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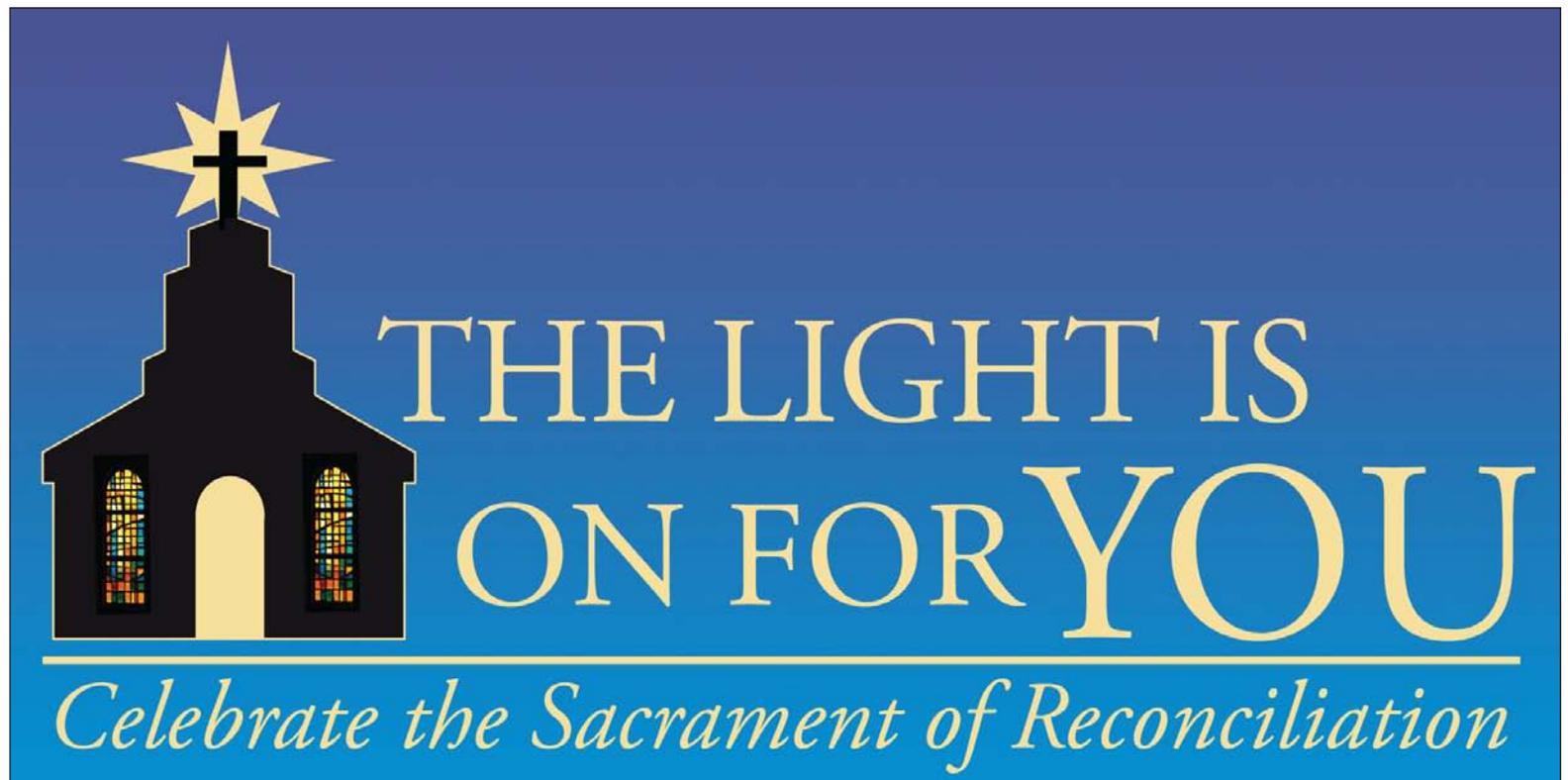
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'The Light Is On For You' set March 12

Confessions in all parishes of the diocese 6-8 p.m.



BY TIM JOHNSON

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has designated Wednesday, March 12, from 6-8 p.m., "as the date and time for all the churches of our diocese to be open for prayer and am asking all our priests to hear individual confessions during that two-hour time period," as he wrote in a letter to priests. The initiative is called "The Light Is On for You" and will offer Catholics of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend the availability of the sacra-

ment of Reconciliation.

Confession provides an opportunity to set aside sinful ways and to draw closer to the Lord.

"The Light Is On For You" is endorsed by the U.S. bishops and is an invitation to all Catholics of the diocese to stop in church for prayer and provides the opportunity for Confession.

"The Light Is On For You" is for Catholics who frequent Confession, but is also an opportunity for Catholics who may be reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon Confession time.

For those who have been away from the sacrament for some time, churches will have Reconciliation brochures available for helpful "how-to" guidance.

The faithful are encouraged to invite their family and friends who have been away from the sacrament to take part.

"Imagine the sense of welcome and hope they would experience if they walked into a church filled with people praying and meditating in silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament," one bulletin promotion announcement said.

Bishop Rhoades engages and evangelizes Saint Joseph High School students

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

SOUTH BEND — "May God guide all of you in the discernment of your vocations and may He give you the courage to live the radicalism of the Gospel." Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades stressed these hopes throughout his visit to Saint Joseph High School on Feb. 28, as he encouraged the young men and women he encountered to discern and follow the will of God for their lives.

The Gospel reading, which detailed Christ's teaching on the indissolubility of marriage, provided the heart of the bishop's message on vocations, authentic Christian love and the fundamental nature of human beings as sons and daughters of God.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades engages in conversation with Saint Joseph High School students after celebrating Mass at the high school on Feb. 28.

Bishop Rhoades said, "Jesus is calling us to a deeper and holier way of life. He is teaching what God's intention is for marriage, that it be permanent. Jesus teaches that man shall leave his father and mother and the two shall become one flesh. It is the union of two whole persons, the union of love and life."

"He also tells us that what God has joined together, no human being must separate," Bishop Rhoades continued. "This was pretty radical, but Jesus is teaching us truth, teaching us the way to human fulfillment, the path to true freedom. Is it hard? Yes! Is it radical? Yes! Being a disciple means we take up the cross and being obedient to the will of God, even when it is tough."

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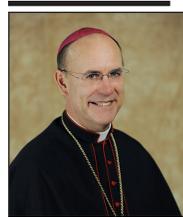


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On the road to the glory of Easter



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Every year at this time, I have the pleasure of celebrating the Rite of Election in our cathedrals. This past Sunday, I also celebrated the Rite of Election at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame since the students there who are preparing for Baptism will be on spring break when we celebrate the Rite of Election at Saint Matthew's Cathedral.

What is the Rite of Election? It is the second step in Christian initiation. It follows the lengthy period of the catechumenate during which those preparing for Baptism are formed in the Christian life and learn the teachings of the Catholic faith. The Rite of Election takes place early in the season of Lent. It marks the beginning of the catechumens' final and more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation.

At the Rite of Election, the catechumens, who are thereafter called "the elect," express their free intention to receive the sacraments of the Church. Their names are inscribed in the Book of the Elect. That is why the Rite of Election is also called the "Enrollment of Names."

During the ceremony of the Rite of Election, the godparents of "the elect" are asked to testify that the candidates are worthy to be admitted to the sacraments of Christian initiation, that they have faithfully listened to the word of God and have responded to that word with faith. The godparents also pledge to support and pray for them as they prepare to celebrate the Easter sacraments.

During the ceremony, all the people present also affirm their willingness to support

the elect through their prayers and support. It is important that throughout our diocese during the season of Lent we remember in prayer the hundreds of men and women in our diocese who are preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

During the liturgy of the Rite of Election, we also celebrate the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates who are preparing for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. These are people who have already been baptized in other Christian communities and are preparing to enter the Catholic Church and to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. They, like the catechumens, have been studying the Catholic faith. They are already Christians since they were baptized. Their journey of faith has led them to the

of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the over 600 adults of our diocese who are preparing to enter the Catholic Church. They have been touched by God's grace in a variety of ways. They will soon be entering into a deep and abiding communion with Christ through entrance into His Church. Soon they will participate with us at the holy banquet of the Eucharist. It is important that we remember them in our prayers during the Lenten season and also that we welcome them with love in our parish communities.

I am very grateful to the priests and faithful of our diocese who serve in the RCIA process in our parishes, including those who teach the catechumens and candidates and those who accompany them as godparents or sponsors. Your witness to the faith is an essential part of the preparation and catechesis of these men and women.

The RCIA process and the Rites that are part of the process remind all of us that "the sacraments of initiation lay the foundations of every Christian life" (CCC 1212). Our life of faith is founded on the Word of God and nourished by it. It involves our assent to that Word, what is called "the obedience of faith." We freely assent to the whole truth that God has revealed. Faith is also "a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by Him" (CCC 153). The season of Lent, a season of conversion, is a special time to grow in faith through a process of purification. As we accompany those preparing for the sacraments of initiation, we

also resolve to be converted anew to the Lord in our own lives.

Let us all remember to pray for the elect and the candidates during the season of Lent. I will be praying for them and for all of us during this holy season. Through our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, may we all progress in our lives of faith. Of course, this is all the work of God's grace.

We are all on the road that leads to the glory of Easter. May the Lord Jesus be our way, our truth, and our life!

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Catholic Church. They desire to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church.

During the ceremony of the Call to Continuing Conversion, the candidates' sponsors testify that they are ready to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, that they have advanced in the Christian life through prayer and reflection. The whole community present affirms their prayers and support for the candidates as they prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

It is moving for me to witness the action

Cardinals say synod on family will seek to balance truth, God's mercy

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Balancing the need to uphold Christ's teaching about the permanence of marriage and the call for the Church to show God's mercy for those who have failed their marriage vows will be a major theme of discussion by the world's bishops.

The Church needs to find ways to let all of its members find a home in the Church without compromising its teachings, said Cardinals Vincent Nichols of Westminster, England, and Wilfrid F. Napier of Durban,

South Africa. Both men attended meetings in Rome ahead of October's extraordinary synod on the family and a 2015 world Synod of Bishops on the same theme.

Some 150 cardinals from around the world gathered with Pope Francis Feb. 20-21 to talk about the family, and cardinal members of the Synod of Bishops continued those discussions Feb. 24-25.

"At this stage, what the cardinals were really interested in was, how do we balance the justice of God with His mercy?" Cardinal Napier told Catholic News Service Feb. 24.

"The justice of God means

you must keep His law, but when you've broken that law, how does His mercy come into play? That, I think, is the dilemma that we are having to handle and we have to keep that before us leading up to the synod, at the synod and beyond the synod," he told CNS.

The same day, Cardinal Nichols told journalists that when it comes to family life and marriage, many people "feel failure, feel themselves to have failed, and they have a desire to start again."

Many divorced and civilly remarried Catholics see not having the Eucharist available to them as "a kind of punishment,

as a sign of not being accepted in the Church," Cardinal Nichols said. So there is a need to explore more deeply "what part does the Eucharist play?" and not to forget that "these are people we are talking about" who are experiencing "real hurt in their lives."

The 68-year-old English cardinal said that when he was growing up, there was a more "moral, reserved attitude" toward the Eucharist, that "it was something that actually made demands on us, that to receive the Eucharist was a highpoint" and not a given.

While the Church is concerned

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Appeals court denies University of Notre Dame injunction on HHS mandate

CHICAGO (CNS) — The University of Notre Dame must provide free coverage of contraceptives as required by the federal health care law despite its moral objections to doing so, said a panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in a late Feb. 21 ruling that denied the university an injunction against enforcement of the mandate.

The decision was handed down in the university's appeal of a Dec. 20 ruling by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana denying it a preliminary injunction. Notre Dame then sought to obtain emergency relief from the 7th Circuit before the Jan. 1 deadline for the mandate to take effect and was denied.

In its lawsuit, Notre Dame argued that the mandate's purpose "is to discriminate against religious institutions and organizations that oppose abortion and contraception."

Judge Richard Posner, joined by Judge David Hamilton, wrote the majority opinion in the 2-1 ruling, saying the university has the option of following a so-called accommodation in the mandate that says employers who object to the coverage on moral grounds can fill out a form and direct a third party to provide the coverage to their employees.

In a brief statement Feb. 24, Notre Dame spokesman Paul J. Browne said: "Our concern remains that if government is allowed to

entangle a religious institution of higher education like Notre Dame in one area contrary to conscience, it's given license to do so in others."

"Our lawyers are reviewing the 7th Circuit ruling and contemplating next steps," he said.

Notre Dame and other Catholic entities that have brought dozens of lawsuits challenging the mandate on moral grounds say this third-party accommodation still does not solve their problem over being involved in providing coverage they reject for moral reasons.

In his ruling, Posner wrote: "If the government is entitled to require that female contraceptives be provided to women free of charge, we have trouble understanding how signing the form that declares Notre Dame's authorized refusal to pay for contraceptives for its students or staff, and mailing the authorization document to those companies, which under federal law are obligated to pick up the tab, could be thought to 'trigger' the provision of female contraceptives."

The mandate — under rules issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services — requires nearly all employers to cover contraceptives, sterilizations and some abortion-inducing drugs to their employees in their company health plan. It includes a narrow exemption for some religious employers that fit certain criteria.

