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Brendon Ratafia, an 11-year-old boy, and other students take part in a game at St. Joseph School in Fort Wayne, Ind., Tuesday, March 25, 2008. The game is part of a Super Bowl party organized by the school to raise money for the Fort Wayne Catholic Diocese’s Building Fund.

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As a result of this, multicultural education must continue to be incorporated in all curricular areas.”

He added, “Every effort must be made to
Easter faith: willingness to sacrifice with Christ and for him

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Easter faith

You have probably never heard of Ignace de la Potterie, SJ. He is an exemplary scholar of the Gospel of St. John, and he has written a beautiful book on the Passion and resurrection of the Savior as recounted in John’s Gospel. In examining the sentence, we heard on Easter Sunday in reference to the beloved disciple who arrived at the tomb before Peter but waited until Peter arrived and then himself, Father de la Potterie comments on these words: “He saw and believed.” It is his judgment that while John believed, it was not the fullness of Easter faith. He says that after this, John and Peter went to their homes. This, he believes, means they had not yet seen the Lord and did not fully believe.

He notes that most of the apostles and those who heard about the Resurrection did not at first believe. We will soon hear about Thomas and the words to him from Christ: “Thomas, blessed is he who has not seen and has believed.” We will note the discouragement of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus who had indeed heard rumors of the resurrection but simply dismissed them. They needed the help of “the wayfarer” who walked with them. So, also, according to this learned scholar, John, at this moment believed but did not yet have the fullness of Easter faith.

What then is the fullness of Easter faith? Here is my thought with much less scholarship than Father de la Potterie. Would it not be seen in that place in the Acts of the Apostles where we read these words about the apostles? They had just been baptized after being held for a time in custody: “The Sanhedrin called in the apostles and had them bound. They ordered them not to speak again about the name of Jesus and afterward dismissed them.”

What was the reaction of the apostles? Consider those men who could not stay with the Lord in his hour of darkness and trouble. We read: “The apostles for part of the hour and the Sanhedrin full of joy that they had been judged worthy of ill treatment for the sake of the name.” I wonder if this is not the fullness of Easter faith. The willingness to sacrifice with him and for him: the willingness to be his disciple and to be known as such. Some thoughts on a cold but lovely Easter afternoon.

A joyful memory

Ordinarily it is not good to have many appointments during Holy Week. But this one was exceptional. So many will remember Father Tom O’Connor, an apostle to the poor. Every year on the 17th of March, St. Patrick’s Day and also the day the Father Tom died, we give an award to a person who lived up to Father O’Connor’s devotion to the poor. It is the Father Tom O’Connor Award. This is the second time it has been awarded. The recipient was Sister Janet Gildeme, SC. Sister Janet graduated from St. Henry’s School and Bishop Luers High School. As a young woman, she was very interested in St. Mary’s Soup Kitchen and Matthew 25 and showed a spirit of service. After graduating from college, she studied medicine, and it was then that she became aware about the Daughters of Charity in Cincinnati. She joined that community and for many years has run a clinic for the poor in El Paso, Texas, and also over the border in Mexico. Like Father Tom, she considers it a privilege to serve the poor, and the committee rightly chose her this year for this award. Sister Janet could not be with us because she is recovering from a serious cancer, but her sister, Ellen, who teaches at Luers and several other members of the family were present along with several sisters from her religious community.

We gave the award in the presence of a small group at St. Mary Parish, where Father Tom labored for so many years. The award is a grant of $1,000 to Sister Janet’s work in El Paso, Texas. She could not be with us because of her illness, but I hope she will come again soon and visit Bishop Luers and St. Mary’s.

As Pope Benedict XVI said for these beautiful encyclical, “Deus Caritas Est”: “The church can no more neglect the ministry of charity than it can neglect the sacraments or the word.”

I hope that Sister Janet will be an inspiration as Father Tom was to a new generation devoted to the homeless and the hungry and those without healthcare. Think of the institutions that came out of St. Mary’s: Matthew 25 and also Vincent House. This was a beautiful Monday luncheon at St. Mary’s before heading to South Bend for the chrism Mass.

Day of prayer for vocations

Next week I hope to share with our readers a reflection on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. I will try to update you on our present situation or ask Father Galic our director of vocations to do it. There are signs of hope, and there is always hope because we rely on Christ to touch the hearts of our young people.

Our new state champions

Congratulations to Bishop Luers boys’ basketball team. For the first time ever, in an exciting state championship game at Conseco Fieldhouse, they brought home a state championship in boys basketball. Imagine, in one academic year, winning two state championships in football and basketball. I enjoyed the pep rally on Easter Monday.

Opening day is near

For the life of me, I am unable to count the games in Japan, but soon there will be box scores for breakfast and the crack of the bat in the land and the coming of spring. Never more welcome.

See you all next week.

Pope calls for hatred to be washed away on Holy Thursday

BY CAROL GLATZ

ROME (CNS) — One’s feelings of hatred must be washed away with forgiveness and humble service toward others — they should never be left to linger long enough to poison the soul, Pope Benedict XVI said.

During his March 20 celebration of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, which commemorated Jesus’ institution of the Eucharist, the pope reflected on the symbolic meaning of the ritual of the washing of the feet.

While the ritual symbolizes the call to imitate Christ by serving one another, it also means people must always and continually offer forgiveness, he said.

Through his passion and death on the cross, Jesus died for sins that are “infinitely greater than all the debts others may have with us,” the pope said in his homily at Rome’s Basilica of St. John Lateran.

Jesus’ parable of the unforgiving servant urges everyone “to not let rancor toward others become, deep down, a poison of the soul.”

Holy Thursday, he said, reminds the faithful “to continually purify our memory, sincerely forgive one another, wash the feet of one another, gather around the Lord’s banquet.”

Pope Benedict also washed the feet of 12 priests from the Diocese of South Bend for the first time in his three-year pontificate.

The last two Holy Thursdays, Pope Benedict washed the feet of 12 laymen during the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper.

The pope poured water from a golden pitcher onto the foot of each priest and then gently rubbed each foot dry with a white towel.

In his homily, the pope said confession and listening to God’s word are ways the faithful can purify their inner being.

“We need the washing of the feet — the washing of sins — every day and for this we need the confession of sins,” he said.

He said, “Day after day, we are covered with faults of every form, empty words, prejudices, abridged and distorted wisdom; multiple forms of half-truths or blatant lies continually infect our hearts.”

“All of this darkness and contamination of our soul, thrusting us with the inability” to discern or strive for the truth and the good, he said.

In addition to the sacrament of reconciliation, God also cleanses his children “and makes us pure with his word and his love, through his giving of himself,” the pope said.

In truth, the faithful must welcome the word of Christ with an attitude of “meditation, prayer and faith” so that its healing powers “develop their purifying power in us,” said the pope.

Earlier in the day, Pope Benedict blessed the chrism Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica, leading more than 1,500 priests and bishops in the renewal of their ordinations.

He encouraged today’s priests to be honest, righteous and courageous in the face of evil, and at the humble service of God and all humanity.
The merging of Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy with St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne is a sound and necessary educational decision, but we make it with a heavy heart. Benoit has been a great success story. Founded in 1994, Benoit itself came from the merger of three Catholic schools — St. Patrick, Sacred Heart and St. Henry. At the outset, it consisted of 320 children. This year there are 73 students. A committee appointed by me, with the help of our Catholic Schools Office, recommended that we make every effort to place these students, Catholic and non-Catholic, at St. John’s and other Catholic schools in the area. The two main reasons were financial and educational, the educational being the most important. The school, which was once a leader educationally, has not been able to return to that level. Some classes have less than five students. This is not educationally sound. Students do better when they interact with a reasonably healthy number of other students. This provides a healthy climate, for which Catholic school tradition is known.

One of the best things about Benoit is its diverse student body. The same is true, although to a lesser extent, at St. John the Baptist School. We believe that both schools can be helped by bringing them together.

For the current year, the diocese has granted $148,000 to Benoit Academy. This is over and above the tuition the students pay and the amount Catholic parishes are assessed for their parishioners. While $20,000 of this came from the twinning program of other parishes, the rest, $128,000, came from various programs in the diocese. It became evident to me, after serious study by our committee, that we could then help a larger number of students, including those who now attend Benoit.

Despite these large grants from the diocese, the debt of Benoit Academy to the diocese from July 1, 2004, through Jan. 1, 2008, is $319,284.

A bishop must be a good steward. It is my obligation to see that our funds are used properly. I believe that we can use our special funds in a way that will help more children and create stronger Catholic schools in the area.

This year from the Legacy of Faith Endowment, $40,500 was given to Benoit Academy. This was the largest amount given to any Catholic school in our diocese. Next year these funds will be used with the students presently at Benoit. In other words, for the following educational year the funds will follow these students and help them to be placed in nearby Catholic schools, and will assist them in tuition grants. Forty percent of the children are Catholic and 60 percent are non-Catholic. We will do our best to place the others in nearby Catholic schools; and following our regular policies, we will do our best to see that the teachers are also placed in other Catholic schools.

