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Rally heats up the rights of the poor at Statehouse

South Bend parish representatives urge legislators to tap into heating assistance

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

INDIANAPOLIS — “Today, we have a new slavery. It’s debt. Many are forced to choose whether to eat or heat. Today the Lord is asking us to come to the tower of power to ‘let my people go!’” said Jay Freel-Landry, pastoral associate from Little Flower Catholic Church in South Bend at a Rally for Heating Assistance and Limits on Gas. The rally was held on the Indiana Statehouse steps in Indianapolis Jan. 17. Landry’s comments were received by those in attendance by shouts of “let my people go!”

Two busloads of people including Freel-Landry, Father Chris Cox, CSC, of St. Adalbert and St. Casimir Church and parishioners from St. Adalbert, St. Augustine, St. Casimir, St. Jude, St. Dominic, Little Flower and St. Joseph participated in the rally in the wintry 25-degree cold with other members of TAP (Transforming Action through Power). People from Fort Wayne and members of the Lafayette Urban Ministry also took part to rally for change through bills that would help Hoosiers with their heating costs.

The group of around 140 listened to several speakers including state senators Tim Lanane (D-South Bend), John Broden (D-South Bend), Karen Tallian (D-Portage) and Frank Mrvan (D-Hammond), Rep. Winfield Moses (D-Fort Wayne) and South Bend Mayor Stephen J. Luecke. Afterward, some met with legislators individually including House Minority

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CHARLES J. SCHISLA

Jay Freel-Landry, pastoral associate at Little Flower Parish in South Bend, was among those who spoke at a Jan. 18 Indiana Statehouse rally in support of bills to limit utility deposits and provide home heating assistance for the most needy in Indiana. Dozens of Catholics from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend came to Indianapolis by bus to take part in the rally on the steps of the state capitol.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ON EARTH



MICHELLE DONAGHEY

Lesley Sullivan, right, a sophomore at Saint Joseph’s High School, said the reason she marched in South Bend was because “life is the most important thing on earth.” She stood near Dr. Frank Toepp, left, who has been marching every year since Roe v. Wade, and classmate Oliver Temple.

‘Let us stand always for human life’

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

SOUTH BEND — “The child in the womb is indeed a person. Let us help them to see the beauty of a chaste life before marriage,” said Bishop John D’Arcy to those who came to the Mass for Life on the 33rd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. Father Robert Schulte celebrated the Mass for Life at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

During the homily, Bishop D’Arcy said that each of us is called to a life just as the apostles were. “This call is always brief,” said Bishop D’Arcy and added that “giving up things, the riches of one’s will is at the heart of the holy Eucharist; it’s at the heart of Christianity.”

St. Thomas More gave up his life while St. Francis of Assisi, a merchant’s son, gave up wealth. Elizabeth Ann Seton lost her husband and was abandoned by the family that she loved, he explained.

“Jesus Christ calls people to give up

things for him,” said Bishop D’Arcy.

A young couple in love preparing for marriage is told by the culture that they could live together. By not making that choice, “they are abandoning pleasure for the will of Christ” said Bishop D’Arcy.

When a young man and woman find that they are pregnant, the whole culture says abortion is a possible choice.

“What is it that makes them resist? It’s conscience. It’s so important to each of us. It’s something deep inside, the call of Christ, this call from inside them,” said Bishop D’Arcy. “It all relates to the call of the apostles in the Gospel. They listened when they were called.”

Quietly reading a letter at the end of Mass, the bishop reflected on the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision.

“Let us turn with mercy and forgiveness always. Let us turn to the young who prize authenticity,” said Bishop D’Arcy and urged everyone to “support the extraordinary work being done in the diocese. Let us stand always for human life.”

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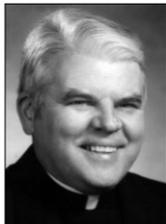
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Diocese makes preparations for 150th anniversary in 2007



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

One year to go

As we begin 2006, I am aware that we are less than a year away from the observance of the 150th anniversary of our diocese. I continue to hope and pray that it will be a time of blessing. Currently, I am beginning to prepare a pastoral letter, which I hope will give light for the observance of this event. Joseph White, Ph.D., is, I believe, near the completion of the history of these 150 years.

Recognizing that it is by the Cross of Christ that the graces have been poured forth on our beloved diocese this past century and a half, a cross is now traveling from parish to parish, for the most part escorted by young people. After visiting every parish, it will reach its climax at the Eucharistic Congress on Aug. 18, 2007 at the University of Notre Dame, similar to the congress held in the Year of the Great Jubilee 2000.

I hope and will ask every parish to host a parish-wide mission during the years between 2003 and 2008 so that the parish, which is the heart of the church, will experience a surge in evangelization and spiritual renewal.

We will repeat a number of things we did in 2000. For example, those who are scheduled to receive the sacrament of confirmation will experience it in two large confirmations in the fall of 2007, one at the Joyce Center at the University of Notre Dame and the other at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. Also, I shall be working with our Presbyteral Council in the hope of forming a pastoral plan for vocations to the priesthood.

We are especially joyful that the beginning of our preparation has been marked by the consecration of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine in Warsaw, and also the blessing of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne.

Catholic Schools Week

Central to the growth of this diocese this past century and a half has been our Catholic schools. They represent a special challenge. If you examine the history, it is easy to see that religious sisters and brothers have, by the consecration of their lives, made possible the fact of Catholic schools with little or no tuition. These religious and priests received small salaries. Now, our schools are staffed almost entirely by lay people, men and women with families. In recent years, we have made major efforts to strengthen their salaries. While we cannot equal the public schools, which have funds from taxation, we must do everything we can to increase their salaries. Also, the cost of health insurance has made increasing demands on parishes with schools.

A central component to the recent Legacy of Faith campaign was to establish a \$20 million endowment for elementary schools and to add \$1 million to our high schools. We are well on our way to reaching this goal.

The question remains, "Why go to all this trouble?" It seems to me that Catholic schools are more necessary now than ever, provided we do the job well. The influence of a secular culture is broadened and deepened. One only needs to look at the Internet. This marvelous instrument of information and education has given access to those who would imprint dark images on our young people. Ultimately what will help young people to press the button, which will keep away that which is sinful is a well-formed conscience and a strong sense of God and what he is asking of them. Efforts are made to help in the formation of consciences at the very beginning in our Catholic schools. For one thing, there is training in how to avoid sin or, to put it more positively, to choose what is right and to move always toward the light.

One instrument for this, of course, is the sacrament of penance. Young people are helped to see penance as a time of mercy and love; not to be afraid of it but to be open to the call of Christ.

There will be You-Can-Lend-A-Hand luncheons in each of our major cities. Sponsored by Quality Dining, these luncheons represent an effort which has brought millions of dollars into our elementary schools. This takes place when young people sell books of

tickets, which can be redeemed at Burger King and other restaurants. This effort brings forth both publicity and funding to parish schools. The luncheons also give us an opportunity to shed light on the contributions that our schools make to church and society. We will have an All-Schools Mass at Notre Dame in the spring and one at the Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum in the fall.

An anniversary

On Feb. 2, I will celebrate 49 years as a priest. I well remember that cold day with a light snow falling. Fifty-two were ordained for the Archdiocese of Boston; 78 in all in our class; the service all in Latin; the Cathedral of the Holy Cross; my sisters and, most especially, my dear mother and father. I think of the light that came from these two humble people, immigrants who met the challenges of their lives with such strength and never seemed to be afraid. That light remains with me still.

January break

I spent nine days recently in Boston at the home of my parents, which my father purchased for \$7,500 in 1944. I was with him when he made the decision. It was a chance to visit my sisters and have lunch with several priests and friends. This beloved old archdiocese, surely one of the greatest in the world, has suffered greatly, but these priests continue to do their work in season and out of season. That local church has survived a great suffering. As always, it is the parish priests who play a central role in keeping it going under the power of God's grace.

I took good, long winter walks seven of the nine days I was home. I need to walk more here too, but it is hard to find the time. More another time on Brighton, the area where I grew up, once filled with Catholic institutions which, unquestionably, affected us all; and now so many of them are closed or diminished in size — painful, indeed.

Am I surprised that the Red Sox did not call? I think they are having some turmoil and confusion in the front office. I expect I will hear from them soon. Rumor is they may want to hire me as a commentator or to pitch batting practice. I will be ready.

See you all next week.

Thousands fill shrine for vigil Mass marking Roe anniversary

BY JULIE ASHER

WASHINGTON (CNS) — They were just an aisle apart but almost 6-month-old Abigail Matava and 102-year-old Hattie Proctor symbolized the full spectrum of life that thousands of pro-lifers jammed the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington Jan. 22 to celebrate.

More than 6,000 people — many of them high school and college students — filled every square inch of the basilica's upper church, including the side chapels, and its lower Crypt Church for the National Prayer Vigil for Life on the anniversary of the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion on demand.

"We gather in this sacred space to bear witness yet again to the terrible cloud that has darkened our

nation since the Supreme Court declared 33 years ago today that the life of a human being, a life created in God's image, may be ended before its birth," said Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore, the main celebrant and homilist.

The opening procession took about a half-hour, as did the recessional; the clergymen, walking two by two, were barely able to get through the crowd. Distribution of Communion took more than 30 minutes.

In a homily punctuated several times by loud applause, Cardinal Keeler praised the work of pro-lifers — from the parish level to the national level — and said they devoted themselves "so tirelessly to the great cause of life." The huge number of young people in the crowd was impressive, he said, adding that they "give such high hope to the movement."

The "dark cloud" of abortion has in the last 33 years taken "the lives of no less than 46 million of God's children" and each year they are joined by 1.3 million more, Cardinal Keeler said.

To illustrate "the horrible magnitude of this slaughter of innocents," he noted that in the last 12 months "nearly as many children were aborted as there are residents of the city of Philadelphia" and nearly twice as many "as there are residents of San Francisco."

But Cardinal Keeler also told the congregation to take heart from some encouraging signs: the "rate and number of U.S. abortions are now at their lowest levels since 1975"; the number of physicians willing to perform them is declining — today "87 percent of all U.S. counties are abortion-free zones"; physicians are reluctant to prescribe the RU-

486 abortion regimen because of complications it causes; and the latest in sonogram technology clearly shows expectant parents "the humanity of developing babies in their mothers' wombs."

In addition, the cardinal said, a recent CBS poll confirmed that there is diminishing support for abortion among Americans, especially among young people.

He also pointed out that efforts to allow assisted suicide have been defeated in many states, leaving Oregon the sole state where it is legal; 52 laws to restrict abortion have been passed around the country; and four states have passed measures that will ban abortion should Roe be overturned.

Progress is being made so that one day the "dark cloud" of Roe "will be blown away by the purifying wind of God's truth," Cardinal Keeler said.

STATEMENT BY BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Reflections on Catholic schools

Jan. 29, 2006

"Young people of the Third Millennium must be a source of energy and leadership in our church and our nation. Therefore, we must provide young people with an academically rigorous and doctrinally sound program of education and faith formation designed to strengthen their union with Christ and his church."
 — *Renewing Our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Third Millennium*

Thus spoke the Catholic bishops this year in a significant document concerning the future of our schools. At enormous cost of energy and resources in this diocese and throughout the land, we continue the extraordinary achievement of Catholic schools.

The present situation

There are currently 7,799 Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the United States, which enroll over 2.4 million students. These schools currently account for almost 30 percent of all private and religious schools in the United States and enroll over 40 percent of the students in these schools. Since 1990, the church in the United States has opened more than 400 new schools. However, there has been a net decline of more than 150 Catholic schools during the same period of time.

Our schools have a major impact. Research conducted by the United States Department of Education, the National Catholic Education Association and other agencies shows the following:

- Our drop-out rate is 3.4 percent compared to 14.4 percent in public schools and 11.9 percent in other private schools.
- Nationally, 99 percent of Catholic high school students graduate, and 97 percent go on to some form of post-secondary education.

It is a great success story, but it is fraught with challenges. At one time, it was our religious sisters and brothers, as well as some priests, who carried the schools on their backs, with every small recompense. Today, it is our devoted lay teachers. We have worked hard in our diocese in recent years to improve salaries. This has been made possible by our Annual Bishop's Appeal and by sacrifices and the unselfishness of our people. With our recent Legacy of Faith, we have taken a further step to meet this challenge. Paying for our schools and improving teachers' salaries will always make serious demands upon us.

Is it worth it?

The young are our treasure. They are our future. In our schools, they meet Jesus Christ. Young consciences are formed. They are helped to notice the poor and taught to serve them. Human life is treasured. Prayer is learned and practiced. Revealed truth, what God has taught about himself and about the purpose of life, is presented.

This remains our most central challenge — to teach the faith accurately and to help the children form a sound conscience, which calls good, good and evil, evil, and which helps them to see the difference and choose the good.

As we approach the 150th anniversary of our diocese, a Catholic school is one of our greatest possessions and treasures. Currently, there are over 14,000 students in our schools. May God bless those who have helped to make it so.

Rally speakers praise pro-life efforts, call for increased action

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The different starting point for this year's annual March for Life did not go unnoticed by some of the speakers at the annual rally who compared the closer location to the U.S. Capitol to the progress made by the pro-life movement.

"We're seven blocks closer" and "getting closer to the end" of legalized abortion, said a speaker giving the opening prayer at the hour-and-a-half rally Jan. 23 on the grounds of the National Mall several blocks from the front of the Capitol building.

As in recent years, many speakers directed their comments directly to the young people in the crowd of tens of thousands. This year many of them were huddled in rain ponchos while holding aloft placards saying "Defend Life" or "Justice for All Born and Preborn."

Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., co-chairman of the House Pro-Life Caucus, urged the young attendees to be the "new generation of enlightened public policymakers — faith-filled young lawmakers and legislative aides, fiercely dedicated to truth, justice and fundamental human rights."

"Young people, the country needs you. We need your ideas and goodness and courage and deep faith in God to enact durable, sustainable policies to protect innocent human life from those who slaughter and inflict pain," he said.

Nellie Gray, the rally's organizer, linked pro-life issues with the ballot, telling the crowd that "pro-life trumps politics. We'll support only those candidates who are pro-life."

Midway through the rally, a telephone message from President George W. Bush was broadcast to the crowd. The president, calling from Manhattan, Kan., where he was delivering a speech on the war, told the

rally participants that positive steps have occurred in the pro-life movement, but added that "there's more work to be done."

The president, in his four-minute address, noted that the House has passed a bill to ensure that "state parental involvement laws are not circumvented by those who take minors across state lines to have abortions." The Senate "needs to pass this bill so I can sign it into law," he added.

The official theme for the 33rd annual march protesting the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court Roe and Doe decisions legalizing abortion was "Roe v. Wade Violates the American Way." The Roe decision threw out most state restrictions on abortion, and its companion decision, Doe v. Bolton, permitted abortions through all nine months of pregnancy.



Nellie Gray, president of the March for Life, gestures while listening to a telephone message from U.S. President George W. Bush, during the annual march in Washington Jan. 23.

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FATHER EDWARD NARCOWICH

Father Edward Narcowich dies at 78

AVILLA — Father Edward A. Narcowich, 78, died Monday, Jan. 16, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville. He served the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as a priest for 53 years.

Born June 16, 1927, in Gary, he grew up in Holy Angels Parish and studied at Sacred Heart Seminary High School and College (later the Crosier House of Studies, Fort Wayne), as well as St. Meinrad Seminary. Mentors in his early years included Father Robert Traub and Msgr. William Faber.

He was ordained on May 1, 1953, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception by Bishop John F. Noll.

His first assignment was as assistant at St. Bridget Parish, Hobart. From 1956 until 1972, he served as assistant at Holy Family Parish, South Bend. In 1972, he became pastor of St. Dominic Parish, Bremen, and also served the mission parish of St. Isidore in Nappanee. His second pastorate, from 1975 to 1982, was at St. Jude Parish, South Bend, where — for part of the time — Father Daniel Durkin served as his assistant. The two would remain close friends for the rest of Father Narcowich's life.

"He was a good friend, mentor, confessor and teacher of the faith in a way that all could understand," Father Durkin told *Today's Catholic*. "In retirement he continued to share in some pastoral ministry, ever grateful and appreciative of the opportunity to serve the Lord as a priest in the person of Christ. His devotion to the Divine Office inspires me."

In 1973, he was appointed moderator of the Elkhart Deanery Council of Catholic Women and, in 1975, fulfilled the same role for the organization's South Bend deanery. In 1978, he was appointed advocate for the marriage tribunal, and in 1988, he was appointed moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

"He never flinched from appreciating the important role and dignity of women in the church," noted Father Durkin of Father Narcowich's work in this area.

Father Narcowich spent some

sabbatical time at Notre Dame in 1982-83, studying "how best to be of service to the people in large and small parishes" and staying in residence at St. Bavo, Mishawaka, and serving as pastor while Father Paul Bueter was on sabbatical.

While coping with some health problems in 1984-85, he stayed in residence at St. Vincent de Paul and St. Jude parishes in Fort Wayne, while serving part-time as chaplain at the VA Hospital in Marion.

Father Narcowich subsequently served as temporary administrator at Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend, and St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, North Manchester, in 1987. From 1989 until 1993, he served as pastor at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, New Carlisle. His last parish assignment was St. Mary of the Presentation Parish, Geneva.

"He appreciated the beauty of all of God's creation in fostering religious art and functional parish buildings from one end of the diocese to the other," Father Durkin noted. "This was evident by the addition of stained glass windows at St. Jude Parish Church, South Bend, and St. Mary of the Presentation Church, Geneva."

Father Narcowich retired in June 2002, joining his friend, Father Durkin, at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Avilla.

"I have grown to appreciate his selfless service to his family members and others and all-embracing of the suffering that has come his way, while doing his best to maintain a sense of humor," said Father Durkin. "I would never have given up the privilege of knowing him in the last years of his life and enjoying his friendship."

Father Narcowich was preceded in death by his parents, Adolph and Anna Narcowich, and brother, Leonard Narcowich.

Mass of Christian Burial was Jan. 18 at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, with Bishop John M. D'Arcy officiating. Father Narcowich was laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery, Portage. Memorials to St. Mary's of the Assumption Building Fund Avilla or Masses.