Religious employers who are not exempt can comply with the third-

party accommodation.

In his dissent, Judge Joel Flaum said it was "clear that if Notre Dame were forced to pay for contraceptive coverage against its religious beliefs or else incur significant monetary penalties, this would be a substantial burden. In the university's eyes, this form's 'purpose and effect' — evident from the face of the regulations — is to accomplish what the organization finds religiously forbidden and protests."

The deadline for employers to comply with the mandate was Jan. 1 or they would face thousands of dollars in daily fines.

On Jan. 2, according to the *National Catholic Register*, Notre Dame told faculty and staff that while its appeal of the mandate worked its way through the courts, a third-party administrator would notify them about access to contraceptives and other mandated non-objectionable services such as mammograms, prenatal care and cervical cancer screenings.

Flaum in his dissent noted that the form a nonexempt employer must use to direct a third-party administrator to provide the coverage "flatly states that it is 'an instrument under which the plan is operated.' Having to submit the (form), Notre Dame maintains, makes it 'complicit in a grave moral wrong' by involving it with a system that delivers contraceptive products and services to its employees and students."

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about properly ministering to people who are divorced and civilly remarried, he said it sees it must continue to uphold the truth of Christ's teachings about the unity and indissolubility of marriage, which are "of central importance."

"There must be ways in which people can live a very fruitful life in the Church," Cardinal Nichols said, even though they may not have access to the Eucharist.

It also calls for "much more positive ways we engage with people whose marriages have broken down" and to let them know that there could be solutions that apply to them if there are questions about the validity of their first marriage, he said.

Cardinal Napier said the Church will be looking more closely at whether the way it prepares couples for marriage is adequate.

There are couples whose marriage seems like "a sacramental marriage, but when you look more closely, do they have the right disposition, do they have the right understanding even to actually contract that kind of a marriage that's permanent, exclusive

and for life."

There is a sense that there is a real lack among Catholics about what marriage really is, he said.

Another issue, the South African cardinal said, is that, in many cases, the people who are requesting Communion were not "guilty of breaking up the first marriage, but were innocent parties that have not always been given credit for the amount of suffering they've had to go through."

For example, he said, "a woman who was abandoned by her husband. What does she do? She has children to bring up, she needs security, she meets somebody, she marries. Now is she really to blame? And is the Church not going to find a way to exercise God's merciful love?"

Cardinal Napier said there is also a contradiction in situations where the second marriage is stable and loving, and "here we are telling this couple, you must bring your children up so they value the Eucharist with Christ at the center of your lives and you yourself as a couple can't have Christ at that center of their life."

"Of course, putting it only in the sacramental context is also limiting it," Cardinal Napier said, and many couples have been able to be active through "spiritual communion."

Cardinal Nichols said that

"for marriage to be what it's meant to be, that is, a sacramental covenant, there has to be some understanding not just of the faith in general but of the faith in its specific insights and gift into the nature of marriage."

"Maybe it's not enough that people marrying today have permanence and indissolubility as an aspiration, as a hope: 'We hope it will work out,' because actually the sacrament requires more than that. It requires a commitment to the indissolubility and an openness and reliance on the gift of grace in married life."

Many Catholic marriages do endure, he said, and those who do give witness to a faithful marriage can play a role showing how marriage is "a work of grace."

Cardinal Nichols said he has "great admiration for the resilience and dedication of people in family life."

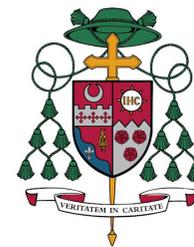
People really do struggle to be faithful and make their marriage work, he said, because they know divorce is a tragedy "and really scars people."

Cardinal Nichols said parishes should offer support and "build a family of the Church" that spans multiple generations, backgrounds and experiences to help "society knit its families together again."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday March 9, 10:30 a.m. Mass at Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne
- Sunday, March 9, 2 p.m. — Rite of Election, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, March 11, 10:30 a.m. — Lenten Day of Recollection for Priests, Saint Martin de Porres Church, Syracuse
- Wednesday, March 12, 6-8 p.m. — "The Light Is On For You" Confessions, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, March 13, 4 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, March 15, 7:30 a.m. — Mass with Deacon Aspirants, Lindenwood Retreat Center, Donaldson



Priest announcement

The Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has granted a leave of absence for health reasons to **Father Christopher Smith**, pastor of Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne, effective March 4, 2014.

Bishop Rhoades has appointed **Father Ajay Tiru** as temporary administrator of Queen of Angels Parish, Fort Wayne, effective March 5, 2014.



Catholic Relief Services thanks the people of our diocese for Typhoon Haiyan support

The Chairman of the Catholic Relief Services Board, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, recently returned from the Philippines. He sent me a letter thanking the people of our diocese for supporting our brothers and sisters who were impacted by Typhoon Haiyan. Archbishop Coakley asked me to share the link to a two-minute thank you video from CRS: <http://emergencies.crs.org/philippines-typhoon-recovery-thankyou/>.

I thank you for your loving and caring hearts. And may God bless you.

+ *Kevin C. Rhoades*

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Knights sponsor Lenten text messages

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Msgr. Bernard Galic, Father Andrew Budzinski and Franciscan Father David Mary Engo are contributors to a daily text message service to support the Lenten spiritual journey. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, those who have text messaging services and wish to receive the daily text may text the words "go catholic" to 20300.

Bishop Rhoades visits Holy Cross House

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

NOTRE DAME — The retired priests and brothers of the Holy Cross Congregation living at Notre Dame welcomed Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to celebrate Mass, enjoy lunch and engage in discussion with their community on Feb. 26.

“Daily Mass is so important in our lives as priests and religious brothers,” Bishop Rhoades stressed in his homily. “It is the food of our souls: the food of God’s Word and the food of the Holy Eucharist. Here we come to know Jesus more deeply and are united to Him. We receive in this great sacrament of His love the strength and the power to live as His faithful disciples and as brothers in Christ here at Holy Cross House.”

In the Gospel reading, Jesus challenged His followers to be that those who live by His teachings and minister in His name participate in the mission of the Church, even if they are outside the explicit circle of His chosen apostles.

Bishop Rhoades stressed that ecumenical dialogue continues to be a priority and a goal within the Catholic community, as well as within his own ministry. He



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass with the retired priests and brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross who reside at Holy Cross House on Wednesday, Feb. 26. His visit included the celebration of Mass, lunch and a discussion. Pictured at left is Bishop Rhoades greeting Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh.

said that “the Catholic Church recognizes that there are elements of sanctification and truth found outside the visible confines of the Catholic Church, both in other Christian communities and in non-Christian religions. The Church considers all goodness and truth found in these religions as given by God and as a preparation for the Gospel.”

He said that establishing a positive relationship with the Jewish communities of the diocese has been a joy and a sign of hope for continued dialogue and under-

standing in the future.

Bishop Rhoades also thanked the priests and brothers present at Mass, as well as those watching from their rooms, for the great work they had accomplished throughout their lives to build up the Church by engaging with other cultures and faiths to spread the truth of Christ with a spirit of love and service.

Bishop Rhoades remained after Mass to have lunch with the men of Holy Cross House, who were very grateful for his presence and spoke highly of his



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leadership.

Holy Cross Father Don McNeill indicated he thought Bishop Rhoades was “the whole package — intelligent, articulate, personable and sensitive to the needs of others, especially in the midst of difficult challenges.”

Holy Cross Brother Frank Gorch, a 38-year veteran of the Notre Dame Fire Department, indicated it was “wonderful that Bishop Rhoades came to spend time with the Holy Cross community.”

Holy Cross Father Larry

LeVasseur also kindly remarked that he thought “it was a great gesture on behalf of the bishop to recognize the men upstairs who were unable to make it to Mass.”

Bishop Rhoades announced that he was “grateful for the help of the Congregation of Holy Cross throughout the diocese, many of whom serve at parishes in the South Bend area.”

The bishop also graciously thanked the community for their significant help and leadership in their Hispanic ministry, which was especially dear to his heart because of his experiences as a pastoral shepherd of primarily Hispanic communities.

He also remained after the meal to answer questions from the priests and brothers on a variety of topics.

Bishop Rhoades spoke highly of his hope for the future, indicating significant gains of priestly vocations in the diocese and a renewed pastoral focus throughout various diocesan departments. The men of Holy Cross House utilized the opportunity to have significant conversations with their bishop concerning hopes and goals for the Church in both this diocese and the global community.

Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella speaks at Notre Dame

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — The president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization spoke on Feb. 26 as part of the Terrence R. Keeley Vatican Lecture series that brings important Vatican figures to the University of Notre Dame. Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella talked on “The Role of the Church in Contemporary Society” before a standing-room-only audience at the university’s Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

While it was not mentioned at the lecture, the university’s ongoing lawsuit challenging the Health and Human Services mandate to provide insurance for contraceptives was no doubt on the minds of the speaker as well as the audience. In introducing the speaker, university president, Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, seemed to allude to Notre Dame’s issues with the federal government when he related that Archbishop Fisichella had a very positive effect on the Italian Parliament when he served as chaplain there.

“I’m thinking about recruiting him to serve in our nation’s capital,” Father Jenkins quipped.

In his lecture, Archbishop Fisichella observed that Catholics in the United States are politically active and that Catholic doctrine itself is supportive of democratic ideals, for it applies the same standards to everyone, just as all people are “blended in the sight of God.”

He quoted from the 1835

“Democracy in America” book by Alexis de Tocqueville: “Those American Catholics are both the most obedient believers and the most independent citizens,” saying that Tocqueville realized the contribution Catholicism offers to the maintenance and betterment of a true democracy.

Archbishop Fisichella cited the contribution to society of not only Catholic individuals, but also Catholic institutions of higher education and other institutions dedicated to the common good. Thus, he said, Catholics can boast of a long history and tradition toward building a solid society.

Today, he continued, these accomplishments are subjected to “stress” by a number of factors, including the imposition of the primacy of the individual over society, the loss of credibility of institutions incapable of responding to modern difficulties, and a reluctance to assume personal and civic responsibility.

The archbishop said it was important to have a long range vision that would involve educational institutions, ecclesial communities and families with a view to restoring trust and promoting the common good. To this end, he called for cooperation and dialogue and cautioned that no one should be “retreating into his or her own institutional bubble.”

He said that the Church will likely always have its critics, but Catholics must remain focused on the most important work there is:

“We realize in fact that our principal task is to bring the Gospel to all, and we may never be content until it has reached even the last person on this earth.”

Archbishop Fisichella compared the current times with the fourth century after Christ, saying that today “the great challenge is between Christianity and new paganism.”

Until the fourth century, he said, religion in Rome was political and public. Public worship of the gods was considered to be crucial to the very survival of empire, so the state demanded citizens give public worship to the deities but did not interfere in the private lives of the people.

“This understanding of religion was on a collision course with Christianity,” he said, because religion was considered to be an act of the state to which one must submit. Christians were not considered bad citizens because they adored their God in private, but rather because their religion did not publicly recognize the Roman gods, he said.

“As you can see, the same problem surfaces in just the same way today,” Archbishop Fisichella said. “Of course, Christians are not asked to recognize the sacredness of the state. What is enforced, however, is the idea that religion is a completely private affair with no public effect. Religion ... should be relegated to the private sphere which the democratic state guarantees, more or less, as a strictly individual freedom, and we should not influence the progress

or social, political and cultural life of our countries.”

Such an idea, he continued, rests on a premise Christians could never accept, for it would isolate faith from life and would weaken both the faith and the Christian commitment to society to bring the Incarnation to the transformation of the world and the good of every person.

He quoted Pope Francis’s 2013 apostolic exhortation “*Evangelii Gaudium*”:

“Consequently, no one can demand that religion should be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life, without concern for the soundness of civil institutions, without a right to offer an opinion on events affecting society.”

Archbishop Fisichella told the audience that “We are living in an important moment of history,” witnessing a big change in the fundamental concepts of culture that was unthinkable in time past, but which involves the very meaning of human life and its future.

“A society which seeks to exclude or merely marginalize Christianity will be for that very reason destined to poverty and limitation as well as a weak social solidarity and subsidiarity,” he said.

Catholics are capable of involving all those who share their same hopes and expectations even if they are not of the same faith, he continued. And Catholics should be able to rethink the reasons of the faith

that make them responsible in society so that those principles become “a living culture” among all peoples.

“What I consider important is that in a moment of transition like this one, the Church should feel the responsibility of transmitting a living patrimony of culture and of values which must not sink into oblivion,” the archbishop said. “If this opportunity were not to happen, the consequences would be disastrous for the very civilization that we work to construct. Such a civilization would be born blind and maimed, incapable of looking towards the future and unable to construct it.”

“The only thing that can guarantee a genuine future is a living tradition capable of conserving a heritage built up over the centuries. It would not be the first time that the Church takes on this task. Our history clearly points out the work the Church has undertaken in moments of cultural crisis and historical conditions. The challenge to accept and answer consists in this renewed awareness.”

Archbishop Fisichella’s lecture was sponsored by the Notre Dame Nanovic Institute for European Studies. The lecture series is named for Terrence R. Keeley, a Notre Dame alumnus and member of the institute’s board who wants to provide students and faculty with the opportunity to explore questions involving Notre Dame’s Catholic mission with distinguished representatives from the Holy See.

Bill to tighten child-care regulations advances in Senate

INDIANAPOLIS — A bill to improve safety for children who receive child-care vouchers advances in the Senate.

