Rally heats up the rights of the poor at Statehouse

South Bend parish representatives urge legislators to tap into heating assistance

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 busesloads 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. Lukecke. Afterward, some met with legislators individually including House Minority Leader Chris Jacobs (R-Fort Wayne) and members of the Lafayette Urban Ministry added their voices to the rally.

The rally on the steps of the state capitol.

Hoosier State

‘Holy Goalie’

Chicago auxiliary bishop takes to the ice

National rally and vigil

Speakers offer praise, urge increased action

Saint from the Hoosier State

Mother Anna Maria Tauscher closer to sainthood

Living God’s plan

Holy Cross College educator makes faith a priority

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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.”

BY 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 Toepf, left, who has been marching every year since Roe v. Wade, and classmate Oliver Temple.
Diocese makes preparations for 150th anniversary in 2007

BY JULIE ASHER

WASHINGTON (CNS) — They were just an aisle apart but almost 6-month-old Abigail Matawa and 103-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, another 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 can 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 recensional; 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 applause, Cardinal Keeler emphasized the work of pro-lifers — from the parish level to the national level — and said they devoted themselves “so that the lives of all may continue to be developed.”

The huge number of young people in the crowd was impressive, he said, adding: “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 “staggering magnitude of this slaughter of innocents,” he noted that in the last 12 months “nearly as many children were aborted as 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 signs: the “rate and number of U.S. abortions are now at their lowest levels since 1973; 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 one after another state, leaving Oregon the sole state where it is legal; 52 laws to restrict abortion have been passed in the past decade; and 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.
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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

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 graduates, and 97 percent go on to some form of post-secondary education.

It is a great occasion, 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 selflessness of the faithful.

Is it worth it?

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 selflessness of the faithful. Paying for our schools and improving teachers’ salaries will always make serious demands upon us.

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 were standing at 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 near 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 budget, telling the crowd that “pro-life triumphs in politics. We 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 v. Wade decision, Doe v. Bolton, permitted abortions "Violates the American Way." The Roe decision threw out state parental involvement laws, said the speaker, and also 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. Meinrad, in Bannock, Ky.

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 and Fort Wayne’s sister church, Our Lady of Good Counsel, at the time as chaplain at the VA Hospital in Marion.

Father Narcowich subsequently served as campus director 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 Konkut Parish, New Carlisle. His last parish assignment was St. Mary of the Presentation Church, Geneva.

"He appreciated the beauty of all of God’s creation in fostering religious art and functional parish buildings, as well as the beauty 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 or Avilla or Mutes.
By Brigid Curtis Ayer

Advocates rally at state capitol for lower heating costs for poor

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 is among the most family damaging 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 his 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 rules allowed utilities to collect up to four months of the average heating bill as a deposit for reconnection 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 $2 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 and 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 $250.”

People are going without heat, the home is condemned 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.

In 2005, the Coalition to Keep Indiana Families 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 in 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.

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BY ST. EULAGIO WOLF

Carmelite Sisters Maria Dolci 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 northwest Indiana in the Diocese of Gary.

Europe. The Carmelite Sisters have since opened children’s homes in Canada, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Mexico, Brazil, Africa, Ice age and Japan, as well as 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 lengthy study of writings and teachings have been examined and found to contain nothing contrary to church teachings on God, Christ, and Christian perfection, and also after a miracle attributed to the intercession of the sainted candidate has been recognized.

Sister Maria Giuseppe said the beatification of Mother Anna Maria Tauscher of Roermond, Netherlands. The local bishop will be there. The Carmelites of West Indiana in the Diocese of Evansville, Bishop Herman Alerding of the Diocese of Covington wrote a letter expressing the Carmelites’ particular interest in the Carmelites. However, she wanted to establish her own order of Carmelites, and she faced opposition from clergy who couldn’t 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 cleared 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 and Canada, with the last opening in 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 worked in Canada 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 block of south of the facility. The home, officially founded in 1913, now ranks as the oldest home she started and 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 homes — 58 during her lifetime. She died in Sittard Sept. 20, 1938.
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 electric bills to supplement federal energy assistance and weatherization dollars.
• The state will adopt a statewide energy assistance plan that works to reduce growing demand for electricity and natural gas to reduce energy costs and begin the transition to a sustainable energy policy.