Advocates rally at state capitol for lower heating costs for poor

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

INDIANAPOLIS — Hoosiers from northern Indiana traveled to Indianapolis for a Jan. 18 Statehouse rally held to support heating assistance legislation for low income families — an issue the Indiana Catholic Conference also supports.

Rep. Win Moses (D-Fort Wayne), author of HB 1094, who spoke at the rally said, "As long as I've been in public service, this issue causes more family damage than any other issue. When a family's home loses its heat, the home is condemned and the family has to leave. It causes homelessness," he said. "It is a very serious problem." Rep. Moses said, "While this bill is aimed at helping the working poor, high gas prices have caused hardships for many middle income families too."

Mary Beth Fisher, public information director for the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), the administrative body that makes the rules for Indiana

utilities, said, "Our latest rule was for the worst of the worst customers — those who do not pay their bills. The rule allowed utilities to collect up to four months of the average heating bill as a deposit for reconnecting service outside of the moratorium months (November to March)."

Fisher said, "During the moratorium months, the utility can charge up to two months deposit for the financially qualified customers. What the new rule did was to make it easier on customers while giving utilities the right to recoup some of their losses."

"The IURC has been studying this issue for two years," said Fisher. "What happens is those who qualify for heating assistance use the moratorium and the heating assistance money, yet still have a balance due when the moratorium ends and they owe hundreds of dollars and are disconnected. Then they come back in November and have their heat reconnected."

"The commission certainly looks forward to working with the legislature on this important issue,"

said Fisher. The IURC is responsible for protecting both the consumer and the utilities in Indiana.

Senate Bill 352, authored by Sen. Tim Lanane (D-Anderson), appropriates up to \$20 million from tax amnesty revenues to expand the availability of Indiana's heating assistance program to low income Hoosiers coping with increased home heating costs.

"For many families, this is the period when they need help the most," said Sen. Lanane. "With this legislation we can take left-over tax amnesty dollars that currently are just sitting in the state's bank account and use them to help families struggling to pay their heating bills."

Sen. John Broden (D-South Bend) author of Senate Bill 216, who spoke at the rally, said his bill "would reduce the deposit fee from a four-month estimated bill down to a one-month estimated bill." Sen. Broden explained, "In terms of dollars, this would reduce a deposit fee of \$700 to about \$150. The problem has really been with gas utilities. People are going without heat

because they can't afford the deposit fee. They're using space heaters," said Sen. Broden.

"This is no way to live," he said. "In the winter of 2003-2004, social services and churches in St. Joseph County alone documented they had paid \$3 million for gas bills and deposit fees." Sen. Broden said, "This measure is really a compromise measure. It just reduces the deposit fees utilities can collect." Sen. Broden attends Holy Cross Catholic Church in South Bend.

Rep. Shelia Klinker (D-Lafayette) co-author HB 1081 said her bill is designed "to help folks that are disabled and vulnerable in our state including the aged, the people who can't get out because they are either mentally or physically disabled," she said. "They are single parents with babies that need to have heat to keep their families warm. I'm really happy the Catholic Conference is working on this issue and it's getting attention. It's a big problem and it needs to be addressed," she said. Rep. Klinker attends St. Mary Cathedral in Lafayette.

In 2005, the Coalition to Keep Indiana Warm (CKIW) used an independent source to study the home heating issue, which resulted in a 31-page report detailing the effects affordability of home energy has on low-income Indiana residents.

Vickie Allen-Beeson, co-chair of the coalition who spoke at the Statehouse rally, said, "Between the months of April and June last year 10,000 low-income customers were disconnected in Indiana." Allen-Beeson said, "Last year, 80 percent of low-income families in Indiana came out of the winter months behind on their heating bills. While the state increased the number of households, which could qualify for heating assistance — over 500,000 households qualify — the state does not have the money to fund the program," she said.

"The other reality is many who qualify don't know about it, and many older Hoosiers are too proud to receive assistance and would rather go without prescriptions or food than have their heat turned off," said Allen-Beeson.

Founder of Indiana Catholic home one step closer to sainthood

BY STEVE EUVINO

EAST CHICAGO (CNS) — The staff at St. Joseph's Carmelite Home for Girls has certainly witnessed growth in recent years, adding facilities for emergency care and a center for infants and toddlers. The staff is now awaiting news of a possible church honor for the home's founder.

Pope Benedict XVI signed decrees Dec. 19 recognizing miracles attributed to the intercession of nine individuals. Among those now ready for beatification is Mother Anna Maria Tauscher, also known as Mother Maria Teresa of St. Joseph.

The German-born founder of the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus also founded St. Joseph's Carmelite Home for Girls in East Chicago — one of a number of facilities still in operation that she founded on a trip to America.

"We're very, very happy. We've been waiting, we planned, and we were hoping for it," said Carmelite Sister Maria Giuseppe Moxley, chief administrator at the home and provincial superior for her order. "Some of our older sisters knew her, and a couple still remember her."

Born in 1855 in a part of Germany that is now Poland, Mother Anna Maria went on to establish homes throughout



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Carmelite Sister Maria Dell Perez plays basketball with children at the Holy Innocents Center in East Chicago Jan. 16. This center, serving children ages 2 1/2 to 8, is one of three facilities that the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus operate in north-west Indiana in the Diocese of Gary.

Europe. The Carmelite Sisters have since opened children's homes in Canada, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Mexico, Brazil, Africa, Iceland and, most recently, Russia.

"Mother loved children, and

she worked to found homes for the homeless," Sister Maria Giuseppe said.

Beatification is the next-to-last step in the canonization process. It takes place after a person's life, writings and teachings have been examined and found to contain nothing contrary to church teachings or to the demands of Christian perfection, and also after a miracle attributed to the intercession of the sainthood candidate has been recognized.

Sister Maria Giuseppe said the beatification of Mother Anna Maria is expected to take place May 13 in the Diocese of Roermond, Netherlands. The local bishop will beatify Mother Anna Maria Tauscher at that time, and Sister Maria Giuseppe said she'll be there. The beatification ceremony coincides with the general chapter meeting of the Carmelites.

"She was a great, great woman," Sister Maria Giuseppe said. "She had a deep, deep holiness, and she had complete and total trust in God."

Recalling that Mother Anna Maria faced plenty of opposition, Sister Maria Giuseppe said her order's founder displayed "tenacity and the stamina to persevere. She got (opposition) from all sides. But she was faithful and persevering and had so much strength of character and determination."

She also was not born a Catholic. Anna Maria Tauscher van den Bosch was the daughter of a Lutheran pastor. But Sister Maria Giuseppe said the young Anna Maria was "very, very Catholic in her thinking. She always yearned to be Catholic and as a child she seemed to absorb everything she could about the Catholic Church."

After joining the Catholic Church at age 30, Anna Maria Tauscher wanted to give herself totally to God as a religious and began visiting convents, with particular interest in the Carmelites. However, she wanted to establish her own order of Carmelites, and she faced opposition from clergy who could not understand her need for a new order.

The Vatican in 1898 did approve the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus. Though based on the cloistered rule of St. Teresa of Avila, these sisters combined that rule with action. "That was Mother's big thing — she wanted to be active, not cloistered," Sister Maria Giuseppe said.

After opening her first novitiate in Sittard, Netherlands, Mother Anna Maria began opening homes in Europe, beginning with St. Joseph's Home in Berlin in 1896. She worked in Europe until 1912, when she received an invitation from the bishop of Cleveland to come to the United States.

Although her trip to Cleveland proved unsuccessful, Mother Anna Maria was invited to Milwaukee, where she opened her first home in this country. That home has since closed.

Bishop Herman Alerding of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Diocese then invited the sister to northwest Indiana because of many Hungarian immigrant families moving to the area.

Mother Anna Maria arrived in late 1912 in East Chicago, where she purchased two small frame houses that became the nucleus for the current blocklong facility. The home, officially founded in 1913, now ranks as the oldest home she started that is still in operation in this country.

The Carmelite Home originally accepted both male and female orphans. In 1915 the Carmelites opened a boys' home in Hammond; that home is now closed.

Mother Anna Maria, who stayed in the U.S. about eight years, left East Chicago for San Antonio and other parts of this country. Her Carmelite congregation today has three provinces in America.

After returning to Europe, Mother Anna Maria continued opening children's home — 58 during her lifetime. She died in Sittard Sept. 20, 1938.

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HEAT

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Leader, Democratic Rep. B. Patrick Bauer.

The rally is part of a three-year effort to ensure that all Indiana residents have equal access to heat in the winter. TAP is one of the many groups who sponsored "A Rally for Heat" to lobby for a number of bills before the current legislature. TAP consists of Hilltop Lutheran Church, St. Adalbert Church, Emmanuel Community Church, St. Casimir Church, St. Paul Bethel Baptist Missionary Church, St. Joseph Church, South Bend, Little Flower Catholic Church and the Center for Peace and Nonviolence of St. Joseph County, which includes Kern Road Mennonite Church and First Unitarian Church.

TAP is rallying before the current legislature, including Senate Bill 216 and House Bill 1094, that would limit natural gas deposits to one month of the yearly bill in Indiana.

TAP also hopes that:

- An energy assistance contingency fund is established by using additional tax dollars from natural gas and other fuels to supplement federal energy assistance and weatherization dollars.
- The state sales tax on federal low-income home energy assistance be repealed.
- The state will adopt a statewide energy assistance plan that works to reduce growing demand for electricity and natural gas to control runaway energy costs and begin the transition to a sustainable energy policy.

"Many Indiana residents do not have heat at this time because it is legal for a gas company to charge up to four months of the yearly bill for a deposit," noted Free-Landry. He said that was the key issue why many South Bend and Mishawaka Catholics felt compelled to participate. "Too many families are struggling this winter with bills and unjust deposits."



MICHELLE DONAGHEY

Sen. Karen Tallian, left, who has co-authored a bill with Sen. Frank Mrvan who speaks to those gathered for a rally to encourage legislative action for heating assistance and limits on gas utility deposits. The legislation he and Tallian co-authored would allow the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission broader access to the records of gas and electric companies and their subsidiaries.

Father Chris Cox agreed. "There's just no way out for the poor in this."

Those who took the two-hour bus ride to participate hoped their presence would get the attention of legislators and public. Some carried signs with messages such as "Hoosiers are freezin' for no good reason," chanted "What do we want? Heat!" and by listening and shouting "Yes!" in agreement with messages from several of the legislators comments.

"I can't tell you how many stories I have heard about this. We all know that it is a major issue. We need to do something this session," said Sen. Broden to the crowd noting that he's heard from social service agencies of families who are forced to come up with \$800 to \$1,200 to pay the deposit to get heat.

One bill that is supported by Sen. Broden stipulates that the deposit a utility requires for connecting or reconnecting homes for service cannot exceed the customer's estimated average monthly

bill. His bill is awaiting a hearing before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security, Utilities and Public Policy.

"If the federal government won't provide, the state of Indiana should step up to the plate. The only policy the state has here is to pray it stays warm! We need a real policy so that there is no woman, man or child in the cold in Indiana. Contact your legislator!" urged Sen. Lanane.

South Bend Mayor Steve Luecke reflected on the weather as the group shivered in the cold. "It's a bad day to be poor" asking that legislators give serious consideration to changes. "It becomes a matter of health, a matter of life or death" when a person is cold. NIPSCO (Northern Indiana Public Service Company), I invited you to show me the money," said Sen. Mrvan who said he has introduced a bill co-authored by Sen. Karen Tallian asking that NIPSCO show their financial records including the company's operating expenses, management structure, profit margins and outside investments.

Some who met with Bauer afterward questioned what they could do to accomplish a change. "They're tough to fight. We don't have the right people in power," noted Bauer adding that people who are concerned should "talk to the people in the area. Tell them to go to the people in charge."

"There's just no way out for the poor in this."

FATHER CHRIS COX, PASTOR, ST. ADALBERT

Personal stories compelled participants in the rally for heat

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

SOUTH BEND — Maria Arriaga of St. Adalbert Parish in South Bend knows how it is to not have heat. She had no service until her landlord finally stepped in, talking to NIPSCO so that she did not have to pay a four-month deposit of around \$950. To make matters worse, the deposit she could not afford stemmed from a previous renter of the house.

Maria lived with her son during the time that she could not move into the house. "I stayed 40 days," she said.

Her sister, Angelina Montalbo, and her husband, Max, also of St. Adalbert Parish, went to Indianapolis with their two-month-old baby to support her as well as many other people. "We are concerned about them. Our last month bill was \$287. We are definitely concerned," said Angelina.

Jessica Carrion and Miranda Quinata of St. Adalbert Parish, Holy Cross Associates who are doing post graduate service, know all too well about heating cost increases.

"When we had to pay our heating bill we had to scramble and decided where and what we were going to cut," said Jessica. The two young women rent an apartment in an older home. Their heating bill which usually ran around \$60 per month skyrocketed to \$209.

Sylvia Carrico of Little Flower Parish in South Bend said that she was annoyed that she was recently sent a shut off notice. "I paid my bill. It had crossed in the mail," she said. It was only two weeks late and that the gas company threatened to shut off her heat. "They did not," she added.

Ruthann Brown of Little Flower is upset, that while she has been a customer of NIPSCO for over 42 years, "If I move, they can change my original deposit. NIPSCO upped it to \$250 a month," said Brown.

"I had been on the other end of the pole where I had to ask for help. It's impossible to make those bills sometimes. Especially the low income seniors and those with marginal incomes," said Rev. Larry Ort of Hilltop Lutheran who participated in the rally.



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Miranda Quinata and Jessica Carrion, Holy Cross Associates, know all too well that prices for heating have skyrocketed. The two young ladies noted that their usual bill of \$60 went up to \$209.



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Quality Dining and Komets united for 'You Can Lend A Hand Night'

FORT WAYNE — "You Can Lend A Hand Night" was just one part of the You Can Lend A Hand fundraising program sponsored by Quality Dining, Inc.® Other events include the Catholic Schools Week Luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 26, in the Fort Wayne Marriot Marquis Ballroom and the sale of the You Can Lend A Hand coupon books Jan. 26 through Feb. 18.

Quality Dining, Inc.® and the Fort Wayne Komets sponsored the second annual "You Can Lend A Hand Night" on Sunday, Jan. 22, during the game against the Rockford IceHogs at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

This event recognized local Catholic elementary school students, teachers and staff participating in the You Can Lend A Hand fund-raising program. To kick-off the night's activities, a group of 26 Catholic school students sang the National Anthem, directed by Lois Widner, principal of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School.

Additional highlights included awarding prizes during the second period break to schools that have the highest attendance at the game based on a percentage of enrollment. The first place prize included \$250, a traveling trophy, 500 tickets to an additional Komets' game and a school visit by players and Icy D. Eagle. The second place prize included \$150 and 50 tickets to an additional Komets' game while the third place prize was \$100 and 50 tickets to an additional Komets' game.

All participating You Can Lend A Hand students in attendance were eligible to win prize packs containing gifts from the Komets and certificates to Burger King® and Chili's Grill & Bar®. Quality Dining, Inc.® also recognized the winners of the You Can Lend A Hand student poster design contest during the first period break. The winning poster was designed by a team of two seventh grade students from St. John the Baptist School in New Haven. Bridget Wellman and Molly Smith were presented with a framed copy of their poster design along with gift certificates to Burger King® and Chili's Grill & Bar®.

Participating Catholic school displays will be featured on the concourse at the coliseum. The displays were created by each school to show a snapshot of a year in Catholic schools and how the students develop character, compassion and values.

You Can Lend a Hand has been established as an integral part of the fund-raising efforts of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Since its inception in 1982, the You Can Lend a Hand program has raised over \$6.5 million for Catholic schools. The schools have utilized profits from the fundraiser for school upgrades such as classroom and playground equipment, computer software, library books and capital improvements.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

HOLY CROSS CONGREGATIONS CELEBRATE



BROTHER CHARLES MCBRIDE

Over 200 priests and brothers from the Congregation of Holy Cross along with Holy Cross sisters from Saint Mary's College celebrated Moreau Day on Jan. 20 at Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame. Annually, priests, brothers and sisters of Holy Cross mark the day of their founder's death with a celebration including a Mass and meal. Father Kenneth Molinaro, CSC, first vice provincial of the Indiana Province gave the homily and was the principal celebrant. The choir, made up of priests, brothers and sisters, was directed by Father Peter Rocca, CSC, director of liturgy for the province. Next year the Sisters of Holy Cross will host the celebration.

Symposium focuses on friendship

NOTRE DAME — "Thomas Aquinas on Friendship" is the theme of the ninth annual Thomas Aquinas Symposium at Saint Mary's College. The event takes place on Saturday, Feb. 4, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge, LeMans Hall. The symposium is free of charge and open to the public.

Keith J. Egan, The Joyce McMahon Hank Aquinas Chair in Catholic Theology emeritus, Saint Mary's College, presents the symposium's first lecture, "Eros and Friendship." Thomas Aquinas, saint and doctor of the Catholic Church, identified true love of God as a kind of friendship with God. Some have said that this approach to describing love of God best suits our times, but that the more sensuous approach — called bridal mysticism — is no longer suitable for that purpose. Egan intends to show that bridal mysticism should not be dropped, but rather should be used in creative tension with Thomas Aquinas' description of love of God as friendship with God.

Following refreshments at 3:30 p.m., the program continues with the lecture "Thomas Aquinas on Friendship: Cultivating Intimacy and Emotional Integrity," presented by Diana Fritz Cates of the University of Iowa. Professor

Cates' lecture will delve into Thomas Aquinas' account of human friendship, reflecting on its contemporary relevance. She will focus especially on what Aquinas can teach us about emotional intimacy and the role that such intimacy plays in enabling friends to pursue goodness of character in each other's company.

The Joyce McMahon Hank Aquinas Chair in Catholic Theology sponsors the symposium with the support of the Saint Mary's College Center for Spirituality. For additional information, call (574) 284-4636.

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School plans legacy auction

FORT WAYNE — The St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School Home and School Association has announced its second annual "Legacy Auction: An Expression of Faith." The "casually elegant" event will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28, in the St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall, 10700 Aboite Center Rd.

