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Missionary vocation of St. Patrick celebrated at Notre Dame Mass

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Saint Patrick's Day was celebrated at the University of Notre Dame at a 5:15 p.m. bi-lingual Irish/English Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as the celebrant. The Irish/English Mass is a tradition on St. Patrick's Day when the University of Notre Dame is not on spring break during the feast, and this year's event filled the basilica.

The Notre Dame Folk Choir sang from its Irish repertoire with instrumental accompaniment that included uilleann pipes, the national bagpipe of Ireland. The Notre Dame Irish Dancers added to the Irish flavor of the celebration by leading the entrance processional and the recessional.

The first reading was proclaimed in Irish, and the responsorial psalm was sung in Irish. The preparation hymn was the traditional "Bless the Corners of This House," sung in both Irish and English. Other Irish hymns during the liturgy were "Jesus, Be in Our Hearts," and "Song of Patrick," both sung in Irish.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades noted that Notre Dame's history, culture and traditions have an interesting mix of French and Irish elements. Notre Dame was founded by a French priest, Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin. The bishop pointed out that within a few decades of the school's founding, the huge Irish immigration to this country brought Irish men to the Holy Cross order and many Irish students to Notre Dame. In the 1920s, the football team became known as the "Fighting Irish," he noted.

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The Notre Dame Folk Choir sang at the St. Patrick's Day Irish/English Mass held at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

POPE FRANCIS GREETES PEOPLE AT ROME PARISH



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Pope Francis greets people as he arrives for Mass at the parish of Santa Maria dell'Orazione on the outskirts of Rome March 16. The pope told parishioners to use their commute time to work to read a few lines from the Bible.

Holocaust rescuer's story inspires love and forgiveness

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The inspiring story of one young woman's steadfast faith and courage in the face of unfathomable circumstances was told and retold across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend recently. Jeannie Opdyke Smith, the only child of Holocaust rescuer Irene Gut Opdyke, visited all four Catholic high schools and the Brookside Mansion at the University of Saint Francis proclaiming her mother's powerful message that "one person can make a difference." The Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne sponsored the presentations.

Irene Gut Opdyke was a 19-year-old high school graduate beginning her first year of nursing school when Hitler invaded her home

land of Poland. As a Polish Catholic cut off from her family, she joined the Polish underground working with a small group in a forest to fight the atrocities forced on the Jewish population of the area. At one point she was captured, severely beaten, raped and left for dead. She was taken to a Russian hospital where she recovered and eventually escaped. As she moved through town she witnessed more of the murderous atrocities the Nazis perpetrated against the Jews of the area. It was then that she vowed to take every opportunity to help.

During the time she was housekeeper to a high-ranking German soldier, she hid a dozen Jewish people she had met in a German factory's laundry, in the cellar of the soldier's very home. Eventually they were discovered and the

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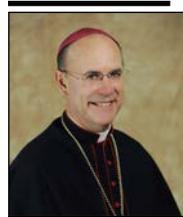
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Jesus' thirst and our thirst



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

In the Gospel this coming Sunday, the Third Sunday of Lent, we hear the famous conversation of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well. It is one of the most profound passages of the Bible and especially appropriate for our meditation during this season of Lent.

I invite you to read and meditate on this famous passage in chapter 4 of Saint John's Gospel. Jesus is thirsty and asks the woman for a drink. Naturally, Jesus was physically thirsty since he had been traveling through the region on a presumably hot day. But His thirst was also deeper. He deeply thirsted for the salvation of the Samaritan woman. Saint Augustine wrote: *Although Jesus asked for a drink, His real thirst was for this woman's faith.* Yes, Jesus thirsts and continues to thirst for our faith and our love. He said from the cross: *I thirst.* Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta often meditated on these words, recognizing their deeper meaning.

The thirst of Jesus was a central theme of Mother Teresa's spiritual life. In fact, in every chapel of the Missionaries of Charity throughout the world, the words of Jesus *I thirst* are displayed beneath an arm of the crucifix. Mother Teresa wrote: *It is very important for us to know that Jesus is thirsting for our love, for the love of the whole world. ... Ask yourself: Have I heard Jesus directly say this word to me personally? Did I ever hear that word personally: 'I thirst.' 'I want your love.' ... If not, examine yourself: why could I not hear?*

Mother Teresa spoke often of Jesus' thirst for our love, our affection, our intimate attachment to Him, and our sharing of His passion. She wrote about God thirsting for us to come forward to satiate His thirst. How? By spreading the Love of His Heart and so satiating His thirst for souls.

God thirsts for our faith and our love. He wants us to find our authentic happiness in Him. And He wants us to bring that faith, love, and joy to others.

Like Jesus and like the Samaritan woman, we also thirst. Just as we may at times experience a physical thirst for water since it is indispensable for life, there is also a spiritual thirst in each of us that God alone can satisfy. The Samaritan woman eventually also asks Jesus for water because He spoke to her about the living water He would give. Our Lord spoke to her of a "living water" able to quench her thirst and become in her "a spring of water welling up to eternal life." She is thirsty for that water, as we all are. It is the living water of the Holy Spirit, the water that satisfies our infinite thirst. In every person, there is an inherent need for God, a thirst that only He can quench.

Pope Francis has written the following: *The Holy Spirit is the inexhaustible source of God's life in us. Man of every time and place desires a full and beautiful life, just and good, a life that is not threatened by death but can still mature and grow to*



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Parish representatives present the Books of Elect for Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to sign at the Rite of Election of Catechumens on March 16 at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. In this week's column, Bishop Rhoades writes: "As the Samaritan woman was enlightened and converted to the faith, so are our catechumens. They prepare to receive the life-giving water of the Holy Spirit at Baptism during the Easter Vigil."

fullness. Man is like a traveler who, crossing the deserts of life, thirsts for the living water: gushing and fresh, capable of quenching his deep desire for light, love, beauty, and peace. We all feel this desire! And Jesus gives us this living water: He is the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and whom Jesus pours out into our hearts. "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly," Jesus tells us (John 10:10).

God the Father sent His Son to quench our thirst for eternal life. He gave us His love. But to give us this gift, Jesus asks for our faith. Jesus knocks on the door of our hearts and waits patiently for our answer.

This Gospel has a special significance for our catechumens who are preparing for Baptism. As the Samaritan woman was enlightened and converted to the faith, so are our catechumens. They prepare to receive the life-giving water of the Holy

Spirit at Baptism during the Easter Vigil. In Baptism, they will be reborn by water and by the Holy Spirit and enabled to worship God, as Jesus said to the woman at the well, "in spirit and in truth."

All of us on this Lenten journey, though already baptized, are still on a journey of faith and conversion. The Gospel of the woman at the well still speaks to us. It can move us to rediscover the meaning of our life in Christ who calls us to renew our profession of faith in Him. When the Samaritan woman's life was transformed by her encounter with Jesus, she ran to take the Good News to her people. She became "a missionary disciple." This is what Pope Francis is calling all of us to be, not just disciples of Jesus, but *missionary* disciples.

Lent is a time for us to be renewed in the grace of our Baptism. Let us pray for one another during our Lenten journey towards Easter!

Cardinal George speaks of mercy in the teaching of Pope Francis

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Cardinal Francis George of Chicago spoke at the University of Notre Dame on “Mercy in the Teaching and Ministry of Pope Francis” the evening of March 6. His talk was the keynote for a workshop conference on the principle of “double effect.”

Cardinal George said that every talk by Pope Francis comes back to mercy, and that topic has been the “lodestone” of the pope’s pastoral practice. The pope’s “signature idea,” he continued, is God’s endless capacity to forgive and the need for the world to learn about compassion.

Cardinal George said this focus of Pope Francis is rooted in an experience the pope had as a young man of 17. The young Jorge Bergoglio was out with his friends one day and stopped into a church, where he met a priest who moved him to go to Confession. Something in that Confession changed the young man’s life and gave him the sense that someone was waiting for him, the cardinal related.

“Christ, whose mercy was so evident and so moving, transformed the young man into a future priest and future pope,” who often comes back to the theme that “God waits for us,” Cardinal George said.

When Pope Francis discusses the moral teachings of the Church, Cardinal George continued, the pope says those teachings should be presented in context and put in a merciful key. This concept, he said, reflects the writing of St. Thomas Aquinas regarding faith working through love. The Second Vatican Council took up this concept when it recognized that works of love directed to one’s neighbor are an external manifestation of mercy, the greatest of all virtues, he said.

This, too, is how Pope John Paul II recognized mercy as love that is eager to forgive, Cardinal George said. So, mercy is not a new topic for the Church, the cardinal said, but Pope Francis approaches it in a way that is “populist and even revolutionary.”

For Pope Francis, he said, the call to be merciful and sense the needs of others is grounded in three things: dialogue, poverty and the acknowledgement that “God is always greater.”

The first element, dialogue, is considered by Pope Francis to be born of a respect for the other person that makes room for their proposals in a culture of encounter, the cardinal said. The Second Vatican Council also reached this conclusion, he explained, as did Pope Paul VI, who wrote in his 1964 encyclical “Ecclesiam Suam” that the Church must



CNS PHOTO/KAREN CALLAWAY, CATHOLIC NEW WORLD

Cardinal Francis George of Chicago spoke at the University of Notre Dame on “Mercy in the Teaching and Ministry of Pope Francis” the evening of March 6. The Chicago Archdiocese announced March 7 that the cardinal is also preparing to undergo a new round of chemotherapy to address “current signs of activity of cancer cells surrounding his right kidney.” He is pictured in a Feb. 11 photo.

know, meet and dialogue with mankind and the world to create an opportunity to encounter one another.

Pope Francis’s message of mercy has the feel of originality because of his personality, the cardinal said, but his emphasis on mercy really is “in a continuity that builds on his predecessors.”

The pope’s concern about poverty, the second element for mercy, can be seen in his choice of the name Francis to evoke St. Francis of Assisi and his dedication to the poor, Cardinal George said. The cardinal, who was part of the conclave that elected Francis, said the conclave was looking for someone who knew how to govern and recognize the need to improve the curia, and someone with “a heart for the poor.”

In Pope Francis the cardinals got all of those traits, Cardinal George said, but they also got “a great surprise” in the pope’s populist approach, for in Argentina, Cardinal Bergoglio had avoided the press and led a rather quiet life. That “surprise,” the cardinal continued, “is evidence of the work of the Spirit.”

Pope Francis also emphasizes witnessing to the Gospel, not just teaching it, Cardinal George said, and this is evident in the pope’s

own simple lifestyle and his desire to have one-on-one contact with the people.

The third element, “God is always more,” reflects the pope’s Jesuit training and the Jesuit motto, “All for the greater glory of God,” Cardinal George said. This motto highlights the ability of God to touch the lives of people, the cardinal explained, and while we are limited, “God is always more; Christ is always more.”