“Many Indiana residents do not 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 Preece-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.”

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 freezing for no good reason,” chanted “What do we want? Heat!” and by listening and shouting “Yes!” in agreement with legislators and public. Some carried signs with messages such as “Hoosiers are freezing for no good reason,” chanted “What do we want? Heat!” and by listening and shouting “Yes!” in agreement with legislators and public.

“It’s a bad day to be poor” asking “When we had to pay our heat-bill to NIPSCO our spirits were so low in our home,” said Rev. Larry Ort of Hilltop Lutheran who understands all too well about heating cost increases.

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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 Friday, Jan. 6 in the Fort Wayne Marriott 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, students from each Quality Dining, Inc.® and Saint Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School.

Additional highlights included awarding prizes during the second period break to schools that had the highest attendance at the game based on a percentage of enrollment. The first place prize included $250, a traveling trophy, 50 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 certification from 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 school programs, as 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 the profits from the fundraiser for school upgrades such as classroom and playground equipment, computer software, library books and capital improvements.

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 2-3 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 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, 10760 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, pastar 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.

All 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.

“Young the 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 plants that have been painted by some of the St.

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 Krudp at (260) 436-1600.

Saint Mary’s professor edits academic journal

NOTRE DAME — John Pauley, associate professor of communications 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 2006 Bezdziecki Science Scholarship given to seniors at Bishop Luers High School.

Peterson, an English major, was interested in science and young people. He had just finished a book about Jill Rivkin, whom he met while a student at Bishop Luers from 1978-2001.

Before Bezdziecki’s death, he and others interested in supporting Saint Joseph-St. Elizabeth Catholic School.

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

A student with 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-para- graph 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.
**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.

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.

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**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.

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**SCHOOL RECEIVES $10,000 CHECK**

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.

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**BISHOP LUERS STUDENTS ATTEND MASS WITH ST. THERESE STUDENTS**

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.

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**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.”

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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 incident 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. “This is a tragic state of affairs — black, white, Hispanic and Asian — Catholics packed the pews at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Approximately 20 priests concelebrated the Mass with the archbishop. Representing many ethnic backgrounds — black, white, Hispanic and Asian — Catholics packed the pews at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Approximately 20 priests concelebrated the Mass with the archbishop. Representing many ethnic backgrounds — black, white, Hispanic and Asian — Catholics packed the pews at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Approximately 20 priests concelebrated the Mass with the archbishop.

Would-be papal assassin ordered back to prison in Turkey

ROME (CNS) — The Turkish ter-

torist who shot and seriously wounded Pope John Paul II in 1981 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 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 fanatic claims to the press and to justice officials. Agca had served 19 years in Italian prisons for shoot-
ing the pope in 1981. He was extra-
dited in 2000 to Turkey, where he served five years for the 1979 mur-
er 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 condoleance message, Pope Benedict XVI said Cardinal Taofinu’u was for all peoples of the Pacific “a towering figure of unwaver-
ing 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 con-
clave. 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 communi-
ty 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 proj-
ects to raise the living standards of the jangle population.

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

SANTIAGO, Chile (CNS) — Chilean President-elect Michelle Bachelet is “a symbol of the re-
counter 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 per-
cent of the votes, defeating busi-

nessman 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, toler-
ance 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 govern-
mment; Bachelet and her mother also were arrested, tortured and forced to exile in Australia, East Germany and the United States.

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

ROME (CNS) — The story of the Catholic Church’s embrace of reli-
gious 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 con-
ference Jan. 17 that internal plural-

ism 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 ‘jahad’ might mean and how it might be applied,” he said. The 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 inter-
nal evolution within the Catholic Church that led to the Second Vatican Council Declaration on Religious Freedom (“Dignitatis Humanae”).

