most important variables is how quickly the cardiology team gets you to the cardiac catheterization laboratory and opens the blocked coronary artery.

There are some people who have no detectable permanent heart damage by the time they go home, but there are others who appear to have sustained major damage to the heart (left ventricular dysfunction). Allow me to get a little technical.

The normal left ventricle pumps out between 55 percent and 70 percent of the blood that enters its chamber. A normal or average ejection fraction is usually quoted to be about 60 percent. It has been shown by scientific studies that if left ventricular function is reduced to an EF of 35 percent or less, there is a significant risk for fatal cardiac

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arrhythmias going forward. It is these people whose hearts are still severely weakened at the time of discharge from the hospital who are at the highest risk for sudden death. But, given more time, many of these hearts are still capable of recovery.

To protect these people during this interim period, a temporary wearable cardioverter defibrillator called a LifeVest was devised. It provides temporary protection after the patient returns home. The LifeVest is a tightly fitting jacket, worn with pads over the heart, connected to high power batteries. The heart is constantly monitored, and if a cardiac arrest occurs it automatically shocks the heart back to a normal rhythm and saves the day!

The overall plan is to wear this LifeVest for a few months, and if the heart recovers to an EF of over 35 percent then it is discontinued. For those people whose heart does not recover, we then discuss the option of an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator. An ICD is implanted just like a pacemaker. The brains of the device are the electronics inside a metal

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Jesus, the Lord of life, has risen from the dead



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Easter Sunday John 20:1-9

Today the church celebrates the greatest day of its year, Easter, the feast of the Lord's resurrection. These readings are proclaimed at Masses during the day on Easter itself. (On Holy Saturday, the day preceding Easter, the church will have celebrated the Easter Vigil, surely one of its most dramatic and expressive liturgical moments.)

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, a source that will be very much used as the season of Easter progresses. These readings, and certainly this reading, will give

us a glimpse into life in the early Christian community in Jerusalem and into the lives of the 11 surviving apostles after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

It is apparent that the words of Jesus, the risen Lord, were fresh in the minds of the apostles and the other members of the community. Strong also was the wish to follow the Lord's instructions and example.

In what today is called evangelization, the apostles were committed to making the mercy of God in Jesus known. Here, Peter is the spokesman for all the apostles. Indeed, throughout Acts, Peter appears as head of the apostles and of the community in general.

For its second reading, the church gives us a passage from the Epistle to the Colossians. According to this epistle, Christians also have been raised to new life. Their new life is in the resurrected, living Christ. As Christ is in heaven, so the thoughts of Christians must be on heaven.

St. John's Gospel's resurrection narrative is the last reading. Mary of Magdala was at the tomb, but she found it empty. Upset, fearing that the Lord's body had been stolen, she rushed to inform Peter. Reaching Peter, she anxiously said that the Lord's body had been taken away.

"The disciple whom Jesus loved," traditionally thought to have been the Apostle John but never actually identified as such in the Gospel, and Peter then hurried to the tomb themselves. The disciple arrived first, but he waited for Peter, another indication of Peter's status. Peter entered the tomb, saw that it was empty but evidently did not realize that Jesus had risen, although the Gospel does not say this. It does say that the disciple understood what had occurred.

Reflection

These readings are powerful in their message. The centerpiece, of course, is the Gospel passage highlighting the experi-

ences of Mary Magdalene, Peter and the beloved disciple as they find the Lord's tomb empty.

The Gospel is remarkably detailed. The reactions of the principal figures are understandable.

In an age so dismissive of religion, how authentic is the church's, and the Gospels', message that Jesus rose? Was the Lord's body stolen? It is hard to believe. Other readings say that soldiers guarded the tomb specifically to safeguard the body from being taken. A heavy stone sealed the entrance. Secondly, in John's account, the burial cloths were neatly folded. No thief would have taken the time for such care.

Very convincing is the fact that all four Gospels, while written at different times, in different places and by different authors, all agree that Jesus rose from the dead. Furthermore, it was the constant view among the first Christians.

In this reading, the beloved disciple alone understands what the empty tomb reveals. He

already has been presented as a model of faith. It reminds us that faith opens our eyes.

Essential in our own coming to believe that the Lord lives is faith. It is more than accepting an intellectual proposition, however verified. It is the acknowledgement that Jesus is the lord of life, the source of life and the Son of God. Realizing that the Lord lives forever in all these roles is the ultimate wisdom.

READINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

On 'owning' the church

The question of "who owns the church" has had a stormy history in Catholic America, although the terms of reference have changed considerably over time. In the 19th century, "lay trusteeism" — lay boards that owned parish property and sometimes claimed authority over the appointment and dismissal of pastors — was a major headache for the U.S. bishops. Today, the question is more likely to arise from the wetlands of psychobabble; thus, one Midwestern diocesan chancellor recently spoke about a diocesan "needs assessment" that "can give ownership to the people," presumably of their lives as Catholics.

A similar imagery of ownership was used during the Long Lent of 2002, in response to the crisis of clerical sexual abuse and episcopal misgovernance. In March of that year, a religious sister in Boston, the epicenter of the crisis, said, "This is our church, all of us, and we need to take it back." Similar sentiments are heard today from "pastoral planners" who take their cues from Protestant megachurches in which creating a feeling of ownership on the part of the congregation, often by blurring the border between sacred and profane, is very much part of the marketing-and-retention strategy.

Lent is always a good time to ponder this business of ownership, and Lent 2017 seemed an especially apt moment to reflect on it.

Ownership is being contested in the church in sharp ways: The college of bishops is divided on questions of sacramental discipline; prominent Catholic

leaders claim something like an ownership" of Scripture and tradition, by which they decide what in revelation is binding and what can be jettisoned; the half-century-long struggle about who "owns" Vatican II continues to rage on.

A serious reflection on the questions, "Who owns the church?" and "What does this 'ownership' mean?" will begin with the Word of God: in this case, the Last Supper discourse of Jesus in John's Gospel. There, the Lord makes the matter rather clear: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide..." (Jn 15.12-16).

The church is not ours; the church is Christ's. We did not create the church; Christ did. No earthly power creates the church and no earthly power owns the church. The church was created by the Lord Jesus, and it is His, not ours. So the church is not ours to "take back," and it is not ours to "own," because it never belonged to us. And if we make the church our own we defy the Lord, whose church it is.

That's been hard to grasp for a very long time, as we learn from another New Testament



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

text that merits reading during Lent, St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. There, Paul unwinds a 16-chapter-long argument to drive home one essential point: no merely human institution — no matter how clever, pure, or sensitive to its members' "needs" — can remit a single, small sin. Only the ministry of the church can do that. And the ministry of the church can do it because of the salvific history that is recalled when, in confession, we bow before the words of absolution: "God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of His Son, has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins..."

It is Christ's church, and the church celebrates the sacraments through Christ's power and the grace of the Holy Spirit. During Lent, a season in which the great sacraments of baptism, the Eucharist and penance come into high relief, it is good to think on that, pray over it, give thanks for it — and perhaps resolve, in the future, to avoid imagery and language that suggests that "this is 'our' church."

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Saint of the Week



Benedict Joseph Labre

1748-1783

Born in France the eldest of 15 children of a prosperous shopkeeper, Benedict tried unsuccessfully to join a religious order. He was rejected as too young, too delicate and too eccentric. After a pilgrimage on foot to Rome around 1770, he spent several years wandering among Western Europe's Catholic shrines, begging as he went. From 1774 on, he stayed in Rome, spending his days praying in churches and his nights in the ruins of the Colosseum. The Roman people esteemed this mendicant pilgrim, whose health finally failed, as a "new St. Francis."

the tactics of the devil. Our battle is not against human forces but against the principalities and powers, the rulers of this world of darkness, the evil spirits in regions above. You must put on the armor of God if you are to resist on the evil day; do all that your duty requires and hold your ground. Stand fast, with the truth as the belt around your waist, justice as your breastplate, and zeal to propagate the gospel of peace as your footwear." Now that's a great LifeVest!

Dr. David Kaminskas is a board certified cardiologist and member of The Jerome Lejeune Guild of Northeast Indiana.

DOCTOR

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casing that is about the size of a pocket watch. Most this casing is taken up by high powered batteries.

The device is then implanted below the collarbone. A special wire, or "lead," is advanced through a vein into the right ventricle, where it can monitor the heart rhythm continuously. This wire has coils in the proximal and distal portion, and if the heart goes into a potentially fatal arrhythmia this fact is quickly recognized. A shock is then sent from coil to coil across the heart, converting the arrhythmia back to a normal heartbeat. ICDs have saved countless lives over the last 20 years.