Perhaps we rely too much on rational arguments, Cardinal George concluded, saying that he believes the pope is “inviting us to trust in God because He works in ways we could not imagine.” Pope Francis is obviously “free,” and his unique contribution has been his collaborative and collegial style, Cardinal George said. Yet, Pope Francis operates “within the tradition that binds us to Christ.”

Cardinal George’s appearance was sponsored by the several university entities: the Jacques Maritain Center, the Institute for Church Life, the Center for Ethics and Culture, the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, the Center for Social Concerns and the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, March 23, 10:30 a.m. — Mass opening Parish Mission, Saint Joseph Church, Garrett
- Sunday, March 23, 3 p.m. — Mass of Dedication of Restored Church and New Altar at St. Louis Besancon
- Monday, March 24, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop’s Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, March 25, 3 p.m. — Pueri Cantores Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, March 26, 11 a.m. — Mass with Christ Child Society of South Bend, Chapel of Our Lady of Loretto, Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame
- Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m. — Annual Dinner for Dismas House, Palais Royale, South Bend
- Thursday, March 27, 6 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan School Board, Holiday Inn, Warsaw
- Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m. — Morning Prayer at Diocesan Marriage and Family Conference, University of Notre Dame
- Saturday, March 29, 6 p.m. — Dinner and Auction, Marian High School, Mishawaka

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The bishop said that while everything Irish is celebrated in many countries on March 17, the primary focus should be St. Patrick, “the great missionary apostle of Ireland.” Patrick, like St. Peter, was called to be a fisher of men, he said, and Patrick succeeded in bringing the faith to the people of Ireland, always attributing his success to the Lord’s grace.

“In the history of evangelization, St. Patrick stands out as a great example,” Bishop Rhoades continued. “It is amazing to consider what one man did that not only converted an entire people, but also brought great fruits to the rest of Europe for centuries after, through the missionary labors of Irish monks and others.”

Bishop Rhoades added that Patrick was a model for what is now called “inculturation of the Gospel,” for he learned the Irish language and local customs to give new meaning to traditional Irish practices and customs. Even though he missed his family and the comforts of his home, Patrick felt “bound by the Spirit” to remain with the Irish people until his death, the bishop said.

The bishop noted that the first reading of the Mass from the Prophet Isaiah described well St. Patrick’s mission of bringing the Gospel of salvation to Ireland: “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation.”

Bishop Rhoades described St. Patrick as a model of a central theme of the first year of the papacy of Pope Francis: the Church’s missionary vocation.

“The Holy Father speaks of the Church herself as a mission-

ary disciple and also of each of us individually called to be not just disciples of Jesus, but missionary disciples,” the bishop said. “He’s calling us to go forth as a community of missionary disciples, to be a Church that goes forth, that is not self-referential. He is calling us to live and spread the joy of the Gospel, with the desire to show people God’s infinite mercy.”

The bishop said that Pope Francis especially calls us to go to the peripheries of society to offer everyone the life of Jesus, and “This is what St. Patrick did.”

Bishop Rhoades also referenced the pope’s address to the Notre Dame trustees and administrators when they were in Rome for a January meeting. The pope told the university’s trustees that the commitment to missionary discipleship should be reflected in a special way in Catholic universities. The bishop cited the pope’s emphasis on the need for “uncompromising witness of Catholic universities to the Church’s moral teaching and the defense of her freedom.”

He said that on the feast of the great missionary St. Patrick, it was appropriate to reflect on the pope’s challenging words to individuals and to the university.

“The apostolate of the new evangelization is an apostolate of the whole Church and all her institutions,” Bishop Rhoades said. “Thanks be to God, there are many Spirit-filled missionary disciples here at Notre Dame.”

The bishop quoted from Pope John Paul II’s 1990 apostolic constitution on Catholic universities, “Ex Corde Ecclesiae,” which calls for universities to give “living institutional witness to Christ and His message.”

In this age of secularism, he continued, Notre Dame’s institutional witness is especially needed. Likewise, he told the congregation: “We need the witness of each one of us to the joy of our own encounter with Christ, the joy of the Gospel.”

Evening of mercy called success, opportunities still abound

BY TIM JOHNSON

The Light is On For You is being championed as another success in parishes across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Still, priests encourage the faithful and those who have fallen away from the sacrament of Reconciliation that the welcome extends through the Lenten season and beyond.

Father John Delaney, the pastor of St. Jude Parish in South Bend, told *Today's Catholic* that he felt the evening offering was a success and he was busy the entire time with 15 to 16 penitents.

He said all were "very good Confessions — thoughtful and prepared, conscientious, sometimes tearful, but all good."

Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elkhart, noted that he and Father Matthew Coonan, parochial vicar, had people coming for almost the whole period.

Father Dave Ruppert, pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish, South Bend, said, "More people definitely came this year than last year. I

believe people are more familiar with the Light Is On For You this year after beginning it last year. I'd say we had at least twice as many people."

Conventual Franciscan Father Fred Pasche, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua in Angola, said, "The most encouraging aspect about the Light Is On For You was the number of people who took advantage of the opportunity for Reconciliation. Out of the two hours, I had about 10 minutes free."

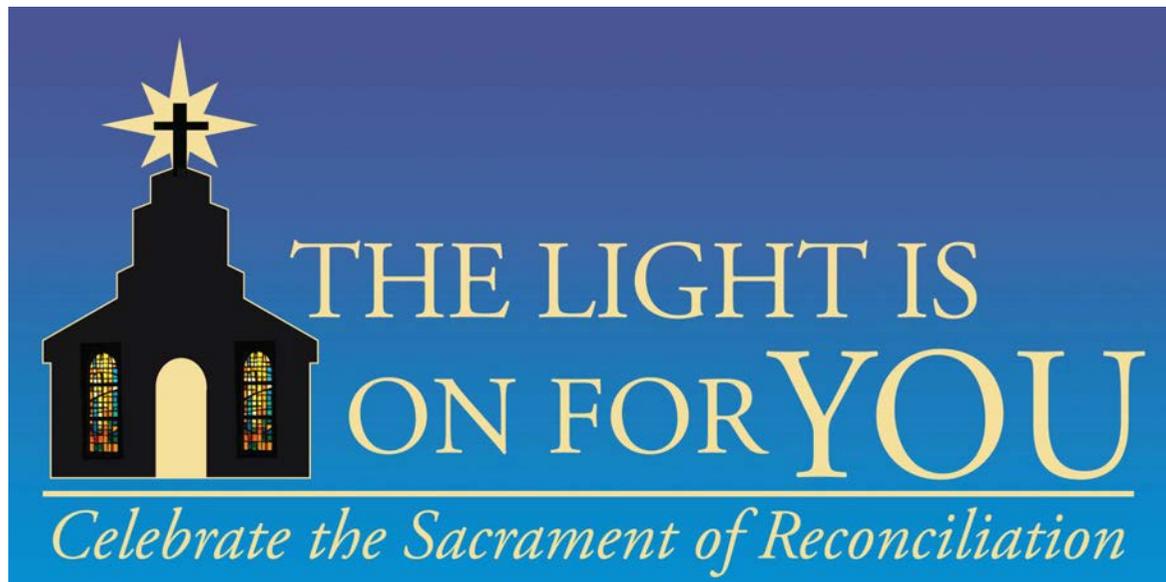
But Father Pasche and other priests want Catholics still interested in receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation to know that Reconciliation is still available for them.

Father Delaney noted, "Our Lord doesn't wait for the (USCCB or the diocese) to have a special evening planned in order to be the 'God who waits for our return.' Come anytime!"

Father Glenn Kohrman commented, "The great gift that Confession is — on the authority of the Bible John 20:19 and almost 2,000 years of apostolic tradition — God gave us the gift to hear, 'I absolve you from your sins,' as humans, and it helps us greatly to

'It has to do with a journey with God, so it cannot help but be rewarding.'

FATHER JOHN DELANEY



avail ourselves to the grace of the sacrament."

Lent is "a 40-day-plus season and there are penance services going on all over the city," Father Delaney reminded the faithful, "and a call to any parish will tell you when theirs is, or a phone call to any parish will also tell you when their usual times are and you can put it into your own schedule with ease."

Father Ruppert noted many parishes still have Penance services scheduled with a number of priests present all at once. "It can make it easier to come to a communal penance service with a number of people due to some anonymity as well as strength in numbers, in real-

izing that you're not the only sinner out there," he said.

To those who have stopped practicing their faith, Father Delaney noted, "For all the criticisms people have as to why they may have fallen away, that's just part of the human element within the Church or anywhere else that serves us as humans, no matter what organization."

He said, "Put that aside and go for all the right reasons, which are many, and the benefits far outweighing any shortcomings of the few."

Some of those benefits are "community, regularly scheduled opportunities to hear the Word proclaimed and explained, extending

your family, making good friends who strive after the same values you do, (and) certainly the special graces and ways in which Our Lord Himself wanted to nourish us along our journey in life, and much more," Father Delaney said. "Those are always there for you no matter what one individual or 'rule' or teaching is in place that you may not like or understand or agree with. You may learn that you don't have all the right answers and that there is a reason that is beyond you as to why a teaching is in place."

"Open yourself to it," Father Delaney encouraged. "It has to do with a journey with God, so it cannot help but be rewarding."

As tensions continue with Russia, Ukrainian Catholic leader meets pope

BY CINDY WOODEN



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People celebrate as the results of the Crimean referendum are announced in Lenin Square in Simferopol, Ukraine. Pope Francis met privately at the Vatican with the head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church March 17, the day after pro-Russian voters on the Crimean peninsula voted to secede from Ukraine in a referendum the United States and European Union called illegal.

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While Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kiev-Halych, head of the Eastern-rite church in Ukraine, declined requests for interviews, it was assumed his talk with the pope would include a discussion about the fate of the Ukrainian Catholic priests ministering in Crimea.

Ukrainian Bishop Borys Gudziak of Paris, head of the Ukrainian church's external relations department, issued a statement March 15 saying Father Mykola Kvyach, pastor of the Dormition of the Mother of God Parish in Sevastopol, was taken from his church that morning, "seized by two men in uniform and four men in civilian clothing."

Several hours after Father Kvyach was taken from the church, the Ukrainian Catholic Church's information service reported he had been freed after questioning, which appar-

ently focused on accusations that he had been organizing anti-Russian riots.

The next day, however, parishioners helped him leave Crimea. He told the church information service that "several unknown individuals" continually rang the doorbell of his apartment, then tried to break in. When they left, he took the chalice and paten he uses for Divine Liturgies and some important documents and left the city.

Father Kvyach also said that he spoke to the priests in Yalta and Yevpatoria, who were "now in a safe place. He didn't mention where exactly," the information service said.

Ukrainian Catholics make up about 10 percent of Crimea's 2 million inhabitants; the majority of the people on the peninsula are ethnic Russians and speak Russian. Ousted Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich fled to Russia in late February and, in early March, Russian forces entered Crimea.

Crimean politicians said more than 96 percent of voters participating in the referendum March 16 voted to secede from Ukraine. Members of the Crimean Parliament March 17 formally asked to join the Russian Federation.

