Pope proclaims seven new saints, including St. Kateri, St. Marianne

**BY CINDY WOODEN**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Proclaiming seven new saints — including St. Kateri Tekakwitha and St. Marianne Cope from North America — Pope Benedict XVI said they are examples to the world of total dedication to Christ and tireless service to others.

In a revised canonization rite Oct. 21, the pope prayed for guidance that the Church would not “err in a matter of such importance” as he used his authority to state that the seven are with God in heaven and can intercede for people on earth.

An estimated 80,000 pilgrims from the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Italy, Spain, Germany and Madagascar filled St. Peter’s Square for the canonization of the holy women and men who ministered among their people.

The pilgrims applauded the proclamation of the new saints, who included: Kateri, an American Indian who was born in the United States and died in Canada in 1680; Mother Marianne, a Sister of St. Joseph who traveled from Syracuse, N.Y., to Hawaii to care for people with Hansen’s disease and died in Molokai in 1918; and Pedro Calungsod, a teenaged Philippine catechist who was martyred in Guam in 1672.

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**The banners of seven new saints hang from the facade of St. Peter’s Basilica for a canonization Mass led by Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican Oct. 21. Among those canonized were two North Americans — St. Kateri Tekakwitha, an American Indian born in upstate New York who died in Canada in 1680, and St. Marianne Cope, who worked with leprosy patients on the Hawaiian island of Molokai.**

**Pope names US archbishop serving at Vatican to Indianapolis Archdiocese**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, secretary of the Vatican Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, to be archbishop of Indianapolis.

The appointment was announced Oct. 18 in Washington by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Archbishop Tobin, 61, succeeds Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, who resigned in September 2011 at age 73 for health reasons. He had headed the archdiocese for 19 years.

A native of Detroit, Archbishop Tobin is a member of the Redemptorist religious congregation. He has been secretary of the Vatican congregation since October 2010.

He will be installed as archbishop of Indianapolis during a special Mass Dec. 3 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. The date is the feast day of St. Francis Xavier, patron saint of the archdiocese.

Auxiliary Bishop Christopher J. Coyne has been serving as apostolic administrator of the archdiocese and will continue in that role until Archbishop Tobin’s installation.

Bishop Coyne introduced Indianapolis’ new shepherd at a news conference, but first paid tribute to Archbishop Buechlein, who was in attendance. The retired prelate, who is a Benedictine monk, lives at St. Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana.

“The archdiocese is a thriving and healthy Catholic community that serves not only our people but so many of the greater community of central and southern Indiana,” he said, which is “due in no small part to the vision and leadership of Archbishop Buechlein.”

Bishop Coyne said Archbishop Tobin “shared with me he really has a missionary’s
Duty to vote according to a well-formed conscience

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

We are fast approaching election day. The news is filled with debate and commentary on the various candidates running for public office on the national, state, and local levels. We, as voters, are faced with important decisions that we will make when we enter the voting booth on November 6th.

How do we make our decisions on election day? The Church exhorts all Catholics to discern and evaluate candidates and their positions in light of the Gospel and the moral and social teaching of the Church. The Church does not endorse particular parties or candidates. Therefore, however, on the serious obligation of Catholics to vote according to their consciences, consciences that are well-formed in accord with human reason and the teaching of the Church.

Conscience is not a mere “feeling.” Some will say that they are acting according to their conscience, but they have not attempted to make sound moral judgments based on the truths of our faith. The formation of a good conscience is vitally important in our moral lives and decision-making, including our exercise of the right to vote.

The Bishops of the United States describe several elements in the formation of conscience:

1. “First, there is a desire to embrace goodness and truth. For Catholics this begins with a willingness and openness to seek the truth and what is right by studying Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church as contained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.”

2. “It is also important to examine the facts and background information about various choices.”

3. Finally, prayerful reflection is essential to discern the will of God.” (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship #18)

Applied to voting, it is imperative that we discern carefully, according to a well-formed conscience that is in accord with Catholic teaching, our political choices.

The virtue of prudence is important in this regard. “Prudence enables us ‘to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it’ (CCC 1806). Prudence shapes and informs our ability to deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act decisively. Exercising this virtue often requires the courage to act in defense of moral principles when making decisions about how to build a society of justice and peace.” (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship #19).

As we prepare to vote, we are called to make our choices aided by the virtue of prudence in the exercise of a well-formed conscience. We should examine the candidates and their positions according to our moral principles. There are many issues to consider. Where do the candidates stand on the critical moral and social issues of our day?

It is important to recognize that not all issues are morally equivalent. The USCCB document Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship recognizes the importance of many issues that are being debated today, yet insists that they are not all morally equivalent. It states that “the direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not one issue among many. It must always be opposed” (#28). This teaching does not mean that we simply dismiss other issues related to human life and dignity. Church teaching on other issues should not be dismissed or ignored. Issues like health care, jobs, the economy, and immigration are important — Catholic teaching on these issues must be seriously considered. At the same time, the words of Blessed John Paul II still ring true today:

Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights — for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture — is false and the lie of the right wing, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination (Christifideles Laici, #38).

As Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, I was one of the ten bishops who wrote and signed the new Introductory Note to the teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. In that Note, we again call upon Catholics to form their consciences in the light of their Catholic faith and to bring our moral principles to the debate and decisions about candidates and issues. We list some pressing national issues that our Episcopal Conference is focused on at this time, some involving opposition to intrinsic evils like abortion and others that raise serious moral questions:

1. “Continuing destruction of unborn children through abortion and other threats to the lives and dignity of others who are vulnerable, sick, or unwanted; 2. Renewed efforts to force Catholic ministries — in health care, education, and social services — to violate their consciences or stop serving those in need; 3. Intensifying efforts to redefine marriage and make accommodations which undermine marriage as the permanent, faithful, and fruitiful union of one man and one woman and a fundamental moral and social institution essential to the common good; 4. An economic system which has devasted lives and livelihoods, increasing national and global unemployment, poverty, and hunger; increasing deficits and debt and the duty to respond in ways which protect those who are poor and vulnerable as well as future generations; 5. The failure to repair a broken immigration system with comprehensive measures that promote true respect for law, protect the human rights and dignity of immigrants and refugees, recognize their contributions to our nation, keep families together, and advance the common good; 6. Wars, terror, and violence which raise serious moral questions on the use of force and its human and moral costs in a dangerous world, particularly the absence of justice, security, and peace in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East.”

(Introductory Note)

As Catholics, we have a serious duty to promote and protect human life and dignity, marriage and family, religious freedom, justice and peace in service to the common good. It is important that we think and pray very carefully before we cast our votes, remembering, as Saint Thomas More once said, that “man cannot be separated from God, nor politics from morality.” We must reject the falsehood of relativism and the notion that there is no moral law rooted in the nature of the human person. Our judgments, including our voting choices, should be made according to prudence and a well-formed conscience. We must live and act in conformity with our faith, which is more important than party loyalties and self-interest. There should be a coherence between our faith and our life, as the Second Vatican Council taught. This includes a coherence between our faith and our political choices.

May the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, guide you in your choices on Election Day!
Papal nuncio to speak at Nov. 4 Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral

Will offer keynote address at the Seeds of the Church conference

BY TIM JOHNSON

SOUTH BEND — Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, the apostolic nuncio to the United States, will preach the homily at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Sunday, Nov. 4. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate the Mass.