The Senate Health and Provider Services panel amended and passed HB 1036, 10-2, Feb. 27. The bill now moves to the full Senate for approval. The Indiana Catholic Conference supports the legislation.

Rep. Kevin Mahan, R-Hartford City, author of the proposal, HB 1036, has worked with Sen. Greg Walker (R-Columbus) and Sen. Greg Taylor (D-Indianapolis) Senate, sponsors of the proposal, to address safety concerns and improving the overall quality of care for children who receive the taxpayer voucher from the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), a \$5 billion federal program that is block granted to states for administration.

According to Mahan, the goal of the bill is to address legitimate safety concerns and improve care by tightening the facilities' regulations that receive CCDF dollars while not burdening churches that in some cases also run a ministry daycare operation.

The legislation addresses group sizes of children including staff-to-child ratios and requires ongoing staff training. It also requires reporting of injury of children where a licensed medical professional is involved. The Senate removed several of the components of the original bill, which passed the House last month, 71-24.

According to Glenn Tebbe, executive director for the Indiana Catholic Conference, the provisions, which were removed in the Senate, include the rulemaking authority of the Division of Family and Children on how nutrition and daily activities would be implemented. Tebbe said, the child-care providers must establish policies regarding nutrition and daily activities and submit them to the Bureau of Child Care (BCC), a division of the state's Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA).

Tebbe said the amended version of the bill is an attempt to address some concerns of potential government overreach and

at the same time begin to help providers and the Bureau of Child Care to prepare for new federal requirements that will require the FSSA to establish rules regarding these and other areas of child-care providers.

Walker said, "The United States Health and Human Services Department (HHS) is trying to promote child-care affordability for low income parents and to create child-care development schools and instruction for improving the quality of child care in anticipation of public education."

Walker said, "The federal government is going through the rulemaking process and is very significantly changing the rules for the CCDF providers, in particular, those that are not licensed."

He added that these are a comprehensive package of reforms that deal with everything from fire codes and building designs that address safety and emergency preparedness plans to matters such as safe sleep practices. Walker said that HB 1036 will be the beginning of preparing CCDF child-care providers for "what's coming down the pike" in terms of federal regulations effective October 2015.

Walker said that if passed, HB 1036 goes into effect July 2015 giving CCDF providers a four-month lead time before the national regulations take effect. Walker said it is his intention to use those child-care policies that the providers establish for themselves in conjunction with the rulemaking process to determine best practices, rather than locking them into certain practices now through more stringent legislation that may not be practical.

Sen. Taylor said that he and Sen. Walker have been working to create legislation that "will substantially enhance the safety and welfare of all the children that we provide CCDF dollars to and the facilities that they are in."

Taylor said that the major change to the current statute regarding child safety would be in the area of child ratios and training for the staff.

Walker also agrees that a key component of this legislation is

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the group size and child ratios.

"If you are a vendor under a federal CCDF voucher program, the providers should be required to provide the same staff-to-child ratios that licensed providers must adhere to," Walker said.

Indiana law currently allows at least three types of child-care providers: 1) a licensed child-care center; 2) a licensed child-care home; and 3) an unlicensed, registered child-care ministry. Under current law, each type comes with certain requirements. Currently, there are 1,055 unlicensed daycare providers that receive CCDF dollars.

When asked if Walker thought the bill would get changed again or go to conference committee he replied, "I've had a couple people approach me about a second reading amendment, but I've said no. I think I've found the sweet spot now with this bill."

"Rep. Mahan hasn't decided if he is going to accept the Senate amendments or not. He's still thinking about it," said Walker. "So at this point, I don't know if the bill is going to conference committee."

The Indiana General Assembly only has a few weeks left to conduct legislative business, as they must adjourn by March 14.

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religious men and women and for consecrated virgins.

By remembering the joy of being loved by God and rekindling the joy of following him, Cardinal Aviz and Archbishop Rodriguez Carballo said, consecrated men and women also will be better evangelizers and better promoters of new vocations.

"Joy isn't a useless ornament, but a necessity and foundation of human life," the letter said. "The world often has a deficit of joy. We are not called to make epic gestures nor to proclaim pompous words, but rather to witness to the joy that comes from the certainty of feeling loved and the confidence of being saved."

Jose Rodriguez Carballo, respectively prefect and secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

In a letter titled "Rejoice" — released Feb. 26 only in Italian — the two drew on the teaching of Pope Francis to propose ways consecrated men and women could prepare for the Year for Consecrated Life, which will begin Nov. 30.

Scheduled to close just over 14 months later, on Feb. 2, 2016, the year will include an ecumenical meeting with religious orders of other Christian churches, as well as special gatherings for young

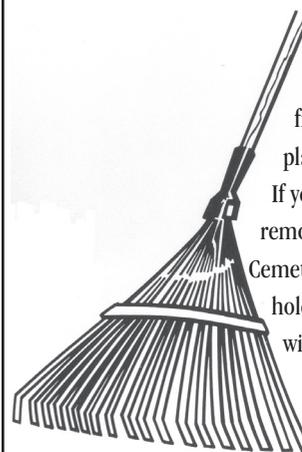
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Remember the joy of your vocation, Vatican officials tell religious

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Preparing for the Year for Consecrated Life, members of religious orders, secular institutes and consecrated virgins are asked to spend a considerable amount of time remembering the joy they felt when they first realized God was calling them.

"Pope Francis has asked us to let our hearts dwell on a freeze-frame of the joy of 'the moment when Jesus looked at me,'" said Cardinal Joao Braz de Aviz and Archbishop

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The bishop also spoke of the importance of good marriage preparation, marriage enrichment programs, retreats and pastoral outreach to those who are divorced and remarried.

Bishop Rhoades said, "Members of the Church who are divorced and remarried are our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we do not want them to feel that they are excluded from the community. Encourage them to make a spiritual communion by uniting their hearts with Christ and the community during the Sacrifice of the Mass. Always keep in mind charity and truth, and continue to love them and encourage them."

He also took the opportunity to present the reality of the Church's teaching on same-sex attraction.

"When I look at other members in our community of faith, whatever their sexual inclinations, they are my brothers and sisters in Christ, whom I love, respect and am called to have compassion and sensitivity towards — without watering down the truth," Bishop Rhoades said. "Instead of identifying people by their attraction or inclinations, I look at them *as persons*. And I talk about God's love for them, and the Church's love for them, and my love for them."

"Your fundamental identity is not based on sexual attractions," Bishop Rhoades said. "You are first and foremost beloved sons and daughters of God and our brothers and sisters in Christ! We need to try to help them live according to God's plan, to live a chaste life, just as we encourage that of people who get divorced. Because ultimately, where is true happiness and salvation? It is living according to God's plan. That is the path that Jesus is showing us, and that's the narrow path that we must stay on. Yes the Gospel is challenging, it challenges every single one of us. But this is true freedom, it is true human fulfillment, and in the end, it leads to eternal life."

At the end of Mass, various students were recognized for their academic excellence and commitment to service. Principal Susan Richter announced the top performers from the senior class honored as tri-valedictorians Chelsea Supplinger, Anna Boll and Greg Monnin and salutatorian Claire Jilek.

Bishop Rhoades was also presented with gifts from the high school community, including a framed picture of the new Saint Joseph Chapel that he consecrated in 2012, as well as naming one of the school parking lots in his honor.

Also announced was a service effort in which Saint Joseph's plans to take part during this summer in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity.

On the feast of St. Joseph,

members of the school will be presenting building material for the construction of a home to its recipient, South Bend resident Melanie Brazier. Bishop Rhoades was presented with a 2x4 to be used in the project, which he signed and blessed with holy water. He offered his blessing for the guidance and protection of all who participate in the build, as well as for the joy, peace and security for all who will come to reside within the home.

Bishop Rhoades fielded many questions posed by the student body, ranging from his favorite places to have offered the Mass, which included the Holy Sepulchre and the Tomb of Pope John Paul II, to his favorite leisure activities — tennis and basketball — to his Confirmation name of St. John the Evangelist. He was also asked about any struggles he may have faced in beginning his vocation to the Priesthood. He told the students that while his mother was supportive of his decision to become a priest, his father, who was not Catholic, was at first quite resistant, but eventually came to see the beauty of God's plan at work and was very proud of his son.

After the assembly, Bishop Rhoades sat in on a theology class focused on Catholic social teaching. The class, taught by Mike Hamann, demonstrated how the principles of justice were being taught and applied to the lives of the students. Bishop Rhoades joined in the discussion and highlighted the importance of upholding the human dignity of each person and promoting the common good.

During lunch, Bishop Rhoades met with student council leaders to discuss various aspects of the religious elements of the school. The students offered positive reviews about their theology classes, especially when seeing their professors display faith lived out beyond the classroom. In addition, they signified that their spiritual development was enhanced through retreats, which connected faith with life. They also discussed how to increase vocations throughout the diocese and suggested having a larger focus on youth ministry for the South Bend area schools.

Before concluding his day, the bishop met with the school's campus ministers and theology teachers, reviewing his hopes for the future and listening to their recommendations for improving Catholic education in South Bend. These thoughts included beginning the instruction of John Paul II's theology of the body on the seventh-and-eighth-grade levels and the possibility of introducing classes focused on the Vocation of Women.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades fields a question from a Saint Joseph High School student at his pastoral visit to the school in Feb. 28.

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades poses with Saint Joseph scholars, students who had a 4.0 or better grade point average for seven semesters. Some scholars were not available for the photo.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has lunch with Saint Joseph High School student council members and Principal Susan Richter during a pastoral visit on Feb. 28.

Bishop Rhoades blesses a 2 x 4 that will be used in an upcoming Saint Joseph High School Habitat for Humanity project. Holding the board is Kayli Torres and Matthew Takach.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visits the theology class of Mike Hamann at Saint Joseph High School on Feb. 28.

Immaculate Conception to distribute food March 23

AUBURN — Couples With Kids, a group of young families at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, will host its third annual food drive during all Masses the weekend of March 22-23. Parishioners are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to Mass that weekend.

All food collected will be distributed at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 23, at the church. Immaculate Conception is located at 500 E. Seventh St., in Auburn. Anyone in need is welcome; no proof of financial hardship is required.

"This has been an intense winter for many people. The cold and snow have forced people to pay higher prices to heat their homes and keep their families warm," said Andrea Hill, a member of Couples with Kids who is leading the food drive again this year. "We don't want our neighbors to have to choose between heat and food. We encourage people who need help to stop at the church; there will be plenty of food and we're eager to offer assistance."

Bishop Luers names Top Ten

FORT WAYNE — The following Bishop Luers High School students have dedicated themselves to academic excellence for the past four years and have earned the honor of being named to the "Top Ten" list. They are, in the Class of 2014, Adam Baker — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish; Madeline Brown — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish; Jessica Golden — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish; Nathan Grabner — St. John the Baptist School/Parish, Fort Wayne; Mark Hellinger — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish; Taylor Puitz — St. John the Baptist School/Parish, Fort Wayne; Megan Quigley — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School, St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne; Adelaide Reibold — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish; Nicholas Steffen — St. John the Baptist School/Parish, Fort Wayne; and Brandon Volmerding — St. John the Baptist School/Parish, Fort Wayne.

Lampe earns Eagle Scout Award

CHURUBUSCO — Austin Lampe of Boy Scout Troop 81 was presented with Scouting's highest honor, the Eagle Scout Award, on Sunday, Jan. 26, at the local Boy Scout Building in Churubusco with several Eagles, leaders, family, friends and troop members in attendance.



AUSTIN LAMPE

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BISHOP DWENGER ANNOUNCES TOP 10 STUDENTS



PROVIDED BY BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL

Following the final all-school Mass in the current 50-year-old Bishop Dwenger High School gym, Friday, Feb. 28, the Class of 2014 Top 10 was announced. Recognized for their academic success, these 10 students will be the first to receive their diploma during graduation May 23, at the Embassy Theatre. The Top 10 includes the following: valedictorian, Derek Adam Gloudeans; salutatorian, Matthew Edward Krach; No. 3, Luke William Palmer; No. 4, Rachel Marie Hentz; No. 5, Jordan Marigrace Schneider; No. 6, Nicholas Robert Hagar; No. 6, Joshua Joseph Lapp; No. 8- Julie Ann Weilbaker; No. 9, Nicholas Henry Miles; and No. 10- Megan Elizabeth Shea.

In the preplanning stages of his project, Lampe decided he wanted to help an affiliation or group involved with the Catholic Church. In the eighth grade, during his Confirmation preparation, he chose St. Vincent De Paul as his patron saint, and studied how his saint of choice had given to the poor, which gave him the idea that he wanted to give his time for a project that would help others in need.

Lampe was approached by store manager Ben Geise to volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Fort Wayne. His volunteer experience there led Lampe to choose the store for his Eagle Scout project. With the help of Geise, his plan to build two multi-shelved bookcases to replace the existing bookcases that were no longer suitable for use had taken off.

One Saturday morning in the fall of 2013, Austin and his team of Scout volunteers met to assemble precut wood to form the bookcases, using the screw gun, staple gun and gluing the shelf supports. As a personal touch and a remembrance of the project, each Scout autographed the back of the bookcases. After the new bookcases were complete, the Scouts and adults volunteers on hand transported them up to the second floor by way of an elevator where they were set up and attached to a banister. Books were then placed on

the shelves by the Scout volunteers.

