Saint Anne Home residents rejoice on Easter with Bishop Rhoades

FORT WAYNE — It was with great joy and rejoicing that over 200 residents, family members, staff and administrative personnel, including the new administrator, David Deffenbaugh, of Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community in Fort Wayne, gathered in the chapel there to celebrate the solemnity of Easter on April 20. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass along with chaplain Father Jack Overmyer and several retired priests of the diocese, including Fathers Paul Bueter, Paul Miller, Adam Schmitt, Robert Traub, Ken Sarrazine and Larry Tippmann.

As the residents settled in the chapel a musical prelude to Mass was beautifully orchestrated by the violin playing Venderley family, including Sherry, whose mother lived and died at Saint Anne Home and whose mother-in-law currently resides there, along with her grown children, Tim, Anne and Melanie.

Bishop Rhoades opened Mass with words of joy, telling the congregation that included those residents who were unable to be in the chapel but were participating from their rooms, that he was happy to be celebrating Mass with them at this “great institution of the diocese.”

In his homily Bishop Rhoades invited the congregation to imagine how the disciples and women who followed Jesus felt when they first saw the resurrected Lord. “Imagine the amazing emotions they felt when they saw Jesus and heard His words, ‘Peace be with you.’” He told the standing-room-only crowd that the empty tomb was only the first step in believing and that it was the appearance of the Risen Lord that “confirmed their faith in all

Rome prepares for influx ahead of canonizations

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Just over a week before Pope Francis canonizes two of his predecessors in a ceremony in St. Peter’s Square, Romans are bracing for the arrival of as many as 3 million outsiders.

Nineteen heads of state, 24 prime ministers and 23 government ministers from various countries are due in Rome April 27-28 for the canonization of Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II, Italian Interior Minister Angelino Alfano said.

The event will be the climax of an Easter-season tourist boom for what one newspaper dubbed “superstar Rome.” Alfano, who chaired a meeting April 17 attended by Rome Mayor Ignazio Marino and the heads of police and intelligence agencies, predicted attendance by at least 800,000 pilgrims, including some 5,000 coming from Poland on five special trains.

“We see a consistent influx of pilgrims and tourists arriving for Easter and the canonizations,” Msgr. Libero Andreatto, head of Opera Romana Pellegrinaggi, the Vatican-related pilgrimage agency, told Catholic News Service.

The office will set up 17 maxi-screens in the historical center of Rome in time for the canonizations.

BLESSED TO BE MADE SAINTS

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Saints John XXIII and John Paul II

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHoades

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this coming Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church will receive a great gift: two new saints. The canonization of two modern-day Popes, John XXIII and John Paul II, is an occasion for us all to celebrate and give thanks. How blessed the Church has been by their witness to the Gospel and their holiness of life!

I remember as a young seminarian reading Pope John XXIII’s account of his inner life entitled Journal of a Soul, a kind of spiritual autobiography. Reading that book touched me deeply 30 some years ago. In reflecting on the purpose of his life two years before he died, Pope John wrote six maxims of perfection that are great counsel for us in our own spiritual journeys:

1. Desire only to be virtuous and holy, and so be pleasing to God.

2. Direct all things, thoughts as well as actions, to the increase, the service and the glory of Holy Church.

3. Recognize that I have been set here by God, and therefore remain perfectly serene about all that happens, not only as regards myself but with regard to the Church, continuing to work and suffer with Christ, for her good.

4. Entrust myself at all times to Divine Providence.

5. Always acknowledge my own nothingness.

6. Always arrange my day in an intelligent and orderly manner.

I still today find these maxims to be gems of spiritual wisdom. Pope John was a man of great humility who always recognized that the disciple is not above his master (Matthew 10:24). He loved the Lord and the people he was called to serve: in Italy as a priest, then as a papal diplomat in Bulgaria, Turkey, and France, then as Patriarch of Venice, and then as Pope. He was called “Good Pope John.” His goodness touched the hearts of millions of people.

At the Mass beatifying John XXIII in the year 2000, Pope John Paul II mentioned the image of Pope John’s smiling face and the words with which he began his historic 27-year pontificate: Be not afraid and Open wide the doors to Christ. The great John Paul had an unshakable faith in Christ. He taught us to trust always in the divine mercy. He witnessed to us the hope of the Gospel.

Pope John Paul II was a great evangelizer, traveling as Pope on 104 pastoral visits outside Italy, including seven trips to the United States. He did so to bring the Gospel, like Saint Paul, to the nations. He wrote 14 wonderful encyclicals and so many other writings and books. He gave us the theology of the body, amazing insights on human love. He established the World Youth Days. And we all know how he was a major influence in the collapse of the Iron Curtain.

It is impossible to write in this short column about all the many accomplishments of Pope John Paul II, as a priest and bishop in Poland and as the shepherd of the universal Church. These accomplishments were the fruit of something deeper, the reason he is being canonized, namely, his sanctity.