A nuncio is a Vatican diplomat with the rank of ambassador. He is responsible for diplomatic relations with the government, but also serves as the pope’s representative to the Church in a given country, which includes responsibility for coordinating the search for and vetting of candidates to become bishops.

Archbishop Viganò will also be a keynote speaker at the Seeds of the Church: Telling the Story of Today’s Christian Martyrs conference at the University of Notre Dame from Nov. 4-6. John Allen, senior correspondent for National Catholic Reporter will also offer a keynote address.

The conference intends to raise consciousness inside and outside the Church regarding the widespread persecution of Christians around the world and to explore how the Church has responded and might respond vigorously and faithfully in the future.

The Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame will host the conference. The event, to be held at McKenna Hall, is open to the public. Registration is now under way and is required for all participants. Conference registration is free.

A complete list of speakers as well as registration information is available at http://icl.nd.edu.

Archbishop Viganò was named the apostolic nuncio to the United States on Oct. 19, 2011. Born in Varese, in Italy’s far north, he was ordained a priest in 1968 for the Diocese of Pavia. He entered the Vatican’s diplomatic service in 1973 and served at Vatican embassies in Iraq and in Great Britain before working in the Vatican Secretariat of State in 1978-89.

He was the Vatican’s permanent observer at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France, from 1989 to 1992, when Pope John Paul II named him an archbishop and nuncio to Nigeria. Pope John Paul personally ordained him a bishop.

Archbishop Viganò — who speaks Italian, French, Spanish and English — was named as nuncio to Nigeria in 1997 when Pope John Paul visited the country.

Returning to the Vatican Secretariat of State in 1998, Archbishop Viganò coordinated the appointments of nuncios and papal representatives around the world.

In 1999, he led a five-man Vatican delegation to Iraq to try — unsuccessfully, it turned out — to make arrangements for Pope John Paul to visit. The pope had wanted to go to Ur, the city thought to be the birthplace of Abraham, as part of a biblical pilgrimage for the year 2000. At the time, Iraq was under an economic embargo by the West and Ur was under a no-fly zone being enforced by U.S. and British military.

In November 2010 the archbishop was called upon to represent the Vatican at the general assembly of Interpol, the international cooperative organization for police agencies. In his speech to the assembly, he highlighted the ongoing violence against Christians in Iraq, but also spoke more generally about the Vatican’s conviction that the promotion of human rights is the best strategy for combating inequalities that lead to crime and terrorism.

In his remarks, Archbishop Tobin thanked Archbishop Buechlein “for what you did for this Church for 19 years, for your example as a bishop, first in Memphis, then in Indianapolis and now in retirement.”

In March 2011 Archbishop Buechlein suffered a mild stroke. He had a series of other health problems before that. In 2009, he had shoulder replacement surgery and in 2010, he had surgery to remove a benign tumor from his stomach.

In 2008, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma and underwent a successful course of chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Prior to his Vatican appointment, Archbishop Tobin was general consultant of the Redemptorists from 1991 to 1997 and superior general from 1997 to 2001. He was appointed by Pope John Paul II to the world Synod of Bishops in 1998, 1999 and 2001 and by Pope Benedict to the synod in 2005 and 2008.

Before going to Rome, then-Father Tobin was a parish priest in the inner city in Detroit and Chicago. As associate pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Detroit from 1979 to 1984, Father Tobin was responsible for ministering to the Hispanic community. He was pastor of Holy Redeemer from 1984 to 1990, then was pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish in Chicago from July 1990 until October 1991.

Born May 3, 1952, he is the oldest of 13 children. He was educated in Catholic schools. He studied at Holy Redeemer College in Waterford, Wis., where he earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy in 1975. He also studied at Mount St. Alphonsus Seminary in Esopus, N.Y., where he received a master’s degree in religious education in 1977 and a master of divinity degree in 1979.

On Aug. 21, 1976, he professed perpetual vows as a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists. He was ordained a priest June 1, 1978. He was ordained an archbishop Oct. 9, 2010, in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome following his papal appointment in August of that year to be the secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

Archbishop Tobin speaks several languages including Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese and reads several other languages.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis serves nearly 228,000 Catholics in 147 parishes in 39 counties in central and southern Indiana. The archdiocese covers 13,757 square miles.

Contributing to this story was Sean Gallagher in Indianapolis.
Couples celebrate wedding anniversaries in South Bend

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — Fred and Katherine Kagel, married 50 years ago at St. Patrick Church in South Bend, were among the many couples who received a special anniversary blessing during Mass Oct. 21 at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.

In his homily, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades imagined how the couples might reflect back on their wedding day when, before God and His Church, they freely gave themselves to one another in Holy Matrimony.

“Through their mutual ‘I do,’” they said “yes” to their vocation from God and embarked on a holy journey together,” said Bishop Rhoades. “They did so with faith in God, recognizing marriage as a gift from our Creator, a natural blessing and gift from the Lord. They also did so with faith in Jesus Christ who elevated this natural institution to the status of a sacrament, which means that through it God communicates His grace.”

Many of the couples echoed that sentiment, and when asked about the secret to a long and successful marriage, Fred Kagel didn’t hesitate.

“Our faith!” he replied as his wife nodded in agreement. “Our faith just means everything to both of us!”

Bishop Rhoades, noting the special Year of Faith just underway, talked about Pope Benedict XVI’s recent comments on the crisis of faith and how that affects marriages today.

“The Holy Father explained that marriage is linked to faith,” said Bishop Rhoades. “Marriage, as a union of faithful and indissoluble love, is based upon the grace that comes from God, who in Christ loved us with a faithful and unbreakable love, even to the cross. Our anniversary couples are witnesses to this truth. We must not be conformed to the distortions of marriage in our culture today, but, as St. Paul teaches, judge what is God’s will.”

Celebrating 60 years of marriage, Peter and Wilma Veldman agreed that marriage is a journey.

“We’ve had our ups and downs,” smiled Wilma, “but many more ups than downs!”

Decatur parish, others, pleased with success of ARISE

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

DECATUR — All across the diocese, small faith-sharing groups are half way through the first season of the ARISE program.

Last winter, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades encouraged all parishes to participate in the program and 68 (or 85 percent) of parishes answered the call. Sessions for Season One began the week of Oct. 7 and will run for six weeks ending the week of Nov. 11.

In Decatur, members of St. Mary of the Assumption not only answered the call but said “yes” in mass numbers. Of the 1,300-plus families who belong to the Adams County parish, over 400 people are growing in their faith through ARISE.

Kathy Miller, a member of the formation team at St. Mary’s was thrilled with the overwhelming response. “We thought 300 participants would be a miracle,” she told Today’s Catholic.

Miller attributed the success of the program to the encouragement from both Bishop Rhoades and Father Dave Voors. “Father Dave pushed it (ARISE) and it was really emphasized that Bishop Rhoades wanted everyone to join,” Miller said.

Miller and nine other team-mates from her parish started preparing and meeting in February 2012. In September training workshops titled, “Small Community Leadership Formation” were held at three different locations across the diocese with 634 total attendees.

The enthusiastic members wore matching T-shirts and outnumbered all other parishes in attendance.

After their training, St. Mary’s formed a record number of 38 groups ranging in size from three to 17 members which include two youth sessions and are offered on every single day of the week.

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Miller was especially moved by the joining of an older woman in the parish. “She originally said she did not think she needed ARISE at her age, but we convinced her that others may ‘need’ her. Then she talked her sister into it too and now they both love it,” Miller said.