In addition to Scouting, Lampe, a freshman at Churubusco High School, is active in Kiwanis Key Club, concert band and Archery Club. On Sunday mornings, he volunteers as a teacher's aide for religious education classes at St. John Bosco Church before attending Mass. He plans to continue the works of St. Vincent de Paul by giving his time to others in his community.

Redeemer Radio to debut morning show with Deacon Jim Tighe as host

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio has announced the hiring of a new staff member to the Redeemer Radio family. Deacon Jim Tighe has joined Redeemer Radio as "Morning Show" host and will anchor the station's upcoming morning show program, set to debut in late spring 2014.

In making the appointment, Dave Stevens, executive director, said, "We are thrilled to have Deacon Jim Tighe join our Redeemer Radio team. Jim brings vast radio experi-

ence along with a depth of knowledge of the Catholic faith that will be an incredible asset to Redeemer Radio listeners. In addition to Deacon Jim's unique experience, he possesses a down-to-earth personal warmth and caring, that will be evident to our listeners."

Deacon Tighe graduated from Divine Word College in Epworth, Iowa, with a bachelor's degree in literature with a minor in philosophy and theology. Deacon Tighe comes with over 35 years of radio experience. He started at KNOM in Nome, Alaska. From there he hosted radio programs in various locations including Anchorage and Sacramento, Calif., eventually leading him to Fort Wayne. He was the general sales manager and station weather voice for WOWO. He then left the radio business and joined the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as the director of the Office of Catechesis. In 2011 he became a deacon and currently serves St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne under pastor, Father Jake Runyon. Deacon Tighe is expecting to complete his master of arts in theology through the University of Notre Dame in July of 2015.

Upon starting the position as morning show host, Deacon Tighe said, "The opportunity to join the morning show is a perfect meeting place of the talents that God has given me. Through being called to



DEACON JIM TIGHE

the diaconate, past radio experience and working with the diocese, everything has been preparing me for my new role at Redeemer Radio."

Holy Cross College receives \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross College has received a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to fund three programs that enhance existing collaborations and develop new partnerships that will lead to increased employment opportunities for Holy Cross College graduates within the state of Indiana.

The grant, which is part of the endowment's "Initiative to Promote Opportunities Through Educational Collaborations," will allow Holy Cross College to further develop its Center for Discernment and Preparation and Center for Educational Outreach, both of which benefit Holy Cross students, as well as the local economy.

Dr. Tina Holland, Holy Cross College executive vice president and provost, says, "The endowment's grant will fund exciting initiatives that respond directly to the hiring needs of local organizations and businesses, while providing valuable opportunities for our students."

Such programs include the Center for Discernment and Preparation's Career Readiness Certificate Project and the Center for Educational Outreach's Health Services Navigator Project and MGI Project.

The Career Readiness Certificate Project is an initiative developed between the college and Indiana Chamber of Commerce, the Department of Workforce Development, and the Career Development Professionals of Indiana. The certificate establishes standards by which students will be certified "career ready," as demonstrated during their involvement in internships throughout Indiana.

Holy Cross expects that 40 new internship partners will come on board through this project, increasing the college's internship reach to 125 companies throughout Indiana and helping more Holy Cross graduates finding meaningful employment within the state.

The Center for Educational Outreach's Health Services Navigator Project and MGI Project represent important community outreach initiatives through which Holy Cross College will add to its current list of organizational partners, especially those who will employ Holy Cross graduates. The Health Services Navigator Project is a joint initiative between the college and St. Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRMC). It is designed to educate students in health services navigation and prepare them for employment with the hospital and other local health services organizations.

The Center's MGI Project is a collaborative initiative involving a consortium of regionally based senior services organizations. The project will respond to the demand for gerontology education and training as outlined by project partners who desire qualified professionals in the field.

'Don't be afraid of Confession' says pope and diocesan priest

BY TIM JOHNSON

YODER — Pope Francis, at a recent weekly general audience inside St. Peter's Square, encouraged the faithful to be "Be courageous. Go to Confession." The pope added, "Don't be afraid of Confession."

The priests of the diocese would share the pope's words of encouragement as well. Msgr. Bernard Galic, pastor of St. Aloysius, Yoder, and the diocesan vocation director, has spoken about Reconciliation at parish missions, and recently shared some highlights of the sacrament with *Today's Catholic*.

Reconciliation is the perfect Easter gift

Msgr. Galic explained that Confession was an Easter gift that Jesus bestowed upon the Church on the night of His Resurrection. Jesus appeared to the Apostles, breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven." That was the institution of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

"When you think about it, it was the perfect gift," reflected Msgr. Galic. "The reason He came into this world was to free us from the tyranny of sin, and He accomplished that by dying on the cross."

In empowering the Apostles and the Church through them to forgive sins until the end of time, He continues to do the work that He accomplished by His death on the cross, freeing us from the grip that the devil has on us, Msgr. Galic said. "So it's a perfect Easter gift."

Restoring our innocence

"What Jesus does for us in the sacrament of Reconciliation," Msgr. Galic noted, "is restore us to innocence."

"When He forgives our sins, He forgets them," Msgr. Galic said.

In Psalm 103, "God says to us, 'As far as the east is from the west, so far do I put your sins from me.'"

When making a good Confession, Msgr. Galic said, "we have the innocence that was ours on the day of our Baptism."

"And that is so significant," he said. "There is no record of our sins once we've gone to Confession. God doesn't keep records."

And God never tires of forgiving us, Msgr. Galic added. "He never brings up our past against us once we are forgiven. That's the beauty of the sacrament. We can leave all of that behind."

When Jesus died on the cross, He wanted to take the burden of guilt from us.

"For us to wallow in the misery of our past sins," Msgr. Galic commented, "would be to effectively say, 'Thank you, but no thank you' to Jesus. He took that burden when He died. He wants us to be free of the burden. That's why forgiveness is so complete and we begin again — literally made over."

"So what is there to fear?" Msgr. Galic asked. "There is everything to be gained and nothing to be lost."



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Msgr. Bernard Galic is shown in the confessional at St. Aloysius Church in Yoder.

Guidance

For those people with a troubled conscience, Msgr. Galic said they should see the sacrament of Reconciliation as an opportunity — not just forgiveness of sins — but for guidance for spiritual growth, guidance for dealing with temptations, guidance for discerning the path God wants them to walk for salvation.

"All of that is available through the sacrament of Reconciliation, along with absolution for your sins," he said.

Gift of the Priesthood

The two most unique aspects of the ordained Priesthood, Msgr. Galic said, is the fact that the priest has the power to change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ and the priest has the power to absolve people from their sins. "Those two things are given to no other person, only the ordained priest," Msgr. Galic said. "And it's an enormous privilege to be able to administer both of those sacraments."

"When we're talking about the sacrament of Reconciliation, it's a humbling experience," Msgr. Galic said. "Sometimes when we listen to confessions, we wish we had the virtue of those people who are confessing to us."

It's humbling because "we know that when we absolve sins, they're free," Msgr. Galic said.

"To be at the bedside of someone who is dying and who has been away from the Church, to know that when I have given them absolution or given the apostolic blessing at the time of death, these people are going to close their eyes in this life and open them in paradise because of the power that Jesus entrusted to the priests through the Church. It's an awesome responsibility," Msgr. Galic said.

Making a regular Confession

For the sake of those who have fallen out of the practice of making a regular Confession, Msgr. Galic said, "Of course the Church only

requires that we confess serious sins at least once a year. That's because we are required to receive the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter season. And we may not receive the Eucharist in the state of mortal sin."

"But the advantage to regular Confession," he said, "is that 'regularly,' one examines his conscience, 'regularly' he identifies for himself where his strengths lie, or where his weaknesses are. And knowing his weakness, he knows clearly where he needs God's help the most."

St. Paul says, "I glory in my weakness because they bring me to God."

Regular Confession helps one know oneself, Msgr. Galic noted, even when one confesses just venial sins.

Msgr. Galic's advice to people, especially when instructing someone in the faith, is "as we pray regularly, as we participate in Mass regularly, as we receive the Eucharist regularly, we should be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation regularly to help us stay on the path leading to Christ, to help us grow in virtue, to help us be aware, so we can overcome our weaknesses when they can be overcome and to depend on God's grace on those weak moments of our lives."

Regular Confession raises a consciousness or a need for that.

Msgr. Galic said regular Confession for some people might mean every other week. For others, it might mean every month. For far too many people it means every Christmas and Easter.

"I suggest every month is a good practice," Msgr. Galic offered. "It's a good way to keep in touch with myself. I think if we go less often than that it becomes too easy to overlook the sacrament."

One of the difficulties, Msgr. Galic said, is we can become comfortable with the habits of venial sin. "And venial sin can make us more liable to fall into serious sin if we become less concerned about venial sin," he said.

Every sin is an offense against God, who is all good. Scripture, he instructed, makes the distinction, however, that not all sins are deadly.

"If I wait until I am guilty of mortal sin before I go to Confession, then my use of the sacrament of Reconciliation marks the low points in my spiritual life," he said. "I kind of find myself crawling on my belly looking for forgiveness."

If I go to Confession regularly, every month, every two months, "I am approaching it from a positive point of view," Msgr. Galic said. "I want to continue to deepen my relationship with Christ. I want to continue to get closer to God. I want to be able to do His will in my life with more and more perfection."

Away for some time

When someone has been away from the sacrament for some time, Msgr. Galic said he would say, "Thank God you are here. You are right where God wants you to be."

He would tell the penitent if they

are not sure how to start, just say, "Father give me some help," and he will help walk them through a good Confession, starting with an examination of conscience.

Confessing the same thing

For those who confess the same sins when using the sacrament, Msgr. Galic said, "The fact that you recognize that says, 'Now I know where I am weakest. Now I know where I most need God's help in my life.' So when I am approaching those situations when I find myself weakest, I reflect on the need to ask God to help me deal well with this situation."

"Some of our weaknesses never change," he noted, but, "we don't overcome every weakness. Some we can overcome, but others we learn to live with, with the help of God's grace."

Shock-proof

"Sometimes people think they are going to shock the priest," Msgr. Galic

said. "I don't think anybody needs to worry about anything he is going to say to the priest, or worry about upsetting him or shocking him."

He could not think of a sin that he has never heard.

"Jesus welcomed sinners and dined with them," Msgr. Galic said. "That was a big criticism of His enemies. And the priest is in the confessional to welcome sinners."

The Light is On For You

The Light is On For You is a diocesan outreach for all parishes to offer Reconciliation. It's an effort to alert people to the fact that priests are available for the sacrament of Confession on Wednesday, March 12, from 6-8 p.m.

"The fact is," Msgr. Galic said, "priests are available for that sacrament every day, even without worrying about what times Confessions are scheduled."

Any time someone asks a priest, "Father, do you have time for a Confession?" a priest will always say, "yes."

A guide to Confession

What is Reconciliation?

Reconciliation (also known as Confession or Penance) is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in His love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. At the same time, sinners reconcile with the Church, because it is also wounded by our sins.

Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God. In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and His Church. We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and His Church, make reparation for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future.

The forgiveness of sins involves four parts:

- **Contrition:** a sincere sorrow for having offended God, and the most important act of the penitent. There can be no forgiveness of sin if we do not have sorrow and a firm resolve not to repeat our sin.

- **Confession:** confronting our sins in a profound way to God by speaking about them — aloud — to the priest.

- **Penance:** an important part of our healing is the "penance" the priest imposes in reparation for our sins.

- **Absolution:** the priest speaks the words by which "God, the Father of Mercies" reconciles a sinner to Himself through the merits of the Cross.

The Light Is On For You materials provide the following examination of conscience.

Examination of conscience

Recall your sins. Prayerfully ask yourself what you have done with full knowledge and full consent against God's and the Church's commandments.

Do I pray to God every day? Have I thanked God for His gifts to me?

Did I put my faith in danger through readings contrary to Catholic teachings or involvement in non-Catholic sects? Did I engage in superstitious practices: palm reading or fortune-telling?

Did I take the name of God in vain? Did I curse or take a false oath?

Did I miss Mass on Sundays or holy days of obligation through my own fault? Am I attentive at Mass? Did I keep fast and abstinence on the prescribed days?

Did I disobey my parents and lawful superiors in important matters?

Did I hate or quarrel with anyone, or desire revenge? Did I refuse to forgive? Was I disrespectful?

Did I get drunk? Did I take illicit drugs?

Did I consent to, recommend, advise or actively take part in an abortion?

Did I willfully look at pornography, entertain impure thoughts, or engage in impure conversations or actions? Did I use artificial means to prevent conception?

Was I unfaithful to my spouse? Did I engage in sexual activity outside of marriage?

Did I steal or damage another's property? Have I been honest and just in my business relations?

Have I been responsive to the needs of the poor and respected the dignity of others?

The light is on at these parishes

Confession schedules across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

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St. Mother Theodore Guerin Chapel

Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m.
Monday and Friday at 4:30 p.m.
Saturday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 3:45-4:30 p.m.

No Confessions on Holy Days or national holidays.

Most Precious Blood

1515 Barthold St.

Weekdays after 8:15 a.m. Mass
Saturdays from 4-4:30 p.m.

Lenten penance service: Wednesday, March 9, at 7 p.m.