I would call Pope John Paul II a radi cal disciple of Jesus Christ. He had an inner bond with Christ, sustained by his deep prayer life. His deepest insights about our human condition and our calling were expressed in words that he helped craft in the document Gaudium et Spes at the Second Vatican Council: Christ reveals man fully to himself and makes his supreme calling clear. John Paul believed this with all his heart and thus taught that “man cannot fully find himself” except by imitating Jesus Christ in the “sincere gift of himself” to others. This is what John Paul II taught and lived: the gift of himself in love. He lived this to the end. He taught us how to live and how to die “in the Lord.” He taught us not to be afraid and to open our hearts to Christ.

Pope John Paul’s spiritual life included a profound relationship with our Blessed Mother. His motto as bishop and pope was “Totus tuus,” “All Yours.” He placed everything in the hands of our Blessed Mother. In his last will and testament, he said that he was leaving everything and everyone with whom his life and vocation brought him into contact in Mary’s motherly hands. Mary was his guide since his youth. He entrusted his life and his service to the Church to Mary.

Pope John Paul II exhibited a strength and courage that came to him from God. And he communicated that strength to us and to the world. It is the strength of faith, of belief in Christ as the Redeemer of man. This was the title of his first encyclical: The Redeemer of Man, the thread that, according to Pope Benedict, ran through all the others.

Even when Pope John Paul’s physical strength declined, his spiritual strength remained. This was because of his faith. He embraced the cross with Jesus and shared the whole world through his suffering how to be one with Jesus.

We have all been blessed by the witness and example of these two amazing popes who will be canonized by Pope Francis this coming Sunday, April 27th. Let us thank the Lord for the gifts of these two new saints who led the Church with such love and fidelity. Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II, pray for us!
Easter proclaims that love gives life, pope says; share it with others

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis urged Christians to remember how they first encountered Christ and to share His love and mercy with others, especially through acts of caring and sharing.

Proclaiming the good news of Jesus’ resurrection means giving concrete witness “to unconditioned and faultless love,” he said April 20 before solemnly giving His blessing “urbi et orbi” (to the city and the world).

Celebrating the second Easter of his pontificate, the pope told at least 150,000 people gathered in St. Peter’s Square and on adjacent streets that evangelization “is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life’s troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast.”

Whatever is going on in one’s life, he said from the central balcony of St. Peter’s Basilica, Jesus’ victory over sin and death demonstrates that “love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wildness.”

Overlooking the square where he had just celebrated Easter morning Mass surrounded by hundreds of flowering trees and bushes and thousands of daffodils, tulips and roses, Pope Francis said Christians proclaim to the world that “Jesus, love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised Him and made Him Lord of life and death.”

In his Easter message, the pope prayed that the risen Lord would “help us to overcome the scourge of hunger, aggravated by conflicts and by the immense wastefulness for which we are often responsible.” He prayed that Christians would be given the strength “to protect the vulnerable, especially children, women and the elderly, who are at times exploited and abandoned.”

The pope offered special prayers for those facing serious difficulties and threats in various parts of the world: for victims of the Ebola epidemic in West Africa; the victims of kidnapping; the victims of the civil war and the war against terrorism in the Middle East and North Africa; the victims of the terrorist attacks in Paris; and, “in a spirit of unity and dialogue, chart a path for the country’s future.”

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Referring to the Easter account from the Gospel of St. Matthew, Pope Francis invited people to look up the date of their Baptism and commemorate it each year, urging people to remember and reflect on the first moment they really encountered Jesus.

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that Jesus had said and done while He was with them in His public ministry.”

Bishop Rhodes continued, “The Church is based on the extraordinary experience of the witnesses of the Resurrection. Our lives as Christians are based on our faith in the resurrection of Jesus because His resurrection opens for us the way to a new life. It is a great truth that we are given a share in the new life of the Resurrection.”

And this begins at Baptism, he said. “Baptism was our birth into new life in Christ. We become united to the Resurrection of Jesus in our souls and become adopted sons and daughters of God the Father. According to the Apostle Paul, through Baptism we enter into communion with Christ’s death, are buried with Him and rise with Him,” he added.

Bishop Rhodes spoke of Jesus’ promise of eternal life. “His resurrection is the principle and source of our future resurrection… We firmly believe that just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and lives forever, so after death, we who are faithful to Him and His life will live forever with Him in heaven. We hope in the resurrection, that we and our loved ones will rise like Christ, with Christ and in Christ. This is because by His death and resurrection, Jesus has opened heaven to us. And so we rejoice today. We sing the joyful Easter Alleluia!”

Following the liturgy, the congregation joined the bishop and priests in a renewal of the promises of Baptism as well as the sprinkling of water during which the bishop blessed the congregation with holy water.

At the conclusion of Mass, Bishop Rhodes expressed his gratitude to all those who served at Saint Anne Home, from the pastoral care and nursing staff to the administrato. He thanked the musicians for their gift of music at the Mass and requested the congregation’s prayers for the upcoming canonizations of two modern day popes, John XXIII and John Paul II, on April 27, Divine Mercy Sunday. He concluded, “Please continue to pray for me and I will pray for you. I pray the Lord will fill all of your hearts with His joy and peace.”

Following Mass Bishop Rhodes greeted the residents, family members and staff as they processed to lunch.