General Assembly passes first-ever preschool school choice program

INDIANAPOLIS — After months of debate and a persuasive push by Governor Mike Pence, the Indiana General Assembly has passed a preschool pilot program to provide low-income families school choice for their preschool-age children. It's the first-ever state-funded preschool program in the state's history.

"Developing an ongoing statewide program to boost early childhood education, particularly for children of poverty, has been a priority of the Indiana Catholic Conference for years," said Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference. "The bipartisan effort by lawmakers and the priority placed on early childhood education opportunities by Gov. Mike Pence this year helped get a meaningful program passed," said Tebbe.

The legislation, House Bill 1004, authored by Rep. Robert Behning, R-Indianapolis, passed the House, 92-8, and it passed the Senate, 40-8.

Behning called the plan a "good first step that will provide high-quality preschool for four year olds who need it."

Behning estimates the program will assist anywhere from 2,000 to 4,500 low-income children.

The bill authorizes the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) to create a pilot program to deliver quality preschool to children in five selected counties. Parents qualify whose income is less than 127 percent of the federal poverty level, which translates to an annual income of about \$30,000 for a family of four. Qualifying families may use the funding at qualified preschools, including pri-

vate preschools, non-public schools or public schools. The bill creates a commission to study the benefits of preschool and analyze the effects of the program.

"While the pilot focuses on those families with need and provides parents with options in preschool programs, which is a good thing," said Tebbe, "the automatic access to qualify for the K-12 choice scholarships program was deleted from the final bill in conference committee."

Tebbe said, "This potentially could force a child to go to a public school for kindergarten and then return to the non-public school with a voucher. It would be better for the child to stay in the setting and not disrupt the curricular development. But some leaders in the Senate were adamant that the voucher link be removed."

The program will be funded by reversions from FSSA funds allocated for this year of up to \$10 million. However, the state has to raise up to \$5 million from private sources because at least 10 percent of support for each child must be paid for with private sources.

Sen. Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville, said, "The Headstart Program is a proclaimed failure by the federal government itself and so I think this is a big opportunity for Indiana to push on them to say give us a chance to do this and direct it correctly. I hope we will make every effort, particularly with the Head Start dollars, to try to develop a program that will really be beneficial to those children."

Rep. Behning said he appreciated Sen. Kenley's comments and added, "I do believe the state

will save money as we meet the needs of these children up front as opposed to having to do remediation and spend money later."

Sen. Earline Rodgers, D-Gary, said, "My background is in early childhood education. When I was a first-grade teacher, I could always tell which kids went to kindergarten because they came ready to school."

Rodgers said the program would "level the playing field" for children who come from poverty backgrounds.

Rep. Shelli Vandenburg, D-Crown Point, said, "Today is a happy, happy day for me. I can definitely say this has been a bipartisan effort."

"We have a governor that really cares about kids," Vandenburg said. "I appreciate the parental involvement and the attendance factor."

She added that the program also opens up different avenues for funding and "much-needed federal funding."

The Indiana General Assembly adjourned March 14. During the interim, the Legislative Council serves as the governing body for lawmakers and directs interim study panels made up of lawmakers who conduct in-depth research on legislative issues in preparation for the next session of the Indiana General Assembly. Aside from Organization Day, which occurs in November, the Indiana General Assembly resumes its next official lawmaking session beginning January 2015.

Tebbe said, "The Indiana Catholic Conference will continue to represent the Church in the pub-

lic square during the state's legislative interim and assist the Church in informing the Catholic community on both state and federal public policy matters of importance."

The Indiana Catholic Conference, the official public policy representative for the Catholic Church in Indiana, offers resources on their web page for Catholics interested in staying engaged in the Church's public policy efforts locally and links Catholics to the Church's federal public policy efforts of the United States Catholic Conference

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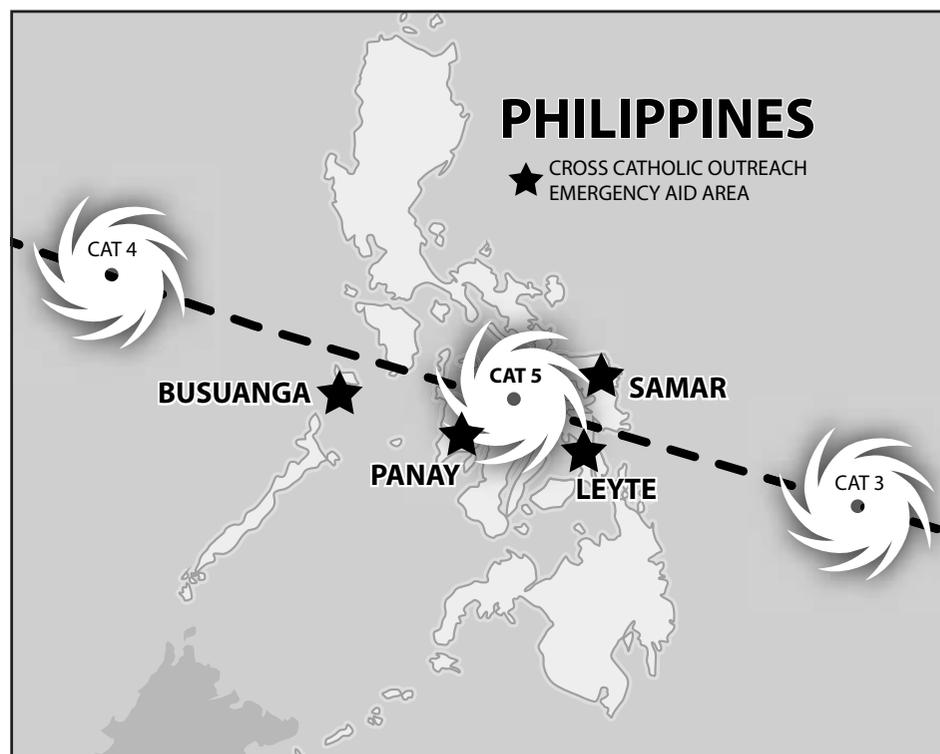
Missions in the Philippines “Pick Up The Pieces” With Help From Cross Catholic Outreach

Catholic leaders in the Philippines have quietly but efficiently begun to “pick up the pieces” in their storm-ravaged country. Some, like Sister Eloise David, saw a lifetime of work destroyed in a matter of hours when the super typhoon struck. Still, she insists on moving forward, carried forward by faith, hope — and charity.

“Sr. Eloise and I stood in the middle of a pile of rubble. It was another of the many buildings she had helped construct to better serve the poor. Like those we had toured earlier, it was smashed to splinters when the super typhoon struck this past November. I expected her to be heartbroken, but she wasn’t. As we moved on, her stride conveyed a sense of purpose; her eyes sparkled with optimism. She has an amazing devotion to the poor.”

Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, said he found the same attitude everywhere he turned. Priests, nuns and Catholic lay leaders were all “rolling up their sleeves” and engaging in recovery plans. His organization hopes to collect donations from U.S. Catholics to support this important work.

“One priest told us about his plans to repair homes for poorest typhoon victims. Another Catholic mission was going to focus on helping families regain their livelihoods,” he said. “Each missionary is responding to the needs in their own community, and together they’ll have a big impact. This is why the Catholic Church is so respected among the poor in developing countries. Our priest and nuns aren’t afraid to take part in the heavy lifting. They respond to the problems of the



poor. They rise to the occasion.”

Cavnar said he was also impressed by the approach Catholic leaders were taking as they worked toward a recovery. Rather than encouraging hand-outs, the resourceful people Cavnar met seemed intent on involving the poor as a workforce and on adopting an entrepreneurial approach to overcoming problems.

“At one stop along the coast, we talked about donating boats so that fishermen could return to their trade and feed their families. The leaders had a different idea. They preferred a plan to create a boat building enterprise. That way, they said, they could take part in the construction work, replace the lost boats and create a business capable of employing other poor men and expanding the outreach. I found their spirit and optimism inspiring,” Cavnar said.

The recovery programs underway in the Philippines also illustrate the effective way Cross Catholic Outreach operates. Rather

than solve problems by opening offices and sending U.S. staff, the organization empowers the priests, nuns and parish programs already in place. In this way, its donors’ dollars are used more cost effectively.

“Our goal is to give under-supplied missions the resources they need to better serve the poor. If a feeding program needs food, we supply the food. A clinic can depend on us for medicines. A school can get help with teacher salaries or books. Through this kind of support, we can empower the Catholic Church’s existing programs,” Cavnar explained.

And now, more than ever, Catholic missions overseas need that help.

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Cross Catholic Now Endorsed by More Than 80 Bishops, Archbishops

As Cross Catholic Outreach (CCO) continues its range of relief work to help the poor overseas, its efforts are being recognized by a growing number of Catholic leaders in the U.S. and abroad.

“We’ve received an impressive number of endorsements from Bishops and Archbishops — more than 80 at last count,” explained Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach. “They’re impressed by the fact that we’ve done outreaches in almost 40 countries and that we undertake a variety of projects; everything from feeding the hungry and housing the homeless to supplying safe water and supporting educational opportunities for the poorest of the poor.”

Archbishop Robert Carlson of St. Louis sent one of the more recent letters of encouragement, writing: “It is my hope that this ministry will continue to flourish and reach as many people as possible. I will inform the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis of the important work that Cross Catholic Outreach does and elicit their prayerful and financial support for the service you provide to the less fortunate around the world.”

In addition to praising the work CCO accomplishes, many of the Bishops and Archbishops are also impressed by the unique collaborative relationship Cross Catholic has with the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* in Rome. This allows the charity to participate in the mercy ministries of the Holy Father himself. In his praise of CCO, **Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati** underscored this unique connection.

“Cross Catholic Outreach’s close collaboration with the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* is a source of encouragement,” the Archbishop said. “The Holy See has unique knowledge of local situations throughout the world through its papal representatives in nearly two hundred countries and through its communications with Bishops and others who care for the poor and needy in every corner of the world.”

CCO president, Jim Cavnar, explained the significance of this connection.

“Our collaboration with *Cor Unum* allows us to fund outreaches in virtually any area of the world and we have used that method in special cases — to help the



Pope Francis recently met with Cross Catholic Outreach’s president, Jim Cavnar.

victims of natural disasters, for example,” he said. “It only represents a small part of

our overall ministry, but it can be a very important benefit in those situations.”

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Memories, Miracles and Opportunities – Priests, Nuns Describe Challenges Following Philippines Super Typhoon

A flood of terrible images still haunt the memories of the priests and nuns who survived Typhoon Haiyan — known as Typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines. On that day, more than 6,000 perished. More than four million lost homes. A wall of water smashed the coast like a bulldozer blade, sweeping away everything in its path. Few imagined the devastation the “super storm” would bring.