Our Lady of Good Hope

7215 Saint Joe Rd.

Saturdays 3:30-4:15 p.m.; anytime by appointment; whenever possible per priest schedule following the 9 a.m. Mass Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Holy Week Confessions:

Tuesday, April 15, from 9:30-10 a.m.

Wednesday, April 16, from 7-8 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18, from 2 p.m. until finished

Lenten penance service:

Monday, April 14, from 7-9 p.m.

Queen of Angels

1500 W. State Blvd.

Thursdays from 6:30-6:50 p.m.

Saturdays at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Holy Week Confessions:

Thursday, April 17, from 5:30-6 p.m.

Friday, April 18, from 2:30-4 p.m.

Sacred Heart

4643 Gaywood Dr.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

Third Thursday of each month from 7-8 p.m. during Holy Hour to pray for priests and vocations.

St. Charles Borromeo

4916 Trier Rd.

Every Saturday from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9, at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17, from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 18, from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to noon

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

10700 Aboite Center Rd.

Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. or by appointment

Visit www.seasfw.org for updates

St. Henry

2929 Paulding Rd.

Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and by appointment

St. John the Baptist

4525 Arlington Ave.

Saturdays from 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

During Lent: Fridays from 7-7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph

2213 Brooklyn Ave.

Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Friday, April 4, from 6:45-8:30 p.m.

(after 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross)

Friday, April 11, from 3:30-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 12, from 9-9:45 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Holy Saturday only by appointment

Penance service for religious education students: Saturday, April 12, at 10 a.m.

Lenten penance service: Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel

11337 Old U.S. HWY 27 S

Every Saturday from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday evening 4-4:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 5, from 7:30-8 a.m.

Lenten penance service:

Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m.

St. Jude

2155 Randallia Dr.

Monday-Friday from 7:45-8 a.m.

Saturdays from 9-10:30 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Fridays from 7-8 p.m. during Holy Hour

Lenten penance service:

Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m.

St. Mary

1101 South Lafayette St.

By appointment

St. Patrick

2120 S. Harrison St.

Saturdays from 3:30-4:15 p.m. in English

Sundays from 8-8:45 a.m. in English and at 10 a.m. in Vietnamese

Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in Spanish

Weekdays by appointment

St. Peter

518 E. DeWald St.

Saturdays before 4 p.m. Mass

St. Therese

2304 Lower Huntington Rd.

Saturday at 4 p.m. and after weekday

Masses (approximately 9:30 a.m. on

Wednesday and Friday and 6 p.m. on

Tuesday and Thursday).

Lenten penance service:

Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul

1502 East Wallen Rd.

Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Saturdays from 8:45-9:45 a.m.

Friday, April 18, from 3-4 p.m. and 7:45-

8:45 p.m.

Lenten penance service:

Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m.

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South Bend

St. Matthew Cathedral

1701 Miami St.

Monday-Friday following 7 a.m. Mass

Saturday following 7 a.m. Mass and

from 11 a.m. to noon

Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.

Christ the King

52473 S.R. 933

Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. or by appointment.

Wednesday from 6-6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 14, from 9-10 a.m.

Lenten penance service:

Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m.;

extra priests will be available.

Corpus Christi

2822 Corpus Christi Dr.

Ash Wednesday, March 5, after the 8

a.m., noon, and 7 p.m. Masses

Sundays after the 5 p.m. Lenten Evening

Prayer (Vespers)

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 p.m.

Saturdays at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

and by appointment

Lenten penance service:

Sunday, April 6, at 3 p.m.

Holy Cross

1050 Wilber

Wednesdays (March 19, 26 and April 2,

9) at 6:45 p.m. at Holy Cross Church

Fridays (March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4)

at 2:45 p.m. at Holy Cross Church

Saturdays (March 8, 15, 22, 29 and

April 5, 12) at 8:45 a.m. at St. Stanislaus

Church

School penance service:

Friday, March 28, from 9-11 a.m.

Lenten penance service:

Tuesday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

Holy Family

56405 Mayflower Rd.

Saturdays after 8 a.m. Mass; 11 a.m. to

12 p.m. and 4-4:45 p.m.

Mondays from 6-6:30 p.m.

Fridays from 6:30-7 p.m. or by appoint-

ment

Our Lady of Hungary

829 W. Calvert St.

Saturdays from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. or by appoint-

ment

Sacred Heart of Jesus

63568 U.S. 31 South, (near Lakeville)

Saturdays (except Holy Saturday) from

3:45-4:15 p.m.

Lenten penance service: Monday, March

10, at 7 p.m. at St. Jude Parish

St. Adalbert

2505 W. Grace St.

Saturdays after 8 a.m. Mass (heard in

English and Spanish)

St. Anthony de Padua

2114 E. Jefferson Blvd.

Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 9 a.m.

Fridays (March 7, 14, 21, April 4, 11) at

7:30 p.m.

Lenten penance service:

Wednesday, April 2, at 7 p.m.

St. Augustine

1501 W. Washington St.

After the Sunday 8:15 a.m. and 10:30

a.m. Masses and by appointment

St. Casimir

1308 W. Dunham St.

See St. Adalbert confession schedule.

St. Hedwig

331 S. Scott St.

Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to

noon in the St. Hedwig rectory

Saturdays at 3 p.m. at St. Hedwig

Church or by appointment 574-287-

8932.

Lenten penance service:

Sunday, April 13, at 3 p.m.

St. John the Baptist

3526 St. Johns Way

Weekdays from 7-7:30 a.m.

or by appointment

Fridays from 7-7:30 p.m.

St. Joseph

226 N. Hill St.

Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

Lenten penance service:

Tuesday, March 25, 7 p.m.

St. Jude

19704 Johnson Rd.

Saturdays from 3-4 p.m.

or by appointment

Lenten penance service:

March 10 at 7 p.m.

School Lenten penance service:

March 25 at 9 a.m.

St. Patrick

309 S. Taylor St.

See St. Hedwig Confessions schedule.

St. Stanislaus

415 N. Brookfield St.

Wednesdays (March 19, 26 and April 2,

9) at 6:45 p.m. at Holy Cross Church

Fridays (March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4)

at 2:45 p.m. at Holy Cross Church

Saturdays (March 8, 15, 22, 29 and

April 5, 12) at 8:45 a.m. at St. Stanislaus

Church

School penance service:

Friday, March 28, from 9-11 a.m.

Lenten penance service:

Tuesday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

St. Therese, Little Flower

54191 Ironwood Rd.

Monday through Friday at 9 a.m.

Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 17, after the 7 p.m. Mass

Friday, April 18, after the 1:30 service

and after the 5:30 p.m. Stations

Saturday, April 19, from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Lenten penance service:

Tuesday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

Area parishes

Albion

Blessed Sacrament

2290 N. State Road 9

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

Angola

St. Anthony of Padua

700 W. Maumee St.

Saturdays from 4-4:40 p.m.

Lenten penance service:

Monday, March 31, at 7 p.m.

Arcola

St. Patrick

12305 Arcola Rd.

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Lenten penance service and Confessions

with guest priest:

Wednesday, April 9, after 7 p.m. Mass

Auburn

Immaculate Conception

500 East Seventh St.</

Bluffton
St. Joseph
 1300 N. Main St.
 Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.
 Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment
 Lenten penance service:
 Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m.

Bremen
St. Dominic
 803 W. Bike St.
 Thursdays from 5-5:45 p.m.
 Saturdays from 3-4:30 p.m.
 Confessions in Spanish and English.

Bristol
St. Mary of the Annunciation
 411 W. Vistula St.
 Contact the parish at 574-848-4305

Churubusco
St. John Bosco
 216 N. Main St.
 Saturdays from 4:45-5:15 p.m.

Clear Lake
St. Paul, Clear Lake
 8780 E 700 N
 Sunday at 8:30 a.m. or by appointment
 Wednesday, April 2, at 7 p.m.

Columbia City
St. Paul of the Cross
 315 S. Line St.
 Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Saturdays from 3:45-4:45 p.m.
 Thursdays from 5:30-6 p.m.
 Saturdays from 9:30-10 a.m.
 Holy Week Confessions:
 Monday, April 14, from 7-8 p.m.
 Thursday, April 17, from 8:45-9:15 p.m.
 Friday, April 18, from 2:30-3:30 p.m.
 and at 7:30 p.m.
 Lenten penance service:
 Tuesday, April 1, at 7 p.m.

Culver
St. Mary of the Lake
 124 College Ave.
 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
 morning after 8 a.m. Mass
 Wednesday after 5:30 p.m. Mass
 Culver Academy Chapel: (located on the
 Culver Military Academy Campus)
 Sundays after 9 a.m. Mass at the
 Academy Chapel or by appointment

Decatur
St. Mary of the Assumption
 414 Madison St.
 Saturday at 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.
 Monday at 5:30 p.m.
 Religious education students and par-
 ents: Tuesday, March 25, at 6:45 p.m.
 Parish Lenten penance service:
 Tuesday, April 1, at 7 p.m.
 St. Joseph Catholic School Confessions:
 Thursday, April 3, at 10 a.m.
 Check bulletin for Holy Week and
 Triduum Confession times.

Ege
Immaculate Conception
 700 E and 400 S
 Sundays from 8-8:15 a.m.

Elkhart
St. Thomas the Apostle
 1405 N. Main St.
 Saturdays from 9-10 a.m.
 Thursday, March 6, from 4-5 p.m.
 Saturday, March 8, from 9-10 a.m.
 Saturday, March 15, from 9-10 a.m.
 Saturday, March 22, from 9-10 a.m.
 Thursday, April 3, from 4-5 p.m.

Friday, April 18, from 2-3:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 19, from 9-10 a.m.
 Lenten penance service:
 Saturday, March 29, at 11 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul
 1108 S. Main St.
 Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m.
 Saturdays from 8:30-9 a.m. and 3:30-
 4:30 p.m.
 Lenten penance service:
 Saturday, March 15, at 11 a.m.

Garrett
St. Joseph
 300 W. Houston St.
 Daily following Mass
 Thursdays from 9:45-11:15 a.m.
 Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m.
 Parish retreat penance service:
 Tuesday, March 25, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Geneva
St. Mary of the Presentation
 5790 E 1100 S
 Saturdays from 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Goshen
St. John the Evangelist
 109 W. Monroe St.
 Sunday, March 23, at 4 p.m. in English
 Friday, April 4, at 6 p.m. in Spanish
 Wednesday, April 16, at 1 p.m.
 Thursday, April 17, at 1 p.m.
 Friday, April 18, at 2 p.m.

Granger
St. Pius X
 52553 Fir Rd.
 Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
 and 4-5 p.m.
 Holy Week:
 Monday, April 14, from 3-5 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 15, from 3-5 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 16, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.
 Thursday, April 17, from 3-5 p.m.
 and 9:30-11 p.m.
 Friday, April 18, from 3-5 p.m. and 8-10 p.m.
 Lenten Penance Service:
 Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Huntington
St. Mary
 903 N. Jefferson St.
 Mondays from 5:30-5:50 p.m.
 Tuesdays-Saturdays from 7:30-7:50 a.m.
 Saturdays from 4-4:45 p.m.
 Holy Week:
 Monday, April 14, from 5:30-5:50 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 15, from 7:30-7:50 a.m.
 and 12-1 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 16, from 7:30-7:50
 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; 7:30-
 8:30 p.m.
 Thursday, April 17, from 11:30 a.m.-
 12:30 p.m.; 3:30-4:30 p.m.; following 7
 p.m. Mass
 Friday, April 18, from 9-10 a.m.; follow-
 ing 12:30 p.m. service; following 6:30
 p.m. Stations
 Saturday, April 19, from 9-10 a.m. and
 4-5 p.m.

Ss. Peter and Paul
 860 Cherry St.
 Before Mass every day, except Sunday.
 Saturdays from 3:30-4:15 p.m.
 Lenten penance service: March 24, 7
 p.m., in conjunction with St. Mary

Kendallville
Immaculate Conception
 319 E. Diamond St.
 Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon and
 3:30-4:15 p.m. and by appointment

LaGrange
St. Joseph
 050 N — 100 E
 Saturdays from 2-2:45 p.m.

Ligonier
St. Patrick
 300 Ravine Park Dr.
 Before, after Masses and by appointment
 Thursday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Mishawaka
Queen of Peace
 4508 Vistula Rd.
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from
 7:30-8 a.m.
 Saturday from 3:30-5 p.m.
 Lenten Penance Service:
 Wednesday, March 19, at 7 p.m.

St. Bavo
 502 West Seventh St.
 Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. and by
 appointment
 Thursday, April 17, following 7 p.m. Mass
 Friday, April 18, following 12:30 p.m.
 service
 Combined Lenten penance service at St.
 Joseph Parish:
 Wednesday, April 2, at 7 p.m.

St. Joseph
 225 S. Mill St.
 Wednesdays from 5-5:25 p.m.
 Saturdays from 9:30-10:15 a.m.
 Combined Lenten penance service at St.
 Joseph Parish:
 Wednesday, April 2, at 7 p.m.