Saint Anne resident Clara Hasing and daughter Kathy Beeler were renewed by the Easter Mass. Beeler said, “I think it was uplifting. It’s a beautiful day to celebrate the Lord’s resurrection.”

Brenda Dosen and her mother Dorothy Lowery expressed great warm and joy following Mass. “It brought me to tears,” she said.

The Ybarra family couldn’t agree more. They said, “It was exciting.”

It was awesome for him (Bishop Rhodes) to take time to come here. There are a lot of old parishioners here. It’s nice that he’s here with them.

New administrator of Saint Anne Home, David Deffenbaugh was honored to have Bishop Rhodes celebrate Easter Mass at the home. “I think it’s wonderful that on that day that’s so special that he’s giving his time to the staff and the residents here. It’s a blessing and an honor to have him celebrate Mass with our community. We’re appreciative of his love and support,” he said.

“Caring for the elderly is important,” noted Bishop Rhodes who has celebrated Easter Sunday at a variety of special places over the years. “There are so many elderly people who have been faithful for so many years and this adds a little joy to their Easter celebration. … It’s great to see the joy on their faces,” he said.
Courage offers pursuit of holiness, ‘growing into’ the life of virtue

By Allison Ciraulo

SOUTH BEND — In 1980, the late Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York founded a ministry that sought to reach out to individuals in the Church who experienced same-sex attraction (SSA).

The social climate of the day, Cooke saw the need for a truly Catholic apostolate that would offer support and formation for men and women seeking to live according to the Church’s teachings on chastity and virtue.

The Courage Apostolate was born out of response to this concern. Under the guidance of Cardinal Cooke and Father Benedict Groeschel, Father John Harvey of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales was invited to serve as director of the apostolate and to lead the first Courage meetings in the Archdiocese of New York.

Courage soon spread by word-of-mouth as well as annual conferences and has grown to include over 100 chapters in about half of the dioceses in the United States. It is also present internationally in more than a dozen countries.

In 2000, the Courage Apostolate came to South Bend under the leadership of Dr. Philip Sutton, a licensed clinical psychologist with a doctorate in marriage and family therapy. Sutton had been introduced to Courage during his years as founding director of the Graduate Counseling Program at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

During the 1990s he encountered the writings of Father Groeschel on the integration of psychology and spirituality, and grew increasingly interested in how early child-parent relationships affect human development, particularly as it pertains to SSA.

Sutton met with Fred Everett, director of the Office of Family Life for the diocese, after a talk given by Father Harvey at Notre Dame in the late 1990s, and they began to discuss the possibility of starting a local Courage chapter.

“It fit into so many of the things that I was already interested in and concerned about,” Sutton says. In 1999, Sutton attended a Courage summer conference in Washington, D.C. By early spring of 2000, planning for a South Bend chapter was well underway and regular meetings have been held ever since.

Courage meetings are structured around the five goals of the apostolate, which are 1) chastity in accordance with the Church’s teaching on homosexuality; 2) prayer and dedication to Christ, especially in the sacraments; 3) fellowship; 4) mutual support through mature friendship; and 5) good example.

Sutton says that “what might be called a ‘change of orientation’” is not a goal of Courage, but rather the ongoing pursuit of holiness and a “growing into” the life of virtue.

This approach stems, Sutton says, from the assumption that there is a difference between how an individual might feel or act and who they are as a person. Courage seeks to celebrate the core identity of each person “as God’s creature, made in His likeness and recreated in Christ as a son or daughter.”

Sutton says this fact of Christian anthropology has been particularly freeing to many members of Courage over the years who have felt encumbered by the wider culture’s labels of sexual identity.

In the meetings, members are encouraged to share their experiences and struggles in a spirit of trust and confidentiality. While each meeting also includes a brief presentation on a particular aspect of Church teaching or the goals of Courage, Sutton says that the time for personal sharing has been key.

“There is something about both group support and faith that helps people overcome unwanted habits,” he says, an insight that is informed by his own participation in faith sharing groups over the years.

While a few women have attended Courage meetings over the years, in South Bend the members have been primarily men.

Even as the formal leader of group, Sutton says he views his role as that of an elder brother. “What I always tell the guys is, ‘when I’m here, I’m a brother in Christ.’” The presence of a chaplain has been another important aspect of Courage’s ministry of fraternal support.

Members are encouraged to seek spiritual direction and to avail themselves of the sacraments in addition to attending monthly meetings. Various priests of the diocese have been associated with Courage at different points, celebrating Mass periodically and offering opportunities for Confession.

Sutton says that a number of members have had wounded relationships with their fathers, and believes that the paternal presence of a priest is an important element for their growth and healing.

It’s clear, he says, that “the guys benefited when a priest was more actively involved. That experience of spiritual paternity on the part of the Church was really important.”

While the South Bend Courage chapter has been recognized as a Catholic ministry in the diocese for many years, in April 2012, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades initiated the process for Courage to become an official ministry of the diocese. The Fort Wayne Courage chapter has been meeting as a formal diocesan ministry since 2012.