“Sister Eloise David of the Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing told us a story that I found chilling,” recounts Jim Cavnar, president of Cross Catholic Outreach, a U.S.-based Catholic relief agency on the scene shortly after the storm hit. “Nuns from a convent in Leyte had decided to ride out the storm in their building, but the Mother Superior warned them against it. Most evacuated at that point, but a few resisted. She finally called upon them to honor their vow of obedience and forced them to leave. I visited the site of that convent with Sr. Eloise after the storm had passed, and it was a shambles. A 21-foot storm surge had engulfed the place and destroyed the nearby school. The nuns would surely have drowned if not for the Mother Superior’s persistence.”

to the four wind, as they say. But to his amazement, he saw the statue as he neared the chapel about twenty-five yards away. Mary was positioned right in front of the door, facing outward as if warding off the storm. The statue had only sustained minor damage, and the chapel itself was in good condition too. The hand of God was clearly on that place because the compound’s other buildings were seriously damaged.”

“I believe that was an act of God.”

Jim Cavnar, President of Cross Catholic Outreach

As Cross Catholic Outreach’s emergency response team continued its work, more stories surfaced and a growing sense of optimism prevailed. Although the island chain’s central section was extremely hard hit, the Catholic Church in the Philippines has rebounded quickly and is now playing a central role in the recovery of the country.

“Within hours of the storm’s impact, Sr.



Jim Cavnar, Cross Catholic Outreach’s president, and Sister Eloise David discuss recovery plans in the Philippines at the site of a destroyed Catholic medical clinic.



Fr. Bart can’t explain how the statue of Mary miraculously moved to the chapel door — or why the building sustained so little damage from Super Typhoon Yolanda’s ravaging winds.

The day the typhoon struck was also a day for miracles.

Father Bartholomew Pastor — known as Fr. Bart in the parish — experienced one of these miracles firsthand. His mission, located on a mountainside in Tacloban, was hit hard by the typhoon’s record high winds. The site includes a shrine to Mary and a chapel, and Fr. Bart expected both to be severely damaged by the wild storm. But God had other ideas.

“After the typhoon passed, Fr. Bart returned expecting the worst,” explains Jim Cavnar, who toured the mission as part of Cross Catholic Outreach’s efforts to help. “The first structure Fr. Bart reached was the shrine. The statue of Mary was missing. He assumed it had been demolished — cast

Eloise David of the Benedictine Sisters had started a medical outreach and a feeding program,” Cavnar explains. “Cross Catholic Outreach helped with that, and we intend to continue our efforts as Catholic leaders here help poor typhoon victims recover. I should add that Sr. Eloise’s hospital in Tacloban is also something of a miracle. It survived the storm and was one of the only functioning hospitals serving the area in the weeks immediately after the disaster. I believe that was an act of God. Sr. Eloise has a heart for the poor and has served others with compassion her whole life. I believe God’s hand of protection was on her and her mission.”

Now, as the Church in the Philippines shifts from emergency relief work to recovery projects, Cross Catholic Outreach

wants to increase its support with the help of U.S. Catholic donors.

“There’s always a big influx of help when a disaster strikes, but many of those groups move on after a few months. Cross Catholic Outreach believes the recovery stages after a disaster are just as important as the earlier period of emergency relief. We want to work with the Catholic priests and nuns who are helping the poorest of the poor now — months after the disaster. These victims need help reestablishing their lives,” explains Cavnar. “With our support, Catholic missions can repair homes, reopen schools and clinics, and set up self-help programs so people can become self-sufficient again. It’s a critical mission, and I thank God the Catholic Church is taking such an active role. It will have a tremendous impact.”

In Cross Catholic Outreach’s plan, Fr. Bart, Sr. Eloise and other Catholic mission partners will play a prominent role. This method of helping the poor through existing Catholic missions is a hallmark of Cross Catholic’s outreach. It’s very cost effective and empowers the greater work of the missions involved.

“The people in the community being helped are aware that American Catholics are helping them, and they are deeply grateful for that support. I wish everyone who contributes to these recovery projects

could see the success of our Catholic leaders firsthand as I have,” Cavnar says. “They would be inspired by what our Church is accomplishing. They would see how the poor are responding; praising God and celebrating their faith. Catholics worldwide are brothers and sisters, and the missions here in the Philippines really illustrate that fact. The poor pray for those who help them. They’re deeply grateful they haven’t been forgotten in their time of trial.”

Cavnar says he is confident American Catholics will continue to help these brothers and sisters overseas. To give them those opportunities, his organization has gathered information about specific projects that will need funding. American Catholics will be asked to help with contributions for those causes.

“The gifts we are collecting now are as critically needed as those we sought during the emergency relief stage — perhaps even more important because they will be used to help the poor get back on their feet, regaining self-sufficiency,” he explains. “As homes are repaired, schools reopened, and people are restored, new hope will return to the poor families who were victimized by the typhoon. And isn’t that how we would want to be treated if a similar disaster swamped us?”

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Display chronicles outreach to Irish women starting new life

BY BETH GRIFFIN

NEW YORK (CNS) — During a major, historic wave of Irish immigration to the United States at the turn of the last century, a tenacious Catholic effort helped one-third of the young, single Irish women who arrived in the Port of New York.

An exhibit celebrating that aid was rededicated March 11 in the Lower Manhattan building that hosted more than 100,000 newcomers between 1883 and 1908. The display originally opened in early 2012, but had to be restored after flooding from Hurricane Sandy caused extensive damage.

It traces the work of the Mission of Our Lady of the Rosary for the Protection of Irish Immigrant Girls, which operated from 1883 to 1954 in Watson House, now a landmark.

"The emigration of single women from Ireland was a unique phenomenon in Western civilization," according to historian Maureen Murphy, the exhibit's lead researcher. She said it was an emigration of siblings whose families did not "re-form in the United States." The women sent money home to help relatives stay on the land, which distinguished them from other groups, Murphy said.

Other emigrants from Western Europe "came out as families, or, as the Italians, the men came out first and then sent for the women," Murphy said.

Murphy is a member of the board of the Battery Heritage Foundation: The Watson House. It promotes the early religious history of the Battery area of New York, including Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, whose present church building includes the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine.

Watson House, built in 1792, is used as the parish house and rectory for Our Lady of the Rosary. The three-story house and adjacent church are surrounded and dwarfed by glass-and-steel skyscrapers, but maintain a commanding spot overlooking Battery Park and New York Harbor.

The mission was established close to the Castle Garden immigrant landing depot. Its goals were to provide information, counseling, temporary shelter, employment referrals and spiritual support for young women.

Murphy said an "agent," a mission representative, met arrivals at Castle Garden and later Ellis Island, when immigration processing was transferred from state to federal jurisdiction. The agents helped women locate the relatives or friends who came to meet them and brought those who needed further assistance, or a place to stay, to the mission.

Murphy said the most comprehensive surviving records of the mission cover its first 25 years.

From 1883 to 1908, she said almost 308,000 Irish "girls," ages 14 to 44, immigrated through the Port of New York and approximately



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Frances Longworth, a native of County Westmeath, Ireland, who resides in Brooklyn, N.Y., looks at a panel in an exhibit about a former mission for young Irish immigrant women in New York at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary March 11.

100,000 of them were cared for by the mission's staff. Each newcomer's name and age was written in a bound ledger, with notations for the arrival date and ship, county of origin, anticipated final destination and the relationship to the person at the destination.

Murphy ticked off the statistical highlights: "The average age of the girls was 19. Ten percent of them traveled as sisters and 25 percent were picked up by someone with the same last name. The five counties with the greatest representation were Mayo, Galway, Clare, Kerry and

Cork."

She said the most common phrase in the ledger notes was "seen to her," a multipurpose phrase that might have included connecting a young woman with her family or providing train fare to get to her destination out of New York and sending a telegram with the details of her travel. Murphy said the mission found jobs for approximately 12,000 Irish women in its first 25 years.

The exhibit, "The Irish Mission at Watson House," was organized with grant assistance from the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs. It

opened in the basement of Watson House Feb. 29, 2012, and eight months later sustained serious damage when Hurricane Sandy filled the museum space with 13 feet of water. A second grant from the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs helped restore the exhibit.

Our Lady of the Rosary pastor Father Peter Meehan said, "The Irish are an example of real immigrants: They come here, invest the capital of their life in the culture and transform it."

Joan Burton, Ireland's minister for social protection, said she looked forward to "Bring the Girls Home," the exhibit's traveling component visiting Ireland in May. She said it illustrates the route that many young women took to win financial independence for themselves, their children and their grandchildren and underscores the value of education.

Noel Kilkenny, Ireland's consul general in New York, told Catholic News Service the exhibit is a woman's story as much as a Catholic story. "It's a great story about the Church and the role it played as a sanctuary," he said.

"The Irish are the only ethnic group of European immigrants where the females outnumbered the males. It's a story of great strength. Maybe the information can be found elsewhere, but here we can all visualize our families coming through this place. It's very real for us," Kilkenny said.



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Food for Thought program empowers families

BY ALLISON CIRAULO

SOUTH BEND — In an impoverished neighborhood with no parks and high crime rates, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County is reaching out to families through educational and nutritional enrichment.

The Food for Thought program began in the fall of 2012, born out of the desire of St. Vincent de Paul Society staff to make use of their spacious facility and to engage with the families in their neighborhood. The staff's discussions and research led them to Perley Fine Arts Academy, located a few blocks away.

"We sat down with the principal and said, 'What do your students need?'" says Anne Hosinski Watson, executive director of St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County.

Perley had two main needs: supplemental education, through homework help and preparation for standardized testing, and outreach to families, particularly relating to food and nutrition. The St. Vincent de Paul Society staff met with Nicole Smith, a family and community specialist at Perley, and together they crafted a program that could meet both of these needs.

Food for Thought runs on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 3-5 p.m. in two upstairs conference rooms at the St. Vincent de Paul Society building on Crescent Avenue. When the students arrive, they pick up a healthy snack prepared by volunteers, and sit down with a tutor to



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Edie Sutton from Purdue Extension Service shows Food for Thought students how to measure ingredients for a carrot and raisin salad at family dinner night.

start their homework.

After about 45 minutes of work time, Smith introduces an enrichment activity to the entire group. On Tuesdays the focus is on language arts, while Thursdays are devoted to math, with an eye towards preparation for ISTEP, Indiana's statewide assessment tests.

Twice during each eight-week

session, Food for Thought hosts a "family dinner night" in the St. Vincent de Paul Society dining room. A volunteer from the Purdue Extension Service designs a meal plan that the families can replicate at home, based on healthy, budget-friendly ingredients. The presentation incorporates math, reading and even chemistry as the students walk

through the steps of cooking the meal.

At the last family dinner night, the families learned to make a simple soup that included noodles, tomato sauce, beans and beef broth. Through a grant from Meijer, the food is provided at no cost to the families and they are sent home with extra ingredients so that they can make the meal again.

Family dinner nights are at the heart of what Food for Thought seeks to accomplish.

"The kids are involved in the lesson and the parents are also learning the recipe," says Hosinski Watson, "But most importantly, families are sitting down together and talking."