I thank all those who have made Benoit such a fine school these many years. I make this decision with regret, but knowing that it is the right decision for the best education of the students involved.

For next year, the funds available from Legacy of Faith will follow the students from Benoit, helping to place them in a good Catholic educational environment. We can help more students and also stop the ever-increasing debt to the diocese, and the students now at Benoit will have an increased opportunity for an even better Catholic school education. In light of all these factors, I could make no other decision.
Holy Cross Deacon Steve Lacroix is shown here with Bishop John M. D’Arcy at the South Bend area all-schools Mass Jan. 24 held at the Joyce Center at the University of Notre Dame. Lacroix and Deacon Andrew Gawrych will be ordained priests in the Congregation of Holy Cross on March 29 by Bishop D’Arcy at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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Benoit Academy was the result of merging St. Henry, St. Patrick and Sacred Heart schools in 1994. In its 14-year history, the school enrollment has ranged from about 330 students in 1994 to a current enrollment of 73 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 8. Of that number, 28 students are Catholic, 45 are non-Catholic. The school has seven teachers.

Benoit Academy Principal Mary Schreiber noted that 56 students are registered for next year. It is anticipated that most will enroll at the merged school, but a few, because of location, may opt for St. Joseph School-Hessen Cassel in rural Fort Wayne.

“The diocese will help financially as need be to place the students in another Catholic school,” Bishop D’Arcy said. The diocese will also offer assistance in placing the Benoit administrative staff and teachers, he added.

The merger, which will take place at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, will increase enrollment at St. John the Baptist School by about 50 to 60 students. Current enrollment is 299 students in grades kindergarten through 8. St. John is starting an early education program for three-, four- and five-year-olds in the fall of 2008. “Hopefully, this will address the needs for the present pre-school families at Benoit,” said St. John the Baptist Principal Jane Sandor.

Schreiber said, “Our parents will follow and trust us as long as they believe in us,” and she plans parent meetings to discuss the transition and merger. Schreiber said she is willing to address each and every concern of the parents.

Multiculturalism is evident in both schools. Sandor has been part of several multicultural workshops and working with diversity. Later this August, Sandor has invited Sister Toby Lardie, a Sister of the Humility of Mary, who will speak to the staff on understanding all the different components of multiculturalism.

“We are an urban center of diversity,” Sandor said. And, socioeconomic diversity.

St. John School adopted the motto, “Our Faith. Your Family. Their Future” in the marketing of the school this year.

Sandor said that motto represents the awareness and the willingness to bring our faith to everyone, whether it is Benoit, St. Patrick or any community. “It is through our faith that we are able to give families support and guidance,” Sandor said.

“Whenever we are given the gift of a child and their education, we must see it as an opportunity to bring them one step closer to God as they travel their faith journey,” Sandor noted. “The merger is simply a continuation of our journey of faith which we share with everyone.”

Benoit merging with St. John, “that’s the opportunity to bring in the St. Patrick’s community with its Hispanic population that is not that prevalent in our Catholic schools,” noted Schreiber. St. Patrick’s originality was merged as one of three schools with Benoit, “but now (St. Patrick Parish) will be linked with St. John School where it is closer, and there’s more to bring them into.”

Both Sandor and Schreiber have talked about ways they can bring the two communities together and how they can give the communities pastoral guidance and comfort.

“We need to remember to be respectful, responsible and reverent,” added Schreiber.

Already, in some Catholic Youth Organization sports, St. John the Baptist, Benoit Academy and St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel have combined teams. For the rest of the year, both principals are encouraging communications, visiting one another’s buildings and inviting the HASA groups, executive boards and school boards to meet.

Msgr. Benoit began Catholic education (in the 1840s) right here in this area of town, he turned to Mother Theodore Guerin for help. “Mother Theodore was the one who came and sent some staff here to assist Msgr. Benoit to help Catholic education begin,” Schreiber added. “Now it’s going in reverse, because Mother (Theodore’s) legacy helped to begin St. John the Baptist with the Sisters of Providence. Presently, Msgr. Benoit Academy, which bears the Catholic schools’ founder’s name, needs the help. These saints keep helping each other back and forth.”

“It was a wise thing to name Benoit, Benoit Academy,” Schreiber said. And St. John is exploring means to keep the Benoit name an active part of the merged community.

Father Daryl Rybicki, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, told Today’s Catholic, “We welcome the opportunity to strengthen Catholic elementary education in south central Fort Wayne, continuing the rich tradition begun and envisioned by Msgr. Benoit and St. Mother Theodore Guerin of schools that are truly ‘catholic’—that is, with room for all.”

He added, “We open our hearts and our doors to the students and families from Benoit Academy and are considering several possible options for including the tradition-rich name of Msgr. Benoit into the St. John the Baptist tradition that has been active for nearly 80 years.”

Father Daniel Durkin, pastor of St. Henry Parish, where Benoit Academy is located, and Sacred Heart Parish, said, “I know many will wonder what we will be doing with the school building now that it will be empty. We know that it has been kept in good shape and it is to St. Henry’s benefit to have it. We will use it. We will use it to sponsor Benoit students who have been active for nearly 80 years.”

Father Durkin mentioned he has always enjoyed working with young people, especially in a school setting. He plans to be as involved as much he can in the new Benoit-St. John the Baptist School framework so the Benoit students will see him in a familiar face that will make the transition go more smoothly.

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St. John the Baptist School history in brief
• 1926 — diocese purchases ground for a new parish in Fort Wayne
• 1927 — Bishop John F. Noll appoints Father S. Joachim Ryder as pastor; Father Ryder constructs a school and chapel temporary
• 1930 — School and chapel are dedicated
• 1940 — convent is built and occupied by the Sisters of Providence who are in charge of the school
• June 24, 1955 — church is dedicated
• 1980s — construction of the parish activities center
• 2008 — St. John the Baptist School and Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy merge

Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy history in brief
• 1994 — Bishop John M. D’Arcy announces the merger of St. Patrick, St. Henry and Sacred Heart schools into the Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy. It will be located in the former St. Henry School.
• 2000 — Christ Child Society begins tutoring program for students.
• 2005 — diocese holds “Filling Schools — Filling Lives” initiative to sponsor Benoit students
• 2006 — Msgr. Julian Benoit Academy and St. John the Baptist School merge

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Contributing to this story was Don Clemmer.
Pope asks that dialogue, tolerance replace violence in Tibet

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI asked that dialogue and tolerance replace the tensions and violence that recently erupted in Tibet. “With violence, problems are not solved, only aggravated,” the pope said in a March 19 appearance at the end of his weekly general audience. Pope Benedict asked that God would grant courage “to each and every one to choose the path of dialogue and tolerance.”

He said he was following “the news coming from Tibet these days with great trepidation” and felt “sadness and grief in the face of the suffering of so many people.” With such events taking place at the time of Holy Week, it “helps us to be particularly sensitive to their situation,” he said.

What began March 10 in Tibet as relatively peaceful protests to mark the 1959 uprising against Chinese rule turned to rioting and a crackdown by Chinese troops. Chinese authorities said the final death toll was 13 people, while Tibetan exile groups put the figure at more than 80.

Belleville priests issue statement calling for bishop to resign

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (CNS) — More than half of the active priests of the Diocese of Belleville have signed a public statement calling for Bishop Edward K. Braxton to resign, citing frustration with his leadership and their conclusion that “he has lost his moral authority.” In response the bishop issued a letter to Catholics in the diocese dated March 20.

The Vatican responded to similar groups put the figure at more than 13,000. The Vatican dismissed bin Laden’s accusations by saying that God would grant courage “to each and every one to choose the path of dialogue and tolerance.”

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Pope offers condolences after death of Mexican Cardinal Suarez

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI offered his condolences to the people of Monterrey, Mexico, after the death of Cardinal Adolfo Suarez Rivera, 81, whom he said had served the church “so intensely and generously.”

The cardinal died March 22 after being hospitalized for a stroke the previous day. A few hours before the cardinal’s March 24 funeral, Pope Benedict sent a telegram of condolence, encouraging members of the cardinal’s family and his archdiocese to draw strength and hope from the resurrection of Jesus.

Leavitt says ethics opinion violates physicians’ conscience rights

WASHINGTON (CNS) — U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt has criticized an ethics opinion from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists that speaks in favor of the right of physicians to refuse to perform procedures they find objectionable, including abortion. The opinion, issued in 1994, states in part that “A patient has a right to choose” and that “physicians have a duty to refer patients to other providers if they do not feel they can in conscience provide the services that patients request.”

Leavitt urged the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, which certifies physicians, to reject it.
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One-man play ‘Damien’ to be performed at the University of Saint Francis

FORT WAYNE — The School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Saint Francis will present a one-man play “Damien” on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St. Admission is free.