As of this month, Sutton passes the torch to Holy Cross Father Kevin Russeau, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, whom Bishop Rhoades has asked to assume diocesan leadership of the apostolate in South Bend. Both the Fort Wayne and South Bend chapters of this diocesan ministry are under the supervision of Fred Everett, assistant to the Bishop and director of the Office of Family Life.

Sutton is grateful for this transition, which he believes will demonstrate in an even clearer way to those who struggle with SSA that they are loved and welcomed by the Church.

Over his 14 years of service in the Courage Apostolate, Sutton says that he has enjoyed walking alongside the members in a common pursuit of chastity and holiness.

Though particular life issues may vary, companionship for the journey is something all people need for the life of faith, he says. “Wherever we struggle to be virtuous, we all need that support.”
Two to be ordained Holy Cross priests

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Deacons Adam D.P. Booth and Patrick E. Reedy will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, April 26, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

Holy Cross Father Thomas J. O’Hara, provincial superior of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers, will present the two deacons for Ordination during the 2 p.m. Mass. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will confer the sacrament of Holy Orders.

On Sept. 7, 2013, Deacons Booth and Reedy professed perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and for Ordination during the 2 p.m. Mass. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will confer the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Looking ahead to their Ordination Father O’Hara commented: “Holy Cross rejoices with Adam and Pat as they begin their priestly ministries with zeal. We know that Adam and Pat, true to the Holy Cross charism, will be a blessing to God’s people by making Him known, loved and served throughout the world as educators in the faith.”

Deacon Adam D.P. Booth is the oldest of three children of David J. Booth, Hertfordshire, U.K., and the late Carol E. Booth. Born in London, Adam graduated in 2004 from the University of Oxford, U.K., with a degree in math. He joined the Catholic Church and encountered Holy Cross while studying at the University of California at Berkeley, where he received a master’s degree in 2008. Prior to entering the seminary, Adam taught college mathematics for two years to men in the San Quentin State Prison. He entered formation with the congregation in 2008 and professed First Vows on July 31, 2010.

Prior to his ordination as a transitional deacon, Adam served as assistant director of Old College Undergraduate Seminary (2012-2013). He also served at St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, as the marriage preparation and adult formation programs (2011-2012). In the summer of 2011, Adam served at Stone Soup in South Bend. In his first year as a professed seminarian, Adam offered grief counseling at Ryan’s Place in Goshen. (2010-2011). During his novitiate year (2009-2010), he was chaplain at Penrose Hospital and at St. Andrew Besseste Catholic Church (then-Downtown Chapel), Portland, while living at the University of Portland and serving with Campus Ministry. During his time at the novitiate in 2009 and 2010, he served as a chaplain at Penrose Hospital and at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend.

Pat earned a bachelor’s degree in political science in 2008 from the University of Notre Dame and received his master of divinity in 2013. He entered formation with Holy Cross while studying at the University of California at Berkeley, where he received a master’s degree in 2008. Prior to entering the seminary, Adam taught college mathematics for two years to men in the San Quentin State Prison. He entered formation with the congregation in 2008 and professed First Vows on July 31, 2010.

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Pat was a RCIA team member at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend. He entered formation with Holy Cross as a postulant in 2008. He made his First Profession of Vows on July 31, 2010.

Pat said as a priest he looks forward to working in education and to living the example set by those who mentored and inspired him during his formation: “They helped me seek a kind of completeness in God’s call, learned and discerned through the formation of my mind and heart, of my whole person. My passion for mission flows from their example. I want to assist students not only in recognizing and developing their own gifts, but also in discovering their lives’ deepest longings: to become the men and women that God created them to be.”

Father Pat will celebrate his first Mass as a priest at 11:45 a.m. April 27 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, with his first Mass in Keough Hall at 10 p.m. that evening.
Shifting opinions on death penalty: Views evolving after years of work
WASHINGTON (CNS) — When Boston Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley was asked at a news conference at the U.S.-Mexico border about how to persuade people to support comprehensive immigration reform, he pointed for an example to the Catholic Church’s decades-long efforts to shift opinions about the death penalty.

“There was a time when Catholics were very pro-death penalty.” Cardinal O’Malley said April 1. Then Blessed John Paul II made a strong push to include opposition to capital punishment as a part of a consistent pro-life approach, he said. Activists took on the task of changing minds and hearts. Today, support for the death penalty overall has dramatically declined. So have the number of executions and death sentences. Still, it has been a lengthy process. The Catechism of the Catholic Church officially issued in 1992 said that although there may be circumstances that allow for such a drastic punishment to protect the public, “if bloodless means are sufficient to defend human lives — public authority must limit itself to such means, because they better correspond to the concrete conditions of the common good and are more in conformity to the dignity of the human person.”

In modern society, circumstances that justify capital punishment “are very rare, if not practically nonexistent,” the catechism says.

Joining parish gives death-row inmates support, sense of belonging
BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (CNS) — Some of the newest members of Holy Family Parish will never attend Mass at their church. They have never talked to fellow parishioners over coffee and doughnuts after Mass, join the church choir or volunteer for a mission trip. They are death-row parolees at Riverbend Maximum Security Institution in Nashville. Some have been at Riverbend for decades, with few visitors and limited contact with the outside world.