Increased communication within families as well as among families in the program is what the St. Vincent de Paul Society staff hopes will strengthen the social fabric of the neighborhood and improve academic outcomes for its students.

The hope, Hosinski Watson says, "is that the next time a mom is helping her daughter with homework, she can call another mom and say, 'Hey, my third grader is

having problems with this math lesson. Is your third grader having problems with this math lesson? Can we talk about it?'"

"That's one of the main goals of this program," she notes.

While Food for Thought has an open enrollment, Smith invites families who she believes would especially benefit from the program. Now on staff at McKinley Primary Center, Smith works with her counterpart at Perley to identify possible participants. Food for Thought currently serves about 22 students from both Perley and McKinley.

Assistant Programs Director Angela Leo says the program is entirely volunteer run and funded only by grant money for the food.

"It couldn't happen without the volunteers," she says.

Among the current volunteers are students from Saint Joseph High School, Saint Mary's College, and the University of Notre Dame, as well as several retirees.

Food for Thought is what Hosinski Watson and her staff regard as a "Step 2" program. While St. Vincent de Paul Society meets emergency needs in the community by providing food, furniture, clothing and financial assistance, Food for Thought is designed to address an ongoing need with the hope of far-reaching benefits for students and families.

"We're looking at next steps. When these kids graduate from elementary school, what can we offer them as junior high kids? What can we offer them as high school kids? In five years I would love to see the kids who started with the program serving as tutors, reinvesting in their own community."

While it's still early to evaluate the long-term results, Smith already sees the difference that Food for Thought is making in her students' academic progress.

"I think that it has built confidence in the students," she says. "I get feedback from the teachers at my school who say the kids are bringing back their homework and are excited about knowing their multiplication facts better."

Smith, who has been working in the public schools for 10 years, hopes that the program will expand to other schools in the district.

"It could change a lot of kids' lives," she says.



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Infertility workshop scheduled

FORT WAYNE — The Holistic Family and Midwifery Center will present a free infertility workshop on Tuesday, April 1, from 5:30-9 p.m. at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW), in the Liberal Arts Building, Room 159, located at 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd., in Fort Wayne.

The workshop, "Overcoming Infertility and Repeated Miscarriage: Self Care and Beyond," features Marilyn Shannon speaking on "Self Care for Overcoming Infertility and Repeated Miscarriage" and Dr. Christopher Stroud on "Medical Assistance for Identifying and Overcoming Fertility Issues."

Registration and refreshments begin at 5:30 p.m., with speakers at 6 p.m. and a question-answer period at 8:30 p.m. For more information call 260-373-1100.

Lenten Saturdays offered at Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME — This Lent, the Notre Dame Club of Saint Joseph Valley offers a unique opportunity to spend one hour each Lenten Saturday on the Notre Dame campus meeting with key religious and lay leaders, to learn more about the university and the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Upcoming weeks include the following:

- March 22, 10 a.m. — "The Brothers of Saint Joseph at Notre Dame in 1842" with Holy Cross Brother George Klawitter, professor of history at Holy Cross College and author of "Adapted to the Lake" and "The Life of Brother Gatien." Brother George is a noted lecturer, and an expert on the early brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross. The lecture will be held in the McGlenn Conference Room of Carole Sandner Hall.

- March 29, 10 a.m. — "Holy Cross in East Africa, An Important Ministry of the Congregation" with Holy Cross Father Paul V. Kollman, the director of Center for Social Concerns. Father Kollmann teaches in the Notre Dame Department of Theology and has worked extensively with Holy Cross priests and brothers in Kenya and Uganda. The lecture will be held in the McGlenn Conference Room of Carole Sandner Hall.

- April 5, 10 a.m. — "The Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), The 20th Anniversary" with Sarah Greene, director of ACE Advocates. Greene will detail the extraordinary success of Notre Dame's project to serve Catholic elementary and secondary education in the United States and suggest ways in which the Notre Dame Club and others could become actively involved. The lecture will be held in the McGlenn Conference Room of Carole Sandner Hall.

- April 12, 10 a.m. — "Vocations to the Congregation of Holy Cross, An Update" with Holy Cross Father James T. Gallagher, director of vocations for the U.S. Province of Priests and Brothers. Father Gallagher will detail recent, successful recruiting

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years for vocations to the congregation. Tours of Moreau Seminary will be available and an invitation has been extended to join the community for its 11:30 a.m. Mass. The lecture will be at Moreau Seminary.

Tickets are needed for purposes of seating, preparation of name badges and parking passes for Lot A9. Please respond to Joe Mulligan at josephmulligan@earthlink.net, or 312-399-7048 to reserve tickets.

Mishawaka National Day of Prayer to be May 1

MISHAWAKA — The 63rd annual National Day of Prayer gathering will be held Thursday, May 1, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Battell Center, 904 N. Main St., Mishawaka. Held locally for the 21st time, this year's theme is "One Voice United in Prayer," from Romans 15:6, "So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Mishawaka Mayor David Wood will open the service, with St. Pius X parishioner Thomas J. Miranda praying for "Christian Liberty and the Unborn."

A native of Hawaii, Miranda has been active in the field of polymer chemistry and coating technology for over 40 years and most recently was associated with IUSB as professor of chemistry and with Whirlpool Corp. His book, "A Bedside Reader: Tales of Growing up, Living and Dying," was published in 2012. He's

written essays that are very poignant and biblically supported.

The program will be broadcast on the radio by WUBS-89.7 FM for the benefit of the homebound or those unable to travel to the event. Families with children are welcome as the program is broadcast in a room just outside the auditorium.

Ample parking is available at the Battell Center, adjacent streets or at the First Baptist Church. Main and Sarah St. shuttle service will be provided before and after the event from the church lot.

St. Joseph Parish mission

MISHAWAKA — St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka, is having a parish mission for spiritual renewal from Monday, March 31, through Thursday, April 3. The theme "We are Called to be Salt of the Earth, Living the Virtues" will focus on living out the three theological virtues of faith, hope and love.

Sister Marie Morgan will speak on Monday evening on the virtue of hope. On Tuesday evening Father Christopher Lapp will speak on the virtue of faith. Father David Mary Engo will speak on Reconciliation in preparation to receive the sacrament on Wednesday evening. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday evening with Msgr. Bill Schooler giving the homily on charity.

Each session will start at 7 p.m. with refreshments immediately following on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. A children's program is

provided for students in grades K through 5. Sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. will discuss the previous evening's topic.

The church is located at 225 S. Mill St. in Mishawaka.

Social work students host panel talk on homelessness

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College social work students will host a community forum called "Homelessness: Together We Can Make a Difference" on Thursday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in Carroll Auditorium of Madeleva Hall. The public is encouraged to attend this free event.

For more than a decade, sophomores and juniors enrolled in the course Human Behavior and Social Environment II have put on the annual forum, which addresses an issue facing the South Bend community.

The panel of experts includes Emily Perry Sims '09, director of events, media and donor relations, Center for the Homeless; Thomas Hoff, director of rehabilitation services, Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center; Abigail Carr Foster '06, case manager, Hope Ministries; Beth Morlock, director of support services, YWCA; Tanika Harris, guest services assistant, St. Margaret's House; Bonnie Stryker, director, Youth Services Bureau; Oliver Davis, president, South Bend Common Council.

SJHS Econ Challenge places in regionals

SOUTH BEND — The Saint Joseph High School Econ Challenge Team placed second in regional competition recently. Team members include Nolan Liu, Nora Kelly, Nora McGreevy and Michael Oei.

Lecture form changes

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College regrets that Sister Dianna Ortiz, OSU, will not be able to appear in person to offer her talk, "From Darkness to Hope: My Commitment to a World Free of Torture in the Center for Spirituality (CFS)," lecture scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on March 27. The college hopes to host her at another time. In place of the lecture, CFS will show a recorded lecture by Ortiz given at the Eucharistic Convention in New Zealand in 2007. Go to saintmarys.edu/spirituality for information on upcoming CFS events.

Saint Joseph sophomore wins piano competition

SOUTH BEND — John Griffith competed in the 19th annual Hartman Stickley Memorial Piano Competition March 8-9. He competed in Senior Division along with 19 other pianists. Griffith performed Rachmaninoff Prelude in E-Flat Major, Op. 26 No. 3, and Chopin Etude in C minor, Op. 10 No. 12 "Revolutionary."

Ancilla College announces receipt of major gift

DONALDSON — Ancilla College has received a gift in the amount of \$1,002,732 from emeritus trustee, Jim Hardesty. The gift came in response to a recently announced \$875,000 matching gift opportunity from an anonymous donor.



JIM HARDESTY

"We are truly humbled, as well as very excited to be the beneficiary of Jim's generosity," said Ron May, president of Ancilla College. "Jim's life has been about giving to help others and this gift is just another example of his investment in our community that will help to change the lives of students and their families."

In making the gift to Ancilla, Hardesty stated, "I believe in the work of Ancilla College and the impact it is having on students from the area that attend there. It is my pleasure to help the college in this way. I encourage others to step up and take advantage of the matching gift opportunity."

Partnering with Vincent Village to address unemployment in Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE — Just last year, Jill was in a seemingly hopeless place. A single mother of two, she was unemployed and owned nothing but the clothes on her back. Jill had no “market-able” skills and had dropped out of high school before earning her diploma. In order to support her young children, she desperately needed employment, but she knew that the type of minimum-wage jobs she would be eligible for would not pay enough to get her family back on its feet.

Hoping for a better life for herself and her children, Jill came to Vincent Village where she became part of a new family. Through Vincent Village’s HOME (Hope, Opportunity, Mentoring, and Employment) Academy program, she found

the support and self-confidence she needed to achieve her goal of becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant. The HOME Academy program supports clients experiencing the crisis of homelessness by providing job training, parenting classes, employment placement services and emotional support, all aimed at helping clients make strides towards financial independence. After long days of classes and much hard work, Jill earned her Certified Nursing Assistant certificate in only six weeks. In addition to job training, Vincent Village also provided Jill with transportation, childcare and workshops on other life skills.

Thanks to the services provided by the HOME Academy program, Jill is now happily

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employed as a nursing assistant and is making a living wage. With Vincent Village’s help, Jill’s family has since moved out of the shelter system and into one of the 33 homes owned by Vincent Village and was also provided furniture and household items. Jill has new hope for her

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3rd Sunday in Lent Jn 4:5-42

The Book of Exodus provides the first reading. As might be presumed from its name, this book concentrates upon the journey of the Hebrews across the Sinai Peninsula from Egypt, where they had been enslaved, to the land God promised them.

The Sinai Peninsula was, and still is, unforgivingly bleak and sterile. Water was a very critical problem, as it would be a problem now. Without water, thirst became a genuine issue for the people. Thirst leads to death.

In this reading, the people are desperate. Moses is at a loss. Amid all this anxiety and serious need, Moses begs God for assistance. Mercifully, God commands Moses to go, with some of the elders, to a rock on the mountain of Horeb. They should strike the rock.