Father Edward Danylo Evanisko will portray Damien in the story of a Catholic missionary who devoted his life to ministering to the lepers on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. “Damien” was written by Aldyth Morris.

For more information, please contact Adam DeVille at (260) 399-7700 ext. 8120.

Bishop Dwenger announces honorees for 2008 Hall of Fame

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School will hold its fifth Annual Hall of Fame Dinner on Friday, April 25, at the Pine Valley Country Club in Fort Wayne.

This year’s honorees include the following: Dr. Rick Reifenberg, M.D., ’83, Alumnus of the Year; James Hourihan ’78, Athletic Hall of Fame; Mark Bonahoom ’77 and Elizabeth Ledo ’93, Visual and Performing Arts Hall of Fame; and James Reifenberg, Citizens of Two Worlds Award. Tickets to this year’s event are $40 per person and must be purchased in advance. Please call the Bishop Dwenger Development Office at (260) 496-4710 for more information. Tickets may also be purchased at the school’s Web site, www.bishopdwenger.com.

Holy Cross College convocation celebrates honor students and faculty award winner

NOTRE DAME — The annual Holy Cross College Honors Convocation will be held March 27 at 7 p.m. in the college’s Dining Hall. The keynote address will be given by Brother George Klawitter, professor of English literature at St. Edward’s University. Klawitter will speak about his latest book, “Father Edward’s University, serving as the early 1980s. For the past 14 years he has been teaching at St. Edward’s University, serving as the English Literature Department chair for the past eight. He has published 13 books including four of his own poetry. His latest book contains translations from the French of 80 letters written by the early Holy Cross men who were sent to work in Algeria 1840 to 1849.

NCEA holds meeting and religious education convention

INDIANAPOLIS — More than 8,000 delegates are heading for Indianapolis next week for the annual convention, exposition and religious education convention of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). The gathering March 25-28 marks the first meeting in Indianapolis in the 105-year history of the association. The theme for the convention is “Crossroads: Where Challenge Meets Opportunity.”

The convention is open to anyone working in or interested in Catholic education. Liturgies and meetings will be held at the Indianapolis Convention Center and RCA Dome. The annual convention features keynote addresses, department meetings and more than 400 workshop presentations dealing with special interests for school board members, directors of religious education, parents, priests, principals and teachers. The convention is expected to draw delegates from throughout the country.

The annual convocation of the National Association of Parish Catechetical Directors, an NCEA organization, will meet in Indianapolis concurrent with the convention. Parish catechetical leaders and coordinators of religious education will gather for workshops, prayer and fellowship with hundreds of colleagues from across the United States.

University Singers and Jazz Ensemble to perform free spring concert

FORT WAYNE — The University Singers and Jazz Ensemble of the University of Saint Francis will combine for a spring concert on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St.

The concert will feature a variety of musical styles, including Broadway musical numbers, gospel selections, solos, and ensembles by the University Singers. The Jazz Ensemble will present favorites from different decades of jazz literature.

The University Singers, under the direction of Don Donaldson, is in its third year and will perform selections from Gospel Mass by Robert Ray, a well-known composer from California. His music has been featured at major choirsthe conventions in bringing new gospel literature to the listener.

The Jazz Ensemble, directed by Robert Mayer, will feature many selections that spotlight special soloists. The Jazz Ensemble plays for numerous events and banquets during the year. This will be their final performance this academic year.

The concert is free and seating will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, please call (260) 399-7700 ext. 8001. The School of Creative Arts (SOCA) is an accredited school by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

NB professor to receive Catechetical Award

NOTRE DAME — Dr. Gerard F. Baumbach, professor of Church and Catechetical Leadership at Holy Cross College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has received the 2008 Catechetical Leadership Award from the National Conference of Catholic Clergy. The award is given annually to a professor of Church and Catechetical Leadership at a Catholic college or university.

Baumbach will receive the award in Houston, Texas, at the 72nd annual meeting of the National Conference for Catholic Clergy on April 8. Baumbach is professor of Church and Catechetical Leadership at Holy Cross College in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Commenting on the significance of this award, Baumbach noted, “I will always remember the great excitement about the NCCL Catechetical Award. I have watched from my table during the annual NCCL Awards gathering while applauding champions of our ministry and field during this annual recognition. Now, to be honored as a recipient and to renew our joy as the final component of the 2008 award, is a joy to my heart and a call within me to accept this award with a spirit of deep humility and in affirmation of prior awarders’ great gifts to the church. I also accept this award on behalf of the Holy Cross College Center for Catechetical Initiatives and as a recognition of catechesis as a scholarly discipline in its own right: rigorous, challenging, and rooted in the Gospel and alive in the church.”
INDIANAPOLIS — Property tax reform was not the only accomplishment made during the 116th session of Indiana General Assembly. Two proposals supported by the Indiana Catholic Conference, a proposal to encourage adult stem-cell research and another to limit pornography in Indiana, will soon become law.

Increasing access to an ethical source of adult stem cells through the creation of a public umbilical cord blood bank is the goal of legislation, authored by Rep. Peggy Welch (D-Bloomington), which passed the Indiana General Assembly March 13.

The proposal requires the state agency of Family and Social Service Administration (FSSA) to: 1) create a governmental nonprofit corporation to establish and operate an umbilical cord blood bank; 2) establish an umbilical cord blood donation initiative; and 3) promote public awareness concerning the medical benefits of umbilical cord blood.

The two most common sources of stem cells are embryonic and adult stem cells, but a lesser known source comes from postnatal tissue, which is discarded after the birth of a child. The postnatal tissue includes the umbilical cord, the cord blood, the placenta and the amniotic fluid.

Stem cells also can be taken from adult tissues and organs such as bone marrow, fat from liposuction, regions of the nose and even cadavers.

Welch explained that people would donate cord blood to a public cord blood bank the same way people currently donate blood. “When a person donates blood, they do so in order that someone else may benefit from it. That would be the same motivation for donating to a public cord blood bank,” said Welch. “The priority of the cord blood bank would be for transplants, the secondary purpose would be for research.”

Dr. Scott Goebel, who is a stem-cell transplant doctor responsible for cord blood transplants at Riley Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis said, “We have children and adults in Indiana as well as around the country who die each year from the lack of a suitable hematopoietic stem cell (marrow or cord blood) donor, which is correctable with more cord blood banking.”

Only two out of 10 cord blood donations are of transplantable quality. The other eight would have research value.

Adult stem cell, anti-pornography legislation pass
Sister Janet Gildea given Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ Award

BY DEB WAGNER

FORT WAYNE — St. Mary Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, and Bishop John M. D’Arcy represent the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend named medical doctor and sister, Janet Gildea, a Sister of Charity, the recipient of the second Father Tom O’Connor Light of Christ Award.

This year the award was presented to family members, people who nominated her and members of her religious community. Sister Janet was unable to attend due to recent surgery.

Sister Janet is a native of Fort Wayne and daughter of E. J. “Bud” and the late Carol (Suezer) Gildea whose “quiet, steady faith” provided a strong foundation. She attended St. John the Baptist and St. Henry, Fort Wayne, and graduated from Bishop Luers High School.

Her first commitment to serving the poor and needy began as a volunteer at Lutheran Hospital and also at Matthew 25 Health and Dental Clinic in Fort Wayne. She continues her experiences at Matthew 25 as a high school junior in this way, “Little did I realize the impact that brief experience would have on my life. On weekday evenings and Saturdays when I hung out at the small house on the street behind old St. Mary’s, I had the opportunity to meet and to serve the sick, poor of our city and learn a few basic medical skills. Most importantly, in retrospect, I met Catholics who believed that health care is a basic human right, not a privilege of only those who could afford it.”

She says Matthew 25 shaped her view of the world and has influenced her choices ever since. After high school graduation, she attended the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was there that she decided to pursue her career as a physician which included finding an invitation to vocation life as a Sister of Charity. After graduating from Indiana University’s School of Medicine in 1982, she entered the Sisters of Charity Congregation, and in 2007, she celebrated her 25th year as a Sister of Charity.

Upon entrance into the community and following her family practice residency in Covington, Ky., she moved to Santa Fe, N.M., and learned to speak Spanish in order to work with medically needy families. Sister Janet says that in addition to family practice, she feels that she has a specialty in ‘poverty medicine’ and that specialty supports her Community’s Charism of Charity.

Most recently Sister Janet has been serving her community’s vocation team and as medical director of La Clinica Guadalupana, a nonprofit, primary care clinic that provides health care to those who live in extreme poverty on both sides of the United States-Mexico border.

This program began in 1992. It is called Education for Ministry. Martin, who is a catechetical assistant in the diocesan Office of Catechesis and inclusion and as a religious education and sacramental programs at St. Therese Parish in Fort Wayne.