Critical 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 medi-
cine. 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 pre-
scribed lethal drugs under Oregon’s Death with Dignity Act. The ruling said the attorney general violated the Controlled Substances Act claimed by the attorney general “is both beyond his expertise and incongru-
ous 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 sui-
tice who called on members of Congress to revise the Controlled Substances Act to prohibit the use of regulated drugs in state-san-
ctioned assisted suicide. “In no sense can assisting a suicide be called a ‘legitimate medical purpose’ for the law,” said a statement from Richard Doeringer, deputy direc-
tor of the USCCH’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 L’Osservatore Romano said.

The article said that in pursuing intel-

dent design some groups were incorrectly seeking fraudulent explanations in a way that creates confusion between religious and scientific views.

At the same time, scientists should recognize that evolutionary theory does not exclude an overall purpose in cre-
ing the universe — a “superior design” that may be applied,” he said. He cited a text written in January 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.
STUDENTS LOOK FORWARD TO MOVIE DAY

As part of the Catholic Schools Week celebrations at St. Joseph’s School in Decatur, students enjoy movie and popcorn day. Other activities include a pancake and sausage dinner on Jan. 29; distinguished graduate announcements and outstanding volunteer; a mayor’s proclamation of Catholic Schools Week; ice cream day; volunteer breakfast; and a special lunch served to the staff by the HASA Apple team. Students have trivia contests. Students in the photo preparing for Catholic Schools Week are Devon Schulz, Chelsea Custer, Allie Brite, Megan Maynard and Missy Hain.

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.

THE QUEEN OF ANGELS STUDENT COUNCIL RECENTLY SPONSORED A FUNDRAISER TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE WOMEN’S CARE CENTER.

The Queen of Angels Student Council recently sponsored a fundraiser to raise money for the Women’s Care Center. To raise money, students brought in 50 cents and were able to wear any NFL team shirt or jersey. Over $138 was raised for this organization. Students are pictured in their favorite NFL team attire.

WHY CHOOSE A CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

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.

Parents, of course, are the primary educators of their children. Our job as educators in the Catholic schools is to work with parents and students in reinforcing what is being taught in the home.

Parents ask why they should send their child to a Catholic school where we have to pay tuition. We can send our children to the public school for free. Our tax dollars are paying for it. As tuition in our schools rises because of the economy, decrease in the number of brothers and sisters who served our schools so faithfully and increases in teachers’ salaries, parents asking themselves this question need an answer, one that truly makes sense and will be worth the financial sacrifices necessary to provide this education. Consider the following reasons why a Catholic school is right for your children.

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Catholic parishes are doing everything possible to maintain the high quality of education in our schools, but many of them are struggling to pay their bills. That is why stewardship in our diocese is so important. There is a diocese, in Wichita, Kan., that has no tuition for any of their schools because the diocese believes that stewardship is the only way to preserve their future. Our diocese has always been a forerunner of many successful initiatives, and some of our parishes do have stewardship in place, but why not all parishes? Many of us went to Catholic schools and paid little or no tuition for our

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HITTIE

Michelle Hittie is the superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.
**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:

> Academic achievement is directly linked to strong vocabulary development.

It is also true that students who have strong vocabulary skills are better able to understand, express and engage in critical thinking.

The first year of vocabulary workshops was in December of last year and the focus was on the third grade, followed by fourth grade in January 2006. The workshops for fifth grade are planned for March and the sixth grade in April.

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H.o.p.e. enjoys a wonderful season of giving

BY SUSAN LIGHTCAP

SOUTH BEND — The Christmas season continued a season of giving with h.o.p.e. The overwhelm-
ing 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 resi-
dents; 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. mem-
ers 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 pre-
sented 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 every-one in person. She asked to come back in six months and share with everyone her progress in this new-found life.