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Internationally known Catholic speaker, Michael Voris of Church Militant.TV will be the featured speaker SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012 AT THE LITTLE FLOWER MEN’S BREAKFAST.

The event will start at 8:00 am with an optional Mass in the Little Flower Chapel at 54191 Ironwood Drive in South Bend. All men are invited for a buffet breakfast at 8:30 am in the Little Flower Parish Center.

Mr Voris, a University of Notre Dame graduate, received his Sacred Theology Baccalaureate (STB) from Sacred Heart Major Seminary/Angelicum in Rome. With a passion for saving souls, Voris epitomizes what it means to be a member of the Catholic laity today - to live out each day, what is meant by the new evangelization, utilizing the tools of the 21st century.

St. Mary of the Assumption in Decatur had a group of near 40 parishioners attend the ARISE Leaders Training session at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fort Wayne on Thursday, Sept. 20. It was the largest group to turnout for the meeting, St. Mary’s has a record number of 38 groups ranging in size from three to 17 members which include two youth sessions and are offered on every single day of the week.

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White Mass celebrated at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center

BY ANN CAREY

MISHAWAKA — Our Lady of Fatima Chapel at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center was the setting for a White Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at 6 p.m. Oct. 18. The White Mass recognizes the gifts of persons who work in the health care professions and takes its name from the white coats typically worn by medical personnel.

As Bishop Rhoades explained in his homily, Oct. 18 was chosen as the date for celebrating the White Mass because it is the feast of St. Luke, the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. St. Luke was a physician himself, as well as a prophetic evangelist whose gospel presents the most extensive biography of Jesus, the bishop noted.

“I thank you for your selfless devotion to others and for all the sacrifices you make as doctors, nurses, and health-care workers,” Bishop Rhoades told the congregation. “Your profession is more than ordinary work. It is a holy mission, a manifestation of God’s commandment to love one another as you assist, treat, comfort and care the sick.”

Bishop Rhoades particularly recognized the “witness to the sanctity of life” given by the medical professionals, whom he called “guardians of life.”

“This is especially important today when powerful movements of opinion, often supported by the media, are trying to influence the consciences of doctors and health-care professionals to use your services in practices contrary to Christian and natural morality,” he noted.

Bishop Rhoades cited efforts in several states to legalize physician-assisted suicide, and he reminded the congregation that “physician-assisted suicide, like abortion, goes against the very mission of physicians, whose calling is to be ‘guardians of life, not to kill, but to care, or when that is not possible, to comfort and assist through palliative care those who are in pain.”

When health-care professionals treat a patient, the bishop said, they are not handling “inert material,” but rather a person like any other person, a “precious creature of God’s love and omnipotence” with an eternal destiny. He encouraged the medical professionals to continue to be “generous defenders of life” who affirm the life and dignity of all patients, from infants in the womb to elderly near the end of life.

“No allow yourselves to be stained with behavior that is harmful to the sacred good of human life,” Bishop Rhoades said.

Bishop Rhoades also offered an ominous warning: “To live your profession with integrity, consistent with the Church’s moral teaching, might expose you to misunderstanding and criticism from others, maybe even discrimination. At such times, it is good to recall Christ’s prophecy: ‘If they persecuted me, they will persecute you.’ Jesus reserved a special beatitude for those who are reviled and persecuted on His account.

Perhaps you haven’t experienced the staff how much their faith-based practice of their profession consistent with their beliefs, so I think that’s important, said. “It makes me think of the Bible verse about being steadfast and immovable, always excellent in the works of the Lord because the works of the Lord will not be in vain.”

“We were honored to have the bishop here celebrating the Mass; I look forward to it being an annual event,” Karmin said.

The White Mass celebration there helped the hospital demonstrate to the staff how much their faith-based care of the patient is valued and appreciated, Karmin said. And judging from comments he heard from staff after the Mass, he said that people appreciated the encouragement Bishop Rhoades gave to the caregivers in all the sacrifices they make.

What particularly resonated with him, Karmin said, was the bishop’s reminder that by adhering to Catholic Church teachings, medical personnel may be criticized or even persecuted, as Jesus was.

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A man shovels mud from the grotto at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in southwestern France Oct. 21. Hundreds of pilgrims were evacuated the day before after heavy rains in the Pyrenees region flooded the shrine and its surrounding town.

**Pray the rosary, give that faith away,' priest urges crowd at rally**

**SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — The liftingsounds of “Ave Maria” competed against the sounds of traffic as hundreds of Catholics singing and praying the rosary in Spanish walked from San Francisco’s City Hall to the 2012 Rosary Rally. “Pray the rosary. Not just for yourself. We need to give that faith away,” said speaker Father Mark Mary, a Franciscan Missionary of the Eternal Word and host of “Life on the Rock” on the Eternal Word Television Network. “We don’t live alone; we don’t believe alone,” the priest said. “We need the faith of someone else.” The Oct. 13 rosary rally at United Nations Plaza, in sight of City Hall, drew about 1,700 people, many coming from a special 9:30 a.m. Spanish Mass at the cathedral. Last year’s rally drew a similar number, and commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. He said he hopes the series of instructional talks, which is expected to run until Nov. 24, 2013, will help people “strengthen or rediscover the joy of faith and realize that it isn’t something foreign to or separate from everyday life, but is its soul,” Pope Benedict said. The wide-spread and dominant nature of secularism, individualism and relativism means that even Christians are not completely “immune from these dangers.” Some of the people affected by the shift are living “passively or in private, a refusal to learn about the faith, and the rift between faith and life,” he said.
'A Harvest of Blessings' concert Nov. 3 at Victory Noll Center

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center will present a night of entertainment, information and fellowship with “A Harvest of Blessings” on Saturday, Nov. 3.

The evening will begin with social time starting at 6:30 p.m. with a reception in the O’Donnell Room at Victory Noll Center that includes hors d’oeuvres and drinks. At 8 p.m., the program moves to the Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel for music from the Bishop Luers High School Chamber Ensemble and Minstrels, and song selections by Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters. Dessert will follow the concert.

The event will also provide an opportunity for individuals and groups to learn more about, and become involved with, Victory Noll Center and its ministry and mission of fostering spiritual growth and personal development in a welcoming environment, advocating social justice awareness and response, and nourishing people to live and share God’s love in today’s world. Of particular focus are those programs involving women veterans, the Matthew 25 Project and human-trafficking awareness.

Victory Noll Center, located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington, is a ministry of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters.

Tickets for “A Harvest of Blessings” are $25 per person. Those interested in attending must register by Oct. 27 by contacting Victory Noll Center at (260) 356-0628, ext. 174, by email at vironollcenter@olvm.org, or online at www.olvm.org/vncenter.

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters announce leadership team

HUNTINGTON — Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters have announced their new leadership team following installation ceremonies at Archbishop Noll Memorial Chapel at Victory Noll. Election of the team was held during General Chapter proceedings, which occur every four years. The term of the leadership team runs through 2016.

Team members are Sister Beatrice Haines, president; Sister Judith Turnock, vice-president; Sister Ginger Downey, general secretary; and Sister Leora Linenkugel, general treasurer.

Sister Beatrice Haines, a native of Goshen, enters her second term as president of the leadership team. She served as vice president from 1992-2002. She was also a member of the OLVM Council from 1977-84.