The Legacy Auction includes both silent and live auctions. Donated items for the silent auction will be on display in the St. Elizabeth Parish Hall from 6:30 p.m. to preview. These items include glassware, home decor, holiday items, children's toys, game room accessories, fitness

packages and more.

Doors will officially open at 8 p.m. A live auction of valuable items will begin at 9 p.m. The live auction will offer a range of items, including dinner with Father Jim Shafer, pastor at St. Elizabeth Seton, and Father Tim Wrozek, pastor at St. Joseph. Other live auction items include a family membership at the YMCA, a teeth whitening package, preparation of a legal will, hand-painted chairs and more.

School parents, parishioners at both St. Joseph and St. Elizabeth parishes and other individuals interested in supporting St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Catholic School are invited. All proceeds from the Legacy Auction will go in support of the school. Admission is \$7 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvres, one drink ticket and one door prize coupon.

"Our Legacy Auction is another example of how our joint parish school expresses our faith and stewardship. The contributions by our parents, faculty and priests are so strong during the weeks leading up to the auction," said Susan Lee, one of the co-chairs of the Legacy Auction. "It's a perfect time to get together with our adult school community for a fun and entertaining evening."

This year, an additional feature of the live auction will be outdoor furniture and planters that have been painted by some of the St.

Joseph-St. Elizabeth School students. Bidding may get competitive as parents try to outbid other parents for their children's masterpieces.

To make a reservation, please contact co-chairs Susan Lee at (260) 436-6362 or Jeff Krudop at (260) 436-1660.

Saint Mary's professor edits academic journal

NOTRE DAME — John Pauley, associate professor of communication studies and chair of the department of communication and performance studies at Saint Mary's College, begins his term as editor of *The Journal of Communication and Religion*. He was named editor-elect at the annual meeting of the Religious Communication Association (RCA) in Boston last November.

RCA, an affiliate organization of the National Communication Association, is an academic society founded in 1973 by people interested in the study of all aspects of public religious communication. The journal publishes original articles that advance theory and research about communication in religious contexts.

Pauley's term is three years.

Students receive science scholarship

FORT WAYNE — Allison Meyers, Adam Peterson and Annette Wellman are the winners of the Larry Wedertz Science Scholarship given to seniors at Bishop Luers High School.

Wedertz died in 2000 and was interested in science and young people. He was a friend of Jill Rinne, who taught English at Bishop Luers from 1978-2001. Before Wedertz's death, he set up this scholarship with the help of Rinne.

This year Allison Meyers and Adam Peterson received full tuition for their senior year at Bishop Luers and Annette Wellman received partial tuition.

Allison Meyers is considering a career in the medical field. Adam Peterson would like to enter the field of pharmaceuticals. Annette Wellman plans to study biomedical engineering.

To qualify, a student needs a B average or above in the science classes he or she has already taken at Bishop Luers. The student needs to be registered to take a third or fourth year of science. Interested students need to submit a two-paragraph essay that states how the student intends to apply science in a chosen career path, and describes the composition and a brief history of the student's family.



ALLISON MEYERS



ADAM PETERSON



ANNETTE WELLMAN

St. Joseph students win accolades

FORT WAYNE — Two students at St. Joseph Hessen Cassel School received awards and recognition in two different areas.

Eighth grader Jeff Teeters is a district winner of the Dick Lugar, Indiana Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Insurance essay contest. He won a \$50 U.S. savings bond and was honored at the Indiana Statehouse during the Indiana Farm Bureau's state convention Dec. 9.



JEFF TEETERS



VERONICA FRECKER

Other Lugar essay winners in the area include Elizabeth Goebel of St. Joseph School in Decatur and Ivy Strubel of St. Therese School.

A poem by another Hessen Cassel student, Veronica Frecker, has received the first-place award in the Allen County Public Library My Life Day to Day Poetry Contest, sixth grade division. She was honored along with the other winners in grades 6-9 at a ceremony Dec. 10 at the main library in downtown Fort Wayne.

Poetas y Pintores presented at Moreau Art Galleries

NOTRE DAME — The Saint Mary's College Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership and the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame present "Poetas y Pintores: Artists Conversing with Verse." The exhibition opens Friday, Jan. 27, at the Moreau Art Galleries, Saint Mary's College.

Poetas y Pintores is Spanish for "Poets and Painters." This collaborative project involves 12 visual artists interpreting the work of 12 poets from across the country. Saint Mary's and Notre Dame faculty and staff also contributed their art and poetry. This traveling exhibition is slated for subsequent shows in Chicago, New York City and Los Angeles.

The exhibition runs through Friday, March 3. The Jan. 27 opening reception is from 5-7 p.m. in the Moreau Art Galleries. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m.

For additional information and a list of participating poets and artists, visit www.poetasypintores.com, or call (574) 284-4579.

SCHOOL RECEIVES \$10,000 CHECK



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At St. Patrick School's recent Christmas program, Father Christopher Young, pastor at St. Patrick in Walkerton, accepted a check from the parish-school association president, Susan Rudecki, in the amount of \$10,000. The PSA raises more than \$20,000 each year in support of the school.

BISHOP LUERS STUDENTS ATTEND MASS WITH ST. THERESE STUDENTS



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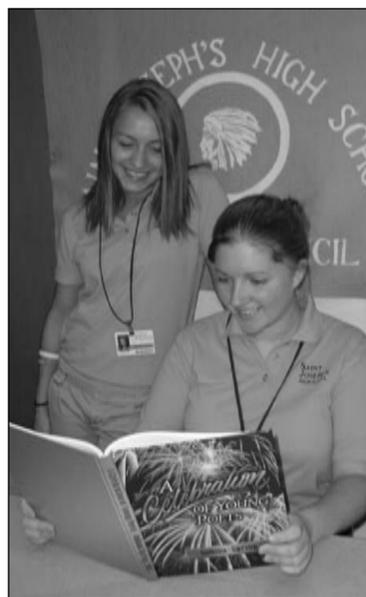
Spanish students from Bishop Luers High School join grade school students at St. Therese School in Fort Wayne for Mass on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Father Joe Rulli said the Mass primarily in Spanish, providing both a learning experience for the students and a tribute to the culture behind the feast.

Saint Joseph's students named Top Poets

SOUTH BEND — In the spring of 2005, 13 Saint Joseph's High School students were accepted for publication by Creative Communications, based in Logan, Utah. Two of those, Katherine Remley and Sadie Olen, both now sophomores, had been chosen Top Poets.

Remley and Olen received a \$50 savings bond, a complimentary copy of the anthology "A Celebration of Young Poets," and special recognition in the anthology.

The congratulatory letter to the school stated: "There were many excellent poems that were not chosen for these awards."



PROVIDED BY SAINT JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL

Katherine Remley and Sadie Olen, both sophomores at Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend, have been chosen Top Poets by a national poetry publication. Remley and Olen received a \$50 savings bond, a complimentary copy of the anthology "A Celebration of Young Poets," and special recognition in the anthology.

Their poems follow:

Resurrected Beauty

By Katherine Remley

Spring resurrects the beauty of the earth
Kidnapped by the cold wrath of winter
In children burst forth from the depths below
Reaching out with long, stretching arms,
To be nourished by the awakened sun.

Spring gives us a peek of its beauty

At the very start of its short and sweet visit.

Wistful colors wrap around our souls capturing

Our hearts and giving us inspiration

Nature's Recital

By Sadie Olsen

Nature's recital brings drumming of rain with a slight tipping tapping upon my window pane the strong voices chanting as a thunder's breaking cry echoing its deepest note through the stage: a deep blue sky dancing off every drop sparkles of the moon it tiptoes simply on and off perfect with the tune a simple touch of lightning bright random shots of light complements the beauty of the oh so perfect sight. We enjoy it all for free though some don't find it vital to be a respectful audience to nature's recital.



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Minnesota bishops launch campaign against same-sex marriage

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS) — Minnesota's seven Catholic bishops have launched a postcard campaign, urging Catholics to write their legislators in support of a November ballot measure that would amend the state constitution to define civil marriage as between one man and one woman. Led by New Ulm Bishop John C. Nienstedt, the bishops have asked all parishioners to send postcards by Feb. 12, which is designated as the World Day for Marriage. The postcards were to be made available in parishes by early February. In a joint statement issued Dec. 22 under the aegis of the Minnesota Catholic Conference, their public policy arm, the bishops called for the postcard campaign and reiterated church teaching that "marriage and family life are essential to a proper social and political order." The authentic meaning of marriage as the union of one man and one woman must be "preserved, protected and promoted in both private and public realms," they said.

Bishop offers prayers as two more coal miners lose lives in January

MELVILLE, W.Va. (CNS) — As two more West Virginia miners lost their lives in the state's second coal mining accident in January, Bishop Michael J. Bransfield of Wheeling-Charleston offered prayers and pledged the church's assistance to those affected by the tragedy. Miners Don I. Bragg, 33, and Ellery Hatfield, 47, were found dead Jan. 21 after they had disappeared into the Aracoma Alma No. 1 Coal Mine in Melville, following a fire that erupted on a conveyor belt the evening of Jan. 19. Bragg and Hatfield had been part of a 12-member crew. The other 10 miners of that group were able to escape when the fire broke out. "Once again this month Catholics join with fellow West Virginians in mourning a tragic loss of lives due to a mining disaster," Bishop Bransfield said. "The announcement of the deaths of Don Bragg and Ellery Hatfield stirs our hearts and prompts us to offer our deepest sympathy and pledge of prayerful support to the families and loved ones these good men have left behind."

Would-be papal assassin ordered back to prison in Turkey

ROME (CNS) — The Turkish terrorist who shot and seriously wounded Pope John Paul II was ordered to return to prison, where he was expected to remain for several years. On Jan. 20 the Turkish Supreme Court overturned a lower court's release of Agca eight days earlier. Agca's release had prompted widespread criticism in Turkey and around the world. Agca, 48, was apprehended by police at his home and offered no resistance when he was taken back into custody. As he entered a police station in Istanbul, he shouted in several

NEWS BRIEFS

SWISS GUARDS MARK 500TH YEAR WITH MASS



CNS PHOTO/POOL VIA REUTERS

Swiss Guards attend a special Mass in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican Jan. 22. The elite corps, which is charged with the protection of the pope and Vatican, is celebrating its 500th anniversary. Pope Julius II welcomed the first contingent of Swiss Guards to the Vatican Jan. 22, 1506.

languages, "I am Messiah. I am not the Son of God, I am Messiah," according to Turkish news reports. Agca has frequently made wild and fanatical claims to the press and to justice officials. Agca had served 19 years in Italian prisons for shooting the pope in 1981. He was extradited in 2000 to Turkey, where he served five years for the 1979 murder of a liberal Turkish newspaper editor.

Samoan Cardinal Taofinu'u dies at age 82

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Samoan Cardinal Pio Taofinu'u, the first Polynesian cardinal and a pioneering church leader in the Pacific, died Jan. 20 at age 82. In a condolence message, Pope Benedict XVI said Cardinal Taofinu'u was for all peoples of the Pacific "a towering figure of unwavering commitment to the truth and love of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." His death leaves the College of Cardinals with 178 members, of whom 111 are under age 80 and therefore eligible to vote in a conclave. Cardinal Taofinu'u was named the first bishop from Polynesia at the young age of 44 in 1968. In 1970 he hosted Pope Paul VI on a brief stopover in Samoa, and three years later he was named a cardinal, setting off celebrations among the small Catholic community of Western Samoa, where he was born. Known as an energetic pastor, the tall and imposing cardinal was often on the move from dawn to dusk among the peoples of his diocese and became a prime mover behind development projects to raise the living standards of the jungle population.

Atlanta Catholics gather to remember Rev. Martin Luther King's dream

ATLANTA (CNS) — In downtown Atlanta, a city often referred to as the "birthplace of civil rights," Catholics gathered Jan. 14 to celebrate the life of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and to pray for a continued commitment to the work that he pursued in his short life. Atlanta Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory celebrated the annual King Mass, sponsored each year by the archdiocesan Office for Black Catholic Ministry. Rev. King's legacy was evident in the diversity of those gathered for the Mass. Representing many ethnic backgrounds — black, white, Hispanic and Asian — Catholics packed the pews at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Approximately 20 priests celebrated the Mass with the archbishop. The Mass, which had as its theme "Striving for Peace in Spirit and in Truth," featured the soul-stirring music of the Archbishop James P. Lyke Memorial Choir and drummers from the Lyke House Catholic Student Center at Atlanta University.

Chilean president-elect is 'sign of great hope,' says cardinal

SANTIAGO, Chile (CNS) — Chilean President-elect Michelle Bachelet is "a symbol of the re-encounter among Chileans, a sign of great hope and a reconciled country," said Cardinal Francisco

Errazuriz Ossa of Santiago. Bachelet, a member of the Socialist Party that forms part of the ruling coalition Democratic Concertation, won a runoff election with 53 percent of the votes, defeating businessman Sebastian Pinera of the National Renewal party, who obtained 47 percent of the votes. Bachelet received Cardinal Errazuriz and officers of the Chilean bishops' conference at her residence Jan. 16, the day after the election. Bachelet "suffered hate, but she preferred to overcome this hate through comprehension, tolerance and, as she says, love," Cardinal Errazuriz said after the meeting. Bachelet's father was arrested, tortured and died in prison following the 1973 military coup that overthrew the socialist government; Bachelet and her mother also were arrested, tortured and forced into exile in Australia, East Germany and the United States.

U.S. expert: Catholic history could be relevant to Muslim struggles

ROME (CNS) — The story of the Catholic Church's embrace of religious liberty may have relevance to the current internal struggles of the Muslim world, said a U.S. expert on church affairs. Scott Appleby, director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, told a Rome conference Jan. 17 that internal pluralism exists in Islam and "this is good news." "It's good news for Islam that there are competing traditions and voices and interpretations of

what 'jihad' might mean and how it might be applied," he said. He cited the emergence of courageous Muslims who speak about the options of nonviolence in Islam, about democratization and about acceptance of a pluralistic society. It's a long process, but this kind of internal debate ultimately opens up alternatives to violence, he said. Ultimately, he said, demographic and economic pressures favor the pluralists in the Islamic world. Appleby's speech detailed the internal evolution within the Catholic Church that led to the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom ("Dignitatis Humanae").

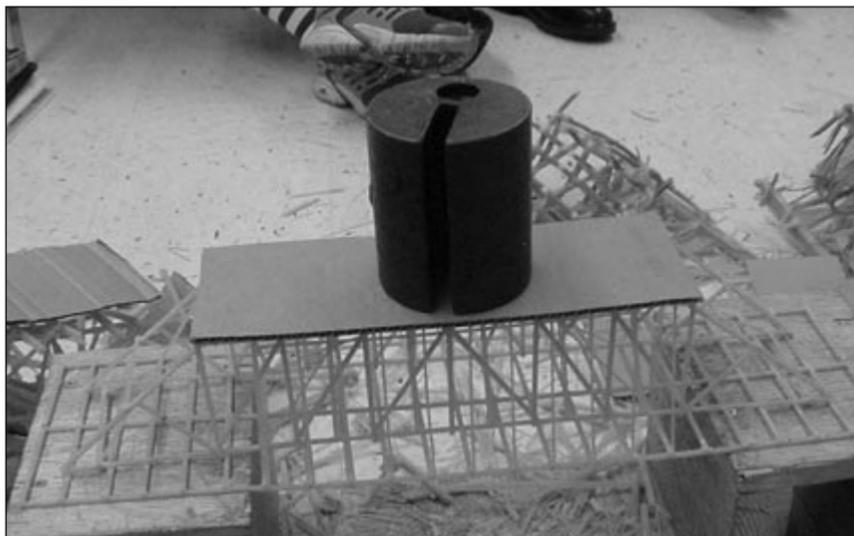
Critics of ruling ask Congress to block assisted suicide law

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Critics of Oregon's assisted suicide law called for Congress to step in and pass legislation making clear that it is not a legitimate medical purpose to prescribe a lethal dose of medicine. In a 6-3 ruling Jan. 17, the Supreme Court found that the U.S. attorney general overstepped his authority with an order calling for prosecution of physicians who prescribed lethal drugs under Oregon's Death with Dignity Act. The ruling said the authority under the Controlled Substances Act claimed by the attorney general "is both beyond his expertise and incongruous with the statutory purposes and design." The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the National Right to Life Committee and the Family Research Council were among opponents of assisted suicide who called on members of Congress to revise the Controlled Substances Act to prohibit the use of regulated drugs in state-sanctioned assisted suicide. "In no sense can assisting a suicide be called a 'legitimate medical purpose' for any drug," said a statement from Richard Doerflinger, deputy director of the USCCB's Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities.

Intelligent design not science, says Vatican newspaper article

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Intelligent design is not science and should not be taught as a scientific theory in schools alongside Darwinian evolution, an article in the Vatican newspaper said. The article said that in pushing intelligent design some groups were improperly seeking miraculous explanations in a way that creates confusion between religious and scientific fields. At the same time, scientists should recognize that evolutionary theory does not exclude an overall purpose in creation — a "superior design" that may be realized through secondary causes like natural selection, it said. The article, published in the Jan. 17 edition of *L'Osservatore Romano*, was written by Fiorenzo Facchini, a professor of evolutionary biology at the University of Bologna in Italy. The article noted that the debate over intelligent design — the idea that certain features of life and the universe are best explained by an intelligent designer rather than adaptive evolution — has spread from the United States to Europe.

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Students in Jason Draper's physics class at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne used uncooked spaghetti as the raw material in the Great Bridge Building Endeavor. Applying laws of physics and a stringent set of rules, students created bridges that were tested with weights. Such contests, which incorporate applicable skills from the classes, are some of the academic challenges presented to students at the Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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BY MICHELLE HITTIE

This year, from Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, our diocese, along with all the dioceses of the world, is celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The theme chosen for this year's celebration is that all Catholic schools continue to instill the character, compassion and values, which were begun in the home.