St. Monica
 222 W. Mishawaka Ave.
 Thursdays from 6-7 p.m.
 Fridays from 11-11:55 a.m.
 Saturdays at 9 a.m.
 March 7 from 11-11:50 a.m.
 March 8 at 9 a.m.
 March 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 March 13 from 6-7 p.m.
 March 14 from 11-11:50 a.m.
 March 15 at 9 a.m.
 March 20 from 6-7 p.m.
 March 21 from 11-11:50 a.m.
 March 22 at 9 a.m.; 4:30-5:10 p.m. and
 after 5:30 p.m. Mass
 March 27 from 6-7 p.m.
 March 28 from 11-11:50 a.m.
 March 29 at 9 a.m.; 4:30-5:10 p.m. and
 after 5:30 p.m. Mass
 April 3 from 6-7 p.m.
 April 4 from 11-11:50 a.m.
 April 5 at 9 a.m.; 4:30-5:10 p.m. and
 after 5:30 p.m. Mass
 April 6 after 7:30 a.m. Mass; after 11
 a.m. Mass
 April 10 from 6-7 p.m.
 April 11 from 11-11:50 a.m.
 April 12 at 9 a.m.; 4:30-5:10 p.m. and
 after 5:30 p.m. Mass
 April 13 after 7:30 a.m. Mass; after 11
 a.m. Mass
 April 14-18: Consult stmoniacamish.org
 Combined Lenten penance service at St.
 Joseph Parish:
 Wednesday, April 2, at 7 p.m.

Monroeville
St. Rose of Lima
 Address
 Every day before Mass (Monday,
 Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 a.m. and
 Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m.)
 Saturday from 4-4:45 p.m. and by
 appointment.
 Lenten penance service:
 Tuesday, April 1, at 7 p.m.

New Carlisle
St. Stanislaus Kostka
 55756 Tulip Rd.
 Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Saturdays from 3-3:45 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 12, from 6-8 p.m.
 and by appointment

New Haven
St. John the Baptist
 943 Powers St.
 Saturdays from 3-4:45 p.m.
 Lenten penance service: April 8, at 7 p.m.

St. Louis, Besancon
 15535 Lincoln Hwy. East
 Saturdays from 3-3:45 p.m. and by
 appointment

Nix Settlement
St. Catherine of Alexandria
 9989 S. State Road 9
 Saturdays at 3:15 p.m. or by appoint-
 ment at St. Joseph and at St. Catherine's
 before the 9:15 a.m. Mass or by appoint-
 ment.
 Wednesday, March 12, from 6-8 p.m. at
 St. Joseph Parish.

North Manchester
St. Robert Bellarmine
 1203 State Road 114 East
 Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-
 6:30 p.m.
 First Saturdays from 8:30-9:30 p.m.
 Lenten penance service:
 Wednesday, March 19, at 7 p.m.

Notre Dame
Basilica of the Sacred Heart and
Sacred Heart Parish Crypt
 104 The Presbytery
 Week of March 10 - 15 (Spring Break):
Basilica Confessions:
 Monday-Friday from 11-11:30 a.m.
Parish Crypt Confessions:
 Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.
 Saturday from 10-11 a.m.
 Weeks of March 17, 24, 31, April 7
Basilica Confessions:
 Monday-Thursday from 11-11:30 a.m.;
 4:45-5:15 p.m.; 7-7:30 p.m.
 Friday from 11-11:30 a.m.; 4:45-5:15
 p.m.
Parish Crypt Confessions:
 Saturday from 10-11 a.m.
 Week of April 14 - 19 (Holy Week):
Basilica Confessions:
 Monday-Wednesday from 11-11:30
 a.m.; 4:45-5:15 p.m.; 7-7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, April 17, from 11 a.m. to 12
 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.
 Friday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.;
 7-8 p.m.
 Saturday, April 19, from 12-1 p.m. and
 3-5 p.m.
Parish Crypt Confessions:
 Friday, April 18, from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Pierceton
St. Francis Xavier
 408 W. Catholic St.
 Saturdays from 3:15-4 p.m.
 Mondays of Lent from 4:30-5:30 p.m.
 Lenten penance service:
 Monday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m.

Plymouth
St. Michael
 612 N. Walnut St.
 Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and
 3-4 p.m.

Roanoke
St. Joseph
 641 N. Main St.
 Saturdays at 3:15 p.m. or by appoint-
 ment at St. Joseph and at St. Catherine's
 before the 9:15 a.m. Mass or by appoint-
 ment
 Wednesday, March 12, from 6-8 p.m. at
 St. Joseph Parish.

Rome City
St. Gaspar del Bufalo
 10871 N. St. Rd. 9
 Saturday from 3:30-4 p.m. or by
 appointment.
 Lenten penance service to be announced.

Syracuse
St. Martin de Porres
 6941 E. Waco Dr.
 Saturdays from 4-4:30 p.m. and by
 appointment

Wabash
St. Bernard
 207 North Cass St.
 Saturdays from 4:14-5:15 p.m. and by
 appointment
 Lenten penance service:
 Tuesday, April 1, at 7 p.m.

Walkerton
St. Patrick
 807 Tyler St.
 Saturdays from 3:30-4:45 p.m. and
 everyday before and after Mass

Warsaw
Our Lady of Guadalupe
 225 Gilliam Dr.
 Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and by
 appointment
 Friday, April 11, starting with prep at
 5:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart
 125 N. Harrison
 Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 First Saturday of the month following
 the 8 a.m. Mass
 Mondays and Thursdays following the
 5:30 p.m. Mass
 Lenten penance service:
 Tuesday, March 25, at 7 p.m.

Waterloo
St. Michael the Archangel
 1098 County Road 39
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
 at 7:30 a.m. (unless there is no
 Mass that day).
 Wednesday (including Ash Wednesday)
 after 7 p.m. Mass.
 Friday after Stations.
 Saturday at 5 p.m.
 Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. or anytime
 by appointment 260-837-7115

Yoder
St. Aloysius
 14623 Bluffton Rd.
 Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.,
 First Saturday after the 9 a.m. Mass,
 Thursday during Holy Hour at 6 p.m.

Let's hear it for the nuns!

When Mary Margaret Gefre's boyfriend drove her to the train station in their small North Dakota town, the 19-year-old farm girl didn't tell him where she was headed on that brisk December day, clutching a small bag containing a rosary, her childhood prayer book, a few dresses and a pair of shoes.

She was bound for a cloistered convent in St. Paul, Minn. She was going to become a nun.

Today, at age 84, she marks the passage of that heart-wrenching winter by three feast days.

It was on Dec. 28, the feast of the Holy Innocents, that her boyfriend Baltzer took her to the train station, giving her a peck on the cheek before driving away. The dark-haired young man had won her over with his deep faith and gentle ways. "I was sure he was going to be my husband,"

she told me. "I could envision a happy life with him, babies."

It was on Feb. 2, the feast of the Presentation, that Mary Margaret officially entered the Sisters of St. Joseph's community, a bundle of hopes and fears. In the open fields back home, she could see for miles: every sunrise engulfed her, every cloud floated over head, every star pierced the midnight sky. But in the city, trees crowded in on her. "I felt imprisoned," she said. "It was sort of like the end of world."

It was on Feb. 14, the feast of St. Valentine, that Mary Margaret received a love letter from Baltzer. Her superior, Sister Sara Claire, had already read it and handed it to Mary Margaret soberly. The sight of his neat cursive and urgent plea to come home opened a floodgate of emotion. "It all came back to me. I



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had to do lots of thinking. It was very hard to give him up, but I just knew my call by then. In my heart I felt that this was my home."

To modern ears, this may sound like a tragedy, but Mary Margaret — who for 65 years now has been Sister Rosalind — describes it as a happily ever after that keeps getting sweeter. Her life has been wildly, richly full: working as a nurse and wit-

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TWENTY SOMETHING

With the Lord's strength we overcome temptation



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

1st Sunday in Lent Mt 4:1-11

The first reading for this first weekend of Lent 2014 is from the Book of Genesis.

Few passages in the Scriptures are as abundant in literary technique, and in theological message, as is this reading from Genesis. Bluntly confronting paganism and the tendency of all humans to avoid accusing themselves of fault, it goes to the heart of sin.

The heart of sin is that it is the result of a freely chosen act by humans. While in this reading the role of the tempting devil is clear, it also is clear that the devil only tempts. The devil does not force the first man and woman to sin. They sinned of their own will.

Temptation in itself has a lesson. Rebelling against God was hardly the best thing to do. Yet, imperfect even in their pristine state of holiness, the first man and woman listened to bad advice and trusted not God but another.

It is a process that has been repeated untold number of times in the lives of us all.

The second reading is from the Epistle to the Romans. In this reading, the epistle looks back to the incident described in Genesis, recalling that by the Original Sin the first humans introduced sin, and resulting chaos and trouble, into earthly existence.

Death and hardship are not God's designs for us. God did not create us to suffer and die. Misfortunates are not curses sent upon the human race by an angry God. Believe it or not, the first humans chose bad consequences when they sinned. Sin, voluntary and deliberate, brought such devastatingly bad results into the world.

God is the center and source of everlasting love and mercy. Unwilling, and indeed unable, because God is love, to leave humanity in the whirlpool of death and despair created by human sin, God sent Jesus, the Redeemer, the Son of God.

St. Matthew's Gospel provides the last reading. It recalls the temptation of Jesus. It is a Synoptic tradition. Similar stories appear in Mark and Luke.

As was the case with Genesis, this reading is heavy in its symbolism. For example, bread in the time of Jesus much more obviously represented survival than bread would be today.

Modern refrigeration and quick transportation of food products have given us in our day a great selection as to what we will eat. In the time of Jesus, the selection was considerably less. There was no refrigeration. Few foodstuffs could be transported at any distance without spoiling.

However, grain and flour could be stored. Bread was a principal food. So, the devil tries to convince Jesus that the devil can give true life.

In another example, the devil takes Jesus to the top of the temple. Even the earth, created by God, can be contaminated by evil.

The final and most powerful message is that Jesus can command even the devil. Jesus is God.

Reflection

The Church uses the opportunity of this weekend in Lent to teach us one of the most basic facts of spiritual life. Sin removes us from God. Sin is not thrust upon us. We are not captured by sin against our will. We choose to sin.

The Church has another lesson. Perhaps, ultimately, the deadliest effect of Original Sin is the human tendency to minimize the danger of sin and to deny personal responsibility.

In these readings, the Church calls us away from sin — and to face facts. It reminds us of our own personal role in sin. It pleads with us to ignore temptation. It reassures us that, although temptations may be mighty, Jesus gives us strength, and it is enough for us to overcome any temptation.

We must ask for the Lord's strength, however. Lent calls us to this request.

READINGS

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

Catholic Relief Services and Kenya

Did you know one-eighth of the world's population, nearly 870 million people, suffer from hunger. Ninety-eight percent of those live in the developing world. In Kenya, nearly 44 percent of the population subsists on less than \$1.25 per day.

The work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Kenya is guided by the Catholic social teaching principle of the dignity of the human person. This guiding principle emphasizes that all human life is of inherent worth because we are all made in the image and likeness of God. This dignity allows for rights that are inalienable, inviolable and universal.

Kenya, located in East Africa, is the nation focus for CRS Rice Bowl this week. Kenya is slightly twice as big as the state of Nevada. The population is around 44 million people. Sixty percent of the population is aged 24 years and younger.

With such a young population, there is a great need for employment in Kenya. CRS works to develop these job opportunities along with the Kenyan people. In the spirit of solidarity, CRS works with members of the community to form working groups. These groups decide on a service to provide to their community, then CRS provides resources for the groups to start the work and form a business plan.

This week, challenge yourself and your family to **pray, fast and give alms** for the people of Kenya.

We pray to reflect on the type of person God calls us to be, and we ask for His guidance in living up to our potential. You could include the young people of Kenya in your morning and evening prayers or pray through the intercession of St. Cajetan, patron saint of job seekers and the unemployed. Here is a prayer that may be helpful:

Loving God, just as St. Cajetan responded in charity to Your invitation to work with the sick and poor, may we, too, hear and respond generously to Your call in our lives. May we never forget that all work — from the simplest tasks to the most complex projects — should be done in love for Your greater glory. We ask, through the prayers

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and intercession of St. Cajetan, that those who are currently looking for work find what they need. And we pray that You bless us, our families, and our brothers and sisters around the world. Amen.

We fast as a reminder to remove things in our lives that get in the way of our relationship with God. You could fast from an unnecessary resource you have come to depend on in order to unite yourself with those in Kenya who may go without basic necessities.

We give alms with a spirit of generosity to our brothers and sisters in need, honoring Jesus' call to serve our neighbors. You could give \$1.25 to your Rice Bowl in recognition of those in Kenya who live on less than \$1.25 a day. What you give up for Lent changes lives.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, recently called us to the Christian mission of care for the poor. On Feb. 6, Pope Francis tweeted, "The world makes us look towards ourselves, our possessions, our desires. The Gospel invites us to be open to others, to share with the poor." This week, take the time to follow the Gospel and give to those in need.

Still need a Rice Bowl? Find one at your parish or order from Catholic Relief Services at www.crsricebowl.org/order or call 1-800-222-0025. You can also take advantage of our new CRS Rice Bowl mobile app which is available for free download in the Apple Store and Google Play store for Apple and Android devices.

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Saint of the Week

Katharine Drexel

1858 - 1955
March 3

The daughter of a wealthy Philadelphia banker, Katharine received marriage proposals but wanted to become a contemplative nun. After inheriting a fortune, she visited the Dakotas and witnessed American Indians' poverty, subsequently pleading with Pope Leo XIII to send them more missionaries. But he and others encouraged her to found a congregation to work among people of color. In 1891, she and 13 companions became the first Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. For more than 40 years, she led the order, using her fortune to establish numerous missions and schools for Indians and African Americans. Following a major heart attack in 1935, she retired to a life of prayer. Canonized in 2000, she is the patron of home missions.