Michelle’s words of appreciation, and also, through his deep demon-stated a strong commit-
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Fox is a 1953 St. John gradu-
ate who has remained active at many levels within both the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School.

His devoted involvement includes the Holy Name Society, the Annual Bishop’s Appeal, the St. John Spring Festivals and Breakfast with Santa. Fox is the second generation of his family to attend St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and first genera-
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
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,” 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 crew in New Orleans. At the same time, they were working on a project for the South Bend community, the annual Halloween festival for 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.

“In the years prior to this, I would help, there wouldn’t be as many donations, and it’s not always, ‘Oh here’s a check,’” says Van Auken. “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.

“They just feel 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, ten times 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.”

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 after the events 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.

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Van Auken 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?”

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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, oil — 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 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 art.

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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.”
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.”

“She 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, we believe we learn the worst. We have 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 would pass by, as we spoke to the unspeakable,” Glowaski said.

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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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
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 challenges.

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

levels 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.

Test results indicate a need, an Individual Education Plan (IEP) identifying specific services along with goals and objectives, is developed. Testing is achieved through FWCS, Klinker writes goals and objectives for each student requiring 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 modifications, 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 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.

“The resources are 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 encouraged 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 Joshua 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.

Why 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. 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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By Father Larry Snyder

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Father Larry Snyder is the president of Catholic Charities USA.

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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-introduction 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 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. Catholic schools are no longer viewed as foreign to be downcast in our country. From the Catholic educational system, which means 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 lay has taken on many of the teaching duties. Layperson teachers are few and far between. 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 country, 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 schools are not a luxury. But the choices families usually 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 discourse 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?

Catholic education is not just about academics. While there are those who believe in the false teachings of the Church, we must be an example of our faith in this country today. Our job is to help our fellow persons, who are not necessarily religious, begin to see the light of truth and goodness. We must show that the Catholic faith strongly reflects many of the good things that go on in our Catholic schools.

Today’s Catholic will be featuring Disciples in Mission in March, but there were some changes in the editorial. The Church has decided to consider 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 in March, an interesting 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 of the diocesan couples. 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.

Editorial

Catholic schools are worth the cost, sacrifices

Today’s Catholic editorial board consists of Bishop John M. D’Arcy, Father Timothy Leader, Father Mark Gurtner, Father Michael Heintz, Tim Johnson, Vince LaBarbera and Msgr. J. William Lester.

Father Larry Snyder is the president of Catholic Charities USA.

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

Kathrine Nisley Mishawaka

Indiana is one of the largest states in the nation with nearly 78,000 Indiana seniors 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 enforcement 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 vote to defeat this legislation.
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” — reflect- ed 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 preach- ing 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 mile- tightening papacy from Pope Benedict, who headed the Vatican’s doctrinal congregation for 24 years. But instead of load- ing his talks and texts with Catholic magisterial pronounce- ments, he has reached for scriptur- al, philosophical and anthropologi- cal 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, is that of a loving, non-infringing or antagonistic. “God does not exhibit the clouds of imperious 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 micro- cosm, 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 prelates: “We believe that God exists, that God counts; but which God? A God with a face, a 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 intel- lectual 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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JOHN THAVIS

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Jesus orders unclean spirits to leave

T he Book of Deuteronomy furnishes the first reading for this weekend. Deuteronomy appears in the Bible as the fifth book 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 led from Egypt to Canaan. Never before in history, he tells them, had a nation been given so much. And they alone could carry the religious and political traditions, the wisdom and the spirit of the people.

For them, these readings are a powerful, counter-cultural alternative lifestyle. In this reading, Paul brings a more practical reason into play. Persons not obligated by marriage or 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.

Judasen has never required weekly attendance by Jews at syna- gogue 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 very much the case 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 speak, the people understand the meaning of the word to God spoken by Jesus, a man “with an unclean spirit” appears. Was he “possessed by the devil” in the sense under- stood 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.