As I wrote this article, I could not but help to recall another protection we carry with us, as described in Ephesians 6: "Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for April 16, 2017

Matthew 28:1-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Easter Vigil, Cycle A: When the tomb is opened. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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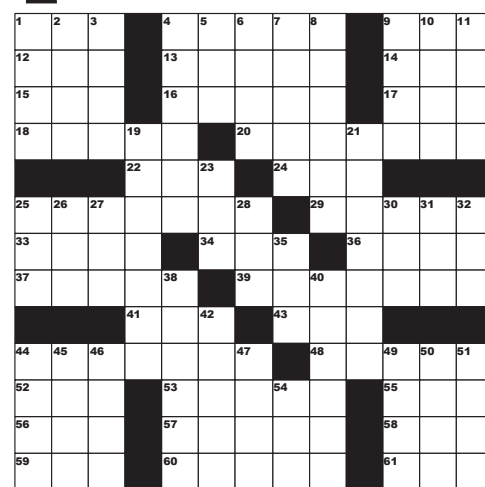
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The CrossWord

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Based on these readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9 & Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31 and Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24: 13-35

ACROSS

- 1 To be sick
- 4 Smallest
- 9 Peter did to grave
- 12 "___ to you rich"
- 13 Sacrificial love
- 14 Past
- 15 Possess
- 16 North or South ___
- 17 Take to court
- 18 Machine tool
- 20 Relating to Easter
- 22 St. Joan of ___
- 24 Map legend
- 25 French song

29 The ___ were added to their number

- 33 Bird arm
- 34 "___ Father"
- 36 World treaty org.
- 37 Bustling
- 39 Slight, as in a fee
- 41 Drowse
- 43 Little bit
- 44 Lamenting poems
- 48 Cut apart
- 52 Cubic centimeter
- 53 Wall supports
- 55 Common Arab name
- 56 Unwell

- 57 Strange
 - 58 Emmaus disciples were
 - 59 Seed bread
 - 60 Put on clothes
 - 61 Vane direction
- DOWN**
- 1 Truant
 - 2 Hawkeye state
 - 3 Easter follows this
 - 4 Basketball's L.A. team
 - 5 Self-esteem
 - 6 Retired persons' group (abbr.)
 - 7 Peter got up to ___
 - 8 Provokes
 - 9 Itchy skin
 - 10 Water (Sp.)
 - 11 Christmas carol
 - 19 Jesus died ___ on a tree
 - 21 Type of poison
 - 23 Dove's call
 - 25 Communication Workers of America
 - 26 Not hers
 - 27 Picnic pest
 - 28 Cloistered sister
 - 30 Small truck
 - 31 Arrival time
 - 32 Pain unit
 - 35 Corruption
 - 38 "God ___ him up"
 - 40 Catholic liturgy
 - 42 Prince of Apostles
 - 44 Arab ruler
 - 45 Easter flower
 - 46 Short for Eloise
 - 47 Definite
 - 49 Flower jar
 - 50 Flair
 - 51 Sit in a car
 - 54 Slang for "to insult"

Answer Key can be found on page 19




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Fish and tenderloin dinner

HUNTINGTON — St. Mary Parish, 903 N. Jefferson St., will have a fish and tenderloin dinner from 4:30-7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 21, in the school gym. There will be carry-outs, a bake sale and 50/50 raffle. Prices are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12 and free for children under 5.

Divine Mercy devotion

FORT WAYNE — St. Jude, 2130 Pemberton Dr., will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 23. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions will be from 1-3 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3 p.m. and a reflection by Father Jacob Runyon will follow.

Career Ministry announces speakers

FORT WAYNE — The Career Ministry of St. Vincent's Church and Associated Churches serves the un- and under-employed as well as those seeking career change. It offers 1-on-1 coaching, resume critique and presentations/workshops to assist in job searches. Meeting dates are as follows: May 15 — Learn to Job Search through LinkedIn by Lauren Caggiano; June 19 — Networking Secrets Revealed

by John Taylor. All meetings are at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Vincent Spiritual Center (rooms A and B) on the corner of Wallen Rd and Auburn Rd. Dress is casual. Participants should bring a resume. Email Molly Roman at career.ministry@saintv.org for information.

Respect Life Prayer Dinner

SOUTH BEND — St. Joseph County Right to Life will host the 10th annual Respect Life Prayer Dinner on Thursday, April 27, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Kroc Corps Community Center Chapel, 900 W. Western Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m. and a \$20 donation is requested per guest. All clergy and religious admitted free of charge. Reserve tables or seats by April 24 by calling 574-232-5433 or visiting prolifemichiana.org/prayerdinner.