Parishioner and prison minister James Booth said welcoming them to join Holy Family “gives them a sense that their faith is not in isolation, even though they are.” It sends the message that “whatever evil they’ve done, they are forgiven and accepted,” he added. After some of the prisoners requested Church membership this winter, Booth approached the parish pastor, Father Joseph McMahon, the pastor, who granted approval.

About a dozen Riverbend prison inmates — from death row at Riverbend to the minimum security levels — were “ordinary people who are in need of in the trials of the cross, the redeeming power of Christ’s passion and resurrection,” he said. Thus far, Booth has met with 12 who received baptism in the months since he met with the first.

Families lose loved ones in Marathon bombing
BOSTON (CNS) — The families of the three people killed in the Boston Marathon bombing expostutions a year ago marked the first anniversary with poignant remembrances and emotional testimonies. President and a simple wreath-laying ceremony took place at two sites where their loved ones lost their lives and scores were injured April 15, 2013. The families of Krystle Campbell, Lingzi Lu and Martin Richard accompanied by Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley, Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick arrived on Boylston Street at the site of the second explosion just before 8:15 a.m. April 15. The families and dignitaries gathered around the spot marked by an honor guard of police officers and other first responders as Cardinal O’Malley prayed, read a passage from Scripture. The public and media were kept at a distance, but the cardinal’s office said he read Chapter 4, Verses 13 to 18, of the First Letter to the Thessalonians.

The passage says in part: “We do not want you to be unaware, broth- ers and sisters, about the fact that our beloved brother Paul...”

The families lost their loved ones in the Boston Marathon bombing.

**Flagellants whip themselves during Holy Thursday ritual in Philippines**

A Filipino whips himself during a Holy Thursday ritual in Pampanga province April 17.

Flagellation is a discipline observed every Lent by some Catholics in the Philippines.

The cardinal reminded people to work for peace “by embrac- ing and understanding those who think differently from us.” He reminded people that the apostles were “ordinary people who were uneducated, timid and weak; they deserted their teacher and ran away when Jesus was arrest- ed and persecuted.” Yet after the resurrection, he said, when they received the Holy Spirit, “they gave testimony of the resurrection of Christ with all their hearts and with all their souls and with all their strength and with all their minds.”

At Easter, Seoul cardinal tells Catholics to ‘put love into action’

SEOUL, South Korea (CNS) — Seoul Cardinal Andrew Yeon Soo-jung urged Catholics to imitate the Korean martyrs and “bravely put love into action.” In his Easter message, released April 18, the cardinal also prayed “for those suffering from pain either materially or spiritually, and also for our brothers and sisters around the world who are sick and abandoned with their own cross, but pray ‘they find the strength of in the trials of the cross, the hope of God’s resurrection and love,’” he said before imparting a blessing. The solens-torch-lit service gave powerful voice to the many social and spiritual problems facing the world and to the redeeming power of Christ’s sacrifice for humanity. By pass- ing a bare wooden cross from one group of people to the next in succession, those chosen to lead the Way of the Cross acted as vis- ible representatives of the often-hidden injustices still wounding the world. Although most stations had multiple representatives, only one at each station physically car- ried the cross.

**Evil will not have the last word,** pope says during Way of Cross

ROME (CNS) — Standing in the midst of a giant cross outlined with small torches, Pope Francis said the cross is a reminder of how much evil people are capable of and how much love Jesus had for a sinful humanity. “It was a heavy cross like the night for those who are abandoned, heavy like the death of a loved one and heavy” because it took on all the pain of evil, he said, presiding over the nighttime Way of the Cross April 18. Standing atop a hillside over- looking Rome’s Colosseum, the pope told the thousands of people who gathered with him in prayer that Jesus shows “that evil will not have the last word,” and love, mercy and forgiveness will be victorious. “From the cross we see the monstrosity of mankind when it lets itself be guided by evil. But we also see the immensity of the mercy of God, who doesn’t treat us according to our sins, but according to His mercy.”

Not forget those who are sick and abandoned with their own cross, but pray “they find the strength of in the trials of the cross, the hope of God’s resurrection and love,” he said before imparting a blessing. The solens-torch-lit service gave powerful voice to the many social and spiritual problems facing the world and to the redeeming power of Christ’s sacrifice for humanity. By pass- ing a bare wooden cross from one group of people to the next in succession, those chosen to lead the Way of the Cross acted as vis- ible representatives of the often-hidden injustices still wounding the world. Although most stations had multiple representatives, only one at each station physically car- ried the cross.

**Can we follow the example of the martyrs?** the cardinal asked. “Pope Francis warned us that all heart occupied by the desire to possess is full of this desire to possess things, but empty of God. In the society where people place their security in the goods of this world, we Christians should con- tinue to share and love. We bring to heaven only that which we have shared with others; and security — definitive security — is in God.”

The cardinal reminded people to work for peace “by embrac- ing and understanding those who think differently from us.” He reminded people that the apostles were “ordinary people who were uneducated, timid and weak; they deserted their teacher and ran away when Jesus was arrest- ed and persecuted.” Yet after the resurrection, he said, when they received the Holy Spirit, “they gave testimony of the resurrection of Christ with all their hearts and with all their souls and with all their strength and with all their minds.”