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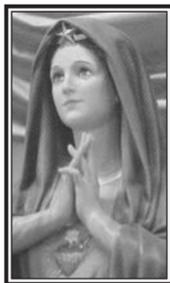
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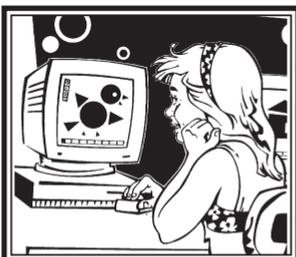
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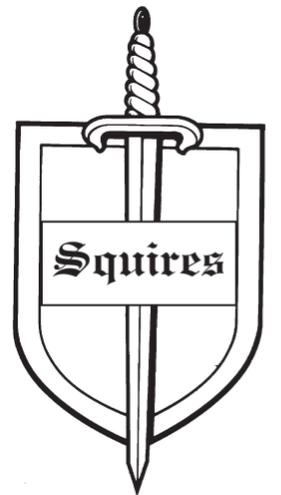
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Parish schools focus on Catholic vocabulary building as foundation to identity

BY KAY COZAD

Vocabulary building is an essential component in any language program and has recently become a focus within the Catholic Church. A directive from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is encouraging parish schools to strengthen catechism programs in several ways, emphasizing vocabulary development. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has heard the call.

Donna Macino, associate director for the Office of Catechesis, states, "Ours is a sacramental and very specific vocabulary. It's important in claiming our Catholic identity that we understand the words that define who we are. By focusing on vocabulary and teaching it, we strengthen our Catholic identity."

Nearly five years ago, all Fort Wayne-South Bend diocesan schools implemented use of Assessment of Catechesis-Religious Education (ACRE), an assessment tool sanctioned by the National Catholic Education Association. This test, administered each March to grades 5, 8, 9 and 12, measures religious knowledge in the cognitive and affective domains. As the tests were completed, the diocese studied the results question by question. Although the overall scores were above the national average, says Macino, test results consistently showed a weakness in vocabulary development. "The first year the test was administered, 66 percent of the fifth graders didn't know Advent was the preparation time for Christmas. But it was not just a concept issue; it was lack of vocabulary command," she says.

It soon became apparent that there was a need to teach specific, age-appropriate vocabulary within the diocesan religious education program. So she began to work with the teachers and directors of religious education (DRE) to revise the curriculum to better educate the area Catholic school children.

For the past four years, the teachers have met to discuss methods of teaching vocabulary, along with other issues. By working together and implementing these shared ideas, religion teachers have seen positive results with ACRE scores showing in 2004 that two-thirds of the fifth graders understood the vocabulary for Advent.

To further strengthen the area of vocabulary development, Macino has partnered with Dr. Kathleen Schneider, to present training workshops for the diocese. Schneider, who holds a doctorate in educational leadership, is a former diocesan teacher and administrator. She is currently the part-time DRE at St. Joseph, Roanoke-St. Catherine, Nix Settlement, and continues to work with the state and federal departments of education as a consultant.

The workshops, offered three times each year, will target specific grade levels and appropriate vocabulary development. Seventh and eighth grade religion teachers met in December of last year at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne and the Catholic Education Center in South Bend for the first of the proposed vocabulary workshops. There they were provided with handouts and a presentation by Dr. Schneider, who designed the training on the basis of her extensive research done with the federally mandated No Child Left Behind Program. "There is a high correlation between strong vocabulary and academic achievement," says Schneider. Included in the instruction were three methods to teach vocabulary and six steps to direct vocabulary instruction. "I personalized the workshop with vocabulary words from the Catholic curriculum," says Schneider. She provides additional ideas for classroom use, along with ways to reinforce vocabulary use after the lesson. The teachers are also given collaboration time. Schneider notes

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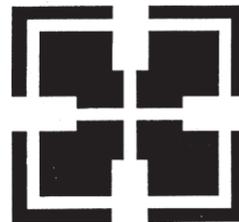
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that DREs and school principals will provide follow-up in the schools to encourage vocabulary development. Grade specific vocabulary lists are currently being

compiled for classroom use.

Nine-year veteran teacher Ann Baker feels the workshop was a positive experience. "I liked the handouts," says Baker, who teaches sixth, seventh and eighth grade social studies, art and religion at Most Precious Blood School in Fort Wayne. "I taught vocabulary before the workshop, but it's nice to get this information. I will use it."

Cindy Esch, religion teacher at Christ the King School in South Bend agrees, saying, "I use liturgical words and have become more conscious of teaching the meaning in my classes. I came away feeling I had something to use in the classroom." She says in sixth, seventh and eighth grades many assume the students have an understanding of the Catholic words in the lessons. Her

experience has proven otherwise. Currently she teaches vocabulary using note cards and other methods to ensure successful retention.

Macino and Schneider feel the teachers were receptive to the workshop and plan to offer vocabulary training to fifth and sixth grade teachers in February. Third and fourth grade levels will attend in December with first and second

grades in spring of 2007.

Dr. Schneider is pleased to offer this training in the development of this area's vocabulary building. "Vocabulary is one thing that separates us from other religions," she says. Both teachers and administrators share the excitement of this new educational direction saying, "This is the future church in front of us."

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BY SUSAN LIGHTCAP

SOUTH BEND — The Christmas season continued a season of giving with h.o.p.e. The overwhelming success of the Thanksgiving food drive and the generosity of the Saint Joseph's High School community, let h.o.p.e be able to help several local organizations spread Christmas spirit.

The Life Treatment Center was the recipient of hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for their residents; the Mental Health Association supplied the school with 35 names and gift requests from residents in their group homes, and Hope Rescue Mission residents had a wish list that included sweaters, slacks, night-gowns and sweatpants.

One special Christmas wish came from a woman, named Michelle, desperately in need of dentures. It was her wish to be able to face the world, the new year and her future with a smile on her face and, therefore, greater confidence.

H.o.p.e. was able to grant all of the wishes, including Michelle's desire for dentures.

On Jan. 19, Michelle, accompanied by Clyde Manning, director of public relations for Hope Rescue

Mission, came to Saint Joseph's to personally thank the h.o.p.e. members and the Saint Joseph's student body for this priceless gift. Michelle first met with the h.o.p.e. leaders and some of the members. Both she and Clyde were presented with h.o.p.e. sweatshirts, and the check for her dental work was presented to Manning.

After this gathering and Michelle's words of appreciation, she appeared on the morning announcements and thanked the entire student body. Her remarks included the downward spiral of her life, which resulted from her addiction to alcohol and drugs. She warned all of the students to stay away from alcohol and drugs, emphasizing how easily their lives can become controlled by these drugs. She told them to make good decisions and trust in God. She proudly announced that she has been drug free for three months and looks forward to a brighter future. She offered heartfelt thanks to the students for their kindness, and she smiled.

It was a gratifying experience for all involved. She was truly pleased to be able to thank everyone in person. She asked to come back in six months and share with everyone her progress in this new-found life.

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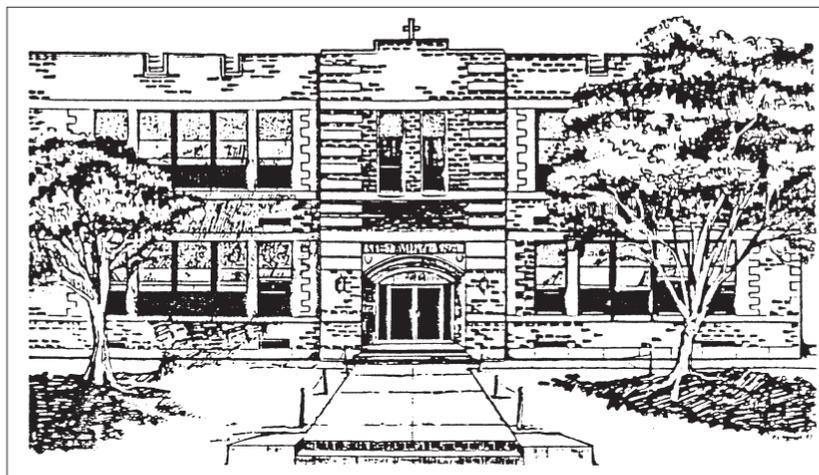
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Social Concerns Committee makes time to care

BY SARA KASSEN

NOTRE DAME — Tests. Papers. Reading. Going out. Growing up.

College can be a hurried blur of exams, computer screens and nights with little or no sleep, but students at one area Catholic college find time for one more thing — compassion.

One of the extracurricular activity options at Holy Cross College in Notre Dame is the Social Concerns Committee. The group has a schedule of community service projects they tackle each year, and they also respond to needs as they arise in the local community and beyond.

Small group — big support

It's an ambitious endeavor for a group of about 12 students and one faculty member.

"There's no way that we could do all the things that we do on the scale that we do, with just those few people," says Doris Van Auken, Ph.D., faculty advisor for the Social Concerns Committee.

The group has learned to recruit helping hands. They see each Holy Cross student and

employee as sort of "associate" members. The Social Concerns Committee plans and organizes, but they enlist help when it comes to raising money and carrying out their plans.

"One of our goals is to get as much participation from the student body as possible. We have been pretty effective I think," says Van Auken. She says normally 15 to 20 percent of the students help out at any given event.

"Frankly, this year, what has amazed me so much is that we have asked students for more donations, items for Hurricane Katrina victims. We asked them for more monetary donations, and it seemed like every single time we asked, they gave, and they gave more than they have ever given in the past," Van Auken says.

Life skills

The committee started out this academic year with a rush relief effort for those affected by Hurricane Katrina, including a Holy Cross school in New Orleans. At the same time, they were working on a project for the South Bend community, the annual Halloween festival for



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Volunteers and members of the Holy Cross College's Social Concerns Committee pack boxes for a Thanksgiving basket drive for families in the South Bend area. It is just one of the ambitious endeavors of the committee.

children between the ages of three and eight, "Ghosts and Goblins." Kids from the homeless shelter and YWCA are invited, plus anyone else who wanted to come. Any proceeds are donated to Toys for Tots.

Van Auken says, "I'm a sucker for little kids. All the older kids have the big haunted houses around town to go to, but they're too scary for little kids, and there

just weren't very many things for them to do around Halloween."

The festival is fun for the kids and the students, and it's also a learning experience that involves rallying volunteers, gathering donations and planning the details. Plus, organizing community service projects, especially multiple ones at the same time, serves as a fundamental lesson in time management and budgeting.

"When school is over and you go into the real world, you're going to have to know how to do these things," says Social Concerns Committee President Wagner Dacosta.

"The students are getting a lot out of the activities that we do. Not only that, but they're getting a sense that you need to give back. If you're doing well and everything is going great for you, you need to give something back to people that aren't as fortunate, and it's not always, 'Oh here's a check,'" says Van Auken.

Aiming high

No sooner were the community kids losing their sugar high from the Halloween festival than the Social Concerns Committee was beginning their next mission. Each year, they collect donations to fill Thanksgiving food baskets for area families. And each year they double their efforts.

"They don't see themselves as being a success, unless they do it a little bit better than before," Van Auken says.

She also admits, this ambitious attitude can be a bit stressful for her, "I'm looking at them going, 'Why are you trying to kill me in ways that aren't so obvious?'"

Van Auken says she does not stress because she's worried the students won't succeed, but because she does not want to see them disappointed or discouraged. However, so far, that hasn't been a problem. Each year, as the stakes get higher, the students work harder.

"They were so successful at their fundraising and the methods they used this year, because they solicited donations from businesses in the community. That is something we will absolutely do again," says Van Auken.

The Social Concerns Committee also packs sack lunches for a homeless shelter each week while school is in session. They raise money for this by selling pizza on Wednesdays. The group is planning another Run for Hope, an event that helped an area teen receive a kidney transplant last year. They'll also have a fundraiser near Valentine's Day. Social Concerns just doesn't stop leading the Holy Cross campus in carrying out worthy deeds. Of course, they'll tell you they get more than they give.

"It just feels good inside. We don't live in a bubble. We are part of a community. And if we can help, we should. If everyone would help, there wouldn't be as many problems as there are today," says Dacosta.

And folks who spend their spare time being compassionate, tend to have a lot in common. The Social Concerns Committee is a diverse but tightly knit group. And the friendships that have been forged won't soon be forgotten, between the students and their leader.

Van Auken says, "I just ... love doing this. I love teaching, but this is like the cherry on top of the sundae, because I get to play with these kids, and we have fun."

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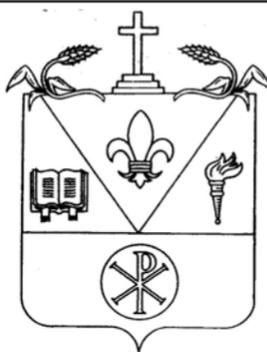


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Artistic talent displayed at St. Jude School

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — The minute you walk in the door at St. Jude School, the creative talent of art teacher Bob Panza's students is in view. Large murals displayed throughout the building are collaborative student efforts, he points out. Done in several media — wood, clay, tile, pastels, oils — they show the influence of different periods of art.

Panza says that the murals have been created by St. Jude School seventh and eighth graders and remain on display long after those students have gone on to high school. They "leave a little of themselves behind," he says.

In addition to their classroom work, Panza's students are also encouraged to enter art competitions. Many do, and one student recently won honorable mention in a national contest when she designed a new stamp for the U.S. Post Office. Other students' art has been displayed in foreign countries as part of an exchange program.

Four years ago, a local competition sponsored by the Fort Wayne Three Rivers Festival captured Panza's attention, and he soon rounded up students interested in working on a contest entry. Every Friday from 3-5 p.m. during the second semester, the students, under Panza's supervision, worked at the school to create a large three-dimensional art piece to enter in the competition. They worked "like an all-star team," he points out, with each student bringing his individual talents to the effort.

Each year, the contest entry, a replica of a Fort Wayne historical building or landmark, was decided on by the students themselves. Their creative renderings included the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the Embassy Theater and Science Central. And one year the project led viewers on a trip down memory lane with a nostalgic depiction of three original Fort Wayne eateries, Cindy's Diner, Powers Hamburgers and Coney Island. "They were fun," says Panza with a chuckle. The students' attention to detail even led them to include one restaurant's dumpster, which could be opened to reveal discarded soda cans and other trash.

The competition is judged by the Three Rivers Festival committee, and each year the St. Jude School project has taken first prize. The 3-D model is then put on public display at Art in the Park in Freimann Square during festival week.

Additionally, the cathedral piece was displayed in the Cathedral Bookstore at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, the Science Central piece was used for its 10th anniversary celebration, and the Embassy Theater piece was featured in a television spot.

Panza attended Fort Wayne Art School on Berry Street, which later became part of Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne (IPFW). His art degree is from Indiana



FRANCIE HOGAN

This is a portion of a mural created by students at St. Jude School, Fort Wayne. Art teacher Bob Panza has assisted the students express a variety of themes through art-work and sculpture.

University with an emphasis on oil painting and sculptural ceramics.

He calls his paintings "allegorical statements about life." He confesses, "I've never been one to show my work," but says he is trying to free up more time to work on a large painting, which will eventually appear in a display of

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his own art.

Admittedly, that may be difficult. Panza teaches kindergarteners through eighth graders full-time at St. Jude School, then teaches

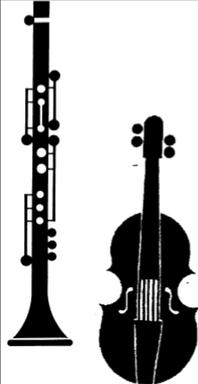
design and drawing classes to college students four nights a week as an associate professor at Indiana-Purdue Universities at Fort Wayne.

Though it may seem unusual for a teacher to have students who vary so widely in age, the diversity tends to keep things interesting, and since his classes all stress the fundamentals and foundation of art, Panza says the lesson plans

just need to be adapted to each grade level. And his motivation is the same for all ages, "giving students a chance to develop skills ... and discover their talents."

Panza clearly enjoys his work because he is teaching what he himself loves, artistic expression. He says it best. "God gave me a gift, and I give it back."

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School responds to tragedy of losing a student

BY JENNIFER SIMERMAN

FORT WAYNE — Liliana Rios began her fourth grade as a new student at St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne in August of 2005. She and her family “came to our school for all the things families do to be a part of their children’s education,” said the St. John pastoral associate Mary Glowaski. “Both of her parents were thoughtful and concerned for their daughter.

“Liliana was a bright and delightful child. She was shy when she first came, but it wasn’t long before she began to show us her spirited, mischievous and happy personality. She loved bright colors and had a special devotion to the Lady of Guadalupe. Her smile was infectious,” Glowaski continued.

It was reported through the Fort Wayne media and Associated Press that on Dec. 13, when 10-year-old Liliana didn’t show up for school, and just days after the disappearance of another 10-year old, Alejandra Gutierrez, the staff at St. John the Baptist Catholic School began trying to track her down. Calls to the Rios’ home went unanswered. School workers soon learned the worst. Liliana, her two younger sisters, and her mother had been found dead.

At times like these, according to Glowaski, “As people of faith, I believe we learn that we don’t handle grief. It handles us, and the best we can do is to say a resounding and trusting ‘yes’ to the journey.

“As all communities of faith, we realize the challenge of our faith isn’t to deny or pretend away the pain and sin of our lives, but to

see it, embrace it and turn to God especially as God is revealed in each other to find strength, solace and witness of faith,” Glowaski said.

Faith is about being able to go through the “storms of life” knowing everything will be all right. “The Lord is with me, I will not be afraid.” — Ps 118:5-6.

Glowaski explained how the staff was able to work with the children of St. John School. “We had to confront

the fact of the killings with our children and move with them as they felt the pain of losing their friend and the pain of the manner in which this happened.

The morning we talked with the children, we prayed at Mass for all involved. Father Rybicki reminded the children that, although evil exists, there is something much stronger in God’s love for us. The children

were nearly silent throughout the liturgy, if not fully understanding the details, certainly experiencing the sacredness of our prayer together. We talked about Liliana and how we love her,” Glowaski said.

“We created memory pictures, made flowers and wrote notes for a memorial on her desk in her room. We talked about legacy and what

we do to continue to carry Liliana in our hearts, and we prayed to Mary to watch over Liliana and her family. We cried together, and we smiled as we remembered Liliana. Later in the week, we offered works of mercy for her (the fourth grade class washed down all the pews and woodwork in the church for Father Daryl and as an offering for Liliana), and then we moved her desk with the memorial out of the center of the room to a place the children selected in their classroom,” Glowaski said.