Correction

In the Oct. 14 issue of Today’s Catholic in “Local teens are Catholics on a mission,” the correct website for Catholics on a Mission is https://catholicsonmission.wordpress.com.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Hundreds of students from St. Charles and St. Vincent Schools in Fort Wayne prayed in front of the Fort Wayne abortion site on Inwood Drive on Oct. 18 for a demonstration in support of life. The students, above, were joined by Father Andrew Budzinski, second from left, parochial vicar at St. Vincent Parish, and Father Jacob Meyer, parochial vicar at St. Charles Parish. St. Charles students walked from their school to the prayer site where they met the St. Vincent students for 20 minutes of prayer. The student walk-in is part of the 40 Days for Life campaign, an international prayer vigil that takes place at abortion facilities. This is the fifth year of the Fort Wayne 40 Days for Life.

LADIES GUILD DONATES TO ST. MARTIN SOUP KITCHEN

The Ladies Guild of Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn presented food and a monetary donation to Bill Sobieski, director of St. Martin’s Soup Kitchen in Garrett on Oct. 11. The donation will be used to purchase food and supplies for those in need. Pictured are members of the Ladies Guild and Bill Sobieski, far right.

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL PRE-K LEARNS ABOUT FIRE SAFETY

Firefighters from the Notre Dame and Clay Township Fire Departments visited pre-k students at Christ the King School in South Bend during National Fire Prevention Week. The pre-k class, taught by Corinne DeTrempe, learned about fire safety and prevention, and how members of their family can practice fire safety all year long. Pre-k student Mary Kirsch enjoyed trying on the fire fighting gear.
A modern day Job story

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Part of the human condition is experiencing loss and learning to grow from it. One Fort Wayne resident, Liz Sanders, knows well the trials and tribulations of learning to live with loss. Her modern day Job story, layered with multiple losses, begins at a very early age.

Born in New York, Sanders grew up in Chicago where her widowed mother raised Liz and her two sisters and brother after their father’s death. Sanders was only a-year-and-a-half at the time of his death. “My dad’s death only a-year-and-a-half at the time of his death. “My dad’s death probably impacted me more than I’m aware,” reflects Sanders, adding that though her mom worked hard to give her children a male influence, she was decidedly raised in a “very female house hold.”

Fortunately, Sanders says, their Catholic faith was of utmost importance. Both parents had been staunch Irish Catholics and saw to it that their children regularly and reverently participated in the sacraments and were educated in Catholic schools. “I went to Catholic grade school and an all-girls’ Catholic high school,” recalls Sanders. And though her mom was angry with God for the devastating losses in her life, “She still had a relationship with God even if she was angry,” says Sanders. That witness of faith in the midst of trial helped form Sanders’ own belief in a God of mercy.

Sanders met her beloved husband, Mark, at Marquette University while she pursued a degree in physical therapy. Mark, the strong, silent type, was an engineering major. They were married in 1965 and their lives began in earnest after moving to Fort Wayne with a job opportunity.

The happy couple raised five close-knit children, four boys in four-and-a-half years and a daughter 10 years later, all of whom graduated from St. Jude Elementary and Bishop Dwenger High School. Liz was very active in their home parish of St. Jude as well as with the right-to-life movement. She worked as a physical therapist in between the years she stayed home with her children.

Sanders and her mom remained close as the children grew older. When her mom died in 1986, she says, “I had the feeling of devastating emptiness.” But after the mourning came life again.

Fast forward a few years to the day in March of 1992 when her then 22-year-old son Eric was diagnosed, after months of ill health, with advanced leukemia. Sanders was as overwhelmed by the diagnosis as her son appeared to be, but took charge and immediately led him to be admitted for treatment. In the few moments when she was separated from him, her devastated son jumped from the hospital rooftop to his death.

“It was so shocking, so sudden,” recalls a wistful Sanders, adding “That took a lot of adjustment.” Now, 20 years after her son’s death Sanders is still impacted by the loss. “It’s a different thing with the loss of a child. People ask ‘How many children do you have?’ I have to say, ‘Five.’ I had to decide how I was going to acknowledge this person who was so important to me,” she says.

With her son’s death came a shift in faith for both Sanders and her husband. Mark, who had not participated in the sacraments for years, quietly began receiving Communion once again. Sanders, who says she found comfort in going through the motions of attending Mass and receiving the sacraments, now struggled with trust. She admits, “I didn’t have any idea how angry I was at God. … I couldn’t say the ‘Our Father’ for a long time. I couldn’t say the ‘Thy will be done’ part.”

Despite her inability to recite the prayer, Sanders relied on a favorite Scripture verse found in Psalm 46: “Be still and know that I am God.” And with that significant choice she found light in the darkness of grief.

Then seven years after Eric’s death, Sanders faced more devastation when Mark was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Initially, radiation worked, but five years later the cancer returned with a vengeance. After several rounds of chemotherapy Mark was out of options, but Liz recalls, “He was still going to fight it.”

As she watched her husband deteriorate, Liz felt as if she were grieving anew and Psalm 46 resurfaced to sustain her. “It brings everything back when you have another loss,” she says, but adds “God was really with us. … He was with us every step of the way.” Mark had been able to visit with all of his children the Christmas holiday before his death and was awake to speak with his daughter when she arrived at the hospital hours before he died.

After so many devastating losses Liz realized that she knew this kind of grief on an intimate basis. “I had no major argument with God over Mark,” she says. “I knew what was coming and that I would get through it. … I am so grateful that I had my faith after Mark died.”

And faith is what sustained her most recently when her son Stephen suffered severe brain trauma among other injuries in a serious bicycling accident in Colorado. For the past several months she has been first at his bedside and then by his side as he rehabilirates back into life once more.

As one significant loss layered upon the next, Sanders has learned to respond in a unique way, building her faith on the wisdom of her experience. Now back home, Sanders sees every day as a gift, and loss as part of life. Though she doesn’t know what her future holds, she trusts that she will survive.

“Everyone has a story to tell,” says Liz Sanders, a woman who knows well the trials of Job. “If we let it destroy us, we lose two things — the person we loved and ourselves. There is a way to get through and we do go on. … I can’t imagine not having family and God.”

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LIZ SANDERS

Pictured in this 1989 photo are from left in back, Nathaniel, Tony, Stephen and Eric, and in front, Liz, Virginia and Mark.

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Those with chronic illnesses offered safe haven for spiritual support

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Facing the diagnosis of a chronic illness can be a devastating experience. Learning to live with the physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges that accompany serious maladies from cancer to Crohn’s Disease or HIV/AIDS requires self-awareness and support. To meet that need for support the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has established the Blessed John Paul II Society of Redemptive Suffering, a young adults’ group that meets monthly for prayer, meditation and discussion.

This special ministry began in the heart of Ryan Guthrie who himself suffers from a chronic illness. His vision of providing an opportunity for young adults who live with serious illnesses to have a safe place to share their experience of suffering impacted Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Mary Glowaski, Secretariat of Evangelization and Special Ministries.

“Bishop Rhoades was deeply touched by Ryan and his love and devotion to God,” reports Glowaski, who herself was moved by Guthrie’s simple vision rooted in the Gospel call to love and minister to one another. “The beauty of this is it’s not complicated. We’re just receiving the people where they are and hoping they can find God, comfort and encouragement,” she says.