Rediscovering the martyrology

The Catholic Church began compiling “martyrologies” — lists of saints, typically martyrs — during the first centuries after Constantine. In the pre-Vatican II breviary, a reading from the Roman martyrology, or what we might call the Catholic Book of Witnesses, was an integral part of the Office of Prime, the “hour” recited after sunrise. The day’s date was given, followed by a reading of the names of the saints commemorated that day, with information about each saint’s origin and place of death — and, if the saint were a martyr, the name of the persecutor, a description of tortures endured, and the method of execution. It was a bracing way to begin the working day and a reminder of Tertullian’s maxim that the blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church.

It is somewhat ironic that the loss of Prime from the Liturgy of the Hours — and thus the loss of a daily liturgical reading from the Roman Martyrology — coincided with the greatest century of persecution in the history of the Church. It’s a point well-established but little appreciated within American Catholicism: we have been living, and we’re living now, in the greatest era of persecution in Christian history. More Christians died for the faith in the 20th century than in the previous 19 centuries of Christian history combined. And while the character of the persecutors has changed, from the lethal heyday of the 20th century totali-

tarianisms to the first decades of the 21st century, the assault on the Christian faithful today is ongoing, extensive and heart-rending.

Solidarity with the persecuted Church is an obligation of Christian faith. Reflecting on how well each of us has lived that obligation is a worthy point on which to examine one’s conscience during Lent. And that brings me to a suggestion: Revive the ancient tradition of daily readings from the Roman martyrology this coming Lent by spending 10 minutes a day reading John Allen’s new

book, “The Global War on Christians: Dispatches from the Front Lines of Anti-Christian Persecution” (Image).

The longtime Vatican correspondent for the *National Catholic Reporter* and CNN’s senior Vatican analyst, Allen has recently moved to the *Boston Globe* as associate editor, where he (and we) will see if talent and resources can combine to deepen a mainstream media outlet’s coverage of all things Catholic, both in print and on the Web. Meanwhile, Allen will continue the Roman work that has made him the best Anglophone Vatican reporter ever — work that has given him a unique perspective on the world Church, and indeed on world Christianity. His extensive experience across the globe, and his contacts with everyone who’s anyone in the field of international religious freedom issues, makes him an ideal witness to what he calls,

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without exaggeration, a global war on Christian believers.

That witness includes, in his book, a continent-by-continent overview of anti-Christian persecution, a debunking of various myths about anti-Christian persecution, and some counsel on what can be done to support those who are literally putting their lives at risk for love of the Lord and the Gospel. Most poignant for Lenten reading, of course, are those parts of Allen’s book that truly are a contemporary martyrology: his telling of the stories of such martyrs of our time as Shabaz Bhatti of Pakistan, Ashur Yakub Issa of Iraq, the Tibhirine monks of Algeria, and the pastors and church elders who were crushed to death by a bulldozer in front of their North Korean place of worship.

In pondering these cases, and the hundreds more that Allen cites, one gets a new understanding of “hatred of the faith,” that ancient odium fidei that identified the deaths of martyrs. Odium fidei expresses itself in many ways, of course, not all of them lethal. Allen’s close focus on those who really are at risk of life and limb for the faith is a useful reminder that, whatever the contempt orthodox Christians are called to suffer today for fidelity to biblical truth in the comfortable, decadent and increasingly intolerant West, others are being called to suffer far more. Their witness should strengthen ours.

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National Catholic Sisters Week is a worthy addition to a month that celebrates movers and shakers, sisters who lead by serving, who show up with great faith and open hearts, seeing God in each stranger on the street. I can’t imagine our country, our Church or my life without them.

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nessing childbirth, establishing an esteemed massage school to bring the healing touch to people in pain, fielding teary confessions and appeals for prayer at every turn.

She is a short, wrinkled woman with stardust in her eyes and a mile of joy coiled in her body, compelling her to hug repairmen in the elevator and hold your hand as you walk to lunch. “I am so glad I chose the sisterhood!” she said. “I would not exchange it for anything in the world.”

I believe her.

Many sisters have told me that religious life enabled them to do more than they ever could’ve hoped, opening up new avenues and awakening new desires. For 20-something women facing big decisions, sisters have surprising wisdom to offer. They’ve been there, they get it. And for those of us who feel frustrated by times when the urgent-but-not-important manages to trump the important-but-not-urgent, as Stephen Covey puts it, sisters model an integration — daily actions that perfectly correspond with their dearest values. Walking the walk, seldom needing to talk the talk.

Their profound impact is being recognized this March through Women’s History Month.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for March 9, 2014

Matthew 4:1-11

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for First Sunday of Lent, Cycle A: 40 days in the desert. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

BY THE SPIRIT	BE TEMPTED	DEVIL
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COMMAND	ANGELS	DASH
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Thank you for Peter’s Pence offering

I am writing on behalf of the Holy Father to thank you for the offering of \$72,911.69 forwarded to the Apostolic Nunciature as Peter’s Pence from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for the year 2013.

His Holiness very much appreciates this charitable donation and the sacrifices, which it entailed. Your gift not only assists him in his universal pastoral ministry but also witnesses to your people’s communion in faith and love with the Successor of Peter.

As a pledge of joy and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing to you and to all the clergy, religious and laity of the diocese.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Archbishop Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State, Vatican

Gratitude extended for CRS collection

On behalf of Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, President of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, I extend my gratitude for your contribution of \$66,391.18 from the 2013 Catholic Relief Services Collection in your diocese.

This collection supports six Catholic agencies whose programs help families suffering from war, famine, extreme poverty and natural disasters. They also aid the victims of human trafficking,

unaccompanied minors and immigrants trying to reunite with their family members.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection helped make it possible for women in rural Afghanistan to earn a form of income. Women with husbands are able to support their families through work in the home, while their husbands labor in the fields to generate a cash income. Widows, however, must rely on whatever food their families can give them and do not have the means to buy other necessities like household goods or medicine that require cash. With funding from this collection, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) offered these women a way to develop a livelihood. In a village outside of Herat, CRS provided a female lamb to each widow along with instructions on how to keep their lambs healthy. Now, some of the lambs have produced their first offspring.

Our next collection is scheduled in most dioceses the weekend of March 29-30, 2014. The millions of people that benefit from this collection continue to rely on our prayers and financial support for their basic daily needs.

Please convey to your priests and parishioners our heartfelt gratitude for their commitment and generosity to The Catholic Relief Services Collection. They demonstrate genuine love and compassion for all who are helped by the collection.

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati
Chairman,
Committee on National Collections

Sports

USF SENIOR NAMED IN 2014 ALL-CL SELECTIONS University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, senior forward Scott Kohne has earned All-Crossroads League selection back-to-back, one of three members of the 2013-14 USF men's basketball team to earn All-CL in voting by the 10 coaches. Kohne, a Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger High School graduate, led USF scoring with a 17.4 average, including a 13-game streak of double-figure scoring with six 20-point plus games. Kohne is No. 12 in rebounds in NAIA with 260, and No. 27 in rebounds/game with an 8.7 average. This is Kohne's third season earning all-conference recognition. He was All-MCC honorable mention in 2011-12 as a sophomore.

ICCL Lions are pride of the hardwood

BY MATT SOBIERALSKI

SOUTH BEND — The weather would not put a damper on the teams that participated in the Inter-City Catholic League's Final Four last weekend. The action at Saint Joseph High School was heating up so much that the snowstorm that blew through was not enough to cool the teams down.

The St. Pius X Lions faced off in a battle with the Christ the King Kings for the coveted 2013-2014 ICCL championship. The Lions got to the final game by holding off the Corpus Christi Cougars in a tight game, while the Kings battled with the Saint Joseph, South Bend, Eagles and were triumphant.

The green-and-yellow-clad Lions looked upon their leader in the first quarter to give them an advantage and he answered. Walter Ellis came out on fire as he scored more than half of the Lions' points in the quarter and outscored the Kings from the field.

Ellis finished the quarter with nine points. It took the Kings a while to get started as they turned the ball over their first three possessions. A three pointer from the corner by Ben Terry would get the Kings their first field goal and cut into the Lions early lead. An Ellis lay-up, however, would close the quarter out for the Lions as they lead Christ the King, 16-8.

The Lions kept pouring on the defensive pressure in the second quarter and put the pedal to the metal on the offensive end. Michael Godfrey was all over the offensive boards and his put-back basket pushed the Pius lead to 10. The Lions' Reese Jackowiak hit the rare four-point play with 2:44 left in the quarter and back-to-back three pointers by Jimmy Verhiley and Zach Lattimer gave the Lions a comfortable 19-point lead going

into the half time break. The Lion defense held the Kings to only 12 points for the half.

Despite being down by a substantial amount of points, the Kings would not go away lightly and caught the Lions off guard. Hunter West put his team on his back and started the half with a three-point shot from the top of the key and an acrobatic lay-up. The yellow-and-blue-clad King defense stymied the Lion offense as they slowly chipped away at the Lion lead. Ellis remained on the prowl for the Lions as his three pointer from the corner took the Lion lead from 11 back up to 14. The Kings cut into the lead heading into the fourth and final quarter, as the score was 44-28.

Michael Dunkelberger of the Kings opened the quarter with a three-point shot from the corner. He remained relentless in his pursuit to win the championship as he drove the basket hard and hit his free throws. West also remained relentless and slashed to the basket from the top of the key and threw up another acrobatic lay-up that seemed to hang in the air for an eternity before hitting the highest part of the glass and swishing through the net. Another Dunkelberger three pointer cut the lead to nine with two minutes left.

After a St. Pius timeout, the Kings played a tough man-to-man defense that resulted in a couple of missed shots by the Lions. Terry pulled down the clutch rebound and threw an outlet to Dunkelberger who shot, faked and drove the basket hard and got the foul. Two more free throws by him would cut the lead to seven and suddenly the Kings had the Lions feeling a little worried.

However, the Lions remained poised and got the ball to their ace. An Ellis bucket would push the lead back to double digits. After a pair of King free throws and a King stop

on the defensive end, Terry had the ball in hands again and drove the basket from the left side and scored to make it a two possession game. The Lions' Lattimer hit a clutch shot with a little over a minute left in the game to increase the lead back to nine points. Lattimer finished with 10 points for the Lions.

Christ the King would not go away though, as Terry would hit his fourth three of the game and cut the lead back to six with 51.4 seconds remaining in the game. The Lions would seal the victory when Ellis corralled a rebound and hit Jackowiak on the fly and in stride, where he finished with the game clinching lay-up with 15 seconds left. Jackowiak finished the game with 10 points and post player Sam Padrnos chipped in nine points as well.

The Kings never went away and overcame a giant half time deficit to make the game close. Terry led the Kings in scoring with 14 points, while Dunkelberger and West added 13 points each to help with the King's second half surge.

Walter Ellis was a force to be reckoned with and was hard to keep in check as he led the Lions in scoring with 20 points and finished with 10 rebounds as well.

The Lions capped off an excellent ICCL basketball season by winning the championship game by a score of 58-50. Christ the King and St. Pius X will both play next weekend at Marian High School against teams from the Fort Wayne part of the diocese.

In the consolation game, the Eagles of St. Joseph, South Bend, held off a comeback by the Corpus Christi Cougars. Josh De St. Jean's game high 18 points led the Eagles. St. Joseph, South Bend, will also play next weekend at Marian High School against an opponent from Fort Wayne.

CYO BOYS' BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



PHOTOS BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

The St. Charles Cardinals boys' basketball team was the CYO White League champions.



The St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel boys' basketball team was the CYO Blue League champions.



The St. Vincent Panthers boys' basketball team was the CYO Gold League champions.

CYO teams ready for diocesan playoffs

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Three Fort Wayne teams will travel to Mishawaka for a March 9 showdown between the best of the best of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) league and the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL). The 2014 CYO teams will be St. Vincent, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, and St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel. Representing the ICCL will be St. Pius X, Granger and Christ the

King, South Bend, and St. Joseph, South Bend.

The diocesan showdown will be next weekend at Marian High School in Mishawaka.

The CYO eighth-grade boys from St. Vincent are no strangers to big games. Under the direction of Coach Dale Curry and Coach Jon Bergstrom, the Panthers have won the CYO title all four years of their careers and had an undefeated streak since the sixth grade against CYO competition.

Noting defense as the biggest key to their success, Curry

explained, "We were able to take opponents out of their game with our defense. Our boys worked hard on defense all year long."

He added, "We were also very fortunate to have an outstanding inside game as well as exceptional perimeter players, which helped us adjust to any defense."

Curry summarized, "We are looking forward to traveling to South Bend to represent the CYO. Win or lose, I know it will be a good experience for the boys."



The St. Therese fifth-and-sixth grade boys' basketball team won the junior-varsity CYO league.

Top 10 things most people don't know about Pope Francis

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran walked onto the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, telling the crowds in Latin: "I announce to you a great joy. We have a pope!" not many people recognized the name of then-Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Now, just one year since his March 13, 2013, election, there are still many things most people do not know about the 265th successor of Peter.

Here is a list of 10 things people should know about Pope Francis

1. Has a way with birds: Pope Francis expertly handled a white dove and a green parrot during different general audiences in St. Peter's Square. According to the pope's sister, Maria Elena Bergoglio, the future pope had a parrot when he was in the seminary. And because he loved to play jokes, she said, "I wouldn't put it past him that he taught the little beast a swear word or two instead of how to pray."