**Prayer, wreath-laying mark first anniversary of Boston Marathon bombing**

BOSTON (CNS) — The families of the three people killed in the Boston Marathon bombing expostutions a year ago marked the first
Huntington Right to Life to sell carnations

HUNTINGTON — Huntington County Right to Life will hold its 36th Annual Mother’s Day Carnation Sale May 9-11. Long-stemmed carnations, corsages and vases will be sold on the following days and locations: Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the right-to-life office at 34 E. Washington St; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the right-to-life office, J.C. Penney, The Trading Post, Family Dollar, Subway North Store and Walgreens.

Long-stemmed carnations and corsages will also be sold at Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Joseph, St. Catherine, St. Mary, and St. Peter and Paul Catholic Churches.

Carnations will be made available on Friday for children at Huntington Catholic Middle Building and Huntington Catholic Primary Building.

Co-founder of 40 Days for Life visits South Bend

SOUTH BEND — No shows, turnarounds and saves — these are the mostly hidden fruits of participation in the 40 Days for Life Campaign, according to Shawn Carney, national director for the campaign, who visited South Bend recently to encourage participants to continue to take a stand in public.

Carney observed that the prayer witnesses are “a sign of truth and love.”

Standing in prayer in front of the abortion clinic is a reminder to abortion-minded mothers that they have another choice and that hope does exist.

One of the celebrants for a recent Mass at the Divine Mercy Chapel next to the abortion facility, Father Sylvia, of EWTN’s Women of Grace series, related the story of the Prodigal Son to sidewalk advocacy. He explained how the Father prepares for conversion, even “while the mothers are still a long way off.”

Carney too stressed that prayer witnesses are having an effect, as seen from information retrieved after the clinic closures following 40 Day campaigns, when they will obtain records of “no-shows” due to the “religious fanatics” outside the abortion clinic.

The role of prayer during the 40 Days for Life campaigns, according to Shawn Sullivan, director of the South Bend 40 Days Campaign, has been pivotal. According to Sullivan, for over four decades, the pro-life movement has tried to find a solution while “God, the game-changer, has been removed from the equation.”

“Serving as a witness, participants in the 40 Days Campaign themselves stand as a counterweight, Carney noted, to the moral relativism in the culture that “keeps more potential prayer witnesses from coming out and being active. But if you can get them out here, the abortionist’s days are numbered.”

From Houston, Texas, Carney is the co-founder of 40 Days for Life and the author of “40 Days for Life: See What God Has Done … Imagine What He Could Do.” There are now over 500 cities across the globe holding campaigns.

Senior Fair — Fun and Free to be held May 3

NOTRE DAME — The Michigan Gerontology Institute (MGI) reminds the Michiana area that their first annual Senior Fair will take place at the Century Center in South Bend on May 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with more than 70 registered vendors which will feature products and services for everyone.

“Anyone who has a parent, grandparent, neighbor, friend or other family member who is aging will reap great benefits from this event,” said Malana Maher, co-chair of the organization.

Event sponsors include: Gold Sponsor: Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center; Silver Sponsors: Elkhart General Home Care, Memorial Home Care and Palmer Funeral Homes; and Bronze Sponsors: Harbor Light Hospice, SorbaShock Fall Prevention and Comfort Keepers. The sponsors will each offer short educational seminars on topics that concern men and women over the age of 50.

For more information about the Senior Fair — Fun and Free, including the full list of vendors, or the Michigan Gerontology Institute, visit www.mgi-hcc.org or contact Pat Adams at 574-239-8364 or email padams@bcc.nd.edu or contact Malana Maher at malana.maher@m2healthcareconsulting.com or phone 574-340-0110.

Diocesan schools earn Four Star School status

Several diocesan schools have been designated as a Four Star School in the state of Indiana. They include the following: Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne; Christ the King School, South Bend; Marian High School, Elkhart; St. Joan of Arc School, Mishawaka; St. Joseph’s School, South Bend; St. Jude School, Fort Wayne; St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Campus 1, Fort Wayne; St. Pius X School, Granger; and St. Thomas the Apostle School, Elkhart.

Each year, the Indiana Department of Education recognizes schools that perform in the upper 25th percentile of schools in performance on ISTEP+ and ECA state exams, as well as their rating determined by the national No Child Left Behind statute’s Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

Superintendent Glenda Ritz congratulated the Four Star schools, saying, “I am honored to name these schools as our Four Star Schools for this year. Winning this award required excellent work by teachers, administrators, students and parents throughout the year and on behalf of the entire Indiana Department of Education I send them my sincere congratulations.”