The group’s mission is to foster communion among those suffering from serious illness as they seek to “understand the gift of redemptive suffering” offered through a participation in the passion of Christ. Each gathering opens and closes with prayer and includes Scripture and other readings and short meditations on redemptive suffering, followed by a discussion on applying the readings to every day life. In an atmosphere of safety and confidentiality sharing personal life experiences of suffering allows the participants to go deeper into the mystery of the passion and death of Jesus Christ and their own willingness to find peace in suffering.

Blessed John Paul II Society of Redemptive Suffering

A special ministry for those affected by HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses meets the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. at St. Jude Parish Center-room C, 2130 Pemberton Dr., Fort Wayne, 46805. For more information contact Mary at (260) 399-1458, email mglowaski@diocesefwsh.org or visit www.dioce-sefwsh.org/specialministries.

Living with a chronic illness can be very isolating says Glowaski, whose husband died of complications from a transplant after a long battle with Crohn’s disease. “Dealing with chronic illness is a lonely experience,” she says. “You keep asking God, ‘What are You teaching me?’”

The experience has taught her to let go, hold life and loved ones loosely and focus on the simple things. “It is just this moment, this half day. Nothing is solid except God’s love,” she says knowingly.

For those dealing with chronic illness Glowaski encourages, “Generously forgive forgotten mistakes, short tempers.” And for those supporting them she says, “The most important part of a person with a chronic illness is that they are someone with an illness — not THE illness. We must remember that that’s only a part of them. Their goodness and gift-edness is still in there. … They’ll teach us what we need to know about them.”

Blessed John Paul II Society of Redemptive Suffering began meeting in August and continues to meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne. Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of St. Jude Church, is the group’s spiritual director and consultant regarding the reception of the sacraments of healing among the group, including Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick. Guthrie facilitates the group, whose patron is Blessed John Paul II, an exemplary modern day model of redemptive suffering, and invites all young adults in the area who suffer from a serious illness to “come and see” what the group is all about.

Glowaski believes the Blessed John Paul II Society of Redemptive Suffering is spirit led to meet an important need and says, “We cannot take away someone’s suffering — we are not meant to do that but we can help carry this suffering.”

Vince LaBarbera contributed to this story.

MASS FOR POOR SOULS IN MISHAWAKA

The annual Rosary for the Poor Souls will be recited on Sunday, Nov. 4, in St. Joseph’s Catholic Cemetery in Mishawaka at 2 p.m. The photo is from the rosary in 2011.

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Vincent Village to host farm to table event Nov. 15

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Seeking to alleviate problems of the home- less, Vincent Village, Inc., a transitional shelter in Fort Wayne serving homeless families and children since 1989, is offering a farm to table dinner and auction event titled, “A Place at Our Table.”

To be held on Thursday, Nov. 15, from 6-10 p.m. during National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week (Nov. 10-18), the unique culinary experience will feature locally sourced ingredients, some of northern Indiana’s most noted chefs, and wine and beer pairings at Thermodyne Foodservice Products, Inc., 2300 Meyer Road, New Haven. All food and beverages are being generously provided by local vendors and prepared by local chefs.

The Vincent Village farm to table dinner/auction is believed to be the first of its scale in the Fort Wayne area. It will pair local and regional chefs with farms and purveyors of locally grown and sourced foods to provide a 15-course meal like no other. Wine, beer and seasonal drinks will enhance the culinary experience along with many interesting and new activities taking place during the evening.

“At Parkview Field are excited the opportunity to partner with Vincent Village and provide a benefit to a great number of people and it’s organi- zation through this very unique farm to table event,” said Scott H. Kammerer, executive chef/culinary director at Parkview Field. “Having the availability of products from local farms is exciting in that we know we are helping our community in several ways. All of the produce and the center of the plate items (veal, pork, beef, chicken and duck) are all from local farms.”

“Another unique item for this event is the use of local farms is that we can provide food for a great number of people and it’s organization through this very unique farm to table event,” said Scott H. Kammerer, executive chef/culinary director at Parkview Field. “Having the availability of products from local farms is exciting in that we know we are helping our community in several ways. All of the produce and the center of the plate items (veal, pork, beef, chicken and duck) are all from local farms.”

“Another unique item for this event is the use of the Thermodyne test kitchens,” said Kammerer. “We expect to prepare and serve one course every 10 minutes for the duration of the evening. All the courses will be served tapas style (small portions), which is designed to encourage conversation.”

Tickets are $100 per person and can be obtained by calling Cynthia at (260) 456-4172 ext. 222 or emailing crossberry@vincent- village.org. For more information contact Barb A’Hearn at (260)-750-5235 or barb.ahearn@gmail.com or visit www.vincent-village.org.

Located at 2827 Holton Ave., Vincent Village serves homeless families with children, providing shelter, care, advocacy, affordable housing and supportive services as these families build strength and strive to become independent, productive members of the community.

Vincent Village opened as a by-product of the transformation of the once disinvested, deteriorating neighborhood surrounding the original shelter. Vincent House purchased and renovated 32 vacant and abandoned single-family homes in the neighborhood to create an Affordable Housing Program. These furnished homes, occupied by “graduates” of the Vincent House Transitional Shelter Program, make up a friendly, supportive neighborhood community. To more accurately reflect the expanded role in housing and neighborhood revitalization, Vincent House, Inc. changed its name to Vincent Village, Inc. in 2008.

Vincent Village seeks to move each family it serves from home- lessness to permanent affordable housing with its Pathways to Success Program. When a family enters the program, the adults in the family work with a case manager to develop an Action Plan for Self-sufficiency with at least three goals to improve their life skills. Success is essential for the family to afford and maintain permanent housing.

A fourth program, Youth Services for Homeless Children, serves an average of 120 homeless children each year from Vincent House, Vincent Village and other homeless programs. Services include tutoring, educational and enriching activities, referrals and coordination for services for special-needs children. Strengthening families by keeping them together during the crisis of homelessness is the philo- sophy of Vincent Village — the only transitional shelter in Allen County serving two-parent families and single male-headed families without requiring the families to split up to access transitional shelter. There are no restrictions on family size or ages of children. Approximately 63 percent of the families served are single female-headed families, 28 percent are two-parent families and another 9 percent are single male-headed families. Nearly 68 percent of the people living in the shelter are chil- dren. Acceptance into the program is dependent on available space. Unfortunately, nearly 30 families a year needing shelter are turned away for lack of space.

“It is through the generos- ity of organizations, businesses and individuals that Vincent Village is able to serve home- less families,” said Ann Helmke, executive director. The annual cost to support a family in the transitional shelter is approxi- mately $10,000, or $833 per month, she related. “Seventy percent of our residents are children who deserve a safe, warm home and a secure future. An estimated 2,500 individuals are homeless or near homeless in Fort Wayne on any given day,” Helmke continued. “Nears home- less” is defined as paying more than half the household’s gross monthly income for rent.

The “A Place at Our Table” dinner/auction event is being held to help increase the capacity of the Vincent House Transitional Shelter, which serves an average of 35 families a year in a group home setting, and has a long waiting list.

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**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary**

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The Book of Jeremiah provides this weekend’s first reading. A few facts about Jeremiah are known from the book itself. He was from Anathoth, a village some miles from Jerusalem, and he was the son of Hilkiah, a priest. He acted as a prophet for over 40 years.

Being the son of a priest, he in all likelihood was quite familiar with the traditions of the ancient Hebrews. He would have been particularly aware of the importance of the Exodus, the flight from Egypt and slavery, that molded the Hebrews into one distinctive race, and that resulted in their settlement in the Holy Land.