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MARY GLOWASKI

has been an example to our community how to handle the tragedy with faith and grace. Glowaski humbly states, “God is not only with us, but in us, as we walk together, even in the most painful moments of our lives. I am privileged to see and experience this at St. John, over and over and over.”

Helping children handle grief

BY MARY GLOWASKI

• Children can be overwhelmed with details. As adults, we need to shield them from over-talking, over-exposure to tragic events. Children hear everything even when it appears they aren’t listening. Protect them from adult conversations, too much TV about tragic events. They need to know they are safe and protected even when sad things happen.

• Use language they understand. Ask them first what their understanding is of a situation. Then we can gauge the language we use and the degree of detail we share.

• Be honest, but again don’t give more detail than they need or are asking for.

• Children often grieve in small moments; often very intensely and then they move on. This is a gift for them, and it is always best to move with them.

• Children may ask the same questions over and over as they try to grasp the “details” of a situation. Adults may have to give them the same answers several times as they settle in with painful truths.

• Children are very creative. They do not always have the language to express what they feel, so offering them other ways through art, prayers, music, books, will allow them to find ways of expressing the feelings they don’t have words for.

• It is always helpful for those important to a child to share what they are feeling, which gives a child permission to do the same. I frequently remind the children that feelings aren’t wrong or right. Speaking them can lead to wonderful conversations with our children.

• Always remember to entrust whatever the children are thinking or feeling to God, Mary or a favorite saint in prayer as you end conversation. This helps our children realize that they do not carry the burden of their fears or concerns alone. Even when it appears there is nothing we can do, this is one thing we can ... we are not, and they are not powerless.

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Students thrive with resource help at St. Vincent

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Ten years ago, the face of the special needs program at St. Vincent de Paul School changed with the arrival of Cheryl Klinker. Though the program had served students there who needed extra help in specific academic areas, Klinker moved the program from pullout to full inclusion.

A pullout program calls for the student to leave the regular classroom in order to receive academic support in a separate resource room. Inclusion provides support and training for the teachers to adapt their curriculum to include the student in most or all of the classroom activities.

As special needs director, Klinker takes responsibility not only for the students who currently receive special services, but the St. Vincent teaching staff as well.

Teachers in first through eighth grades have worked with Klinker for 10 years to adapt and modify curriculum to meet each special needs student's individual needs. "I'm so proud of the teachers here. They do a lot on their own to modify the curriculum and they accept all students," says Klinker.

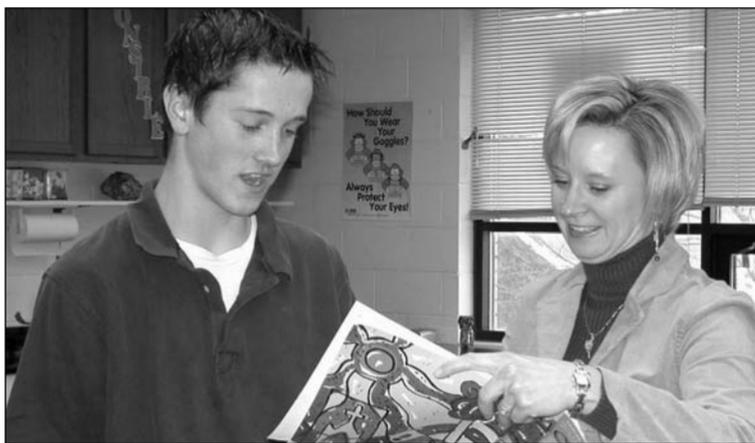
Resource staff includes a full-time reading recovery-intervention specialist, two part-time remedial reading assistants and a part-time resource teaching assistant. St. Vincent resource staff serves eight students with the reading recovery program, and another 50 students receive special intervention in language arts and math in remedial groups. A newly developing component of the resource program geared toward higher talent students needing enrichment chal-

lenges is managed by full-time teacher Bea Royal. The program titled Talent Development currently serves 70 students.

According to Klinker, the teaching staff uses differential instruction to meet the needs of all the students in their classrooms. With the help of government guidelines, teachers continually look for any academic difficulties students may exhibit from first through third grade. Any student in question is referred for testing to the Fort Wayne Community School (FWCS) psychologist. When test results indicate a need, an Individual Education Plan (IEP) identifying specific services along with goals and objectives, is developed. Though testing is achieved through FWCS, Klinker writes goals and objectives for each student requiring her services.

Of the 20 students with IEPs served at St. Vincent School, including those with learning disabilities, mild mental handicaps, visual or hearing impairment, autism, central auditory processing disorder and others, all are included in most or all of the classroom lessons, including religion classes. Adaptations such as test modification, seating and social development are implemented as needed. Klinker provides direction and materials for modifications used in the classrooms, including diversity lessons for all students. "We have excellent kids here who are compassionate and accepting of diversity. Any bullying is addressed immediately. Most classes embrace these kids," says Klinker.

The staff is also involved in ongoing research, according to Klinker, who sees research and teacher collaboration as important



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St. Vincent resource director Cheryl Klinker works with eighth-grade student Josh Lallow during the school's Academic Confidence Excels (ACE) class, which is a guided study hall for junior high students in which resource teachers offer one-on-one academic assistance.

aspects of her role at St. Vincent. Meetings are held regularly where she and the teachers design research-based interventions for the students in need, and she is in continuous communication with the teachers and parents as she lends assistance within the classrooms.

According to diocesan special needs consultants, Lois Niemier and Jennifer Lancaster, of the 44 schools in the diocese 28 have resource services in place. School officials continue to work at developing these programs in every school. Many of the diocesan resource teachers meet biannually for continuing education where Klinker provides training on inclusion. "There's so much we can do for these kids," she says.

St. Vincent principal Sandra Leeson says the resource services under Klinker allows her school to offer Catholic education to as many children as possible despite

differences. "This program provides services so the students can be successful and live their faith," Leeson says. She is grateful to have Klinker on staff. "She has helped teachers with their fears of working with students who are different. Not only does she give them tools for modifications, but she gives them the confidence to teach them."

The resource program is essential to the students with special needs, says Leeson, but the diversity it lends to the school is equally important to their mission of character and faith value development. "We want to help the students understand that everyone is created by God with special talents to share," she adds.

Michelle Lallow's eighth grade son, Joshua, has attended St. Vincent School with resource services since the first grade. She has seen him supported and encour-

aged by the staff and students through out the years. "Cheryl (Klinker) is awesome to work with. She looks for individual ways for kids to work well and adapt to integration." Today Josh is on the honor role and plans to attend Bishop Dwenger High School in the fall. Catholic education is important to the Lallow family and Michelle feels Catholic placement of her son made the difference for his development.

Cathy Clark, mother of third grader Katelyn, agrees saying, "Katelyn is thriving thanks to Cheryl. I don't think it would have happened otherwise." Katelyn entered St. Vincent School in first grade after attending public kindergarten. There the staff recommended special education classes. Clark was excited to find the integration program at St. Vincent. She feels that her daughter has progressed spiritually and socially as well as academically in the nurturing environment there.

Karen Bohnstedt finds that her son, Nolan, now in seventh grade at St. Vincent School has regained his self esteem while receiving resource services after spending his early years in the public schools. "We are converts to the faith and have found this a positive experience for our family," she says.

Tests results speak to the success of the resource program at St. Vincent. But more importantly, the students' confidence both academically and socially proves that integration of all students can work. Cheryl Klinker says with passion, "There is so much potential that needs to be unlocked with these kids. It's finding the key that's challenging and exciting!"

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Catholic schools are worth the cost, sacrifices

In this week's issue, *Today's Catholic* takes a look at Catholic Education as the nation launches Catholic Schools Week.

The business manager of *Today's Catholic* recently became a grandmother again. As her son and daughter-in-law were preparing for the baptism of their new son, the parish in Kansas City, Kan., suggested that the couple not wait until the child is four or five to consider sending their son to the school. They plan to attend a school-information meeting this week with their one-week-old son accompanying them. This story speaks volumes for the value of a Catholic education.

Catholic education is important. Imagine where Catholics would be in this country today without the resources taught by the sisters, brothers and priests of the past and the current lay and religious who are committed to not only teaching, but being an example as well, of Catholic living. Their love of God, talents and sacrifices have forged generations that have become mainstream in American society. Catholics are no longer viewed as foreigners to be downcast in our country. From the Catholic educational system, which meant great sacrifice by our parents, grandparents and great grandparents, generations of leaders in business, engineering, politics, the medical field, the arts, sports and more have emerged.

Today, most religious are not involved in the elementary and high schools. A trained laity has taken on many of the teaching duties. Laypeople means higher wages. A major portion of the successful Legacy of Faith endowment will be used for Catholic education and to help pay a portion of the salaries of the teachers. This sacrifice on our part today will help ensure the future of Catholic education for future generations.

The feature stories in the center section of this paper this week reflect many of the good things that go on in our Catholic schools — compassion, charity, concern for fellow man, coping with life's difficulties — and backing it all with our faith. Catholic schools build on the foundation and example that is taught first in the home and then nurtured through our educational system.

Yes, the public schools offer many advantages, and in some areas of the diocese, they are the only option for Catholic families. But what about those who live within the access of a Catholic school but opt for the public school instead?

Affordability can be an issue. The diocese has assistance for large families. The school or parish may offer financing options and in some of the inner city schools, organizations such as the Guardian Angel Society assist families who cannot afford a Catholic education for their child.

Some who could afford Catholic education for their children may be enticed to use the tuition money instead for nice cars, fancy homes, the latest technology and luxurious vacations.

Catholic education is a sacrifice. But things that really count should have a cost — it should hurt a bit. Let's look at some of the differences discussed in stories this week.

Would the fourth grade class at a public school find the same direction as the fourth grade class at St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne, which lost a classmate through a tragic death? Would the public school students be able to feel the same healing that the school offered in a Christ-centered, faith-centered environment? While there are those trying to remove God from public schools, Jesus is the focus of Catholic schools.

Are the students in public schools able to serve the community in a faith-centered way through service projects? Are they allowed to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those they serve and be able to express that without fear of offending someone?

Some sacrifices are worth more than the luxuries of this world. What a beautiful thing to nurture a child's Catholic faith.

Just as the couple in the beginning of the editorial are considering a Catholic education for their son, consider it a beautiful gift for your children. It's worth a sacrifice. And we all know that sacrifice can be worth it all — we only have to look at a crucifix.

Disciples in Mission

Today's Catholic will be featuring Disciples in Mission material for interested participants beginning in the Feb. 26 issue. The material, approved by Bishop John M. D'Arcy, is created by the Office of Spiritual Development-Evangelization and the Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry. Although the material will not coincide with the Sunday readings of Lent, it will reflect faith-sharing experiences on the topic of discipleship. Those wishing to use material from the past may also visit the diocesan Web site at www.diocesefwsb.org and click on "Disciples in Mission" for additional material.

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God is in control, the author of life

During this month, I'm especially troubled by my fellow Catholic brothers and sisters, who profess a "pro-choice" view on abortion.

First of all, I am extremely disturbed with this term, because "choice" is a gift that God has given to all of us, and not just those with an anti-life or pro-death of baby mindset. All of us are pro-choice. The difference is whether we "choose" to make the right choice or the wrong choice. Normally, as in any other decision in our lives, if the word "I" is the priority reason for our decision, then usually we have made a wrong choice. And yes, as humans, all of us can be

selfish at times and place ourselves before others.

But, as a mother of five children, I cannot fathom ever not being willing to lay down my own life for my child. Jesus said that there was no greater love than laying down one's life for a friend, and yet some are not willing to take that chance for their child?

Actually, no one can tell me that I have never been faced with that decision during a pregnancy, because I have. I also had children ages six months, two and four years old at the time. But I also knew that God is the author of life, and God takes us home when our purpose is done. He allowed me to conceive, and if by chance, my time on earth were up, he would take me home regardless of if I were pregnant or not. If he wanted my baby,

he would take him home, and it was not up to me to try to play God. Well, despite the advice of the doctor, who said that I needed a D&C, and that she had seen people die with the problems that I had had during that pregnancy, God did take the baby, and I am still alive to share this.

For some, and my heart does go out to them, this must be frightening. But, personally, there just was no compromising or willingness to reconsider. The Lord was in control, and I was at peace. That was in 1984, and in 1985, we were blessed with twins.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you ..." There is no debating God's word.

**Kathrine Nisley
Mishawaka**

Congress is turning its back on our nation's most poor and vulnerable

BY FATHER LARRY SNYDER

Congress has one last opportunity to defeat a morally-objectionable spending plan that places a disproportionate burden on low-income working families, abused and neglected children, the elderly and disabled and other vulnerable people.

This budget reconciliation bill has already been approved by the U.S. Senate; and the U.S. House of Representatives is expected to revisit the bill in the next couple weeks. The House can send an important message by rejecting this so-called compromise legislation, which really compromises our nation's ability to help those in need.

Catholic tradition teaches that society, acting through government, has a special obligation to consider first the needs of the poor. Catholic Charities USA joins this debate to share our experience in serving the nation's poor and vulnerable, to advocate for social justice and bring moral values into the dialogue over the nation's future.

These are tough times, and there is a convincing need for our government to spend tax dollars more responsibly. Sadly, however, these proposed budget cuts do little to create a sound spending plan directed at reducing the deficit or funding other urgent budget priorities. Yet the cuts manage to do egregious harm to the social safety net that protects the most vulnerable in our nation.

Catholic social teaching insists that access to adequate health care is a basic human right, necessary for the development and preservation of life and for the

ability of every human person to achieve the fullness of their inherent dignity.

The proposed spending plan includes cuts in Medicaid funding, which negatively impact the health and well-being of low-income families and children, the elderly and people with disabilities. Medicaid recipients will face increases in premiums and co-payments for medical treatment, as well as reduced benefits. Other changes will make it more difficult to access nursing home care for our frail elderly.

The Catholic faith strongly affirms that families should be supported and strengthened, not undermined. It also reflects God's special concern for the poor and vulnerable and calls for preferential option for them in public life.

This budget reconciliation bill neither strengthens families nor acknowledges the needs of the less fortunate. Instead the bill reduces funding for child support enforcement, raises Temporary Assistance for Needy Families work requirements putting additional burdens on states and cuts important funding for relative foster care.

This unprecedented reduction in funding for vital social service programs will only exacerbate the state of Indiana's current fiscal predicament. According to the Coalition on Human Needs, the bill contains provisions that cut federal matching funds for nearly all of 534,000 Indiana children enrolled Medicaid. Additionally, nearly 78,000 Indiana seniors who rely on the program will be at risk of losing long-term care due to new provisions restricting eligibility.

The spending plan also threatens to cut federal funding for Indiana's child support enforce-

ment efforts by \$76 million. The bill also eliminates financial incentives for the state to train families to move from welfare to work. Indiana received \$10,339,955 of these funds in fiscal 2004. Overall, these misplaced priorities unfairly shift the burden to the citizens of Indiana.

Everyday Catholic Charities in Indiana and other local communities across the country witness the struggle that low-income families and individuals must go through to make ends meet. The funding and program changes proposed in this budget conference agreement will only serve to push low-income families and individuals further behind.

This spending plan is a moral document; it is a public manifestation of how our government reaches out to those who most need its assistance. On behalf of the poor and vulnerable, I urge members of Congress to examine their conscience, act with compassion and to vote to defeat this legislation.

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God is love: Simple papal message reflects basics of faith

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Even before the release of Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical in late January, it was clear that the theme — "God is love" — reflected an emerging focus of his papacy's first year.

From his inaugural Mass in April to his recent improvised sermon at a baptismal liturgy, in speeches to world leaders and bishops, the pope has been preaching a basic message — God is good, God cannot be shut out of personal and social life, and God reaches out to humanity through Jesus Christ.

Many were expecting a rule-tightening papacy from Pope Benedict, who headed the Vatican's doctrinal congregation for 24 years. But instead of loading his talks and texts with Catholic magisterial pronouncements, the pope has used scriptural, philosophical and anthropological sources to stir an awareness of the transcendent purpose of human affairs.

As a teacher, the pope is taking a less-dogmatic approach in order to reach a wider audience. He is inviting individuals and modern

society to change their relationship with God — a relationship, he argues, that is often one of indifference or antagonism.

"God does not hide behind clouds of impenetrable mystery. ... He has shown himself, he talks to us and is with us; he lives with us and guides us in our lives," the pope said in a sermon in early January.

Two months earlier, speaking to academics at the Vatican, he warned of a tendency for modern men and women to withdraw into a "suffocating existential microcosm, in which there is no place for the great ideals that are open to transcendence and to God."

In his sermon at Christmas, the pope emphasized that God loves everyone, then added: "But some people have closed their hearts; there is no door by which his love can enter. They think that they do not need God, nor do they want him."

The encyclical's theme was clearly on the pope's mind last summer, when he confided to a group of priests: "We believe that God exists, that God counts; but which God? A God with a face, a

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human face, a God who reconciles, who overcomes hatred and gives us the power of peace that no one else can give us.

"We must make people understand that Christianity is actually very simple and consequently very rich," he said.

That would seem to be one of the goals of his first encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est" ("God Is Love"), to be released Jan. 25.

"God Is Love" strikes some as more fitting for a '60s poster than the cover of a papal document, especially one written by an intellectual like Pope Benedict.

The phrase, taken from the First Letter of John, may be a simple one. But it's the starting point for what the pope hopes will be a

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Jesus orders unclean spirits to leave



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 1:21-28

The Book of Deuteronomy furnishes the first reading for this weekend. Deuteronomy appears in modern Bibles as the fifth book in sequence in the Old Testament. It is one of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament, all of them attributed to Moses.

It is most unlikely that Moses himself literally wrote these books, in the sense that authorship is understood today. However, since ancient times, they have been regarded as containing the thought of Moses. For this reason, these five books comprise the Torah, the basic document of Judaism.

In this reading, Moses addresses the chosen people, whom, with God's help, he has led from Egypt where they were enslaved. He promises that God will send prophets, with whom the people can relate. If anyone presumes to take the role of prophet upon himself or herself, without having been called by God, then this imposter will die.

God will not allow the people to be misled.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians is the source of the second reading. From the earliest days of Christianity, virginity has

been a treasured virtue. Christians have never been forbidden to marry, although all Christians are bound to be chaste, according to their state in life.