2. Has colorful work experience on his resume: In addition to having worked sweeping floors in a factory and running tests in a chemical laboratory as a teenager, the pope also used to work as a bouncer. Later, when he was no longer kicking troublemakers out of clubs, he taught high school literature and psychology, which, he said, helped him discover the secret to bringing people back ... to Church.

3. Was a Jesuit Oskar Schindler: When then-Father Bergoglio was head of the Jesuit province in Argentina, he ran a clandestine network that sheltered or shuttled to safety people whose lives were



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Pope Francis gives a thumbs up as he greets the crowd at the 2013 World Youth Day welcoming ceremony in Rio de Janeiro. From the moment Pope Francis stepped out on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica after his election, he signaled his pontificate would bring some style differences to the papacy.

in danger during the nation's murderous military-backed dictatorship.

According to witnesses, the future pope never let on to anyone what he was doing, and those who were helping him find rides

or temporary housing for "guests" never realized they had been part of his secret strategy until years later.

4. Is a homebody with missionary zeal: Even though he has traveled extensively, the pope consid-

ers himself "a homebody" who easily gets homesick. However, he wanted to join the Society of Jesus because of its image as being "on the frontlines" for the Church and its work in mission lands.

He wanted to serve as a missionary in Japan, but he said his superiors wouldn't let him because they were concerned about his past health problems.

5. Has an achy back: When the pope was 21, the upper half of his right lung was removed after cysts caused a severe lung infection. While that episode never caused him further health problems, he said his current complaint is sciatica.

The worst thing to happen in his first month as pope was "an attack of sciatica," he said. "I was sitting in an armchair to do interviews and it hurt. Sciatica is very painful, very painful! I don't wish it on anyone!"

6. Was the strongest contender behind then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger in the 2005 conclave. If the Argentine had been elected pontiff then, he would have chosen the name John after Blessed John XXIII and taken his inspiration from "the Good Pope," according to Italian Cardinal Francesco Marchisano.

However, during the 2013 conclave, Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes told the newly elected pope, "Don't forget the poor," and that, the pope said, is when it struck him to take the name of St. Francis of Assisi, "the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation."

7. Starts his day at 4:30 a.m. "I pray the breviary every morning. I like to pray with the psalms. Then, later, I celebrate Mass. I pray the rosary," he has said. His workday includes reading letters, cards, documents and reports as well as meeting cardinals, bishops, priests and laypeople. He

eats lunch between noon and 1 p.m., then rests for about 30 minutes before returning to work.

But his favorite part of the day is Eucharistic Adoration in the evening, when he often falls asleep in prayer. "Between 7 and 8 o'clock, I stay in front of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour in Adoration. But I pray mentally even when I am waiting at the dentist or at other times of the day," he said.

8. Can juggle a lot of plates: Jesuit Father Juan Carlos Scannone, the pope's friend and former professor of Greek and literature, said the pope is "a one-man band" who can juggle many different tasks at the same time.

"Once I saw him writing an article on the typewriter, then go do his laundry, then received someone who needed spiritual guidance. Spiritual work, a technician and a manual laborer all at the same time and with the same high quality," the priest said.

9. Travels light: When he boarded the papal plane for Brazil last July, people were stunned the pope was carting around his own carry-on bag. What's inside? "It wasn't the key for the atom bomb," he told journalists. "There was a razor, a breviary, an appointment book, a book to read, I brought one about St. Therese, to whom I have a devotion. I have always taken a bag with me when traveling — it's normal."

10. Had his "Hog" help the homeless: Pope Francis briefly owned what became the most expensive 21st-century Harley-Davidson motorbike in the world. Though he prefers walking and cheaper car models, Harley-Davidson gave him a brand new Dyna Super Glide in June that the pope autographed and put up for auction, raising a hefty \$326,000 for a Rome soup kitchen and homeless shelter.

WORSHIP + SERVICE + EDUCATION - IN THE HEART OF SOUTH BEND

FACILITIES MANAGER

Saint Joseph Parish, a vibrant, Catholic, faith community of nearly 900 families and a large K-8 grade school in South Bend, is now accepting applications (full and part-time) for a Facilities Manager. The position is responsible for the maintenance, management, and improvement of parish buildings and grounds, as well as for the onsite supervision of maintenance and custodial personnel and contracted services. Other duties include providing vision and establishing policy related to buildings and grounds maintenance, development, and improvement; supervision and ongoing evaluation of capital projects; budgetary oversight of areas pertaining to building and grounds; and the monitoring of inventory and maintaining of documentation pertaining to facilities specifications, upkeep, and condition. Qualified applicants will have demonstrated experience in maintenance and supervision, excellent communication and computer skills, availability outside of normal business hours to respond to issues or emergencies, and a collaborative spirit and proactive desire to contribute to the mission of the parish.

Visit www.stjoeparish.com for a complete position description. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Qualified candidates should send a cover letter, résumé, and references to: Facilities Manager Search Committee, Saint Joseph Parish, 711 E. Colfax Ave., South Bend, IN 46617. Questions may be directed to Fr. Kevin Russeau, C.S.C., Pastor, at krusseau@stjoeparish.com.

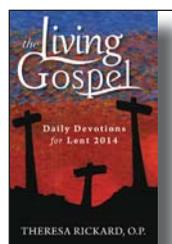
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Devote time to daily meditation this Lent

BY KAY COZAD

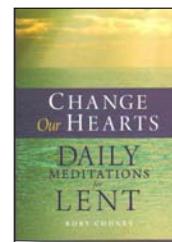
The following are recently published books that have been sent to *Today's Catholic* that may inspire a deeper faith formation during this Lenten season. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name and ISBN number for ease of purchase at your local Catholic bookstore.

"The Living Gospel: Daily Devotionals for Lent 2014," by Dominican Sister Theresa Rickard, president and



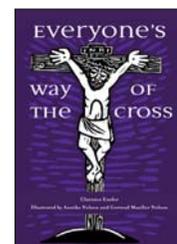
executive director of RENEW International, is a little reflection book packed with powerful words. The focus for each day of Lent is a Gospel verse and prayer, followed by a timely reflection and a challenge for ongoing spiritual growth. Ave Maria Press, ISBN: 978-1-59471-431-3.

"Change Our Hearts: Daily Meditations for Lent," by Rory Cooney prepares the reader's heart for Easter with the daily lectionary citations, an inspiring reflection and a closing prayer or practice to challenge spiritual growth and action.



Franciscan Media, ISBN: 978-1-61636-725-1.

"Everyone's Way of the Cross," by Clarence Enzler, a perennially best-selling Stations of the Cross booklet, has been updated with fresh illustrations by renowned, mother-daughter artists Annika Nelson and Gertrud Mueller Nelson. The booklet is available in Spanish and large print editions and is ideal for private or group Lenten observation. Ave Maria Press, ISBN: 978-1-59471-430-6.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WHAT'S HAPPENING carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today's Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or email: fhogan@diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

FISH FRIES

Fish fry
Arcola — St. Patrick Church, 12305 Arcola Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, March 14, from 4-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for children. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$4 for children 6-10 and children under 6 free. Seniors 60 plus \$8. Drive-through carryouts available.

Fish Fry supports Bishop Luers Athletic Booster Club
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have a fish fry Friday, March 14, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the Bishop Luers' Cafe. Cheese pizza also available. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5.50 for children ages 6-11, and children 5 and under are free. Drive through and carryout available. Proceeds will help fund a new washing machine for the Athletic Department.

Fish fry
Fort Wayne — The Our Lady of Good Hope, 7215 Saint Joe Rd., Knights of Columbus Council 12417, will have a fish fry on March 14, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children 6-12, children 5 and under are free.

Holy Name Society fish fry
New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, March 7, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$7.50, children 5-12 \$4 and children under 5 free.

St. Charles plans fish fry
Fort Wayne — St. Charles Parish, corner of Reed and Trier roads, will have a fish fry Friday, March 21, in the school cafeteria, door 9. Carryout available. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, \$4.50 for children 6-12 and free for those under 5. Proceeds benefit St. Charles athletic association.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Life Center plans Masses, Adoration and rosary
South Bend — Masses for the spring campaign for 40 Days for Life will be held at the Life Center on Ironwood Circle each Saturday during Lent at 8 a.m. A vigil will also be held at the Prayer Peninsula outdoors from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and on

Wednesdays from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. Mass is celebrated each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel of Divine Mercy. A rosary for the dignity of marriage and family will be March 22 at noon.

Catholic Business Network Group
Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, March 7, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Mass will be followed by guest speaker Mark Hagar in the Cathedral Center. He will discuss the hallmarks of a high performance business and creating business growth in difficult economic times. Refreshments will be provided by the Catholic Business Network.

Lenten Retreat for Doctors
Fort Wayne — "The Spiritual Life of the Physician," a Lenten retreat for area doctors, sponsored by the Dr. Jerome Lejeune Catholic Medical Guild will be held Saturday, March 22, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. The retreat is open to all types of doctors who care for patients. Cost is \$20, which includes lunch. For information go to www.fortwaynecma.com or call 260-437-8377.

Holy Cross Village plans Lenten lecture series
Notre Dame — The Holy Cross Village Lenten lecture series will be at Geenen Hall at Andre Place at 7 p.m. beginning March 5 with Brother Raymond Papenfuss, CSC, "Contact with God, a Question of Awareness." March 12, Sister Judith Anne Beattie, CSC, "Pray Always — Pray in All Ways." March 19, Father Michael Connors, CSC, "Come to the Water." March 26, Father Edward Malloy, CSC, "Growing Old with Grace." April 2, Father Dan Groody, CSC, "Search for God in the Rwandan Genocide." April 9, Brother John Paige, CSC, "Revisiting the Communion of Saints."

Bus trip planned
New Carlisle — St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish will travel to the approved apparition site of Our Lady of Good Help in New Franken, Wisc. Depart South Bend May 12, at 8 a.m. to St. Norbert Abbey in DePere, Wisc. to tour the National Shrine of St. Joseph and St. Norbert Abbey. Next day travel to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help for

Fatima Days. \$147 covers everything except meals on bus. Call Lynda at 574-234-5806 before April 15.

Youth Group plans rummage sale
South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary youth group will have a rummage sale Saturday, March 15, at the school, 735 W. Calvert, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Partners In Pride dinner and auction
South Bend — Saint Joseph High School will host Partners in Pride Saturday, March 22, at the high school, 453 N. Notre Dame Ave. Cocktails start at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Catering by Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and live music by Blammo. This year will honor Pat and Sue Ruzskowski, Bob and Debra Urbanski and Steve and Mary Pajakowski. To reserve seats online visit www.saintjoe-high.com.

Irish/English Mass to be offered for St. Patrick's Day
Notre Dame — The University of Notre Dame Office of Campus Ministry will host a special Irish and English bi-lingual Mass to celebrate the feast of St. Patrick on March 17 at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The Mass will feature music by the Notre Dame Folk Choir and dancing by the Notre Dame Irish Dancers. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be the celebrant.

Celtica to perform at Lagro
Lagro — Friends of St. Patrick's will host a free concert with music by Celtica, a Celtic band from Nashville, Ind., on Sunday, March 16, at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick Church in Lagro. Donations will be accepted at the concert and used towards the current project of repairing outside brickwork at the church. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

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Card party planned

New Carlisle — The Altar and Rosary Sodality of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish will have a card party and deluxe salad bar on Sunday, March 16, at 11:30 a.m. in the social center, 55756 Tulip Rd. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in advance by calling Debbie at 574-654-8208 or Nancy at 574-289-2986. Proceeds will purchase needed items for the altar.

Card party and euchre tournament

Yoder — The St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus will have a card party and euchre tournament Saturday, March 15, in the school basement. Tickets are \$5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Food and beverages available. Call 260-638-4882 for information.

CCHS alumni plan open house

Fort Wayne — The Central Catholic High School Alumni Association will have an open house Sunday, March 16, from 1-3 p.m. at 4618 E. State Blvd. Tours, refreshments and memorabilia will be offered.

Lenten retreat planned

South Bend — St. Jude's Rosary Sodality is sponsoring a Lenten Retreat with Jim Murphy for men and women Saturday, March 15, at the Knights of Columbus Hall,

61533 S. Ironwood Dr. The cost is \$20 per person which includes lunch and snacks. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. RSVP to the parish office at 574-291-0570 or email me.huszar@comcast.net by Tuesday, March 4. Call Mary Huszar at 574-291-8021 for information.

Grand garage sale

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School will have a garage sale Saturday, March 15, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the St. Joseph campus, 2211 Brooklynn Ave. Proceeds benefit the eighth-grade class trip.

Celebrate patron St. Patrick at Mass

South Bend — St. Patrick Parish, 309 S. Taylor St., will have a Mass celebrating its patron Saturday, March 15, with Father Paul F. Doyle, CSC, celebrant. A benefit pancake breakfast will follow at the Knights hall, 553 E. Washington.



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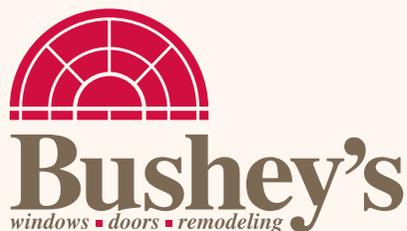
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