BISHOP DWENGER BREAKS GROUND FOR RENOVATION

Provided by Bishop Dwenger High School

Members of the Bishop Dwenger High School family gather to break ground as renovations begin on the 50-year-old school, on the anniversary of Bishop Dwenger’s ordination, April 14, 1872. Capital improvements, including gymnasium upgrades and new multi-purpose facility, original 36 classrooms renovation and new chapel construction, have a projected completion date of fall of 2016. Pictured at the groundbreaking are, from left, Tom Didier, city councilman and Bishop Dwenger alumn; Father Jacob Meyer, chaplain; Dan Conroy, director of maintenance; Marsha Jordan, superintendent of Catholic Schools; Catherine Yanko ’14, student body co-president; Katie Burns, director of development and alumni relations; Jason Schiffl, principal; and Sister Marilyn Oliver, co-president of Bishop Dwenger School Board.

Bishop Luers High School National Honor Society inductees recognized

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers National Honor Society has recognized the following inductees for their academic standard of excellence, volunteerism, excellent record of behavior in and out of school and their leadership roles in Bishop Luers and within the community: Takyra Merritt, Madison Busch, David Johnson, Emily Klepper, Dena Short, Emma Wolfe, Madeline Reimbold, Carly Graber, Alexander Steffen, Ethan Brown, Isabella Case, Jordan Turpinhoft, Dana Baldus, Noah Johnson, Michael Palmer, Augustus Serrani, Brock Raugh, Kaitlin Emmett, Alexandra Broom, Josephine Burton, James Slocum, Carolina Garcia, Grace Everett and Noah Meiser.

National Day of Prayer set May 1

FORT WAYNE — The Allen County National Day of Prayer will be held at the Allen County Public Library, located at 900 Library Plaza in Fort Wayne, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on May 1.

It will be a countywide multi-denominational time to gather in prayer for the nation and national and local leaders. Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, will participate and Ben Wellens, co-director of LifeSong and music at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, will provide the music. The event is free and open to the public.

United Religious Community to host annual prayer breakfast

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY — The United Religious Community Prayer Breakfast, hosted by the United Religious Community (URC) of St. Joseph County, will be held at the Century Center at 7:30 a.m. on May 1, coinciding with the National Day of Prayer.

Bishop Rhodes is scheduled to give the invocation.

The keynote speaker, Rabbi Rachel Milka earned her bacher’s degree at Stanford University and was ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. She earned her doctorate from Jewish Theological Seminary and served a congregational role for 13 years before returning to academia.

Rabbi Rachel Milka is a professor at Chicago Theological Seminary where she holds the Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman Chair in Jewish Studies. She is also the director of the Center for Jewish, Christian and Islamic Studies.

Individual seats for the prayer breakfast are $30, and tables of eight are $200. Groups, organizations, businesses and individuals may register by contacting the URC at 574-282-2397 or cmayrick@urcsjc.org. Parking is free.
Short pontificate, long impact: Blessed John XXIII launched reforms

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Although he served as pope for less than five years, Blessed John XXIII left one of the most lasting legacies in the Catholic Church’s history by convening the Second Vatican Council.

A plump, elderly, smiling Italian of peasant origins, the future pope had an illustrious career as a papal diplomat in Bulgaria, Turkey and postwar France.

He became pope amid the dismantling of colonialism, the rise of the Cold War and on the cusp of a technological transformation unlike anything the world had seen since the Industrial Revolution.

Citing the Holy Spirit as his source of inspiration, he called the Second Vatican Council to help the Church confront the rapid changes and mounting challenges unfolding in the world — and, by inviting non-Catholics to the council, to work toward Christian unity.

As pope from 1958 to 1963, Blessed John launched an extensive renewal of the Church when he convened the council, which set in motion major reforms with regard to the Church and its structure, the liturgy, ecumenism, social communication and Eastern churches.

After the initial session’s close in 1962, he set up a committee to direct council activities during the nine-month recess. Subsequent sessions — the final one ended in December 1965 — produced documents on the role of bishops, priestly formation, religious life, Christian education, the laity and interreligious dialogue.

He produced a number of historic encyclicals, including “Mater et Magistra” on Christian social doctrine and “Pacem in Terris,” issued in 1963 at the height of the Cold War, on the need for global peace and justice.

He established the Pontifical Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law, which oversaw the updating of the general law of the Church after the Second Vatican Council, culminating in publication of the new code in 1983.

Before he was elected pope, he served as a Vatican diplomat. His work in Bulgaria and Turkey put the future pope in close contact with many Christians who were not in full communion with the Catholic Church and inspired him to dedicate so much effort as pope to try to recover the unity lost over the centuries.

It was Blessed John who, as pope in 1960, created the Vatican’s office for promoting Christian unity.

With his humility, gentleness and active courage, he reached out like the Good Shepherd to the marginalized and the world, visiting the imprisoned and the sick, and welcoming people from every nation and faith.

He visited many parishes in Rome, especially in the city’s growing suburbs. His contact with the people and his open display of personal warmth, sensitivity and fatherly kindness earned him the nickname, “the Good Pope.”

Blessed John brought a humble yet charismatic, personal style to the papacy. He placed great importance on his modest upbringing in a village about 25 miles northeast of Milan, saying: “I come from the country, from poverty” that he said...
Blessed John Paul II brought moral force, intellect, flair to world stage

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Blessed John Paul II, who will be canonized April 27, was one of the most forceful moral leaders of the modern age.

He brought a philosopher’s intellect, a pilgrim’s spiritual intensity and an actor’s flair for the dramatic to his role as head of the universal Church for more than 26 years.