Surely in the first century, and certainly in Corinth, a city infamous for its outrageous licentiousness, virginity was seen as a powerful, counter-cultural alternative lifestyle.

In this reading, Paul brings a more practical reason into play. Persons not obligated by marriage and parenthood can devote their whole time to God's service.

For its last reading, the church offers us this weekend a selection from St. Mark's Gospel. Luke's Gospel contains an almost exact parallel story. Matthew treats this event only glancingly.

Judaism has never required weekly attendance by Jews at synagogue services. However, going to synagogue to pray together, and to learn the teachings of the Torah, is definitely a high value among Jews today. Such was greatly valued among the Jews during the time of Jesus.

The fact that Jesus is reported as being in the synagogue, and on the Sabbath at that, reveals how seriously the Lord took the Law of Moses.

As Jesus speaks, the people spellbound at the knowledge of things relating to God spoken by Jesus, a man "with an unclean spirit" appears. Was he "possessed by the devil" in the sense understood by later Christian theologians? Certainly the Evangelist presumed that the man was.

Important here is that this man recognizes Jesus as the "Holy One of God." Furthermore, the man believes that Jesus has the power to do anything. The climax of the story is when Jesus orders the unclean spirit to leave the man, and the unclean spirit obeys.

Again, the people are amazed.

Reflection

Thanks be to God, few people today would say that they, or great numbers of people, are "possessed by the devil," although the church still teaches that such possessions occur.

However, all people have "unclean spirits" within them. All sin, and sin is the mark of the devil's involvement to some extent at least in any person's spiritual life.

People can be aware of their sins, and indeed usually they are aware of how and when they turn away from God and harm themselves or others. For many, this realization produces a sense of guilt, or the cynical hunch that virtue is impossible for them to attain.

For them, these readings are especially comforting and encouraging. God will never leave us. Such was the promise of Moses. This promise was perfectly fulfilled in Jesus, with God's own power to put away any unclean spirit. He can strengthen our resolve to be holy, even to be holy in the most radical way.

READINGS

Fourth week of Ordinary Time

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Ps 86:1-6 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

Friday: Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51 Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Campilsson

In January, we remember St. Anthony the abbot. He is often depicted with pigs, so this quiz takes a walk on the swine side.

1. This fruit is often served in a pig's mouth and in art is shown as the downfall of Adam and Eve but is not actually mentioned as the "fruit" of the tree in Genesis:
a. Apple b. Avocado c. Pomegranate

2. In 1998, Pope John Paul II visited this nation which has a famous Bay of Pigs:
a. North Korea b. Vietnam c. Cuba

3. Jews were forbidden to eat pigs. What characteristics made pigs unclean according to Deuteronomy?
a. It had hooves and was cloven-footed, but does not chew the cud.
b. It has no horns, but chewed the cud.
c. It had hooves but no tail.

4. Isaiah 66:17 criticizes unworthy sacrifices, comparing this to "offering swine's blood":
a. Slaughtering an ox
b. Sacrificing a lamb
c. Bringing a cereal offering

5. This famous son envied the pig's food and hoped to be offered some:
a. The Son of Man
b. The Prodigal Son
c. The Son of Sings

6. Jesus encountered swine in the land of the Gadarenes. What one fact do we know about the locals since they made a living herding pigs?
a. They were non-Jews.
b. They were Greeks.
c. They were rich as they brought home the bacon.

7. What did Jesus do with the pigs?
a. He barbecued them.
b. He sent them to market.
c. He sent demons into them.

8. In Mark's slightly different version, what was the collective name for these (answer to 7 above)?
a. Porky and Company b. Legion c. Kipperbang

9. Proverbs tells us that a beautiful woman with a rebellious disposition is like:
a. A golden ring in a swine's snout
b. A guy who makes a pig of himself on beer
c. A pig with a mop on her head

10. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus advises people not to do this:
a. Give what is holy to pigs
b. Throw pearls before swine
c. Make pork burritos for Jews

11. In 1 Maccabees, King Antiochus did this with a pig:
a. Had it cooked for the Jews as a mocking meal
b. Had it killed to show his favor of the law
c. Had it sacrificed in the Temple to show his contempt for Judaism

12. Albert Pigge was a Catholic writer who in the 16th century proposed this theory:
a. Papal infallibility
b. The divine right of kings
c. The right of Henry VII to be head of the Catholic Church

13. Benedictines following the earliest version of the rule did not eat pork. Why not?
a. Out of deference to the Jewish ancestors of the Christians
b. Because all meat was initially banned
c. Because the pigs were too valuable to eat

14. In the movie, "The Name of the Rose," why are the monks not concerned with the slaughter of pigs?
a. They were still vegetarian.
b. They knew the pigs were not Catholics.
c. They had servants who did most menial tasks for them.

15. And how did St. Anthony end up as patron of pig herders?
a. Anthony's family name Porsius was mistranslated as Porcius.
b. Anthony's monasteries opened the first chariot drive through barbecue restaurants in 678.
c. He cured skin diseases and was depicted with pigs as pig fat was often used for that too.

ANSWERS:

1.a, 2.c, 3.a, 4.c, 5.b, 6.a, 7.c, 8.b, 9.a, 10.b, 11.c, 12.a, 13.b, 14.c, 15.c

Grace: God's love freely given

Question: What is grace and how does one receive it? K.C., Fort Wayne

Dear K.C.,

The Hebrew word for grace in the Old Testament is "hen." This designates a favorable quality, as in pleasing speech or physical appearance. In religion, it can refer to God showing favor to the human person through prosperity or deliverance, or to the person finding favor in the eyes of God.

The Greek word for grace in the New Testament is "charis." In secular language, it refers to attractiveness, a winning quality, something glittering, the spark of personality, a charming or lovable quality. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, grace is God's love, through Christ, reconciling the human person with God. In the Gospel of John, grace is a supernatural force, the life of the blessed Trinity, enabling a person to avoid sin.

In the early church, the theologian Tertullian (c. 197) considered grace an interior motion from God

to the soul, directing a person to eternal life. St. Cyril of Alexandria (d. 444) spoke of grace as the Holy Spirit impressing himself upon the soul. St. Augustine (d. 430) said the grace of God enables the person to rise above the impulses of his or her lower nature so the person may perform good actions.

The English word grace comes from the Latin word "gratia," designating something freely given, as we see in the English word "gratis." Grace is a supernatural gift of God. Grace is freely given, because human nature does not demand grace. God is not forced to mete out grace to human beings.

Grace involves God communicating his life and love to the human person. Grace is a sharing in the divine life. Grace can be an abiding gift in the soul. We call this habitual grace. We receive this grace first through the sacrament of baptism, the door to the other sacraments. We can continue receiving this grace through the

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other sacraments, especially the two that are received frequently, namely, Eucharist and penance.

But God, who is all-powerful, can also give us grace outside of the sacraments that he himself created. We can receive a transitory gift or assistance from God to help us make the proper choice or to perform a good action. We call this actual grace.

Question: What does it mean to be sanctified? K.C., Fort Wayne.

Dear K.C.,

The English word, "sanctify," comes from two Latin words, "sanctus" or holy and "facere" or

to make. To sanctify means to make a person holy or just in the eyes of God. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were created in the state of grace, that is, they were holy and just. But when they sinned, they lost their friendship with God, were expelled from the garden and had to deal with the realities of suffering and death.

It is the sacrament of baptism that takes away the original sin inherited from Adam, plus any personal sins, mortal or venial, plus any temporal punishment due to the sins we committed. Baptism gives us sanctifying grace, i.e., the new nature or supernatural life that makes us friends with God. Sanctifying grace is a permanent created gift in the soul that makes the person holy or just.

R. Gleason mentions that, by grace, the person is changed in the physical order. His or her inner nature is radically transformed. The person receives the infused virtues, namely, forces of spiritual power or energy leading to action. Grace enables the person to

change in the ethical order, by acting like God acts, loving like God loves, forgiving like God forgives. Grace also enables the person to change in the cognitive order, by knowing as God knows and seeing things as God sees them. Through grace we actually share in God's way of being.

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Re-reading modern history

In his Christmas address to the Roman Curia on true and false interpretations of Vatican II, Pope Benedict XVI asked why the church had had such a difficult time opening a dialogue with "the modern age." His answers are provocative — and turn some of the conventional accounts of modern history inside-out.

"Catholicism-and-modernity" got off to a bad start, the pope suggested, when the Galileo trial opened a fissure between the church and natural science. Immanuel Kant's philosophical attempt to define "religion within pure reason" then seemed to eliminate any notion of a divine revelation to which the church was accountable. The most dramatic breach came after 1789, when the French Revolution proposed — and bloodily enforced — an "image of the state and of man ... intended to crowd out the church and faith." A liberalism with no room for God was not a liberalism with which the church could co-exist. And how could there be a dialogue with science when science "claimed to embrace, with its knowledge, the totality of reality to its outermost borders," a claim that made the "hypothesis of God" unnecessary? European ideas and European politics thus led to a reaction under Pius IX: what Benedict called "a harsh and radical condemnation of this spirit of the modern age." Yet Pius's broadsides were no less "drastic" than the rejection of Christianity by those who most self-consciously embodied the spirit of the "modern age."

There were other currents at work in modernity, however, and they eventually made their presence felt. Here, Benedict is worth a longish quote:

"It was becoming clear that the American Revolution had offered a model of the modern state that was different from that

theorized by the radical tendencies that had emerged from the second phase of the French Revolution. Natural sciences began ... to reflect (on) their own limits, imposed by their own method which, while achieving great things, was nevertheless not able to comprehend the totality of reality. Thus both sides began ... to open up to each other. In the period between the two world wars and even more after the Second World War, Catholic statesmen had shown that a modern lay state, which is not neutral with respect to values, can exist (by) tapping into the great ethical fonts of Christianity. Catholic social doctrine ... became an important model between radical liberalism and the Marxist theory of the state. Natural sciences ... realized ever more clearly that (their scientific) method was not comprehensive of the totality of reality and thus opened again their doors to God, knowing that reality is greater than what a naturalistic (scientific) method can embrace."

Several points are worth teasing out of this trenchant analysis.

• The harshness of the 19th century confrontation between Catholicism and "modernity" was, so to speak, bilateral. Powerful forces in European culture and politics aimed at nothing less than the eradication of Christianity, or, at the very least, tethering the church to an all-powerful state. As Benedict concedes, Pius IX's language was the language of condemnation; but there was, in truth, a lot that needed condemning (as Anglican historian Owen Chadwick made clear in "A History of the Popes 1830-1914" and as another British scholar, Michael Burleigh, will underscore in his forthcoming "Earthly Powers: The Clash of Religion and Politics in Europe from the French Revolution to the Great



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War.")

• The American Revolution, which institutionally separated church and state while affirming the transcendent origins of the "truths" on which democratic politics had to be based, was an entirely different matter than its French counterpart. Thus "1776" helped compel the development of doctrine that eventually led to Vatican II's Declaration on Religious Freedom (a point that might be pondered, not only by Lefebvrists, but by Communion contributors convinced that America is, at bottom, an ill-founded republic).

• Catholicism and science can have a mutually beneficial dialogue when the church remembers that it's not in the geology business and science remembers that the scientific method can't measure, much less account for, all there is — which is, I take it, the central point at issue in the current round of the Darwin wars.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for January 29, 2006

Mark 1:21-28

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: an exorcism by Jesus. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

CAPERNAUM	SABBATH	ENTERED
SYNAGOGUE	TAUGHT	NOT AS
UNCLEAN	CRIED OUT	NAZARETH
DESTROY US	REBUKED	COME OUT
SPIRIT	LOUD	AMAZED
NEW	COMMANDS	EVEN
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UNCLEAN SPIRIT

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deeper conversation with contemporary society, one that involves the nature of love and its relation to freedom, truth and Jesus Christ.

In the pope's view, unless people understand how "God is love," they will never overcome the age-

old tendency to mistrust God.

In short, he said, man often believes God's love creates a limiting dependency.

For the pope, the challenge facing the church is to make people see that "love is not dependence but a gift that makes us live" and that "God's will is not a law for the human being imposed from the outside" but something intrinsic to human nature.

A painful presumption

In the practice of medicine and medical ethics, we routinely make certain presumptions in favor of patients and their well-being. When we see somebody bleeding, we presume we should stop the bleeding. When we see somebody in pain, we presume we should remedy the pain. When we see somebody sick, we presume we should heal the ailment. Medicine presumes to operate this way all the time. You might say that medicine is defined by a general presumption of acting in favor of the goods of healing, comforting and saving life.

Sometimes these commonsense presumptions come to be challenged in unexpected and even disturbing ways within the medical field. Recently, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA) published an article discussing whether infants in the womb can feel pain early in their development. The article ignited considerable controversy, as the question came to be discussed in terms of abortion procedures carried out after 20 weeks of gestation.

Many neonatal specialists note that infants around this age do appear to feel pain and respond to noxious stimuli. Yet the authors of the JAMA article attempt to argue that because certain connections in the developing brain of the unborn infant have not yet been established by 20 weeks of age, pain perception by the infant may not be possible. The authors also make an concerted attempt to discount or discredit a number of the standard lines of evidence suggesting that infants in utero may feel pain quite early during a pregnancy.

What are some examples of this evidence suggesting that fetuses feel pain early on? Those who work full-time in neonatal intensive care units dedicated to helping premature infants recognize how these “preemies” readily respond to painful stimuli. Surgeons routinely anesthetize premature babies before they undergo operations. Children delivered as early as 21 weeks can have an audible cry. Some doctors believe that such distress can be felt even as early as 12 weeks. If you stick a pin into the palm of a baby in utero who is eight weeks old, she will withdraw from this painful stimulus. In fact, such a baby will open her mouth in utero as though she were crying and carry out initial exhalation movements and other breath-type

movements. Recent imaging studies have corroborated this “fetal homologue” of infant crying in the womb following painful or noxious stimuli.

What is perhaps most telling about the JAMA article is that the authors recommend that mothers contemplating an abortion should not be given information about the pain that their child may experience during the procedure, because of uncertainty about when that child actually begins to experience pain.

Two of the article’s authors, interestingly, failed to reveal important conflicts of interest when they submitted their article to the editor of the journal. The lead author is a former NARAL employee, and another is the director of an abortion clinic in San Francisco and also on the staff of the Center for Reproductive Health Research and Policy, a pro-abortion advocacy center at the University of California-San Francisco.

The conclusions of the paper are indeed troubling: “Because pain perception probably does not function before the third trimester, discussions of fetal pain for abortions performed before the end of the second trimester should be non-compulsory. Fetal anesthesia or analgesia should not be recommended or routinely offered for abortion because current experimental techniques provide unknown fetal benefit and may increase risks for the woman.”

Pain has traditionally been understood as an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with actual or potential tissue damage. So although the infant may be undergoing physical dismemberment during a termination procedure, the presumption somehow ends up being made by the authors that she is not experiencing discomfort until such time as it can be absolutely proven that she is. This amounts to a “painful presumption” in the wrong direction.

If there is uncertainty about when the infant in utero can begin to feel pain, should we not err on the side of caution and presume that she is entitled to pain medication when being subjected to typically painful or noxious stimuli? If we had any inkling that a young dolphin or puppy might suffer because of the way we were euthanizing them, we would seek to redress their pain, rather than



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BY FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

carry on an academic argument aimed at preventing pain management for these young animals.

Yet a deeper concern remains. By offering pain control during an abortion, we still would not succeed in redeeming or sanitizing the act itself. Pain-free killing is still killing. But at least by encouraging abortion doctors and their pregnant patients to consider the pain the infant may experience, they may be prompted to consider a deeper dimension of what they are doing.

By challenging their highly suspect presumptions about fetal pain, they may ultimately be pushed to look not only at the discomfort implicit in the procedure, but to revisit the more basic question about the practice itself, which brings the life of an innocent human being to an untimely and unjust end.

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From prayer to prayer

Most of us have complaints about Mass. We don’t like the music or the preaching or the sound system. We’re angered by the inattention of the altar servers or the mistakes of the lectors. But the first question any of us needs to ask when we complain is this, “What did we bring to the celebration?” Was this morning the first time we had ever heard the readings? The first time we learned that it was Pentecost? Have we come to the well but forgotten to bring a bucket? Then, of course, we’ll come away empty-handed, but not because there wasn’t abundant water to be drawn.

Imagine an assembly that had come together on Sunday morning soaked in the Scriptures. Imagine families reading the Gospel around the table and discussing it. Study is rarely so effective as when one has to teach what has been learned. If you can explain Scripture to children, chances are you have learned it well. Imagine men and women reading the Epistle, perhaps going to read a history of the church in Corinth or an explanation of Paul’s missionary journeys. Imagine an assembly meditating all through the week on the words of the psalm. That would be a people ready to sing out the refrain, a people ready to hear the word proclaimed and broken open in their sight and in their hearing.

We expect such careful preparation from the homilist and the musicians, from the lectors and the cantors, but not from ourselves. Some Catholics mistakenly speak of themselves as the “audience,” as

though we are spectators at a weekly production of the Holy Name Society Players.

In fact, the Mass calls us all — lay and ordained — to “full, active, conscious participation.” True listening is full, active and conscious. (Think of the best listeners you know; listening is an art.) The silence of prayer is full, active and conscious. Singing, processing, interceding for the world, taking into our hands and into our bodies the body and blood of Christ, going out into the world to be the body of Christ demands our full, active and conscious participation.

How can we begin to become such Catholics? *Lectio Divina* (prayerful reading) is an ancient way of reading biblical or liturgical texts that is especially helpful in preparing for the liturgy. We read for information — the who, where and when of journalism — but *Lectio Divina* is reading for formation. How can we read in such a way as to become people of prayer and praise?

Lectio Divina seems to have begun with the desert fathers of the fourth century church. Stories abound of their experiences with God’s word. The story is told of Abba Pambo that a brother came, asking him to teach a psalm. Pambo began to teach Psalm 38. But hardly had he pronounced the first verse, “I said, ‘I will be watchful of my ways, for fear I should sin with my tongue ...’” when the brother stopped him. He wanted to hear no more. He told Pambo, “That verse is enough for

me. Please God I may have the strength to learn it and to put it into practice.” The story says that 19 years later the brother was still trying to live that verse.