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 them- selves 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 encour- aging. God will never leave us. Such was the promise of Moses. This promise was perfectly ful- filled 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


By Dominic Camplisson

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


3. Jesus was forbidden to eat pigs. What characteristics made pigs unclean according to Deuteronomy? a. Had hooves and was and cloven-footed, but does not chew the cud. b. Has no horns, but chewed the cud. c. 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


11. In 1 Macabees, 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 Pige 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. Beneficiaries 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 monastery 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:

1a, 2c, 3a, 4c, 5b, 6a, 7c, 8b, 9a, 10b, 11c, 12a, 13b, 14c, 15c
Grace: God’s love freely given

That’s a Good Question

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Re-reading modern history

In his Christmas address to the Roman Curia on the 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 were provocative — and some of the papal pronouncements of the 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 God from the divine revelation to which the church was accountable. The most dramatic breach came after 1789, when the French Revolution led to a complete inner rupture with the church and faith. “A liberalism with no room for God was not a liberalization, but a profound rejection of Christianity.”

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.

President John F. Kennedy said, “We choose to go to the moon in this decade... and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard.” Benjamin Franklin said, “The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one.” St. Paul wrote, “We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, those who have been called according to his purpose.”

George Weigel

Scripture Search

By Patricia Kasten

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.

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deepen conversation with contemporary society, one that involves 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.

--George Weigel
A painful presumption

In the practice of medicine and medical ethics, we routinely make certain presumptions in favor of patients. If 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 a preterm baby, 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 action in favor of the goods of health and prolonging life.

Sometimes these commonplace presumptions come to be challenged in unexpected and even disturbing ways within the practice of medicine. 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 appear to feel pain and respond to noxious stimuli. Yet the authors of the JAMA article attempt to argue that because normal women would not voluntarily give birth to infants who are weeks old, it is wrong to presume that she is. We have to consider the presumptions that infants in utero may feel pain quite early during a pregnancy. When we see somebody bleeding, we presume we should stop the bleeding. When we see a preterm baby, 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 action in favor of the goods of health and prolonging life.

Some Catholics mistakenly speak from prayer to prayer

Most of us have complaints about cantors, and we don’t like the music or the preaching or the sound system. We’re angered by the inattention of the congregation, the distractions of the lectors. But the first question any of us needs to ask when we complain is this: What can we do to bring to the celebration? Was this the morning the first time we had ever heard the homily? Or 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 can’t drink. We can’t eat our bread, but not because there wasn’t abundant water to be drawn. We can’t drink our bread, but not because there wasn’t abundant water to be drawn. We can’t drink our bread, 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 their dinner tables, as they lie in bed, as they dress for the day, as they wake, as they do their work. And then imagine that you hear of a family member who is preparing for the liturgy in this way. Imagine that after some time 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 wher- ever they are.”

Now imagine an entire parish standing 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 are.”

During the year of the Eucharist, the Office of Worship is sponsoring a five-part series of articles distrib- uted by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC). Comments or questions can be e-mailed to brazier@fdlc.org. FDLC #44650, Part 5 of 5. Authors: Andrew Cifemi and Melissa Nussbaum Art: Jane Pitz @ FDLC. 415 Michigan Ave. N.E., Washington DC 20017. www.fdlc.org
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 TVs from 3 p.m. to about 11 p.m., making contact with CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) junior high basketball coach seemed impossible. (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 emphasis includes 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 fifth and seventh grade team 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 Peper, Jay Lawler and Bishop Luers player Dan Wyss. Current St. Therese team members are Caleb Shutt, Andy Trevino, David Lill, Michael Dirig, Alyssa Shaffer, Madison Hall, Molly Dimit and Sarah Dring, all of whom contribute significantly in each game.

The assistant coach is Jack McClarty.

Grade 7, girls

This St. Therese seventh grade girls team boasts a 4-1 CYO record after defeating St. John by a score of 39-13 Saturday. Coach Emilee 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.