The tradition was clear. The Hebrews did not escape Egypt simply because they were lucky, or because they were clever. To the contrary, they succeeded in fleeing the miseries they had endured in Egypt only by the mercy and power of God.

Jeremiah saw events in his lifetime as threatening, or as awful, as the plight of his people centuries earlier in Egypt. He lived to see Babylonia completely overtake the Hebrew homeland, and he saw the coercion brought to bear upon his people by Babylon and other imperialistic neighbors. He addressed these threats, and the humiliation and destruction of being overtaken, with the faith that the merciful God of the Exodus again would rescue the people. This weekend’s reading is a powerful and expressive representation of God’s power and goodness, and in the assurance that once more God will protect and lead the people.

As is typical of this book, this reading literarily is moving in its eloquence and feeling. For its second reading, the Church presents a selection from the Epistle to the Hebrews. This New Testament Scripture is abundant in its references to ancient Jewish beliefs and customs. Its author is unknown, but obviously the author knew Judaism and Jewish life in the first century very well.

Supreme in Jewish cult, and in many other aspects of Jewish life, in the first century was the high priest, descending in office from Aaron, the brother of Moses. The high priest acted for the entire nation as he offered the sacrifice in the temple.

The Epistle to the Hebrews sees Jesus as the great high priest of the new era of salvation, the era of Christianity. Jesus acts for all humankind in sacrificing to God, causing reconciliation to God, and a new bonding after sin's totality. The second reading also finishes the last reading. It is the story of Bartineus, a blind man who begged by the roadside in Jericho. It is wonder that Bartineus had to beg in order to survive.

At the time of Jesus, persons with physical or spiritual challenges, such as blindness, were reduced to begging unless their families assisted them. Blindness, as all other bodily difficulties, had a spiritual component for the ancient Jews. God willed nothing evil or heartless. Disease and incapacity were signs of a heartlessness that came from sin. Thus, when Jesus healed, the effects and power of sin also were overcome. The key to Bartineus’ being healed was his faith.

**Key to life is trust in the Lord**

The Epistle to the Hebrews

**30 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Epistle to the Hebrews

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The Apostles’ Creed

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**The Sunday Gospel**

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**IN THE MOURNING**

**KAY COZAD**

**READINGS**

**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9 Ps 126:1-6 Heb 5:1-6 Mt 10:46-52

**Monday:** Eph 4:32 — 5:8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33 Ps 128:1-5 Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10-14 Lk 13:22-29

**Thursday:** Mt 7:2-4, 9:14 Ps 24:1-4a, 5-6, 1:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a Friday: Ws 3:1-3 Ps 23:1-6 Ps 55:11-17:27

**Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26 Ps 42:2-3, Sdeef Lk 4:1, 7-11

**REMARKS**

In Ordinary Time

Msgr. Owen F. Campion

- **Sunday**
  - Readings:
    - Jeremiah 31:7-9: This reading highlights the themes of God’s covenant with the people of Israel, showing them as a chosen nation.
    - Hebrews 5:1-6: This passage emphasizes the role of Jesus as a high priest, which connects to the theme of salvation and faith.

- **Key to life is trust in the Lord**
  - The author discusses the importance of placing trust in God, even during challenging times, using the stories of Bartimeus and Jesus healing him.

- **The Sunday Gospel**
  - Gospel of Matthew 10:46-52: This passage addresses the relationship between a teacher and his students, with Jesus exemplifying his love and care for them.

- **The Apostles’ Creed**
  - The author reflects on the phrase “in God’s silence,” correlating it with the theme of trust in God's presence.

- **IN THE MOURNING**
  - The article by Kay Cozad discusses the challenges of losing a parent and the importance of support during this time.

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Getting down from assisted-suicide ledge

Several states are considering legislative measures to let physicians prescribe (but not administer) a lethal dose of a toxic drug to their patients, thereby assisting their patients to commit suicide. This is known as physician-assisted suicide. Advocates of this practice assure us that this can be a good choice for someone who is dying, or who wants to die.

If physician-assisted suicide really represents a “good choice,” we need to ask: why should only physicians be able to participate? Why should only physicians be allowed to undermine public trust of their profession through these kinds of death-dealing activities?

Why not include police, for example? If a sick person expresses a wish to die, the police could be notified, and an officer would arrive bearing a suitable firearm. He would shoot the barrel, the officer would depart, and the patient could then “jump” — “police-assisted suicide.”

Besides physician-assisted suicide and police-assisted suicide, “military-assisted suicide” could be offered as well. Members of the armed forces would bring in a standard-issue hand grenade upon request, explaining to the sick patient how to remove the pin properly for us (“pro nobis”), we can, of course, do this. Members of the armed forces would bring in a standard-issue hand grenade upon request, explaining to the sick patient how to remove the pin properly for us (“pro nobis”), we can, of course, do this.

Commentator Greg Pfundstein stresses how this sound and consistent cultural message is far more convincing when we allow physicians to prescribe lethal drugs.

In attempting to justify physician-assisted suicide, one of the main arguments used is that “it is like replacing the suicide intervention signs on bridges with signs that state, “Ask your physician if jumping is right for you.” Simply put, such jumping is never a “good thing,” and it is only our own foolishness that leads us feign it could be, whether physician-assisted or otherwise.

Remember reading a letter to the editor in the local paper of a small town many years ago. The woman wrote about the death of her grandparents — well educated, intelligent and seemingly in control of their faculties — who had tragically committed suicide together by drinking a deadly substance. They were elderly and struggling with various ailments. Her first-hand perspective was unflinching:

“IT took me years to forgive my grandparents after they committed suicide. I was so angry at what they had done to me and my family. I felt betrayed. I felt nauseated. At some fundamental level I just couldn’t believe it had really happened, and I couldn’t believe that they didn’t reach out to us for help. I thought the pain would never go away. The idea that suicide could ever be a good thing is a total crock and a lie. It leaves behind deep scars and irreparable pain on the part of family and friends. We don’t have the right to take our own lives because we didn’t give ourselves life.”

I’m reminded of the words of the mayor of one of our great cities, who declared: “The crime rate isn’t so bad if you just don’t count the murders.” Assisted suicide, similarly, isn’t so bad if you just don’t count the victims: the many broken individuals, broken families and broken hearts.

A friend of mine in Canada has struggled with multiple sclerosis for many years. He often speaks out against assisted suicide. Recently, he sent me a picture of himself taken with his smiling grandchildren, one sitting on each arm of his wheelchair. Below the picture he wrote, “I had an assisted suicide back in the mid-1980s when I first developed MS, and it seemed like as I knew it was over, look what I would have missed. I had no idea that one day I would be head over heels in love with my grandchildren! Never give up on life.”

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Father Dan Scheidt is pastor of Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka.

Scripture Search

Gospel for October 21, 2012

Mark 10:35-45

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Cycle B: requesting more than they bargained for. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.
ICCL Blaziers, Panthers propel to championship game

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — And then there were two.

The Inter-City Catholic League boasted full stands and great weather as the final four teams competed for the right to play in the finals this Sunday, Oct. 28, at 5 p.m. on Father Bly Field at Saint Joseph High School.

First things first. In order to play in the finals the St. Matthew Blaziers (Our Lady of Hungary, St. Jude) would face a traditional power in the Crusaders of Holy Cross/Christ the King. It would turn out to be an epic battle of wills.