Thomas said of the program, “It has given me a more solid Catholic faith and foundation and identity. It has given me a stronger spiritual outlook on this earthly journey.”

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SPRING SPORTS
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Spring sports sure to be a highlight at diocese

Saint Joseph’s High School
By Joe Kozinski

SOUTH BEND — As Saint Joseph’s High School continues to have successes, the spring sports programs may be highlight of this year’s graduating class.

“Last year we finished second for the Northern Indiana Conference All-Sports trophy,” explained Eric Gohike, the Saint Joseph’s High School athletic director. “I believe that is excellent when looking at the size of the schools we are participating against.

“I think our successes are a reflection of our overall strength throughout our entire athletic program,” Gohike said. “Right now we are playing catch up for the Trophy but it looks like our spring teams are ready to compete.

“The staff we have for the spring sports program and seen some promising progress from the kids,” continued Gohike. “We are really looking forward to our appearance in the Fort Wayne Regional. We have some leaders back, but will be a relatively young ball club.”

“Overall our strength will be in our pitching with transfer Dustin White, David Osowski, Jacob Brewer and with Richter, who threw over the summer.

“It looks like we will have many successful runs on offense and play very good defense,” Gumf said. “We are young, but that makes it fun and very exciting for the staff to see what we can become.”

Softball

A solid season was the label put on last season’s Indian team that steadily improved and was knocked out of the state tournament by the score of 1-0 in 17 innings.

“This season will depend on pitching, pitching and more pitching,” Coach Earl Keith said. “We return eight seniors and one pitcher that gives us great experience and a sophomore that hasn’t pitched at the varsity level, they can handle whatever we throw at them.

“Good leadership is back with our brains behind the plate a senior catcher and two seniors, Lauren Paczkowski,” remarked Keith. “Another senior captain, Christie Narkowski, brings with her even more leadership.”

“The Indian baseball team will have some big shoes to fill this year as they follow behind a team that made it to the semi-state last season only to fall to the eventual champions.

“We lost nine seniors from last year’s semi-state team,” Coach John Gumf told Today’s Catholic. “What we return to this team is quality in three starters; Ryan Richter, Mike Krzyzewski and Tot Akle.

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Bishop Luers High School
By Bonnie Elberson

FORT WAYNE — With moderate weather promising to make an appearance, the Bishop Luers girls track area, Luers athletes are more than ready to “spring” into action. Spring sports sure to be a highlight at Bishop Luers.

Boys track

Good things, no, great things are expected from Indian track team that went 9-0, won the city championship and the sectional last season.

“Our goal is to win the regional this year, we were just eight points short last season,” Coach Mike McCartney said. “We were hurt with injuries down the stretch last season so there is no question that I am returning is that said the goal is the regional.

“We have Taylor Summerlin back, who is the only athlete in the state that qualified in four different events and a sophomore that hasn’t returned eight seniors and one returning starter.”

“Marcus Johnson, who just finished a great baseball career, will score points in the jumps, boy’sFIELD HANDBALL

“Zack Matthews, a junior, another state meet qualifier will compete in the long and hurdles,” continued McCartney.

“Michael Bradley has experience at AAU level track, will be a big plus in the 800 and mile.

“Marcus Macfall is back and healthy, he is one of the best shot put and discus.

“We have together built a good solid program that will continue to compete at the highest levels.”

Girls track

From a team that was just two points out of fourth, Luers got 9-1 to a team that will be right in the thick of things in the Northern Indiana Conference, the Indians are both experienced and young.

“We will have some very good depth in the long jump with both Maddie Toth and Meghan Czarnecki both jumping more than 17 feet each,” McCartney said. “Our hurdles will be very strong with Kristine Kowalski, Toth and Czarnecki and should score multiple high places.

“Tyler Turn will be our speedy girl, who has returned this year with a great attitude and a fantastic work ethic,” remarked McCartney. A couple of freshmen have an opportunity to be all-conference in the 400 meters — Ellen Bachmanhuff and Ali Connelly.

“Melissa Macfall is already stellar in the field events,” added McCartney. “We have good senior leadership on the verge of being an elite team, we just need a little more depth.”

Boys golf

Everyone is back from a team that came in fourth in the conference, just behind the three teams that advanced to the state finals.

“We lost no lettermen and I feel that this team can be labeled opportunistic,” said Coach John Troeger. “Rylee Fitzsimmons is a four-year varsity player that has been working on his leadership; he is the first one there and the last one to go.”

“Tyler Kanczuzewski is another returning letterman that we expect big things from,” Troeger continued.

“Seniors Brooks Demarias and Jay Dobson along with junior Andrew Thomas bring some stability to that group,”

“Last season Tyler Bliba, made All-Conference as a freshman to help Troeger out. This season Troeger should be a nice well rounded group with experience that may be able to pit it all together.”

Bishop Dwenger High School
By Bonnie Elberson

FORT WAYNE — As snow melts, boys track and field, girls tennis and softball are expected to have a good showing from them in early court action.

They’ll also have lots of backup from “extras” on the roster, he says.

Second-year head coach McArdle has two assistants, Staci Keen, the former volunteer coach John Wright.

The girls are ready to play and anxious for the weather to break.

“They are ready to play and anxious for the weather to break. “It should be an exciting season,” McArdle said.

“We definitely have high goals.”

Bishop Luers High School has announced the following summer camps:

• Football — July 21-24, grades 5-12, 8-11 a.m., Luersfield, Cost — $60 per camper, $100 for two campers, $140 for three groups.

• Hockey — July 21-24, 9-11 a.m., Luersfield, Cost — $60 per camper, $100 for two campers, $140 for three groups.

• Softball — July 21-24, grades 7-10, 9-11 a.m., Luersfield, Cost — $50, Bishop Luers gym.

• Track and field — dates to be determined.

As Luersfield, $10 per session, $50 max, discounts available for families or teams.

• Dance camp — June 25-27, grades K-8, Bishop Luers, $40 per camper

• Show choir camp — Aug. 5-8, grades K-8, 9-11:30 a.m., $40.00 per camper includes t-shirt, tuxedo rental form can be found at www.bishopluers.org.
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BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — As the snow clears and the sun warms the dormant fields, tracks and courses, the Marian Knights are prepared and ready to compete.

“We have had some good successes lately and there are some things that we are working on,” said Reggie Glen, athletic director. “All of our coaches are returning, the spring brings with it excitement.

“Our baseball and softball teams are set to have good seasons and our golf team is traditionally strong and this year should be no exception,” commented Glen. “The rugby team is working hard and brings with it some experience.

“A very good thing is the interest in women’s tennis.”

(C)2007-2008 school year. Cost $40

1 Team football camp — June 2-6, 3-5 p.m.

• Youth volleyball camp — June 2-6; grades 5-7, 4:5-30 p.m.; grades 8-9, 5:30-7 p.m. Contact Coach John Minnick at (260) 495-3162. Cost $40

• Boys soccer camp — June 2-6, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Plex, grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 (2008-09 school year).

• Dance team camp — June 16-20 9-11:30 a.m. in the SAC. Cost $40 preregistration, $45 at the door.

• Youth basketball camp — boys and girls; session one: June 9-13, session two: July 7-11.

• IHSAA mandated moratorium

— July 27 August 1, grades K-8, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Northwood

— Boys girls soccer camp — June 9-13, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Northwood

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— Girls soccer team camp — June 9-13, 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Northwood

• Cheerleading camp — July 28 through Aug. 1, grades K-8, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Cost $60, includes shorts and start. Call Coach Amy Gonzagowski (260) 495-4700 x 340

• Grade school boys summer basketball camp — June 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26; 12:15-3 p.m. Contact Coach Kostoff (260) 495-4700 Ext. 316.

• Girls tennis camp — June 3-6, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Bishop Dwenger High School tennis courts. Cost is $50.

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last year’s team, but they are returning a host of accomplished upperclassmen. “We were 23-8 last season, one game out of first in the Northern Indiana Conference,” said Coach Tim Prister. “We lost a first team All-Conference player in Eric Prister and a couple of players that are playing collegiate baseball in Bobby Rinard and Walter Lehmann, eight seniors in all.”

“The good news is that we have 10 seniors on this year’s team,” Prister commented. “I believe that this team is as strong as the 1998 team that won the regional. “Our strength is going to be in our pitching, we have two seniors back in Pat Asdell and Nasir Charmat and a real nice looking junior in Jordan Niespodziany.” Prister said. “I think that our infield defense is very good and our team speed is up there. “A solid senior leader is behind the plate with Stephen Baranowski, our offensive punch is in the package of our shortstop Dylan Brammer,” continued Prister. “We can definitely run from top to bottom of our lineup, with our senior class, this should be a very exciting season.”