Moses obeyed God. The rock gave forth water. The people did not die, but they lived.

For its second reading, the Church offers us a passage from St. Paul’s Epistle to the Romans. Death was as much a reality for the people in the first century A.D. as it has been real for everyone in every age, anywhere. Paul stressed that earthly death awaited every human being, indeed every living thing. However, for humans who have given themselves to God,

in Christ, earthly death merely is a stage in an ongoing chain of events. Much more importantly, eternal life with God, in and through Christ, is in store for the faithful.

Paul stresses the point that only by truly bonding with Jesus, in firm faith and complete obedience to God’s holy law, will anyone possess everlasting life.

St. John’s Gospel furnishes us with the last reading. The setting is Samaria, roughly-speaking the territory mentioned in today’s newscasts as the West Bank. It was home to a people quite despised by pious Jews, the Samaritans.

This Jewish distaste for the Samaritans was the result of the fact that the Samaritans had collaborated with the foreigners who long ago had conquered the land. They had toyed with the foreigners’ paganism, and they even had intermarried with the foreigners thereby defiling the pure ethnic blood of the chosen people.

It is instructive in itself that Jesus passed through Samaritan territory. It is even more startling that he deigned to converse with Samaritans, let alone offer them salvation. Additionally startling is that he spoke to a woman. Such was never acceptable. After all, Jesus was an unmarried man.

The encounter with the woman is at the well. (In those days, small communities were usually by one common water supply.) Jesus tells the woman that the water drawn from the well will only temporarily quench thirst. The water that will come from Jesus will end all thirst and give everlasting life.

When the disciples insist that Jesus take food for nourishment, the Lord refers to food of which they know nothing. It is a reference to Christ’s divinity.

Reflection

The first and the third readings capitalize on water, clearly presented as essential to life, as indeed it is, but the readings go further than this fact of nature.

In the last reading, Jesus speaks of water that will achieve much more than sustaining earthly life. He promises a water that will give eternal life.

The first reading recalls that God alone is the source of life. If we turn to God, as Moses turned to God, then God will assist us and give us life.

These readings come very much in the context of Lent, when persons wishing to join the Church are completing the process. The message, however, also is for Christians who even long ago united with Christ. They need to be reaffirmed. They need to recommit themselves. The Church reminds them that everlasting life is possible only by being with the Lord.

READINGS

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8-10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-23, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14

Catholic Relief Services and Philippines

There were 700 registered natural disasters between 2011 and 2012, impacting the lives of more than 450 million people. In December 2012, a major typhoon struck Baganga, Mindanao, Philippines leaving the town mostly destroyed. Catholic Relief Services has been working since that time to address that community’s immediate needs.

In Philippines, the work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is guided by the principle of the preference for the poor and vulnerable. This principle obliges our community to reach out to those who are most in need. Living the Gospel calls us to take action on behalf of those who are most vulnerable in our society.

The Philippines are made up of 7,107 islands, which makes them vulnerable to typhoons, floods and other natural disasters. After those disasters, CRS, along with local Church partners, responded by giving food, blankets, clean water, etc. to those in need. In addition to those needs, CRS runs cash-for-work programs that pay disaster survivors to remove rubble and help rehabilitate flooded areas.

After these recovery programs, CRS continues work in the Philippines rebuilding houses and making them stronger than before.

CRS Philippines is Catholic Relief Services’ oldest continuously operating program. In 1945, today’s Catholic Relief Services was called War Relief Services. Prompted by the mass destruction and loss of life in the Philippines during World War II, CRS launched their relationship with the Philippines and has been working there since. Beyond relief work, CRS Philippines also provides agriculture and peace-building programs.

This week, challenge yourself and your family to **pray, fast and give alms** for the people of the Philippines. You could include the people of the Philippines in your morning and evening prayers or pray through the intercession of St. Katharine Drexel, the patron saint of philanthropists and racial justice.

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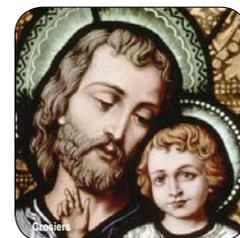
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Loving God, You remind us that when we serve the poor among us, we are serving You. Help us to follow in the footsteps of St. Katharine Drexel. Open our eyes to those in need in our own communities. Give us the courage and the wisdom to serve Your people in faith, hope and love. In moments of discouragement, give us peace. In moments of triumph, remind us of the long road ahead. Through the intercession of St. Katharine Drexel, we ask that the poorest of the poor, wherever they may be, never be forgotten. And as Pope Leo XIII directed Mother Drexel, may we too accept Your call in our lives. Amen.

You could give up buying something new when you could re-use or repair something you already have. You could give \$10 to your Rice Bowl, which provides two weeks of food for a family in need.

Pope Francis gave us vital instruction on the preference for the poor when meeting with students in June 2013. “The times talk to us of so much poverty in the world and this is a scandal. Poverty in the world is a scandal. In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons. Poverty today is a cry.” This week, listen for the cry of the poor and pray for guidance to help those in need how and when you can.

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Saint of the Week

Joseph

first century
March 19

The husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the legal father of Jesus according to Jewish law, Joseph is a model of humility and obedience to God’s will. He followed God’s instructions, given by angels in dreams, and took the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife, protected her and Jesus from the child’s birth in Bethlehem through the family’s sojourn in Egypt, and provided for them as a carpenter in Nazareth. This feast, which was celebrated locally as early as the ninth century, became a universal feast in the 16th century. Pope Pius IX named Joseph patron of the universal church in 1870; he is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying and workers.

Ash Wednesday in Rome

Half an hour before sunrise on Ash Wednesday, hundreds of English-speakers from all over Rome will begin walking to the ancient basilica of St. Sabina on the Aventine Hill. They'll start from student residences, from embassies to Italy and the Holy See, and from the Vatican. The Schwerpunkt, or focal point, for all this activity is the Pontifical North American College: more than 250 seminarians, student-priests, priest-faculty and staff, having walked from the Janiculum Hill to the Aventine, will form the largest single contingent at St. Sabina on Ash Wednesday.

That is as it should be. For St. Sabina is the first "station" in the Roman station church pilgrimage of Lent, a tradition dating back to the middle centuries of the first Christian millennium. And the station church pilgrimage, which extends throughout Lent and involves some 40 churches, has become, today, a predominantly Anglophone — indeed, a predominantly American — phenomenon, having been revived for the third millennium by the North American College.

I got a sense of just how American this venerable custom has become when I spent all of Lent 2011 in Rome, making the station church pilgrimage in full with my son Stephen and my friend Elizabeth Lev, as we prepared our book on this unique spiritual, historical and aesthetic journey, "Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches" (Basic Books).

On the Thursday after Ash Wednesday 2011, at 7 a.m., perhaps 250 English-speakers crowded into the small basilica of St. George in Velabro for the second Mass of Lent. Forty-five

minutes later, a brave group of Germans came to honor the station church tradition by celebrating a beautifully chanted Mass together; there were seven of them. The next day, the same large English-speaking congregation climbed the Caelian Hill at dawn, to the station church of Sts. John and Paul. Stephen and I came back to the basilica later that afternoon to do some more photography and accidentally found ourselves in the midst of the station Mass sponsored by the Vicariate of Rome, the local diocese: there were about 12 celebrants, and perhaps another dozen people.

All of which explained the answer I got when I asked my friend Hanna Suchocka, the Polish ambassador to the Vatican, why she regularly attended the 7 a.m. English-language station church Mass rather than the more convenient 5:30 p.m. Vicariate of Rome Mass at the station church of the day: "Because I found a living Church here (i.e., at the American-sponsored Mass)."

St. Sabina is a splendid place to begin the station church pilgrimage. As Liz Lev puts it in "Roman Pilgrimage," "The Basilica of St. Sabina crystallized Roman Christianity's vision of the perfect church" with its remarkable "synergy of light, space and decoration." St. Sabina is also home to the oldest known depiction of the crucifixion, on the cypress doors of its porch: an image caught beautifully in one of Stephen's Roman Pilgrimage photographs and a reminder that Lent is a journey with the Lord "up to Jerusalem," where Jesus will meet his messianic destiny in the Paschal Mystery.

Liz's, Stephen's and my inten-



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

tion in "Roman Pilgrimage" was to put readers "inside" the station church pilgrimage experience. Liz's brilliant descriptions of each church's architecture and decoration give the reader a sense of "being there" and understanding what, in fact, is "there." Stephen's striking photographs are not modeled on high-end architectural magazines, where places lack people; the photos in "Roman Pilgrimage," either in the hardback or the e-book (where all the photos are in color and can be "zoomed" out by tapping on them), literally put you "inside" the station basilica of the day, with the "living Church" of which Hanna Suchocka spoke. My meditations on the daily Mass and Divine Office texts suggest something of what that "living Church" is pondering, day by day, as it walks through Rome while, imaginatively, walking up to Calvary and the empty tomb.

Americans in Rome have revived an ancient Catholic tradition that had lain dormant for centuries. That's the happy fact to which "Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches" bears witness; that's an experience readers can now share.

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with job training and employment related costs. We also knew we would need additional resources to help make up for the loss of federal funding for supportive services for the homeless that was just announced in February."

Hoping to expand both the reach and the outcomes of the Home Academy program, Andorfer turned to the diocesan office of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) for help. Believing that their work with families lined up well with the mission CCHD, Vincent Village applied for a Community Organizing Grant, which supports organizations that help people living in poverty change the structures and policies that affect their lives. Organizations who receive these grants work to eliminate the root causes of poverty and to enact institutional change in their communities.

Fred Everett, director of CCHD for the diocese, believed that Vincent Village was the perfect fit for the CCHD grant. "We are very pleased to support Vincent Village's HOME Academy Program this year,"

said Everett. "HOME Academy provides crucial skills for families and is creating long-term change in the community by empowering people in poverty to work towards financial stability."

Upon hearing that Vincent Village had been awarded the grant, Andorfer said, "We are thrilled," adding, "This grant will help our organization make great strides in breaking the cycle of generational poverty for our clients."

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is primarily funded by proceeds from a special collection taken up in November at parishes across the diocese. To learn more about Vincent Village, visit www.vincentvillage.org.

Collen Mayer is serving an internship with the diocesan CCHD office.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for March 23, 2014

John 4:5-42

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle A: the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

SYCHAR	JACOB	TIRED
GIVE ME	BUY FOOD	SAMARITAN
A JEW	OF GOD	BUCKET
THIRSTY AGAIN	SPRING	ETERNAL
PROPHET	MOUNTAIN	HOUR
SPIRIT	TRUTH	MESSIAH
CHRIST	I AM HE	TWO DAYS

WELL WATER

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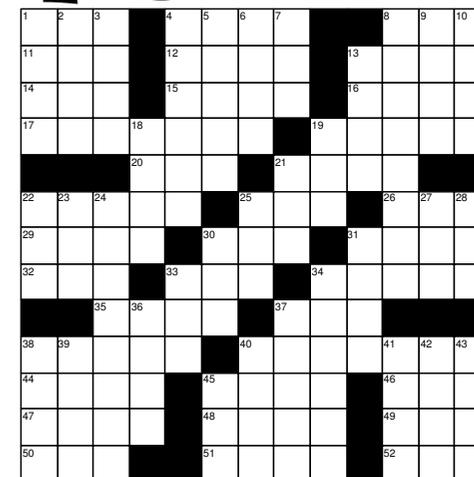
family's future and is now well on her way to independence.