The Crusaders would start the game off with little fanfare as their balanced attack was stopped cold by the Blaziers’ defense. The black-and-orange-clad Crusaders would however ride the wave of the single wing formation with runs by Chris Scales, Justin DeClark, Cole Kazina and Nick Monnin, which moved the ball methodically in a churn down the field.

The Blaziers would capitalize on their game plan as Monnin following his offensive line into the end zone with 2:26 remaining in the opening stanza, followed by a points after kick by Jack Tiller, making the score, 3-0.

Gutsy runs by the Crusaders’ Danny Chimutu and powerful back Paul Murphy had difficulty piercing the Blazer defense on their second possession, turning the ball over on downs and giving the ball back at the St. Matthew 49-yard line.

Unlike many of the Blaziers’ drives, this one would be short lived as Kazina burst around the end and dashed the 51 yards needed for a score and a 16-0 lead.

The Crusaders would however claw their way back into the contest as Hunter West broke out of the back and scrambled all the way down to the 10 being brought down by a touchdown saving tackle by Scales.

Then it was gut check time as the Crusader line banded and bullied the Blaziers the final 10 yards as Murphy pin-balled his way to paydirt. Duran Ramos’ kick found its mark making the contest a one score margin, 16-8.

The only drive of merit left in the first half was ended as Crusader defensive back Nick Riboni picked off Blazer quarterback Nick Monnin at the eight-yard line changing the momentum going into the break.

The second half would be all Blaziers as the offensive line of Vinnie Gerstbauer, Ryan Quinn, Joe Cline, Evan Sandefur, Bransen Bonnell and Jordan Brown battled against a Crusader defense that made every snap its own war of wills.

The Blaziers inched their way down the field on a 20-plus play drive that not only took the entire third quarter but the five-and-a-half minutes of the fourth. Finally on a fourth down at the one-foot line, St. Matthew busted through for the backbreaking score.

“It was death by paper cut,” remarked long-time defensive coordinator of the Crusaders, Steve Pajakowski.

The Crusader offense touched the ball for the very first time and the last time, with just 2:20 left in the game, ending their hopes and propelling the Blaziers into the championship game.

“We approached the second half with the idea that we could control the ball for most of the third quarter, but 13 and a half minutes really took a load off of our defense,” remarked Blazer head coach, Ben Dominkos.

“The Holy Cross/Christ the King team really fought us every step of the way.”

“They run that offense very well. It was Navy football at its best. I congratulate them on the well-deserved victory. They are going to be hard to stop,” commented Crusader head coach John Krzyzewski.

“I was happy that our kids didn’t quit, it was just not meant to be this year.”

The undefeated regular season champion St. Anthony/St. Joseph/St. Pius Panthers dispatched last season’s champion, the Mishawaka Catholic Saints, 22-6, behind touchdown runs by Tony Carmola, Blake Benefiel and Sean Rattigan. The Saints’ lone score came on a touchdown strike from Bryce Tomasi to Ike Branson.

The championship game will be a match up that was coincidentally the very first contest of the season in which the Panthers got by the Blaziers, 20-12.

“Our team is excited. We feel like we are a different team than we were in week one,” explained Dominkos. “We will need a good week of practice to counter the very talented Panther team.”

“St. Matthew will be a tough matchup, we definitely will have to play disciplined and with purpose,” commented Panther head coach Kevin Sandor. “We will have to play our brand of football, get back to basics and be error free on Sunday.”

Nick Gray, right, of the Serra Club of Fort Wayne presents the Bishop’s Trophy on Oct. 16 to the winner of the Bishop Dwenger vs. Bishop Luers football game on Oct. 12. Bishop Luers High School is this year’s recipient.

Above, Gray is shown with Bishop Luers football captains, from left, Will Nolan, Jarman Quay Brooks, Jaylon Smith and Aaron LaMaster.
Saint Joseph, Marian girls’ soccer teams head to state finals

By Chuck Freeby

SOUTH BEND, MISHAWAKA — At the beginning of the season, both Saint Joseph High School girls’ soccer coach Johan Kuitse and Marian girls’ soccer coach Daniel Charmat set an expectation for their squads of going to state. Expectations have been met. Both the Indians and Knights will carry the diocesan banner to Kunz Stadium in Indianapolis this weekend, after both teams captured semifinal titles Saturday night.

Saint Joseph defended its home turf of Fathier Bly Field with wins over second-ranked Hamilton Southeastern (2-1 in overtime) and Crown Point (4-0) to capture the Class 1-A Championship game (4-1). Bishop Luers also won both games, defeating Evansville Memorial for the Class 2-A Championship game (4-1) and Bishop Luers in the championship game (4-1).

It didn’t come easily for the Indians in the morning session, as Catherine Raster needed to score a goal on the keeper’s hands with 30 seconds remaining in overtime to knock off Hamilton Southeastern. Saint Joseph carried that momentum into the evening session, blitzing Crown Point with three goals in less than five minutes. Freshman Sam Kambol started the scoring, taking a Rachel Staud pass and blasting it by Bulldog goalie Meghan Morasan to make it 1-0. Two minutes later, Raster scored the first of her two goals of the night off a beautiful pass from Maddie Turner. Once Staud bumped home a goal off aいい Ristopola free kick in the 16th minute, the route was on and the Tribe could pack their bags for Indy.

“It’s amazing to be going back to state,” said Raster, who was a part of the Indians’ state championship team in 2010. “It was a great feeling to win that year and I want to experience it again.”

Marian was dominant in its two semifinal wins. The morning game was all about Shannon Hendricks. The Marian sophomore tallied two goals and two assists in the win over West Lafayette. Marian’s defense held the Red Devils to just one shot on goal.

Bishop Luers provided a stern test in the championship game. After Brittany Payne scored for Marian in the 20th minute, Bishop Luers’ star Mayson Whitman responded with a rocket from 20 yards out to tie the game just two minutes later.

That’s when the Veldman girls took over for Marian. Senior Gabby Veldman scored the go-ahead goal in the 78th minute, finishing a feed from Margaret Hartnagel. Veldman’s sophomore sister, D.J., then scored the last two goals — both off feeds from the ever-present Hendricks — to send Marian to state for the second straight season.

“They did the job,” bemoaned Charmat afterwards. “They took care of business.”

Now Marian will look to avenge last year’s loss to Providence, as they face the Pioneers in a rematch of the 1-A Championship game at 1 p.m. Saturday. Providence won last year’s clash on penalty kicks.

“We’re going to win state,” exuded D.J. Veldman. “It’s my sister’s senior year, and I’m going to win it for her.”

Meanwhile, St. Joe squares off with Evansville Memorial for the Class 2-A championship at 6 p.m. The two teams have a history, as the Indians prevailed 2-1 to win the 1998 state title.

New York (CNS) — Following are capsule reviews by the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“Frankenweenie” (Disney)

After his beloved pet dog is killed in an accident, a socially isolated but scientifically gifted boy (voice of Charlie Tahan) uses stock monster-movie methods to bring the pooch back to life. His subsequent efforts to conceal his breakthrough from his parents (voices of Catherine O’Hara and Martin Short) and from his peers (voiced, among others, by Atticus Shaffer and James Hiroyuki Liao) go awry, however. And when his schoolmates try to emulatethe his feat, the results are temporarily disastrous. Director Tim Burton’s skilful 3-D animated spoof of horror conventions might scare small fry, but will delight their older siblings and amuse parents as well. Mild scatological humor and some science-fiction hokum. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

“Pitch Perfect” (Universal)

Campus musical in which a college student (Anna Kendrick) joins an all-female a cappella group that’s on track to compete in an annual competition. Along the way to the singing showdown, she clashes with the ensemble’s traditionally minded leader (Anna Camp) and finds romance with a fellow music lover (Skylar Astin), despite his membership in a rival all-male band of warblers. Though director Jason Moore’s multi-plot romp maintains a generally pleasing tone, some salty language and a lax outlook on premarital sexuality bar recommendation for youngsters. Implied nonmarital relationships, adult themes and references, including aberrant sexuality, a few uses of profanity, occasional crude and crass language, an obscene gesture. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.
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**Holiday craft bazaar planned**
South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua Parish, corner of East Jefferson and Ironwood, will have a holiday craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school auditorium. Lunch will be available.