**Softball**

Coming into the season with a number four ranking the Knights have a couple of things to prove to themselves as well as the competition. “Most of our kids played in summer tournaments against all-star teams and we did pretty well, we even won a couple,” Coach George Grenert said. “Five of our girls played in the 16 and under Little League World Series Championship game. “Our strengths are in pitching, fielding and speed,” explained the 20-year veteran Grenert. “I will reserve judgment on our hitting for now, but we do have our leading hitter back, Ashley Bouquet hit .386 last season.

“Our best pitcher is back, senior Sami DeFord, and we have quality senior leadership with Erika Shellen and Michelle Laux,” explained Grenert. “Defensively sophomore shortstop Alex Bouquet and junior outfielder Marissa Krugh will highlight that part of our team. “Our goals are to win the Northern Indiana Conference title and continue on to the sectional and regional,” Grenert commented. “As for expectations, I’ll keep them to myself for right now.”

**Boys track**

The boys track team at Marian is growing and with added experience the Knights look to improve from last season’s team. “We were competitive last year in a very strong conference,” explained Coach Chris Killilea. “All three of our relays are looking good (4 x 100, 4 x 400 and 4 x 800) and we look strong in the jumping events and our middle distances. “We are really hoping that we can get all three of our relays out of sectionals,” Killilea said. “Corey Walz is one of the top hurdlers in the state and will be on all three relay teams, Jake Zielinski is also a very good hurdler and will be on two of our three relays. “Other runners that we expect to do well are sprinter Connor Creevey and our middle distance man Ben Krucina,” continued Killilea. “David Street and Matt Neuhoff should do well in the high jump and Paula Ogren and Tommy Blum are anchoring the long jumper. “With 48 athletes out, our focus is to improve and compete,” Killilea concluded.

**Girls track**

The Marian Knights qualified six runners in the state meet last season and with only one returning, Elizabeth Majewski, the other athletes have some pretty big shoes to fill. “The team is a little down in numbers, but it will give us a lot of opportunities for some leadership roles,” stated Coach Natalie Slandoval. “Newcomer Kate Murphy is really taking charge in the leadership category.”

“Seniors Stephen Sexton, Danny McShane, Michael Goffich, Michael Stratigos and Curtis Staun and juniors Bryant Demeter and Nick Fitzpatrick all bring a lot of competition on the course,” continued Kryder. “It will be extremely difficult to pick a lineup. “With the courses still being closed, we may have to start with a rotation of experienced golfers early and head-to-head competition determine starting times later in the season,” explained Kryder. “The thing that I’m impressed with this team is the way they make each other better and their improved course management.”

“They all believe in themselves but believe in the team,” exclaimed Kryder. “Our motto is, ‘It Starts with Me,’ but its not about me, their goal is to be the last names called at the state tournament.”

**Rugby**

This year’s Marian rugby team must be tough, their expectations are high, but their numbers are down. “This year we have 20 kids out for the team and we play 15 on a side so staying away from injuries is a must,” Coach Larry Daher said. “We like to pride ourselves on the quality not quantity approach to the season. “We return a very good senior class and a good sophomore class highlighted by sophomore Collin Rahrig who is on the USA’s under-17 team,” boasted Daher. “Nate Milligan is our inside center and backline captain and Ian Blair is our forward captain and both are outstanding. “Our goal is to make it to the nationals, our depth will be the big question mark,” explained Daher. “I think that if we can stay away from injury, we can be pretty good.
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Baseball and girls track fill the spring sports ICCL roster

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Though the winter still breathes its chilling snows and bitter winds, planning stages are in full swing for spring sports sponsored by the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL).

“Though these are our last contests of the school year, more importantly they are the last opportunities for our eighth graders to participate with their classmates at this level,” commented Tony Viol, president of the ICCL. “It is so important that we make sure that these sports (baseball and girls track) are given the best we have to offer.

“I’m excited that we consolidated the directorship of all of our baseball under one umbrella, and that John Krzyzewski is running the program,” Viol said. “Our girls track program is again being run by Mark Kopinski, and he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table.

“Our main focus as always is the kids, and safety will be heavily emphasized,” continued Viol. “We will spend some time doing a safety study in the lower levels of our baseball program to ensure the players are playing in a constructive and not destructive manner.”

“We will have 12 varsity teams with two divisions, the St. Martin De Porres Division and the St. John Bosco Division,” Krzyzewski said. “We have 22 teams in the lower levels with 14 teams in the four divisions (St. Martin De Porres and St. John Bosco), and there will be eight teams in what we affectionately call the Father Mike (Heinitz) Division.

“With all the pieces being put together by an experienced and dedicated team, the ICCL should send the graduating eighth graders out with a bang, snow permitting.”

Softball, soccer and track CYO spring sports

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth League Organization (CYO) business administrator Ava Meyer reports that there will once again be three different sports offered for 2008 — softball, soccer and track.

The track teams will begin racing on April 17. Meets will be held at both Bishop Laurs and Bishop Dwenger. All teams for the ladies softball will begin games the week of April 8. Diamonds to be played on this year will include Foster and Kreager Parks.

In boys and girls track, the schools who will be participating in boys’ soccer for the 2008 season are: St. Charles 8; St. John, Fort Wayne; St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth, St. Therese; St. John, New Haven; St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel; St. Jude; St. Vincent 8; St. Charles 7; and St. Vincent 7. The St. Jude Eagles are the defending tournament champions from 2007.

St. Charles 8; St. John, Fort Wayne; St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth, St. Therese 8; St. Jude; St. Vincent 8; St. Charles 7; St. Vincent 7; and St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth, St. Therese 7 will field girl’s soccer teams this season. St. Jude was the winner a year ago.

In boys and girls track, there will be eight teams represented: St. Charles; St. Vincent; St. Jude; Queen of Angels, Precious Blood; St. John, Fort Wayne; St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel, Benoit; St. Therese, Aloysius; St. John, New Haven; and St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth. Last season, in a record-breaking city meet, the Raiders from St. John, New Haven, took top honors in both the boys and girls divisions.
Sin is a rejection of God's law

Many Catholics were no doubt bemused when they read newspaper headlines earlier this month proclaiming that the Vatican had generated a list of "new deadly sins." An article in the British newspaper The Daily Telegraph ran the headline "Recycle or go to Hell, warns Vatican" and suggested that seven new deadly sins like polluting the earth were replacing old deadly sins like envy.

There have been reports that the Vatican is preparing a new list of sins, to be integrated into its catalogue of "vices and virtues" first put together in the 16th century. But what is the truth behind the headline journalism?

Bishop Girotti was interviewed at the close of a Vatican program designed to train priests in administering the sacrament of penance. The interviewee asked him what were the new sins of modern times, and the bishop talked about issues prevalent in contemporary times, like pollution, destructive experimentation on human life, drug trafficking and the growing disparity between rich and poor. And because of globalization, he explained that such sins have a great impact on society.

Sohowmedialaround the world picked up this interview and spun the silly headlines cited above, implying that Vatican officials were calling for a list of new sins. But the Vatican spokesman left no doubt about his orientation when he said that the reports were "utter nonsense." Totally missing from media reports was an understanding that sin is a rejection of God's law, and God's law does not change.

Fortunately, in its coverage, the South Bend Tribune was wise enough to quote a Vatican expert on Catholic ethics, Father Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral who has a newly earned doctorate in theology; and Professor Lawrence Cunningham of the Notre Dame theology department. Both men were able to set the record straight.

Professor Cunningham said the most significant part of the Bishop Girotti's message was missed in the articles: In the past, we tended to think of sin purely on an individualistic basis, but with globalization, we need to start paying attention to social consequences.

He said the bishop wasn't speaking for the church or giving a "sin update," but rather was explaining that "certain things happen in culture that make it imperative to judge their moral worth." For example, "No one a hundred years ago could have made a judgment, say, about genetic manipulation or something of that nature. So, not a new sin, just a new appraisal.

Father Heintz explained that "technology and globalization, both of which are in themselves ambivalent (capable of enormous good or enormous harm), have made possible activities and practices which had heretofore been unimaginable." Furthermore, advances in technology and communication "have added to the repertoire of 'man's inhumanity to man.'"

This incident reminds us of something Pope Benedict XVI said in his letter to the 180 nations that opened the World Day of Social Communications earlier this year. He cautioned that the media can be used to "create events," and he called for a code of ethics for news and information media. Such a code would be welcome indeed, and so, too, would an effort by all the secular media to consult authorities before publishing incorrect and misleading stories about the Catholic Church.

A season to rejoice, extend a welcome

We rejoice that many new Catholics were received into the church last weekend at Easter Vigil services all over the diocese.

These new Catholics have gone through an intense and exciting time of conversion and initiation. Many of them first heard about the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and then received the sacraments on Holy Saturday. However, some new Catholics have reported feeling let down and even lonesome after all the excitement of the First of the Faith. They had generated a list of "new deadly sins." (and representing the position the Vatican held today).