Stories like Jill's are frequent around Vincent Village, a nonprofit organization in Fort Wayne that provides shelter, care, advocacy, affordable housing and supportive services for homeless families. Since 1989, Vincent Village has been bringing the local community together to help struggling families find the strength and support they need to become independent.

This year Vincent Village set out an aggressive mission: "In 2014, we are hoping to help more clients than ever before find meaningful employment that will allow them to gain permanent housing and become self-sufficient," said Denise Andorfer, executive director of Vincent Village. "Yet because of the tremendous needs we see from clients entering our program, it is essential we have funds to assist

The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Ex 17: 3-7; Rm 5: 1-2, 5-8; Jn 4: 5-42 and 2 Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5: 8-14; Jn 9: 1-41

ACROSS

- 1 Resort hotel
- 4 Commandments
- 8 Talk incessantly
- 11 Samuel had a horn filled with
- 12 Spring flower linked to Mary
- 13 South of border "crazy"
- 14 Farm credit adm.
- 15 Holding device
- 16 European money unit
- 17 Gold does not
- 19 Group discussion
- 20 We believe in ___ God
- 21 David was anointed as ___
- 22 Confuse
- 25 Her
- 26 Peter cut off Malchus'
- 29 Biblical Persia
- 30 Megacycles per second
- 31 Invitation abbreviaton
- 32 African antelope
- 33 Plaything
- 34 Tribe emblem
- 35 Ribald
- 37 MD
- 38 Subway
- 40 Catholic "Rings" author
- 44 Capital of W. Samoa
- 45 "We boast in ___"
- 46 Fish eggs

- 47 Jesus said "Foxes have"
- 48 Old
- 49 The other half of Jima
- 50 Electroencephalograph (abbr.)
- 51 Extinct bird
- 52 Able

DOWN

- 1 Muted
- 2 .16 of an inch
- 3 Winged
- 4 Jesus gives this type of water
- 5 "Awake, O sleeper, ___"
- 6 Often comes in threes
- 7 Compass point
- 8 David was Jesse's ___ son
- 9 Crusader controlled city
- 10 Siloam water
- 13 Rest against
- 18 When Jesus met Samaritan woman
- 19 Dessert
- 21 Kilocycles per second
- 22 Huce
- 23 White-tailed sea eagle
- 24 Blaming
- 25 Unassertive
- 27 Hail, as in Maria
- 28 Revolutions per minute
- 30 1960s youth culture
- 31 Moses struck with staff
- 33 How many days Jesus stayed in Samaritan town
- 34 City in Kansas
- 36 Extremely long periods
- 37 Drugged
- 38 Constructed
- 39 Dueling sword
- 40 It's time ___ (2 wds.)
- 41 Popular Viking
- 42 American state
- 43 Bright light
- 45 Owned

Answer Key can be found on page 15

Sports

LUERS GRAD PARTICIPATES IN GOLF CHANNEL REALITY SHOW Former Bishop Luers High School standout, Kristi O'Brien, is currently part of yet another exciting experience in her life. Along with 11 other female aspiring golfers, the 23-year old was selected out of 3,000 applicants as a contestant on the Golf Channel's reality show "Big Break Florida." Now a Fishers resident, O'Brien is competing for \$175,000 in cash and prizes and a chance to earn exempt status in LPGA and Symetra Tour events. The show premiered on Feb. 24 and airs on Monday nights. — *Michelle Castleman*

The little team that could...

BY ANNETTE ROMANS

SOUTH BEND — So often today, sporting events are all about the most gifted athletes showcasing their talents. Even at the middle school level, increased competition can result in the less skilled players choosing not to play sports for fear they will not look good, or will let down teammates and coaches with high expectations. So it was truly a blessing this basketball season to watch a team of young men challenge themselves to learn a new sport while competing in a league of experienced and highly-skilled opponents.

The St. Adalbert Eagles boys' varsity basketball team, comprised of two experienced basketball players from St. John the Baptist School in South Bend and five inexperienced players from St. Adalbert School, reminded the spectators, coaches and other basketball players of the league that sportsmanship is as much about commitment, perseverance and courage under difficult condi-

tions, as it is about athleticism.

Led by Head Coach Steve Sniadecki and assistant coaches Max and Miles Romans, this young team met all their opponents with a noble steadfastness and spirit that gave every spectator a reason to cheer for them, regardless of their affiliation.

Due to illness and transportation issues, the team played many of their games with only five players, and a tournament game with only four. The team never considered being outnumbered a reason to forfeit. While the St. Adalbert Eagles went 1-9 for the season, their slow steady growth and development over the course of the season was impressive.

The team provided the league an opportunity to rediscover the true meaning of sportsmanship. Eagles members include Garrett Van Gundy, Avery Shurn, Jason Galindo, Jesus Gonzalez, Cesar Gonzalez, Moises Lobatos and Jorge Campos.

Annette Romans is a St. Adalbert School resource teacher.



PROVIDED BY ANNETTE ROMANS

The St. Adalbert Eagles boys' varsity basketball team is comprised of students from both St. John the Baptist School and St. Adalbert School and showed steady growth and development over the season.

Diocesan seminarian Bob Garrow serves as team chaplain

EMMITSBURG, Md. — Diocesan seminarian Bob Garrow serves as chaplain of the Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Md., men's basketball team. Garrow graduated from Indiana University in 1999 and was a schoolteacher for

11 years, teaching seventh through 12th grade in addition to coaching basketball for 15 years. He coached men's college basketball for two years at Indiana University, South Bend, as well as high school basketball for 13 years.



PROVIDED BY MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Diocesan seminarian Bob Garrow, left, a second year theologian, serves as the first-year chaplain of the Mount St. Mary's University men's basketball team. During his years of coaching he was involved with winning four sectional basketball titles and numerous conference championships. The Mount St. Mary's team will be going to the NCAA after winning the conference basketball tournament championship. At press time Mount St. Mary's (16-16) was scheduled to play Albany (18-14) at the NCAA Tournament First Round in Dayton on March 18.

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Saint Joseph Catholic Church in South Bend is accepting applications for an **Administrative Assistant**. The position, **full or part-time**, furthers the mission of the parish by serving in a ministry of welcome - the first point of reception for all who visit, telephone, or otherwise communicate with the parish. In addition, the position provides administrative support to parish staff. Duties include: oversight of electronic calendars, database entry and export; preparation of the weekly bulletin using MS Publisher; drafting and preparation of correspondence and mailings; management of office supply inventory; and other general office duties as assigned to support the goal of ensuring efficient operation of the parish offices.

Qualified applicants will possess excellent written and interpersonal communication skills, strong organizational skills, a high degree of computer aptitude, ability to prioritize tasks and work with frequent interruptions, enjoyment in greeting people while also working independently much of the day, and a proactive desire to contribute to the mission of the parish.

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Father Raymond to take the helm of Holy Cross Family Ministries

EASTON, Mass. — For nearly 14 years Holy Cross Father Willy Raymond has led Family Theater Productions based on Sunset Boulevard in the heart of Hollywood as they use mass media to entertain, inspire and educate families. While that may sound like unusual work for a priest; it isn't for this priest.

Family Theater Productions is the media ministry of Holy Cross Family Ministries, which in the spirit of its founder, Servant of God Patrick Peyton, promotes and supports the spiritual well-being of families throughout the world.

"What better way to gather families together than television, a medium they are comfortable with and always watching," said Father Raymond. "As families watch a video and then discuss the stories, they enrich their spiri-



**HOLY CROSS FATHER
WILLY RAYMOND**

tual life and increase unity within the family."

Father Raymond has served as director of Family Theater Productions since 2000 and will now take his unique priestly skills and expand his reach, as he takes over as president of Holy Cross Family Ministries effective July 1. He will oversee the vision and spiritual direction of the member ministries of HCFM. It includes Family Theater Productions; as well as Family Rosary, a prayer ministry in 17 countries; and the Father Peyton Family Institute, based in Peru, which provides educational resources to families.

The current president, Holy Cross Father John Phalen received acknowledgment from the board for his 18-year tenure as well as his many accomplishments for the ministry, including opening offices in eight countries, including Bangladesh, Chile, East Africa (Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania), France, Ghana, Haiti, India and Mexico to better serve families in their own locale.

Throughout his 18 years, Father Phalen also enhanced the ministry's outreach to families by embracing and expanding into all areas of internet outreach, which is evident as eBlasts alone went out to more than 1.5 million people last year. Significant outreach was also achieved through website visitors, app users and all those engaged through social

media. Traditional forms of outreach remain on the forefront of the ministry's activities through face-to-face outreach to families with events and products.

Father Phalen has accepted a new assignment as novice director in Peru and will begin that role in 2015. Father Phalen's broad breadth of experience in Hispanic parishes will be an asset to the congregation's efforts in Peru.

In the spirit of its founder, Servant of God Patrick Peyton, CSC, Holy Cross Family Ministries serves Jesus Christ and His Church by promoting and supporting the spiritual well-being of the family. Faithful to Mary, the Mother of God, Family Rosary encourages family prayer, especially the rosary. Holy Cross Family Ministries, through prayer events and media, reaches out to families to fulfill the founder's vision that "the family that prays together stays together."

For more information, call 800-299-7729 or visit www.FamilyRosary.org / www.HCFM.org.

The Congregation of Holy Cross sponsors Holy Cross Family Ministries. Visit their website at www.holycrossusa.org.

Film explores young people, families living with disabilities

FORT WAYNE — The Neri Institute has produced "M25: Bless the Children," a documentary film exploring the joys and challenges of young people and their families living with disabilities. The dignity of every human life comes alive and is explained in this film.

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To order a DVD and discussion guide, a donation of \$6.75 is requested to cover costs and shipping (a larger donation will help the Neri Institute in their work to promote the dignity of every human being).

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Responsibilities include:

Broadcast pre-planning and production both before and after broadcast hours, booking guests, pulling and editing audio, producing promos, and technically producing the broadcast between 6 am and 8 am Monday through Friday.

The producer must be inquisitive, have a sense of humor, be a self-starter, be organized and be able to share ideas with others as well as work with others. Must be able to take direction. Must have production and social media skills, be able to work with the host in the assembly of the program. Previous on-air radio experience helpful. The work hours are Monday through Friday, 5 am-1 pm.

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FISH FRY

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, March 21, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8.50, children (5-12) \$3.50. Shrimp for \$9 will be available.