“Many are learning to be more aggressive and some can take and make outside shots, including three pointers,” she added, “and 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; Kaitlein 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 Dring, all of whom contribute significantly in each game.

The assistant coach is Jack McClarty.

Grade 8, boys

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.

Sports

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-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 Mishawaka to four field goals. St. Thomas of Elkhart, leader of the Martin de Porres East division, dropped a 33-31 nail biter to Holy Family. It was the Spartans’ second loss of the year. Joshua Riikenow 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 Mulligan 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 Rahrig led St. Anthony with 11 points.

In other varsity games, St. Pius of Granger nipped St. Adalbert, 27-24, Chris the King downed St. Joseph of South Bend, 45-23. Cole Krueggei with 14 points and Tyler Biba with 12 points paced the Christ the King team.

Five games featured the Colors Division, Christ the King White defeated St. Thomas Blue, 55-37; Holy Family Blue beat St. Thomas Gold, 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.

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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 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 Blackhaws. 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 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 became a mentor and friend. When I came to Mr. Letherman’s class, he turned us on to knowledge and to western civilization and to history and to English 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, but he didn’t have to wait long. 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 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 the 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 gave Kloska a 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 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.”

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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.

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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.

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 whatever you give me. Fine. I’ll do it. You want to take my life. Fine. I accept it.”

This acceptance did not mean Kloska would die without a fight. He has a lot to live for. So he ended 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 me 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 comes 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.
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MISC. HAPPENINGS
Beginning Experience announces retreat for widowed, divorced
Donaldson — A Beginning Experience retreat 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 MacDoulag Chapel on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. with Father Jim Stoyle of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sister Geradille from Assumption School, and Sister Austin from St. Jude attending.

MISC. HAPPENINGS
St. Jude Adult Faith formation to host lecture series on church history
Fort Wayne — Marilyn Feeh, diocesan workshop speaker, will be presenting a church history lecture series at St. Jude Parish Hall on Wednesday’s, 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 held 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, 1520 Barboli 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 School. Sponsors 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 to 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 Pavilion. 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 school hall. Cost is $6.50.

Soups plans to play music
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 dinner benefit
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, tabled, and raffles will also be available. For information or tickets contact (574) 586-7405.

Noire 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 on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the St. Vincent de Paul hall. Admission includes food by Casa. Tickets are $20 simple, $30 couple at the door or $15, $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 Bishop boosters will host “Winter Fantasy” on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the school gym. All proceeds will be used to buy a new Scout trailer for the Boy Scout Troup.

St. John the Baptist School opens 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 to 9 p.m. 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. Reserve draw tickets are $20 each. Only 500 tickets available. Reserve draw ticket includes admission, refreshments and food.

Bishop Luers basketball sponsors casino “Knight”
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Boys’ Basketball Program is sponsoring Casino Night, this evening of great adult entertainment in the Bishop Luers Cafe on Friday, Feb. 10, from 8 p.m.—midnight. Tickets are $20 a person. 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, 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) 456-2613.

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) 360-3766 or Linda at (260) 255-5512 to book a table. $100 per table of 10 or 10 per person. Arrive 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 vendors. Pop, water and Gatorade will be available.

Kid and kid sock shop supports Camp Fire Girls
Mishawaka — Queen of Peace School 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 and dancing to Paul Chamberlin of the Music Machine. First prize dressed in costume wins a prize. Call (574) 234-4415 for information.

Fish fry planned at St. Jude
Fort Wayne — An all-you-can-eat Cat Fish fry will be held Friday, March 3, from 5 to 9 p.m. at St. Jude, across from Parkview Hospital. Adults $6, children (6-8) $3, children 5 and under free.

REST IN PEACE

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.

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St. Vincent de Paul needs your help
Fort Wayne — The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Allen County is in need of donations and monetary contributions. Large items will be picked up. Call the office at (260) 534-6000 for information.

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