Augustine seemed to shift his opinion back and forth during his lifetime between immediate and delayed ensoulment. In the 1200s, Thomas Aquinas held that human ensoulment occurred not right at the moment of birth, but at a time-point removed from the beginning. This, he argued, would enable the matter of the embryo to undergo development and become "apt" for the reception of an immortal soul from God (by passing through simpler initial stages involving "vegetative" and "animative" souls). Even today in various quarters, the discussions continue, with new embryological details like twinning and chimerization impinging upon the debate, and new conceptual questions arising from the intricate biology surrounding totipotency and pluripotency.

We must recognize that it is God's business, not ours, precisely, when he ensouls embryos. We do not need an answer to this fascinating and speculative theological question, like counting angels on the head of a pin, in order to grasp the fundamental truth that human embryos are invisible and deserving of unconditional respect at every stage of their existence. Rather, the moral affirmation follows directly on the heels of the scientific data regarding early human development, which affirms that every person on the face of the planet is, so to speak, an "overgrown embryo." Hence, it is not necessary to know exactly when God ensouls the embryo, because, as I sometimes point out in half-jest, even if it were true that an embryo did not receive her soul until she graduated from law school, that would not make it okay to kill her by forcibly extracting tissues or organs prior to graduation.

Do embryos have souls?

People are sometimes surprised to hear that the wrongness of destroying a human embryo does not ultimately depend on when that embryo might become a person, or when he or she might receive a soul from God. They often suppose that the Catholic Church teaches that destroying human embryos is unexcusable only if the embryos are persons (or are "ensouled").

While it is true that the church teaches that the intentional and direct destruction of human embryos is always immoral, it is wrong to believe that the church teaches that the church teaches that zygotes (a single-cell embryo) or other early-stage embryos and persons, or that they already have immortal, rational souls. The magisterium of the church has never claimed that the ensoulment of the human embryo takes place. It remains an open question.

The Declaration on Procreated Abortion from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 1974 phrases the matter with considerable precision:

"This declaration expressly leaves aside the question of the moment when the spiritual soul is infused. There is not a unanimous tradition on this point and authors are as yet in disagreement. For some it dates from the first instant; for others it could not at least precede nidation (implantation in the uterus). It is not within the competence of science to decide whether that embryo, which affirms that every person on the face of the planet is, so to speak, an "overgrown embryo." Hence, it is not necessary to know exactly when God ensouls the embryo, because, as I sometimes point out in half-jest, even if it were true that an embryo did not receive her soul until she graduated from law school, that would not make it okay to kill her by forcibly extracting tissues or organs prior to graduation.

Human embryos are already beings that are not human (neither zebra nor plant), and are, in fact, the newest and most direct relations to the human family. They are integral beings structured for maturation along their own unique time line. Any destructive action against them as they move along the continuum of their development disrupts the entire future time line of that person. In other words, the embryo exists a whole, living member of the human species, and when destroyed, that particular individual has perished. Every human embryo, thus, is unique and sacrosanct, and should not be cannibalized for stem cell extraction.
Fans behaving badly have made sporting events distasteful

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suppose it really began in earnest with the arrival of ESPN in 1979. Then along came the Internet and YouTube, and before you knew it, we had wall-to-wall coverage of everything that happened in the sporting world. Suddenly, if it happened on the field of play, you had to see it. You were entitled to see it.

Of course, the collapse of sportsmanship and the arrival of the theatre of the absurd at sporting events in the United States coincides with everything, however, no longer feels an obligation to monitor its behavior in public.

You know the old saying now. I paid for my ticket. I’m entitled to act in any way and say anything that I want. Uh, no, you’re not.

For the fan that can’t afford the price of a flight and ticket to a game, we now have message boards, which allow us to behave badly under the protection of a code name. Great. Now we can abuse and vulgarize all without anyone knowing who said it. I’ve been to some of the more vile venues in college football over the last 26 years. I had never felt unsafe covering a sporting event until I attended the 1989 Notre Dame-Miami football game. The Irish had knocked off Miami the previous year in Notre Dame Stadium, and the Irish were now in Miami riding a 23-game winning streak.

The Miami fans weren’t there to cheer on their Hurricanes; they were there to spew as much filth as they could muster toward Notre Dame and its fans.

Hundreds of Irish fans returned home that night after having been spat upon and verbally harassed. Miami won the game. Mission accomplished.

Only a trip to Ohio Stadium for a Notre Dame-Ohio State game in the mid ’90s rivalled what I experienced in Miami that night. But the overall heat toward the visiting team remains palpable virtually wherever I go to cover the Irish.

I still love my job and thoroughly enjoy covering Notre Dame athletics. But I deplore what the game and vulgarity has become on the outside where fans have truly transformed into fanatics, fueled by overindulgence in alcohol and a distorted view of athletic competition.

Sports Illustrated’s Grant Wahl recently wrote a story about the “extreme vulgarity and taunting by college basketball fans” that has reached a new low this season. Parents and family of visiting players are no longer safe in the opposition’s arena. UCLA freshman Kevin Love, an Oregon native, received death threats on his cell phone in the days leading up to the Bruins’ trip to Eugene.

The embroil of bad behavior at sporting events are stoked by message boards and talk radio that not only provide a venue to act inappropriately, but encourages it.

BY TIM PRISTER

FROM THE SIDELINES

The power to forgive sins

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN E. CAMPION

2nd Sunday of Easter

 inconvenience of every-thing that happened in the sporting world.

The link shows that the redemption secured by Jesus did not end with the Lord’s Ascension, nor did the Lord’s miracles, nor preaching. Vitality important is the fact that all these realities are associated with Jesus continued by the apostles in the context of the infant church.

This week’s reading describes the first Christians, most of whom likely knew Jesus, as reverently following the apostles, of being together in a most realistic sense of community, of eagerly caring for the needy, of praying, and of “breaking the bread,” a term referring to the Eucharist not only in Luke but elsewhere in the New Testament, such as in Paul’s writings.

The First Epistle of Peter provides the second reading, revealing the utter centrality of Jesus among the early Christians. Regardless of the onslaughts of the prevailing pagan culture, divisions among themselves, and finally cruel persecution, these first Christians loved the Lord above all else. Nothing was more important than to be with Jesus. St. John’s Gospel provides the last reading. It offers a very familiar resurrection narrative of the reluctance of the Apostle Thomas to accept that Jesus truly had risen to life, and then of the great faith of Thomas.

The apostles assure Thomas. He is unconvinced. Then, dramatically, Jesus appears. He invites Thomas to believe. In awe, and the uttering of faith, Thomas declares that Jesus not only is teacher and Redeemer, but indeed that Jesus is God.

The Lord then confers upon the apostles that most divine of powers, the power to judge what is sinful and to forgive sin. It is a divine power, since sin affronts God. Thus, only God can forgive sin. Jesus forgave, being the Son of God. He transmits this power to the apostles, men who will form the church and entrust this power to the church for all the generations to come.

Reflection

This weekend is observed as Divine Mercy Sunday. It focuses above all else. Nothing was more important than to be with Jesus.

The second point is that of the apostles. They were so much more than the Lord’s companions and most frequent students. They represented the Lord. They possessed the Lord’s authority and power and bore this authority and power after the Ascension.

Majestic among these powers was their ability to forgive sins, an ability expressly conferred upon them by Jesus.

The first reading, from Acts, tells us how well the first Christians realized the role of the apostles. It tells us that the first Christians lived as a community, united in trust in the Lord, loyalty to the apostles, and in the Eucharist. Through the apostles, they found divine mercy.

READINGS


Monday: Is 10:1-20; Ps 90:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 12-6-38


Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 342-9 Jn 3:16-21


Friday: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 14-13 Jn 6:15-1


ANSWERS:

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CATEQUIZ’EM

BY DOMINIC CAMPILSON

This week’s quiz looks at the life and times of St. Katharine Drexel.