Fish fry sponsored by Knights

Bluffton — The St. Joseph Parish Knights of Columbus, 1300 N. Main St., will have a fish fry Friday, April 4, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for children 6-12 and free for children 5 and under.

Christ the King Jonah Fish Fry

South Bend — Christ the King will have a Jonah fish fry Friday, March 28, from 4-7 p.m. in the lower level of the church. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children age 10 and under. Dine in and drive-through carryout available. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Christ the King rectory office. For information call 574-272-3113.

Fish fry

Roanoke — St. Joseph Parish will have a fish fry on Friday, March 21, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the American Legion, 1122 N. Main St. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 4-12 and children under 4 are free. Everyone welcome.

Holy Name Society fish fry

New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, March 21, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$7.50, children 5-12 \$4 and children under 5 free.

Jonah fish fry planned

South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish will have an original Jonah fish fry from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, April 4, in the school gym, 2800 Corpus Christi Dr. Carryouts available. Tickets are \$9 for adults and carryout, \$4 for children 6-12 and children under six, 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

Gorkie Zale

South Bend — Polish Sorrowful Lamentations will be prayed at 5 p.m. each Wednesday of Lent at St. Adalbert Church. English translations are available.

Mary in the Experience of the Church

Notre Dame — Institute for Church Life, 321 Geddes Hall, will host "Mary in the Experience of the Church," Thursday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m., with Jesuit Father Brian Daley and Danielle Peters — Marian scholars at the University of Notre Dame. An extended question and answer session will follow. Refreshments will be served. Door-prize of a rosary blessed by Pope Francis. For information visit icl.nd.edu/proclaim or call 574-631-1379.

Lenten Mini-Retreat

Mishawaka — Young adults are invited to a Lenten mini retreat

"Roll Away the Stone" with presenter Jesuit Father Aaron Pidel, Sunday, April 6, from 1-7 p.m., at the St. Francis Convent, 1515 W. Dragoon Trail. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/yam-retreats for information.

Natural Family Planning

Fort Wayne — NFP integrating John Paul II's Theology of the Body will be taught through the Couple to Couple League in a series of three one-per-month classes beginning Sunday, April 6, at 6 p.m. in the home of Ron and Marilyn Shannon. Call 260-489-1856 or email mshannon11@frontier.com for more information and registration.

FUNDRAISERS

Spaghetti dinner planned

Mishawaka — A Papa Vino's spaghetti dinner will be at Queen of Peace Parish, 4508 Vistula Rd., Friday, March 25, from 5-7 p.m. Dine-in tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 3-10. Carryout tickets are \$6. Contact Carol Cone at 574-255-9674 ext. 119.

Sisters auxiliary bake sale planned

South Bend — St. Adalbert Sisters' auxiliary will have a bake sale Saturday, April 12, from 8

REST IN PEACE

<p>Culver Patrick Byrne McCarthy, 78, St. Mary of the Lake</p> <p>Fort Wayne Beverly McArdle, 79, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</p> <p>Connie J. Rieg-Ebbing, 75, St. Joseph</p> <p>Doris M. Scheiber, 90, Sacred Heart</p> <p>Perpetua Analavage, 84, St. Vincent de Paul</p> <p>Wanda J. Pedersen, 91, St. Jude</p>	<p>Anna Mae Frye, 87, St. Jude</p> <p>Mishawaka Edward Wasowski, 83, St. Joseph</p> <p>Genevieve R. Kucharski, 92, St. Monica</p> <p>New Haven Dolores C. Lomont, 98, St. Louis Besancon</p> <p>South Bend Dorothy M. Nawrot, 88, St. John the Baptist</p>	<p>Mary Reilly Hunt, 92, St. Patrick</p> <p>Ann M. Jordanich, 84, Our Lady of Hungary</p> <p>Peter C. Kwiatkowski, 83, St. Adalbert</p> <p>Elizabeth Molnar, 94, St. Casimir</p> <p>Arletta Walker, 84, St. Bavo</p> <p>Carolyn Ann Ehlert, 69, St. Jude</p>
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a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Lamb Cakes will be \$15 on a pre-paid, pre-order basis only by Friday, April 4. Sweet-sour cabbage, Polish noodles, home-made Pierogi and baked goods for Easter will be offered. Lunch will be available.

Altar and Rosary Society plan sale

South Bend — St. John the Baptist Parish will have a bake and rummage sale Saturday, April 12 from 8 a.m. to noon and Sunday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Rummage sale

Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish, corner of Oak and Diamond streets, will have a rummage sale Friday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 5, from 9-11:30 a.m. Grocery bag sales start Friday at 3 p.m.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, March 19, from 5-6:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the food pantry of the cathedral.

St. Aloysius plans children's resale

Yoder — The St. Aloysius Home and School Association will have a children's clothing and toy resale Saturday, March 22, from 8 a.m. to noon. For information contact Jennifer Girardot at 260-638-4469.

The CrossWord

March 23, and 30, 2014

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LENTEN PARISH MISSION

St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish

Friday & Saturday, March 21, 22, 2014
55756 Tulip Road, New Carlisle, IN 46552

Keynote speaker Michael Voris is a 1983 Notre Dame graduate and winner of four Emmy awards for broadcast journalism. He is founder and president of St. Michael's Media and Church Militant, TV, which he will describe in his journey of faith.

Friday, March 21-7PM-Stations of the Cross-
Topic: *Importance of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*
Saturday, March 22- 4 PM Mass -5:15 PM Speaker;
Topic: *Why we need the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

All are Welcome
NO COST!
Free will donations appreciated

Assistant Principal

St. Jude Catholic School in Fort Wayne has an opening for an Assistant Principal. This is a full-time position. Candidates should have the following qualifications:

- Active and practicing Catholic
- Administrative license in education or in process of obtaining
- Experience in a classroom teaching.

Duties include working with the pastor, principal, teachers, students and parents. For more information please contact Sister Kathleen Kneeven at 260-484-4611 or srkathleen@stjudefw.org.

Fish & Chicken Strip Dinner

ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH & CHICKEN

Friday, March 28, 2014 - 4:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Adults: \$8.50 / Youth 6 to 10: \$5.50 - 5 & under: Free

Cornerstone Youth Center
19819 Monroeville Road, Monroeville, 46773

Dine-in and CarryOut Meals include scalloped potatoes, applesauce or cole slaw, roll/butter and dessert.
Adult meals only for Carryout - No kids or free meals...Questions? 260-623-3972

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RITE OF ELECTION AND CALL OF CANDIDATES TO CONTINUING CONVERSION CELEBRATED IN SOUTH BEND



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Godparents, sponsors and the assembly affirm catechumens and candidates during the Rite of Election of Catechumens and Call of Candidates to Continuing Conversion on Sunday, March 16, at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. Catechumens will be baptized and enter into communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. Candidates will enter full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.



The faithful gather in song for the entrance hymn at the Rite of Election and Call of Candidates to Continuing Conversion. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the rite on Sunday, March 16, at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.

OPDYKE

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soldier promised her secrecy if she would serve as his mistress. To save her friends, Opdyke agreed.

After much heartache and atrocity the Nazis were eventually pushed out of Poland and Opdyke was able to move her Jewish friends out of hiding into safety.

She was again captured, this time by Russians who restrained her in a camp, from which she eventually escaped. Once in a camp for displaced persons she discovered that her parents had died during the war. And after being invited by a kind United Nations diplomat to immigrate to the U.S., Opdyke boarded a ship and made her way to America where she eventually became a U.S. citizen.

The day she was granted citizenship she met the very man who five years before had invited her to the U.S. while she was in the displaced persons camp. They married soon after and made their way to California where Opdyke became a much sought after interior designer who kept her past safely locked in her heart.

Growing up with this faith-filled woman as mother, Smith learned with "absolute positive assurance that our lives were in God's hands."

"I never saw her (Opdyke) fret. She was at peace," she said. "She believed that God could make beauty out of the ashes we found ourselves in. My faith really comes from her example."

Smith, who noted that she was unaware of her mother's heroic past until she was 14 when her mother told her story to a student writing a paper on the myth of the Holocaust, said it was then that her mother realized that by keeping her past secret she was perpetuating evil. And she began to tell her story across the country.

"It's very common for survivors to come to another country and put it all behind them," said Smith.

Following her 85-year-old mother's unexpected death in 2003, Smith, a self-proclaimed introvert, "picked up the torch," rising to the public speaking challenge in her mother's stead inspiring audiences of all ages in schools, churches, camps, organizations, fund-raising groups and clubs throughout the United States. She is part of a new generation of Holocaust speakers called "2nd Generation" who share the life stories from their parents' firsthand experiences. She is a member and speaker for the Oregon and Washington Holocaust Speakers Bureau, a regular speaker for the Anti Defamation League as well as the Bearing Witness Program, international speaker for the Jewish Federation across the United States.

Smith speaks on her mother's behalf so her message of love and forgiveness will replace hatred — one person at a time.

"History keeps repeating itself," Smith said. "Holocausts, genocides and bullying happen all over the



IRENE GUT OPDYKE



KAY COZAD

Jeannie Smith tells her mothers story of love and forgiveness at Bishop Dwenger High School on March 13.

world."

But victims and perpetrators are not the largest group, she notes. Rather the largest group is bystanders, who many times do nothing to stop the hate because of fear.

"If we can't get these joint numbers to get involved, then we have to do it on an individual basis," she said.

Smith begins her presentation reminding her audience that her heroic mother was just like them — a bystander.

"The truth is each one of you could do what my mom did. Each one of us has the opportunity, the choice," Smith said.

Smith speaks to the young because "they are the future generation. We have to start with the youth. Their values and opinions are still being formed," she said. She

wants everyone to know that her mom was not a powerful political figure but a young Catholic girl who was away from home with no family to support her.

"But she still made a difference. No matter your background or how much money you have, you can do little things to make a difference," she said, encouraging her audience.

"Love and forgiveness are the strongest influences. They can open the hardest heart and the closed mind," concluded Smith.

One of Smith's favorite teachings imparted by her mother that she shares across the country is, "Hate is easy. It takes real courage to love." Irene Gut Opdyke was truly an example of real courage.

For more information about Irene Gut Opdyke visit www.ireneopdyke.com.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

The Israeli Holocaust Commission named Irene one of the Righteous among the Nations, a title given to those who risked their lives by aiding and saving Jews during the Holocaust. She was presented with the Israel Medal of Honor, Israel's highest tribute in a ceremony at Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial. The Vatican has given Irene a special commendation and her story is part of a permanent exhibit in the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. In 2008 Irene was presented posthumously the Commanders Cross — the Polish medal of honor, given by the president and first lady of Poland and in 2009 Irene was presented posthumously the Courage to Care award by the Anti Defamation League in a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. Both of these awards were accepted by Jeannie Smith.

Opdyke has written her story in "In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer," (Knopf/Random House) and a Broadway play titled "Irene's Vow," portrays her powerful story for the masses.