**FOOD FUNDRAISERS**
**Knights plan fish fry**
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Nov. 2, from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children 12 and under.

**Knights of Columbus host fish fry**
Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus 1975 will have a fish dinner on Friday, Nov. 2, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 901 E. Jefferson from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are $8.50 for adults, $4 for children 5-10, under 5 are free. Carry-outs available.

**Spaghetti dinner planned**
Mishawaka — Knights of Columbus Council 1878, 114 W. First St., will have a spaghetti dinner Friday, Nov. 2, from 5-7 p.m. The cost is $8 for adults and $5 for children 5 to 10, under 5 are free. Carry-outs available.

**St. Louis Besancon ham and turkey fundraising dinner**
New Haven — The St. Louis Besancon community will have a ham and turkey dinner Sunday, Nov. 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is $8 for adults, $5 for children ages 5-12 and children 4 and under are free. The big raffle, country craft store, a silent auction, quilt raffle and more will be offered. St. Louis Besancon is located at 15535 Lincoln Highway East (three miles east of US 30 and I-469).

**Catholic Business Network to meet**
Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, Nov. 3, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel. Mass will be followed by guest speakers from Catholics on a Mission in the Cathedral Center. Refreshments will be provided.

**Third Order of Carmel forming**
Fort Wayne — The local community of the Third Order of Carmel will begin first year formation in the new year. The charism is one of prayer and community. For information visit www.fwto.org. Meetings are the second Saturday of the month from 8-10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel. Contact Nancy Simmonds at (260) 417-1540 for details.

**Divine Liturgy celebrated in Fort Wayne**
Fort Wayne — St. Andrew the Apostle Eastern Catholic Mission will celebrate the Byzantine Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel on Sundays, Nov. 11 and 25 and Dec. 2 and 16. They assemble under the mutual blessing of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, and Bishop Richard Seminack of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Nicholas in Chicago — honoring the reality of Catholic unity in diversity.

**Parkview Regional Medical Center Mass**
Fort Wayne — Weekly Masses are celebrated in the Chapel of Parkview Regional Medical Center, 11109 Parkview Plaza Dr., each Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday at noon for patients, family members and staff of the hospital.

**Knights of Columbus 2013 March for Life Washington, D.C.**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE 2013**
Wed. Jan. 23: Depart from one of our designated locations at approximately 8 p.m.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE 2013**
Arrive in Washington, tour Washington Mall, check in at hotel, tour National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE 2013**
Breakfast at the hotel, bus ride to Rally and receive box lunch.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE 2013**
After lunch, join in the March, after which we will board the buses for return to hotel. Bus ride to banquet center for evening dinner.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE 2013**
Breakfast at the hotel, bus ride home, arriving about 8 p.m.

**The Cost:** $275
Includes: Round-trip on touring bus, Hotel for 2 nights, double-occupancy, 2 breakfasts, Box Lunch, Friday evening dinner & celebration, and an unbelievable feeling of euphoria for having participated in this event.

50% Due October 30th
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Barangueras, founder of a Spanish religious order, who died in 1911; and Anna Schaffer, a lay German woman, who died in 1925.

In his homily at Mass following the canonization, Pope Benedict prayed that the example of the new saints would “speak today to the whole Church” and that their intercession would strengthen the Church in its mission to proclaim the Gospel to the world.

The pope also spoke about each new saint individually, giving a short biographical outline and highlighting a special characteristic of each for Catholics today.

Pope Benedict called St. Kateri the “protectress of Canada and the first Native American saint,” and he entrusted to her “the renewal of the faith in the First Nations and in all of North America.”

The daughter of a Mohawk father and Algonquin Christian mother, St. Kateri was “faithful to the traditions of her people,” but also faithful to the Christianity she embraced at age 20. “May her example help us to live where we are, loving Jesus without denying who we are,” the pope said.

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia, who is of American Indian descent, told Catholic News Service, “I think many young people today are embarrassed about embracing the Catholic faith because they live in a secular culture that’s hostile toward religious experience.”

St. Kateri also “grew up in a place where there was great hostility toward Christianity,” Archbishop Chaput said, but she resisted all efforts to turn her away from her faith, “so in some ways she would be a model of fidelity in the face of persecution on religious freedom grounds.”

Archbishop Gerald Cyprien Lacroix of Quebec told CNS that the canonization of the first aboriginal of North America is “huge for us.” St. Kateri, he said, is an excellent model for young people of “living a simple life, faithful to the Lord in the midst of hostility.”

St. Kateri’s life and canonization show that “saints don’t have to do extraordinary things, they just have to love,” Archbishop Lacroix said.

Francine Mercunya, 32, a Cree who lives in Pelican Narrows, Sask., said, “Kateri inspires me because she’s an aboriginal woman. According to sociologists, aboriginal women are at the lowest (social) strata, and for the Church to raise up to the communion of saints an aboriginal woman is so awesome and wonderful.”

Jake Finkbonner, the 12-year-old boy from Washington state whose healing was accepted as the miracle needed for St. Kateri’s canonization, received Communion from the pope during the Mass. Jake’s parents and two little sisters did as well.

Speaking about St. Marianne of Molokai in his homily, Pope Benedict said that a time when very little could be done to treat people with Hansen’s disease, commonly called leprosy, “Marianne Cope showed the highest love, courage and enthusiasm.”

“She is a shining example of the tradition of Catholic nursing sisters and of the spirit of her beloved St. Francis,” the pope said.

Leading a group of Hawaiian pilgrims, including nine patient-residents from Kalaupapa, where St. Marianne ministered, Honolulu Bishop Larry Silva said St. Marianne is “an inspiration for those who care for those most in need, which is what all Christians are called to do. Now, with universal veneration, she can inspire people around the world.”

With thousands of Philippine pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square, Pope Benedict praised St. Pedro, a catechist who accompanied Jesuit priests to the Mariana Islands in 1668. Despite hostility from some of the natives, he “displayed deep faith and charity and continued to catechize his many converts, giving witness to Christ by a life of purity and dedication to the Gospel.”

The pope prayed that “the example and courageous witness” of St. Pedro would “inspire the dear people of the Philippines to announce the kingdom bravely and to win souls for God.”

Pope Benedict also cited St. Anna Schaffer who was working as a maid to earn the money for the dowry needed to enter a convent when an accident occurred and she “received incurable burns” which kept her bedridden the rest of her life, the pope said. In time, she came to see her pain and suffering as a way to unite herself with Christ through prayer, he said.

“May her apostolate of prayer and suffering, of sacrifice and expiation, be a shining example for believers in her homeland, and may her intercession strengthen the Christian hospice movement in its beneficial activity,” the pope said.

Contributing to this story was Francis X. Rocca.