1. Although having the same name, as far as we know, Katharine was not related to Jeremiah Drexel, who was a professor and member of this order:

2. Katharine was born into a family that was:
   a. poor b. middle class c. extremely wealthy

3. She was born in this fraternally loving city:

4. Her birth took place just before this catastrophic event in U.S. history:

5. The Drexel family was atypical because in the time of the “Robber Barons” they:
   a. transplanted New Yorkers forced to dine without dinner jackets b. the Native Americans (Indians) c. the Russians left behind by the Tsar’s abandonment of Alaska

6. Young Katharine’s life was changed when she and her family visited the west where she saw first hand the plight of:
   a. transplanted New Yorkers forced to dine without dinner jackets b. the Native Americans (Indians) c. the Russians left behind by the Tsar’s abandonment of Alaska

7. Her first foundation was to create a religious school for the group (answer above) in this aptly named New Mexico town:
   a. Scholistica b. Indio c. Santa Fe

8. Katherine, believing in starting at the top, visited this man and asked him for advice:
   a. Pope Leo XIII b. Crazy Horse c. President Grant

9. He gave her some unusual advice:
   a. become a missionary herself b. hunt buffalo as it was lowest in calories and fat c. start collecting wooden nickels

10. What did Katherine do with that advice?
    a. She started the first bison farm east of the Mississippi b. She decided to dedicate herself to missionary and service work c. She asked the president to coin the first gold dollar piece with a bison on it

11. She got approval for this from:
    a. Santa Ana, president of Mexico, then governor of New Mexico b. Falls in Bucket, the spiritual successor to Crazy Horse c. Her spiritual director, Bishop James O’Connor

12. Katharine extended her mission to serve these people:
    a. the Amish in Western Utah b. African Americans c. the 40ers who arrived later than 49

13. In addition to opening and staffing more than 50 schools, Katharine opened Xavier University of Louisiana. This was the only one in the USA to be:
    a. mainly black b. mainly Catholic c. mainly African-American and Catholic

14. When she died at over 90 years old, her legacy was continued by her order:
    a. The Sisters of the Schools (Scholastic Sisters) b. the Native Americans (Indians) c. the Russians left behind by the Tsar’s abandonment of Alaska

15. Drexel was:
    a. beatified by Pope John PA in 1956 b. beatified by Pope John PA II in 1980 c. beatified by Benedict XVI in 2001

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CATEQUIZ’EM
Easter vs. irony

At the end of time, there will be the resurrection of the body of persons. The spousal act is inseparably love-giving and life-sharing. The angels, by contrast, have no bodies. They are pure spirit-persons, and there are billions of them. They have no fertility or sexuality. They do not procreate “baby angels.” They do not copulate with God in the procreation of another person who will live forever.

The highest human act is to love other persons. Recall the two great commandments: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength,” and “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” When we love, we want to make the total gift of self to the one we love. Think of the second great commandment. When we love, we want to make the total gift of self to ourselves, and we want to love that person.

We, as a society, have a twisted view of sports and the way in which we think as fans. Crude, abusive behavior cannot be tolerated.

Instead of focusing on the team, the coach, the player, or the win, we should focus on the people standing silently on the side of the road with flags. At one point we pass a group of people, and all the children were outside, shoulder to shoulder — kindergarten students, handicapped, teachers, staff, everyone with signs of love and support. No one spoke, not even the very young children. The love of the community (which had lost one of their own) was the most amazing thing I’ve ever been privileged to witness.

I forwarded the message and the accompanying photos to a friend, who responded in a most thoughtful way:

“There you see a culture untainted by irony. That is exactly the environment in which I was born and lived for my first 18 years; imagine my surprise when I reached Princeton and discovered higher criticism, deist and materialist heresy and the enlarging pathogen responsible is irony. All of which, I suggest, is a worthy Passover meditation.”

The Danish philosopher Kierkegaard had a rather different view: “Irony,” he wrote, “is an abnormal growth; like the abnormal enlarged liver of the Strasburg goose, it ends by killing the individual.” Kils, that is spiritually, for there is no part of that childlike openness with which Jesus tells us, the Gospel’s invitation to faith must be received. If western culture is dying spiritually, perhaps the pathogen responsible is irony.

Cross, Jesus is crushed by the weight of irony and cynicism. Easter, then, is God’s answer to the ironic: the New Life First fulfillment in the Risen Lord is God’s response to the ironic, God’s definitive proclamation that the irony-ridden world has the last word. In the church, the body of Christ which is the Risen Lord’s real present extended in time and space, we encounter the truth and love transcending the ironic and let us see things as they really are. Irony no longer reigns. He is risen!”

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“The abuse that fans are bringing day to day, whether it’s on talk radio or in the stands, is going to ruin the game eventually,” said Michigan State men’s basketball coach Tom Izzo. “I hate to say this because freedom of speech is at issue, but this isn’t what freedom of speech is intended for.”

When Indiana guard Eric Gordon played at Illinois — where he had verbally committed before deciding to play for the Hoosiers he heard one fan yell, “I wish you would die!” Another said, “I hope you mess up.”

Gordon’s mother was hit in the back of the head with a cup of ice by a Notre Dame fan. “I don’t care what school you’re from,” said one fan. “It’s Notre Dame.”

We need to start changing the way we think as fans. Crede, abusive behavior cannot be tolerated. It begins with adults acting like adults, and then in turn teaching our kids the proper way to behave at a sporting event or in public in general.

We may have reached a point of no return. One of America’s greatest sources of entertainment has been polluted, and it may be beyond repair.

Tim Prister is a 1978 graduate of Marian High School and a 1982 graduate from the University of Notre Dame.

What is the meaning of our bodies? Anonymous

We should not take our bodies for granted. My body is an integral part of my person. My body and I are one. We cannot compartmentalize a material body and an immaterial soul: both are inseparable and indiscernible. My soul, when separated at death from the body, is in an unnatural state. At the end of time there will be the resurrection of the body, and the new body will become my new condition.

It would be wrong to think that my real self is my self-awareness, or consciousness, and that my body is a mere appendage — a box I am trapped in — to which I can do anything I choose, e.g., sterilize, abuse with drugs, alcohol, smoking. My body is not something not to be identified with which I really am. What I do to your body, I do to you, e.g., a pat on the back, or a kick in the shins. What you do to my body, you do to me.

When we want to consider someone’s well being, we must take his or her body into consideration. Think of how parents care for their children: food, clothing, housing, exercise, recreation and hygiene. The love and care that parents still involve our bodies: the need for hearing, seeing, touching, tasting, well-coordinated movement; our need for affection, companionship. By means of our bodies we are present to one another. We want to see and hear our friends in person, sense their presence, and not just read their letters, hear their phone calls or recall memories. By means of our voice, gestures and expression of our language we enhance our communication with others. A person with multiple sclerosis has lost much of his ability to do this through his body.

We want to be with our friends. Spouses want to be with each other. Parents want to be surrounded by their children. Even at a ball game, there is a certain thrill in being “part of the crowd.” Why are we bodied persons, and why is sexuality so important for us? Anonymous

Because God designed us as either male or female — a male-bodied person or a female-bodied person — we are both sexual and fertile. Adam and Eve fulfill the commandment. When all of this is part of God’s plan when he designed us in his own image and likeness. We are capable of entering into a communion of persons. Especially is this the case with spouses. Because we are fertile as well as sexual, there is a life-giving dimension to this communion of persons. The spousal act is the greatest expression of this gift of self that we have as bodied-persons. This tolerates no reservations, no conditions, and no keeping one’s options open. It also means that we accept the total gift of self from the beloved. For a husband this means accepting his wife just as God made her: femine, sexual and fertile.

The celebration of the spousal person makes the total gift of self to God and to human beings in a non-legal manner. This is also the way God makes the total gift of self in the Divine Communion of Persons, which is the archetype of all personal love. And in heaven, this will be the manner in which all the blessed will make their gift of self-donation.

While on this earth, we all need to think about the meaning of our bodies, as male or female, fertile and sexual. How do we, as bodied persons, advance in human maturity? How do we learn to grow in our ability to love? How can we reach more deeply into the inner core of our person and then offer this as our gift to others?

Contracception is completely at odds with the theology of the body. The body helps explain to us God’s plan for spousal love, and how contraception / sterilization deform and empty the meaning of this.

Fether Matthew Habijper, a priest of the Kansas Benedictines, answered this week’s questions. Visit his Web site at www.ritpoutreach.org

The Catholic Difference

George Weigel

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Despite life’s messiness, ‘Circling My Mother’ captures the love we embrace

BY YORK YOUNG

A well-written memoir includes, at the minimum, (1) a strong connection to the background material, including the historical and cultural setting; (2) well-developed secondary characters; and (4) strong writing skills. There are plenty of published self-tomes that meet two or even three of those criteria; rarer is the memoir that meets all four.

Mary Gordon, somewhat successful (as book authors are measured) and well-respected in the fraternity, has mixed all four skills to great effect in “Circling My Mother” (Pantheon Books, $24).

She was the only child of Anna, who married late (for that time period) and like Sarah (of the Old Testament) gave birth to Mary after her 40th birthday when the family thought she couldn’t. This memoir surrounds Anna, the eldest girl of five — there were four boys, too — in an early 20th-century U.S. Catholic family that was reflective of the times: the clan’s father came from Sicily, their mother from Ireland, a combination of contrasts right out of the movies.

Reading the story, you might think Anna was unique, but uniqueness was rampant among families that lived their Catholicism on their sleeve, not uncommon of immigrant families making their way in the New World. And as opposed to the stereotype, Anna’s families were insular, quickly making their way in the New Catholicism on their sleeve, not thinking Anna was unique, but contrasts right out of the movies.

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As mentioned, Anna married late, and had been in the workforce as a secretary for a lawyer since her early 20s. In fact, her income went to supporting her parents and their family — tales of unappreciation, jealousy, etc., ran through the family. Even after marriage and motherhood, Anna didn’t give up her career, but her new focus financially brought more recriminations.