Card party and salad bar

NEW CARLISLE — The St. Stanislaus Kostka Altar and Rosary Sodality will host the 54th annual card party and deluxe salad bar on Sunday, April 23, at 11:30 a.m. Raffles, prizes, 50/50 and food is offered for \$5 per person and tickets must be purchased in advance. Call Nancy at 574-289-2986.

Proceeds will benefit the needs of the church and the stained glass windows in need of repair.

Royalfest announced

FORT WAYNE — Queen of Angels Parish announces Royalfest to be held Friday, April 21, from 5-8 p.m. in the Msgr. Faber Activities Center. The family fellowship carnival includes games, food and silent auction. Proceeds will benefit school technology. Contact royalfest@queenofangelschool.com for details.

Alpha sessions set to begin

The Office of Evangelization will offer Alpha informational sessions on Wednesday, April 19, at the John Paul II 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 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. RSVP to Allison Sturm at 260-399-1452 or asturm@diocesefwsb.org. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/adult-faith-formation for details.

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Huntington

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Angeline C. Crumpacker, 95, Sts. Peter and Paul

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Maurice W. McFarland, 86, St. Therese, Little Flower

Michael D. Everette, 59, Christ the King

Carole E. James, 55, Holy Cross

Warsaw

Dorothy J. Priser, 89, Sacred Heart

Josephine D. Durecki, 85, Sacred Heart

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.

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Palm Sunday Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral Parish, South Bend, where he encouraged the faithful to enter into Holy Week "with our minds and our hearts lifted up to the Lord, focusing on the great event of our salvation: the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus." He told the gathered crowd that attending the Holy Week liturgies "is an important way to enter into the mystery of the redemption, to make this week truly holy in our lives."

Following the entrance of the Mass celebrant, concelebrants Father Terry Fisher, Deacon Dennis DiBenedetto and Deacon Eric Burgener and altar servers into the church amid a sea of palm fronds, Bishop Rhoades talked about Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. "It was a royal entry, the entry of a king, the Messiah," he said.

He noted that Jesus had kept His identity as the Messiah quiet until that point; but he would now enter the city riding on a donkey to fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah about said Messiah. "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

Jesus was the Messiah the people had been waiting for; however, "He was the king who entered not on a horse or chariot, not with weapons, but He entered 'meek' and riding on a donkey. This was His kingship. He's the king who will bring peace, not war," the bishop said.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades processes with clergy and members of the congregation into St. Matthew Cathedral on Palm Sunday.

He reminded the faithful: "At this Mass and at every Mass, we worship Christ our king. We sing the same words sung by the people on that first Palm Sunday: 'Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.' And our Lord comes."

"During this Holy Week, may we all give honor and praise to our king, who reigns from the wood of the cross; our shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep, our God who loved us to the end. I hope and pray that this week will truly be holy in



Photos by Daniel Flannigan

A young boy raises his frond during Palm Sunday Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, April 9.

your families, in this parish and in all of our hearts as we remember the holy Passion of our Lord and king."

His message was well received with St. Matthew parishioners. "It was an uplifting message. Our daily lives need to be embedded with our spiritual lives. Holy Week is a time to gather our strength to be better people," said Ann Jagla, who has attended St. Matthew for 20 years.

Long-time parishioner Pat Burch agreed. "It is always terrific when the bishop is here. We

appreciate how often he comes to visit us. His message is so positive and uplifting."

Grace Weist, a sophomore at Marian High School and St. Matthew Cathedral School graduate, noted how much she enjoyed watching her brother, Josh, participate in the Mass as an altar server. "It's such an honor for him to serve Palm Sunday Mass with the bishop," she said.

Parishioner Vicente Hernandez summed up the mood of the crowd by concluding, "It was a great service on this beautiful Palm Sunday."

Palm Sunday celebrations across the diocese



Joe Romie

Parishioners at St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, led by Father Bob Garrow and Deacon Jim Tighe, process outside while singing and carrying palms, moving from the school building's lawn to the church to continue the celebration of the Mass.



Derby Photography

A young parishioner of St. Pius X, Granger, sings during Palm Sunday Mass April 9.



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Father William Meininger, left, listens as Msgr. William Schooler, right, reads the Gospel during the entrance procession at St. Pius X Church.