Someone asked Abba Abraham, who was famed as a scribe as well as a teacher, to copy Psalm 33. Abba Abraham copied only verse 15:

“Turn away from evil and do good; seek after peace and pursue it.”

He turned to the brother and said, “Put this into practice first, and then I will write the rest.” We have no idea if the brother got the rest of the psalm. Or if he needed it.

Lectio Divina begins in silence. When one is still, in mind and body, read the biblical or liturgical text. Read it slowly, carefully. Allow an engaging phrase or word to capture your attention. What does it mean, for example, “to pursue peace”? Sit with those words. Repeat the word or phrase over and over again. Speak in time with your slow breathing. Then attend to the prayer that rises from the prayer.

Or take a phrase from the Eucharistic Prayer for your *Lectio Divina*. You might begin with the whole prayer, which could be read in five or 10 minutes, while riding the bus or the commuter train, before eating breakfast or during a lunch break. Do that for several days in a row, to learn the flow and rhythm of the prayer. Then take a particular section, say, the section on prayers for the dead. Then take a phrase, perhaps, “whose faith is

known to you alone.” What can it mean that God knows each of us by name? That God knows the heart of each man and woman, even those who seem to us to be cut off from God’s love? Psychologists tell us that the primary emotional need of adolescence and adulthood is intimacy, to be known and loved as and for who we are. A God who knows the faith of those who never evidenced faith is one who is intimate with his creation, and with us.

Imagine that after some time spent practicing *Lectio Divina* you pick up the paper and read that one of our nation’s enemies has been killed in a military raid, or that a criminal has been executed. Or you hear of a family member who has so offended the family as to be shunned. One need not ignore or excuse the crime or offense to remember that we do not know the hearts of all, that there are those “whose faith is known to God alone.”

We bring this renewed understanding to Mass. We bring all the living and dead before God, even those we had judged condemned. We stand in wonder before the prayer that asks, “In mercy and love, unite all your children wherever they may be.”

Now imagine an entire parish preparing for the liturgy in this manner. Imagine how the deepening of prayer might infect the entire assembly, from the people in the pews to the people at the altar. A people who carry the words of Scripture and prayer around with them — as they lie in bed, as they

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wake, as they dress for the day, as they bless the food before them, as they leave the house for jobs and school, as they attend to their work — this is a people for whom prayer and praise is not a nice custom, to be pulled out when the need arises. This is a people for whom prayer and praise is a way of life, as much a part of them as the need to eat or sleep. This is a fully human people, living as God created us to live, in fellowship, in company with God.

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Sports

POPE PRAYS THAT OLYMPICS SHOW FRIENDSHIP AMID WORLD'S TENSIONS Pope Benedict XVI prayed that the upcoming Winter Olympics would show that friendship and mutual understanding were possible even at a time when humanity is experiencing so much conflict and tension. He also asked that the games, which will be held in Turin, Italy, Feb. 10-26, be a spiritual catalyst for people of faith and give them "an opportune occasion to reflect" on how the lessons derived from sport can carry over to "spiritual exercise." Even sport needs "to be illuminated by God through Christ so that the values it expresses may be purified and elevated both on a personal and collective level," the pope said. — *CNS*

Crusaders and Twins take the CYO spotlight

BY JOAN BOBAY

FORT WAYNE — On the NFL's playoff Sunday, in which football fans were glued to their TV sets from 3 to almost 11 p.m., making contact with CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) junior high basketball coaches seemed impossible. (Granted, this writer was mesmerized, too.) Many phone calls and messages later, some contact was made.

Grade 7-8, boys

There are only seven players on the St. Therese Crusaders team, coached by Mike Palmer, who said there are not many boys in the upper grades this year. Some former players come to practices and help by playing and teaching in scrimmages, Palmer said.

"Our goals include having the players try to get a bit better each game and it's paying off because they are improving," he added. On Jan. 21, however, the Crusaders lost 54-27 to Benoit Academy's Fighting Phoenix. "We tell them to stay positive and work on improving their skills; their passing is much better while the offense in general is improving," Palmer said.

He described the five seventh and two eighth graders as "hard workers who are learning that sports can help in many ways."

The assistant coach is Dave Luegring. Former players who help out are Zach Palmer, Luke Braun, Daniel Pepler, Jay Lauer and Bishop Luers player Dan Wyss.

Current St. Therese team members are Caleb Shutt, Andy Trevino, David Lill, Michael Diss, Dustin Luegring, Gabe Mendoza and Sean Driscoll.

Grade 8, girls

When the St. Therese Crusaders girls grade-8 team defeated Huntington 36-12 Jan. 21 the winning streak was kept intact with a 6-0 record and just two conference games left before the tournament.

Coach Dan Wyss has worked with this group since they were in fifth grade and said, "They are not tall but are good, fast players. For the second time they have been invited to play at the half-time of a game at Bishop Luers, on Jan. 26." The 10-member team merged with the seventh grade girls and played in the championship game of the Thanksgiving tournament, so they have gotten experience beyond the CYO conference.

Wyss added that besides repeating fundamentals and basics in practices, "we also work on various defenses and the importance of helping teammates." He said the team is "a good group, very coachable and they are enjoyable people who show respect for coaches and other players."

Assistant coaches are Stu Oberley and Lauri Braun.

Grade 7, girls

This St. Therese seventh grade girls team boasts a 4-1 CYO record after defeating St. John 7 by a score of 39-13 Saturday. Coach Eunice Navarro, who has coached the team for three years, said with only eight players it is important to stress conditioning this year. Such training has added to their quickness and gives them the energy for either man-to-man or zone defense.

"They are learning to be more aggressive and some can take and make outside shots, including three pointers," she said, adding, "That type of play changes the face of a game."

The team also has won several practice games, earned runner-up honors in one tournament when they combined with the eighth grade, and also placed in another tournament.

Navarro said "Four of the players who play on AAU teams are: Kayley Colvin, post player who is tough and reliable; Abby Bierly, point guard who is a consistent, all around athlete; Kaitlin Hofrichter, a quick guard who rotates on point and is a consistent shooter; Liberty McCartney, post player who is both tough underneath the basket and can make outside shots." Other team members are Alyssa Shaffer, Madison Hall, Molly Dimit and Sarah Dirig, all of whom contribute significantly in each game.

The assistant coach is Jack McCartney.

Grade 8, boys

On Saturday, Jan. 21, the Sts. Rose-Louis Twins lost to the Queen of Angels Royals 53-31. The Twins have won several games in two tournaments and are "working hard" to balance the win-loss column in CYO, coach Herb Widner said.

The 10-member team has six boys from grade 8, three seventh graders, and one sixth grader. "They take some good shots but I don't encourage three pointers," Widner said. He believes at this level of play it is important to stress variations of offenses while relying mainly on man-to-man defense. "They are a good group of kids who listen and show improvement weekly, which tells me they are learning," Widner said.

He has no assistant and keeps in touch with the boys sixth grade team which is doing well and will merge next year with the remaining members of this year's varsity.

Next week

Week seven will feature games at all five sites on Jan. 28 for a total of 19 contests.

ICCL's Cougars and Falcons hold unblemished season with 6-0 marks

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — Corpus Christi's Cougars and St. Jude's Falcons reached the halfway point in their respective divisions of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) with unblemished records as well as overall competition with 6-0 marks.

Corpus Christi, in the John Bosco West division, nipped St. Matthew 57-52, thanks to a 16-point performance from Andy Klimek and 14 points from Joey Ragukonis in a skirmish, which the lead changed hands numerous times. Mitchell Derucki collected 15 points to top St. Matthew's scoring. Dylan LeBlanc scored 12 points and Bryant Sinka 10 points for St. Matthew.

St. Jude, of the Martin de Porres West division, swamped St. Joseph of Mishawaka, 48-11, holding the Mishawakans to four field goals.

St. Thomas of Elkhart, leader of the John Bosco East division, dropped a 33-31 nail biter to Holy Family. It was the Spartans' second loss of the year. Joshua Riikonen swished in 12 points for the Spartans.

St. Bavo of Mishawaka beat St. Michael of Plymouth, 32-28, to maintain their lead in the Martin de Porres East division. Jordan Milligan led St. Bavo with 18 points, making him the second highest scorer for the day. Eric Blake had 11 points for St. Michael.

Chris Shaw was one of two top point-getters of the day, procuring 20 points to lead St. John the Baptist to a 48-12 victory over St. Monica of Mishawaka.

Colton Pulaski shared the day's top scoring honors with a 20-point performance for Holy Cross. Still, St. Anthony edged Holy Cross, 34-32, in a thriller overtime. Collin Rahrigh led St. Anthony with 11 points.

In other varsity games, St. Pius of Granger nipped St. Adalbert, 27-24.

Christ the King downed St. Joseph of

South Bend, 45-23. Cole Kruggel with 14 points and Tyler Bliha with 12 points paced the Christ the King team.

Five games featured the Colors Division. Christ the King

White defeated St.

Matthew Black,

55-13; Holy

Family Blue

beat St.

Thomas

Maroon,

42-22; St.

Anthony

Maroon

beat Corpus

Christi Red,

39-24; St. Jude

Green nipped St.

Joseph (South Bend)

Blue, 32-29, and Christ

the King Blue sailed past St.

Thomas Gold, 42-34.

St. John Bosco (East) Division

TEAM	DIVISION	OVERALL
St. Thomas	4-0	5-2
St. Joseph (South Bend)	2-1	2-4
St. Anthony	1-2	2-4
St. Matthew	0-4	1-6

St. John Bosco (West) Division

Corpus Christi	3-0	6-0
Christ the King	2-1	5-1
Holy Family	1-2	4-2
Holy Cross	0-3	0-6

St. Martin DePorres (East) Division

St. Bavo	3-0	5-1
St. Joseph (Mish.)	2-1	3-3
St. Pius	1-2	2-4
St. Monica	0-3	0-6

St. Martin DePorres (West) Division

St. Jude	3-0	6-0
St. John the Baptist	2-1	5-1
St. Michael	1-2	3-3
St. Adalbert	0-3	0-6



Hockey-playing Chicago bishop dubbed 'holy goalie'

BY TOM SHERIDAN

CHICAGO (CNS) — The puns are obvious: "Who IS that masked man?" "Stick' with me, kid." And, of course, "Hey, fella, you're on thin ice."

But in this case, the "fella" would be Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki — all dressed up in a Chicago Blackhawks uniform and ready to

Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki prepares to get on the ice after suiting up to practice with the Chicago Blackhawks Jan. 12. Bishop Paprocki, 53, has been playing floor hockey since he was a boy, but in the past decade he's taken to the ice, he told USA Hockey magazine. He was profiled in the December issue of the magazine and was pictured wearing his episcopal robes and holding a hockey stick.

take to the ice at the United Center.

Neither is it all for show. Bishop Paprocki, 53, has been involved with hockey for a long time — as a fan and a player.

He was profiled in the December issue of *USA Hockey* magazine, where he was pictured in his episcopal robes holding a hockey stick and helmet.

The article's headline, appropriately enough, was "Holy Goalie."

Bishop Paprocki has been playing hockey — floor hockey — since he was a boy, but it's only been in the past decade, he told the magazine, that he's taken to the ice. Now, twice a week he plays at McFetridge Ice Center stopping pucks in an over-30, no-check league. The bishop is also a veteran marathon runner, which he does just to stay in shape for hockey, he told the magazine.

The feature in *USA Hockey* — the official magazine of the national governing bodies of U.S. ice and inline hockey, with a circulation of 430,000 — led to an invitation from the Blackhawks to attend a team practice Jan. 12 and get a little ice time with the team.

"When they started practice, I watched from the bench for about

half an hour," the bishop told *The Catholic New World*, newspaper of the Chicago Archdiocese.

Toward the end of the formal practice, goaltender coach Stephane Waite warmed him up on the sidelines. "He did some drills with me. ... He wasn't shooting real hard, but stopping his shots boosted my confidence," he said.

But then the warm-up was over. "I was in the net and facing the Blackhawks. Several players took shots at me," he said. "I stopped several until one of the players said, 'Has anyone scored yet?' On the next shot, Mark Bell ripped one past me. Then Denis Savard came over and took a few shots. My head is still spinning from his moves, but I think I did manage to stop at least one of his shots."

However, Bishop Paprocki conceded that he "lost count of the ones that went through."

It was, he said, a day he'll never forget.

Is a career on the ice in the offing? The bishop laughed and said, "None of the Blackhawk goalies should feel their jobs are threatened — and the cardinal doesn't have to worry that I'm going to give up my day job."



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A man living God's plan

What will a lifetime in Catholic schools bring? It's been joy for Robert Kloska

BY SARA KASSEN

NOTRE DAME — If you are able to steal an hour or so of Robert Kloska's time, consider yourself lucky. You are competing with his wife, his five children, his students, his job, his other job, his 11 living brothers and sisters, his worship time and his mission efforts.

One thing everyone knows about Robert Kloska is that he's a busy man. Kloska juggles his family, his job leading the St. Bavo Antioch youth group and his job as the director of campus ministry at Holy Cross College in Notre Dame, where he is also a philosophy and religious studies faculty member.

There are also a few things about Robert Kloska that might surprise some folks. He was in the seminary for two years. His degree from Notre Dame is in accounting. He is a cancer survivor. And he has had malaria — twice.

Kloska has fit a lot of life into his life so far. A journey that began where it stands, in the South Bend community.

A Catholic education

Robert Kloska was raised in a big Catholic family. He attended St. Thomas the Apostle School in Elkhart, first through eighth grade. He says this was the start of his happy relationship with Catholic education. Kloska and his classmates were a close-knit group that recently held their 20-year reunion. In addition to loving the Holy Cross sisters who ran his school, Kloska's eighth grade teacher later became a mentor and friend.

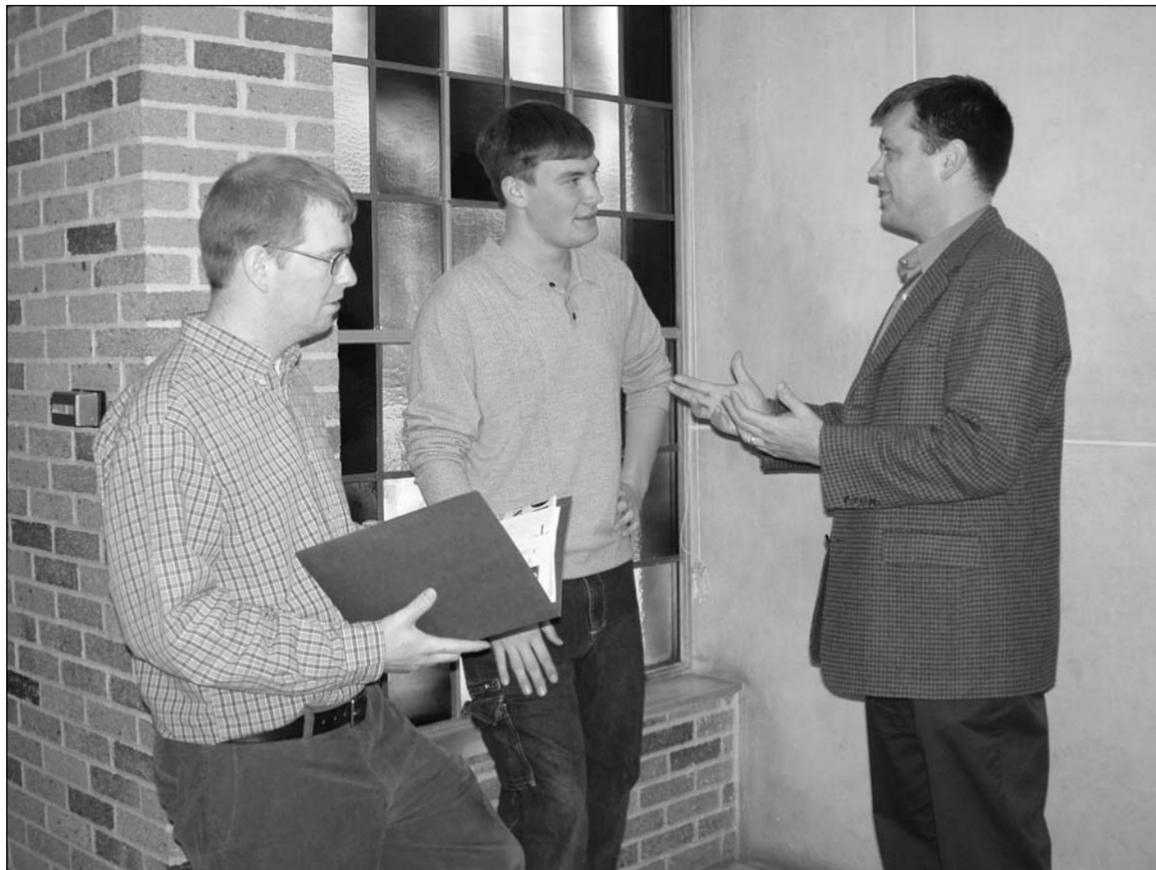
"Before Jim Letherman, I thought if you were smart you were a geek. But when I came to Mr. Letherman's class, he turned us on to knowledge and to western civilization and to history and to English, to literature, to art, to travel, to drama, to passion, to all of these things. He really lit a fire, and it was because of him that I took my studies seriously and I saw the world that could open up to me beyond just the narrow world of popular culture and sports. Although I still love sports," Kloska says with a smile.

After attending Marian High School, Kloska was accepted to the University of Notre Dame, where he majored in accounting.

Accounting?

Kloska hadn't yet found his calling. He tried again. He spent two years in seminary formation with the Congregation of Holy Cross. When he left, he wound up in Phoenix, Ariz. It was on his way back to Notre Dame, for a football game, on a Greyhound bus, that Robert Kloska finally figured things out.

He was reading a book by an author he had first encountered



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Michael Griffin, left, who works in the philosophy and religion department at Holy Cross with Robert Kloska, right, meet with Mission Team member and student Tom Policinski at Holy Cross College at Notre Dame.

in one of Father John Jenkins' philosophy classes years before Father Jenkins was the president of Notre Dame. The book was by John Henry Newman, and it was an explanation of why the author had become Catholic. It struck a chord with Kloska. He thought he could teach others why he was Catholic.