As Anna aged, Mary’s father died when the child was 9 years old. She first continued to care for Mary and her larger family, and then Mary took over care duties for her mother, such as it became. Much of the saga here focuses on how those changing dynamics influenced Mary, who, of course, being a child of the 1960s (meaning she entered adulthood in that decade), challenged not only her mother, but her church.

Gordon’s descriptions of many moments with her mother are strongly worded, with a touch of the carnal. But the truth is, family’s interactions are often messy, rude, even appearing harshly unkind to outsiders.

What comes through strongly, though, is the love we embrace, despite the messiness, as Catholic families. Anna’s final days, coming as they did in her 90s, was filled with health and hygiene issues that often accompany seniority and other diseases of the mind. This puts us off, even when it’s our parents.

But as we struggle through that, as Mary did, may we remember the incarnation of Christ, who came to be human like us, and may we see him in those humans we come in contact with.

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Christian, values are undercut by a few distasteful scenes focused on the alien’s doggy poop. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

"College Road Trip" (Disney)

Unobjectionable, though uninspired family comedy in which a wildly overprotective father (Martin Lawrence), despite the magivings of his sensible wife (Kym E. Whitley), insists on accompanying his 17-year-old daughter (Raven-Symone) on a visit to a distant university she’s considering, meanwhile trying to convince her to attend college much closer to home and discover the way that his small but precious son (Eshaya Draper) has stowed away for the ride. Director Roger Kumble’s film is generally pleasant and conveys good messages about parental concern and the need for trust.

The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G.

"Married Life" (Sony Classics)

Sluggish period melodrama — based on John Bingham’s 1950s’ crime novel, “Five Roundabouts to Heaven” — in which a businesswoman (Christ Cooper) decides to pose as the wife (Patricia Clarkson) believing (wrongly) she’ll be bereft without him when he ultimately leaves her for his mistress (Raelee McRae), not knowing the latter is being romantically pursued by his best friend (Steve Buscemi). Through co-writer-director Ira Sachs seems to want to explore the clash of values and compromises of long-term relationships, the stiffly dialogue, lumbering pace and stilted-old-movie artifice undercut an otherwise impressive, solid performances and handsome production design. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

"Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day" (Focus)

Colorful though uneven come- dy taken from Winifred Watson’s 1938 English novel about a prim governess (a line Frances McDormand) who, after being unfairly fired, becomes the social secretary to a flighty American actress (Amy Adams), helping her sort out the three men in her life: her musical accompanist (Lee Pace), a night-club owner (Mark Strong) and a budding producer (Tom Payne), while herself falling for a prominent fashion designer (Ciaran Hinds). Director Bharat Nalluri’s film, though more fanciful than necessary and not always hitting the mark, is nonetheless well acted and plausibly designed, while the story underscores the value of seizing second chances, discerning what’s important in life and being true to one’s finer self. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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DEVOTIONS
First Saturday devotions Saturday, April 5, devotions will be held at the following locations: St. Joseph, Fort Wayne, 7:15 a.m.; St. Rose, Monroeville, 8:10 a.m.; St. John, New Haven, 6:55 a.m.; St. Charles, Fort Wayne, 8 a.m.; Sacred Heart, Fort Wayne, 7:30 a.m.; St. Patrick, Arcola, 7:15 a.m. Call (260) 749-9396 to have your listing added.

All family rosary Fort Wayne — The all family rosary will be recited on the last Sunday of this month, March 30 at MacDougall Chapel from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The intention is for all families especially those families with difficulties. Everyone is welcome.

MISC. HAPPENINGS
Knights plan fish fry Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, April 4, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $7 for adults, $3 for children 12 and under.

Knights plan fish fry South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5532, 6153 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, April 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults $7.50, children (5-12) $3. Chicken strips for $7.50 and shrimp for $8.50 will be available.

Singles conference announced Chicago — A National Catholic Singles Conference will be held April 25-27, in Chicago, Ill. Social events and dynamic national speakers on the single life will be featured. Register at www.NationalCatholicSingles.com or call (815) 828-5094.

Garage sale offers great deals Fort Wayne — The St. Vincent de Paul HASA will have a garage sale Friday, April 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, April 5, a $3 bag sale from 8 a.m. to noon at the parish hall.

Rummage sale New Haven — A rummage sale will be Friday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to Noon at St. Louis Besanon Parish hall, 15529 Lincoln Hwy East. Bag sale on Saturday for $2.

Wine tasting event planned Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Parish will host a wine tasting event Saturday, April 19, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Contant Center, 11521 S. U.S. Hwy 27. Tickets are $25 per person or $45 per couple. Advance ticket sales only by calling (260) 639-3299.

Soup and salad lunchen South Bend — The Knights of Columbus #553 ladies soup and salad luncheon will be held on Friday, March 31, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 553 E. Washington St. Tickets are $5 and include beverage. Carry-outs available.

Card party and salad bar New Carlisle — St. Stanislaus Kostka will have a card party and salad bar Sunday, March 30, at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $5 each in advance by calling Louise at (574) 654-3364 or Nancy at (574) 289-2986. All proceeds will go to church linens, candles, etc.

Spring fling Elkhart — A Spring Fling Auction Night will be Saturday, March 29, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 112 E. Lexington Ave., from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Tickets are $15 and include a beverage, pasta dinner and salad. A cash bar, silent and live auctions, door prizes and raffles will take place throughout the evening. Tickets may be purchased by calling the school office at (574) 293-8451 or Jody McDonough at (574) 320-2675. Proceeds will subsidize two years of school equipment needs.

Dinner dance and auction planned Notre Dame — Holy Cross College will host a dinner, dance and auction night on Saturday, April 12, at Marian High School’s Bishop Crowley Activity Center. Proceeds benefit a new student center on campus. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and a Polish style dinner will be at 6 p.m. Live and silent auctions will be throughout the night. Live entertainment by “This End Up.” Tickets are $25 per person through the admissions office at Holy Cross or by calling (574) 239-8400 by April 4.

Queen of Angels announces Royal Fest Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish will host Royal Fest Saturday, April 12, at Marian High School’s Bishop Crowley Activity Center. Proceeds benefit a new student center on campus. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and a Polish style dinner will be at 6 p.m. Live and silent auctions will be throughout the night. Live entertainment by “This End Up.” Tickets are $25 per person through the admissions office at Holy Cross or by calling (574) 239-8400 by April 4.

Legion of Mary Acies Fort Wayne — The Legion of Mary will have the ACIES ceremony on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony de Padua Church. Call Elaine at (574) 289-6215 or Connie at (260) 486-1001 for information.

School Registrations Fort Wayne — The all family rosary will be at 9 a.m. and auction night on Saturday, April 12, at Marian High School’s Bishop Crowley Activity Center. Proceeds benefit a new student center on campus. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and a Polish style dinner will be at 6 p.m. Live and silent auctions will be throughout the night. Live entertainment by “This End Up.” Tickets are $25 per person through the admissions office at Holy Cross or by calling (574) 239-8400 by April 4.

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A day for students to have fun doing various activities and listening to Pro-Life speakers while learning about the Sanctity of Life.

APRIL 5, 2008
LaFortune Ballroom
University of Notre Dame Campus
South Bend

SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS
Round-up time
Fort Wayne — St. Therese Catholic School’s preschool and kindergarten round-up will be Wednesday, April 16, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All students of ages 3-5 by Sept. 1 are invited to attend. Call (260) 747-2343 for details.

Registration announced
Monroeville — St. Joseph School is now accepting registrations for the 2008-09 school year. Call (260) 623-3447 for information.

DININGestyle

Dinner dance and auction planned
Notre Dame — Holy Cross College will host a dinner, dance and auction night on Saturday, April 12, at Marian High School’s Bishop Crowley Activity Center. Proceeds benefit a new student center on campus. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and a Polish style dinner will be at 6 p.m. Live and silent auctions will be throughout the night. Live entertainment by “This End Up.” Tickets are $25 per person through the admissions office at Holy Cross or by calling (574) 239-8400 by April 4.

Queen of Angels announces Royal Fest
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Legion of Mary Acies
Fort Wayne — The Legion of Mary will have the ACIES ceremony on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. at St. Anthony de Padua Church. Call Elaine at (574) 289-6215 or Connie at (260) 486-1001 for information.

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Register at www.nd.edu/~prolife/youthrally

Fee: $15 Online  • $20 at the door

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**Divine Mercy Celebration**

**Sunday, March 30, 2008**

Immaculate Conception Church  
500 East Seventh Street - Auburn  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, Divine Mercy Chaplet  

2:00 - 2:45 PM Confessions  
3:00 PM Celebration  

Homemade food and refreshments provided afterward by Ladies Cenacle Prayer Group  

*Literature on Divine Mercy available to purchase.*  
We welcome representatives from the CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE in Fort Wayne!

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