"I said I have got to go into academics. This is it. My life has to be somehow associated with the life of the mind and learning. So that was the epiphany moment for me, where I knew what I had to do, but then I wasn't qualified because I had a B.A. in accounting," he says. However, Kloska and God were finally on the same page, and as he always does, God had a plan for Robert.

A Catholic educator

Kloska was still in Phoenix then, and two weeks before an all-boys Jesuit high school in town was set to open for the year, the ethics teacher got sick. And Kloska got his job.

"I literally went to the Catholic encyclopedia, and I pulled out 'E' for ethics. I read the entry and structured my class after that encyclopedia entry." Kloska stayed at that job for three years. During that time, he met his future bride, Margy.

After the Kloskas were married, they moved to Ohio so Robert could attend graduate school and obtain a truly fitting degree, in philosophy, from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

The pieces continued to fall into place. When Kloska later began his job search, he called

Holy Cross College. The college needed a campus minister and part time ethics professor. Two priests who ran Kloska's dorm at Notre Dame were both working at Holy Cross, and both recommended him for the position.

That was the fall of 1997, and Kloska is still at Holy Cross College.

He says, "My work here is intrinsically important. There's never a thought of coming to work because I have to get a paycheck. It's always a thought of coming to work to contribute to the great program that we've all undertaken. And that's a hugely different attitude than a lot of people have to take."

Many of Kloska's coworkers and students recognize his hard work, enthusiasm and talent. Michael Griffin works in the philosophy and religion department at Holy Cross with Kloska. Griffin says, "One thing Bob Kloska does is teach the Gospel without compromise, but he does this with a joy. He doesn't put people off or talk down to them. He meets them where they are."

In his time at Holy Cross, Kloska has organized a project that brought one of the college's most identifying structures to campus, the archway at the entrance. He founded the Ghana International Studies Program and has traveled to Africa four times for the college (where he got malaria — twice). Travel to Ghana or Peru is now a requirement for graduation from Holy Cross College's four-year program. Kloska also established the college's innovative Mission Team. Students are recruited for the team and receive financial aid.

In May 2003, Kloska was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Disease, Stage 2B, which is a cancer of the lymph nodes.

Kloska says, "When I found out on that phone that I had cancer, I went into the chapel. I knelt down in front of the tabernacle. I grabbed the Book of Psalms, and I opened to a psalm, and I started praying it. And when I got done I said, I don't know what to say Lord except yes. I accept. I accept whatever you give me. Fine. I'll do it. You want to take my life. Fine. I accept."

This acceptance did not mean Kloska would die without a fight. He has a lot to live for. So he endured chemo, radiation, a rare and intensely painful reaction to the radiation and bone marrow biopsies. All this, as he continued to work for Holy Cross College and spread the word of Christ's love and sacrifice.

Kloska won his battle, and today he is cancer free. Unbelievably, he says the experience turned out to be one of the greatest blessings of his life. He and Margy truly united in the fight. He was able to get people's attention and share his faith. And he realized that he has an army of friends and family that are ready to support and sustain him during life's biggest battles. Some folks gave him money, some cooked him meals, some gave him football tickets, and the Notre Dame Alumni Association even gave him and his wife a trip to Europe. And everyone had kind words to share.

Kloska says, "I got to be George Bailey in the final scene of 'It's a Wonderful Life' where the whole town come to his aid. It's like I lived it. And when people think you're going to die, they say things to you that they wouldn't say otherwise. In this bizarre and wonderful turn of events, people are grabbing me by the shoulder and telling me with tears in their eyes how much I mean to them. It was very humbling, but very touching. I wish everyone could experience it!"

Everyone might not wish this "blessing" on themselves, but all can certainly learn from Kloska's experience and the way he continues to charge through life with a fervent faith and eager attitude.

Student Tom Policinski says, "He's been sick; he has two very involved jobs, and he's the head of a beautiful family. Most people could say they had done well with just one of those aspects, and he is doing all of them and doing them very well."

So with his full life, Robert Kloska might not have very many hours to spare, but it would seem those that are lucky enough to get one or more of them, are blessed indeed.

"There were a number of kids who came to Holy Cross who felt under-challenged and not connected enough to their faith; there just wasn't enough for them. This is a way to really give them a faith development program to buy into and a way to learn," he says. Students each choose a mission, volunteering or helping with Mass, and they also attend special classes.

Mission Team member Tom Policinski says, "We learn a lot about the theology ideas behind service and different things that our faith teaches, and the idea is that we incorporate both of those things, because they do work together."

A Catholic man

Kloska has certainly incorporated his faith into the rest of his life.

He says, "Before I think of myself as anything else, I think of myself as a Catholic, a disciple of Christ, and then that colors everything else."

This is a fact those around him notice. "Bob is the consummate Catholic. He's not afraid to teach a radical following of Christ, and he's not afraid to live it either," says Griffin.

But according to Kloska, people shouldn't look at him and think, here's a man who works for God, they should think, here's a man for whom God works.

"I don't pray because I'm holy. I pray because I'm desperate," Kloska says.

This desperation often comes from being the head of a significant household, but there was a time it came from a cancer diagnosis.

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

Beginning Experience announces retreat for widowed, divorced

Donaldson — A Beginning Experience weekend will be held Feb. 17-19 at Lindenwood Retreat Center. The weekend fee is \$175. Call (574) 233-2132 for information.

First Sunday rosary for families

Fort Wayne — The first Sunday rosary for families will be at MacDougal Chapel on Sunday, Feb. 15, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. with Father Jim Stoye from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sister Geraldine from USF and Sister Austin from St. Jude attending.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

St. Jude Adult Faith Formation to host lecture series on church history.

Fort Wayne — Marilyn Fech, diocesan workshop speaker, will be presenting a church history lecture series at St. Jude Parish Hall on three Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, and 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Participants may attend one or all of these sessions. For information call the parish office at (260) 484-6609.

Blood drive hosted by Our Lady of Good Hope

Fort Wayne — A blood drive will be held at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, 7215 St. Joe Rd, on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each donor will receive a t-shirt.

FUNDRAISERS

Sausage and pancake breakfast

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood School, 1529 Barthold St., will host a sausage and pancake breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$2.50 kids under 10 and \$15 per family. Contact Kelly Shanks at (260) 466-5941 for information.

SEAS Knights plan breakfast

Fort Wayne — A pancake and sausage breakfast will be Sunday, Feb. 5 from 8 to 11:30 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on Aboite Center Road. Sponsored by Knight's of Columbus Council 11276.

Holy Name Society sponsors fish fry

New Haven — A fish fry will be held at St. John the Baptist on Friday, Jan. 27, from 4 to 7 p.m. Adults \$ 6.50, children 5-12 years old \$3.50 and children under 5 free.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 3, from 5 to 7:30

p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Fish, two sides and beverage are included.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner on Friday, Feb. 4, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Also available are chicken strips for \$7 and shrimp for \$8. Carry-out available.

Fish and tenderloin dinner supports St. Joseph School

Monroeville — A fish and tenderloin dinner prepared by Ed Fox will be Friday, Jan. 27, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Monroeville Park Pavillion. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 6-11. All proceeds benefit the seventh and eighth grade class trip.

St. Joseph School hosts pancake and sausage breakfast

Decatur — The annual pancake and sausage breakfast at St. Joseph School, Decatur, will be held on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the school auditorium. Eighth grade students, with the help of their parents, will serve the breakfast. Proceeds will help pay for their class trip to Washington, D.C. Tickets are available from any St. Joseph eighth grade student, or by calling the school at (260) 724-2765.

Knights plan drive-through fish dinner

Fort Wayne — The St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Knights of Columbus will have a drive-through fish dinner by Country Chef on Friday, Feb. 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church hall. Cost is \$6.50.

Scouts plan breakfast

Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist's Boy Scout Troup is hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. John's PAC. The funds raised will be used to buy a new Scout trailer for Troup 19.

St. Patrick School plans benefit dinner

Walkerton — A dinner to benefit the St. Patrick tuition assistance fund will be Saturday, Jan. 28, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion. Tickets are \$10 and include dinner, one drink, dessert and drawing for cash prizes. Music will be by Jerry Houston. A silent auction, tipboards and raffles will also be available. For information or tickets contact (574) 586-7405.

Notre Dame fundraiser planned by the St. Vincent de Paul Men's Club

Fort Wayne — The St. Vincent Notre Dame athletics fundraiser and casino night will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the St. Vincent de Paul Parish hall. Admission includes food by Casa. Tickets are \$20 single, \$30 couple at the door or \$15 single, \$25 couple in advance. Refreshments available. Must be 21. Contact svnd@saintv.org for information or tickets.

Bishop Dwenger High School announces winter events

Fort Wayne — The music boosters will host "Winter Fantasy" on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the gymnasium. The winter guard show will feature schools from throughout Indiana. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Registration dates for incoming freshman are Jan. 23-25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 to 11 a.m. For information on any of these events, call (260) 496-4700.

St. John the Baptist School plans open house

New Haven — St. John the Baptist School will have an open house on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Tour the school and meet faculty and staff. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten orientation will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the library. For information, call (260) 749-9903.

St. Joseph Athletic Association plans athletic smoker

Mishawaka — An athletic smoker will be held Friday, Feb. 10, from 7 p.m. to midnight in the school gymnasium, Third and Spring Street. First prize — \$100, second prize — \$50, third prize — \$25. Tickets \$1 in advance or 6 for \$5. \$2 at the door. Reverse draw tickets are \$20 each. Only 300 tickets available. Reverse draw ticket includes admission, refreshments and food.

Bishop Luers basketball sponsors casino 'knight'

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Luers Boys' Basketball Program is sponsoring Casino Knight, an evening of great adult entertainment in the Bishop Luers Cafe on Friday, Feb. 10, from 8 p.m.-midnight. Tickets are \$20 a person, which includes two-drink tickets, hors d'oeuvres and admission to the event. The services of "Aces Up," a Las Vegas style gaming company have been secured for the event. Some games include Texas Hold'em,

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Wayne L. McDonald, 90, St. Mary of the Assumption

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Martha A. Wargo, 86, St. Vincent de Paul

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Harold LaMaster, 81, St. Charles Borromeo

Helen F. Warner, 81, Queen of Angels

Violet B. Allen, 81, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

DeSales Cronin, 73, St. Charles Borromeo

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Piercetown

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Sylia Ibarra Castro, 44, St. Adalbert

Joseph M. McLain, 87, Our Lady of Hungary

Walter T. Manuszak Jr., 68, St. Casimir

Eli L. Jerome, 87, St. Jude

Helen K. Haynes, 75, St. Matthew Cathedral

Maria A. Sobol, 40, Christ the King

Mary A. Kiska, 73, St. Hedwig

Virginia M. Michaels, 82, Christ the King

Seven Card Stud, Five Card Stud and Black Jack. For tickets or questions, contact Dave and Joni Kuhn at (260) 456-2670, Dan and Anita Correll at (260) 747-7572 or Bishop Luers High School at (260) 456-1261.

Marian baseball trivia night

Mishawaka — Marian baseball will have a baseball trivia night on Saturday, Feb. 18. First prize is \$200. Call Tere at (574) 360-3786 or Linda at (574) 255-5512 to book a table. \$100 per table of 10 or \$10 per person. Arrival time is 6:30 p.m., start time is 7 p.m. Bring any tailgate foods for your table to share but purchase drinks from the volunteers. Pop, water and Gatorade will be available.

Kid and kin sock hop supports Camp Fire Girls

Mishawaka — Queen of Peace School gym will host a Camp Fire USA sock hop on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 in advance from the Camp Fire office or \$3.50 at the door. Tickets include a drink, snack and dancing to Paul Chamberlin of the Music Machine. Best dressed in costume wins a prize. Call (574) 234-4145 for information.

Fish fry planned at St. Jude

Fort Wayne — An all-you-can-eat Ed Fox fish fry will be held Friday, March 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. at St. Jude, across from Parkview Hospital. Adults \$6, children (6-8) \$5, children 5 and under free.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers needed

Fort Wayne — The Franciscan Center Clothes Closet is in need of volunteers. Call Doris Bermes at (260) 744-3977 for information.

Erin's House seeks good listeners

Fort Wayne — Erin's House is seeking volunteers who are good listeners with a caring and compassionate heart for children and young adults ages 3 to 25. Call (260) 423-2466 for information.

Volunteer for St. Mary Soup Kitchen

Fort Wayne — St. Mary Parish is in need of regular volunteers for the soup kitchen on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Additional substitutes are needed for all days and shifts. Interested persons 16 and older should call (260) 424-8231. Some lifting required.

DONATIONS

St. Vincent de Paul needs your help

South Bend — The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County is in need of donations and monetary contributions. Large items will be picked up. Call the office at (574) 234-6000 for information.

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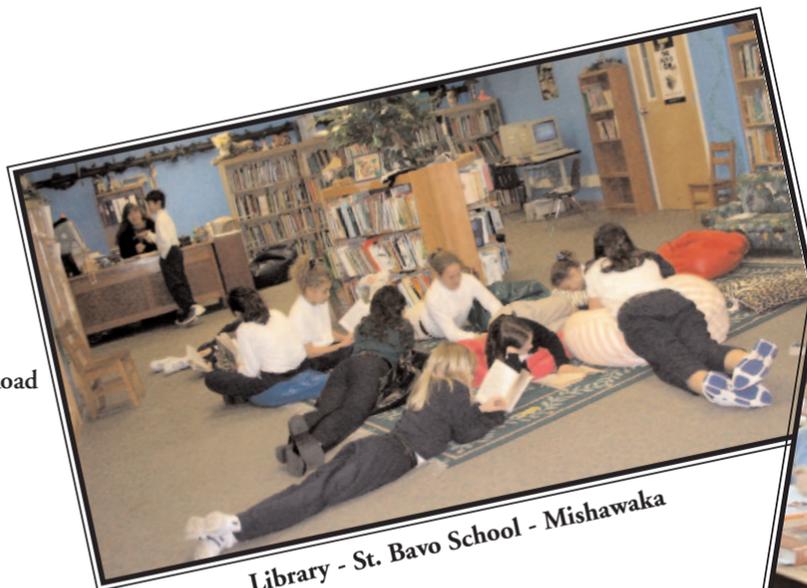
Fort Wayne — The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Allen County is in need of donations. Monetary contributions are always appreciated. The St. Vincent de Paul Society accepts cars, trucks and vans. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday at 1600 S. Calhoun from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (260) 456-3561 for pick-up information. Large items will be picked up.

Mustard Seed Furniture Bank can use your donations

Fort Wayne — The Mustard Seed Furniture Bank is in need of furniture. Donations may be picked up by calling (260) 471-5802. The Mustard Seed is dedicated to providing household furnishings to those in need.



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1300 E. Washington Center Road
Fort Wayne
(260) 496-4700

Bishop Luers High School
333 East Paulding Road
Fort Wayne
(260) 456-1261

Marian High School
1311 South Logan Street
Mishawaka
(574) 259-5257

Saint Joseph's High School
1441 North Michigan Street
South Bend
(574) 233-6137

FORT WAYNE GRADE SCHOOLS

Benoit Academy
3029 East Paulding Road
(260) 447-5121

Most Precious Blood School
1529 Barthold Street
(260) 424-4832

Queen of Angels School
1600 West State Boulevard
(260) 483-8214

St. Charles Borromeo School
4910 Trier Road
(260) 484-3392

St. John the Baptist School
4500 Fairfield Avenue
(260) 456-3321

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School
St. Joseph Campus
2211 Brooklyn Avenue
(260) 432-4000

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10700 Aboite Center Road
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St. Joseph School
11521 U.S. 27 South
(260) 639-3580

St. Jude School
2110 Pemberton Drive
(260) 484-4611

St. Therese School
2222 Lower Huntington Road
(260) 747-2343

St. Vincent de Paul School
1720 East Wallen Road
(260) 489-3537

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Christ the King School
52473 State Road 933
(574) 272-3922

Corpus Christi School
2817 Corpus Christi Drive
(574) 272-9868

Holy Cross School
1020 North Wilber Street
(574) 234-3422

Holy Family School
56407 Mayflower Road
(574) 289-7375

Our Lady of Hungary School
735 West Calvert Street
(574) 289-3272

St. Adalbert School
519 South Olive Street
(574) 288-6645

St. Anthony de Padua School
2310 East Jefferson
(574) 233-7169

St. John the Baptist School
3616 St. John Way
(574) 232-9849

St. Joseph School
216 North Hill Street
(574) 234-0451

St. Jude School
19657 Hildebrand Street
(574) 291-3820

St. Matthew School
1015 East Dayton Street
(574) 289-4535

OUTLYING AREA GRADE SCHOOLS

Avilla
St. Mary of the Assumption
School
232 North Main Street
(260) 897-3481

Decatur
St. Joseph School
127 North Fourth Street
(260) 724-2765

Elkhart
St. Thomas the Apostle
School
1331 North Main Street
(574) 264-4855

St. Vincent de Paul School
1114 South Main Street
(574) 293-8451

Garrett
St. Joseph School
301 West Houston Street
(260) 357-5137

Goshen
St. John the Evangelist
School
117 West Monroe Street
(574) 533-9480

Huntington
Huntington Catholic School
820 Cherry (Primary)
(260) 356-2320
960 Warren Street (Middle)
(260) 356-1926

Mishawaka
Queen of Peace School
4508 Vistula Road
(574) 255-0392

St. Bavo School
511 West Seventh Street
(574) 259-4214

St. Joseph School
230 South Spring Street
(574) 255-5554

St. Monica School
223 West Grove Street
(574) 255-0709

Monroeville
St. Joseph School
209 Mulberry Street
(260) 623-3447

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St. John the Baptist School
204 Rufus Street
(260) 749-9903

St. Louis Academy
15529 U.S. 30
Lincoln Highway East
(260) 749-5815

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St. Michael School
612 North Center Street
(574) 936-4329

Wabash
St. Bernard School
191 North Cass Street
(260) 563-5746

Walkerton
St. Patrick School
811 Tyler Street
(574) 586-7405

Warsaw
Sacred Heart School
135 North Harrison Street
(574) 267-5874

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