The Polish pope was a tireless evangelizer and forceful communicator, speaking to millions in their own languages. But toward the end of his life, his powers of speech faltered with his worsening illness, which left him often unable to even murmur a blessing.

The first non-Italian pope in 455 years, Blessed John Paul became a spiritual protagonist in two global transitions: the fall of European communism, which began in his native Poland in 1989, and the passage to the third millennium of Christianity.

As pastor of the universal Church, he jetted around the world, taking his message to 129 countries in 104 trips outside Italy — including seven to the United States.

Within the Church, the pope was just as vigorous and no less controversial. He disciplined dissenting theologians, excommunicated self-styled “traditionalists,” and upheld often unpopular Church positions like its opposition to artificial birth control. At the same time, he pushed Catholic social teaching into relatively new areas such as bioethics, international economics, racism and ecology.

In his later years, the pope moved with difficulty, tired easily and was less expressive, all symptoms of the nervous system disorder of Parkinson’s disease.

Yet he pushed himself to the limits of his physical capabilities, convinced that such suffering was itself a form of spiritual leadership.

He led the Church through a heavy program of soul-searching events during the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, fulfilling a dream of his pontificate. His long-awaited pilgrimage to the Holy Land that year took him to the roots of the faith and dramatically illustrated the Church’s improved relations with Jews.

He also presided over an unprecedented public apology for the sins of Christians during darker chapters of Church history, such as the Inquisition and the Crusades.

His social justice encyclicals, including his landmark document, the apostolic letter “Novo Millennio Ineunte” (“At the Beginning of the New Millennium”), made a huge impact, addressing the moral dimensions of human labor, the widening gap between rich and poor and the shortcomings of the free-market system. He called for a “new sense of mission” to bring Gospel values into every area of social and economic life. At the pope’s request, the Vatican published an exhaustive compendium of social teachings in 2004.

As a manager, he set directions but often left policy details to top aides. His reaction to the mushrooming clerical sex abuse scandal in the United States underscored his governing style: He suffered deeply, prayed at length and made brief but forceful statements emphasizing the gravity of such sins by priests.

He convened a Vatican-U.S. summit...
Jokes, quips, wisecracks: John XXIII lived with keen sense of humor

BY EMILY ANTENUCCI AND CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Blessed John XXIII is remembered by many for his warmth, simplicity, social conscience and sense of humor.

Pope Francis, who will canonize the “Good Pope,” recalled his predecessor as being holy, patient and a man of courage, especially by calling the Second Vatican Council.

“He was a man who let himself be guided by the Lord,” Pope Francis has said.

But the Italian Pope John was also guided by his cheerful disposition, his simple, peasant background and tongue-in-cheek, wisecracking Italian culture.

Here’s a look at some of this soon-to-be saint’s funny quips:

1. Visiting a hospital he asked a boy what he wanted to be when he grew up. The boy said either a policeman or a pope. “I would go in for the police if I were you,” the Holy Father said. “Anyone can become a pope, look at me!”

2. “It often happens that I wake up at night and begin to think about the serious problems afflicting the world and I tell myself, I must talk to the pope about it. Then the next day when I wake up I remember that I am the pope.”

3. In reply to a reporter who asked, “How many people work in the Vatican?”, he reportedly said: “About half of them.”

4. When a cardinal complained that a rise in Vatican salaries meant a particular usher earned as much as the cardinal, the pope remarked: “That usher has 10 children; I hope the cardinal doesn’t.”

5. When he went to visit a friend at the nearby Hospital of the Holy Spirit in the evening, the nun answering the door said: “Holy Father, I’m the mother superior of the Holy Spirit.” He replied: “Lucky you! What a job! I’m just the ‘servant of the servants of God.’”

6. Not long after he was elected pope, Blessed John was walking in the streets of Rome. A woman passed him and said to her friend, “My God, he’s so fat!” Overhearing what she said, he turned around and replied, “Madame, I trust you understand that the papal conclave is not exactly a beauty contest.”

7. He once wrote: “There are three ways to face ruin: women, gambling and farming. My father chose the most boring one.”

8. When he was cardinal and patriarch of Venice, the future pope was talking with a wealthy city resident and told him, “You and I have one thing in common: money. You have a lot and I have nothing at all. The difference is I don’t care about it.”

9. When a journalist asked the then-patriarch of Venice what he would be if he could live his life all over again, the future pope said, “Journalist.” Then he said with a smile, “Now let us see if you have the courage to tell me that, if you could do it all over again, you’d be the patriarch!”

10. A Vatican official told the pope it would be “absolutely impossible” to open the Second Vatican Council by 1963. “Fine, we’ll open it in 1962,” he answered. And he did.
Many of today’s papal ‘traditions’ were Blessed John Paul’s innovations

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As John Thavis, the former Rome bureau chief of Catholic News Service once wrote: “If there’s anything Pope John Paul II loved more than following traditions, it was inventing new ones.”

The day of the canonization is Divine Mercy Sunday — an observance Pope John Paul decided in 2000 to put on the Church’s universal calendar the Sunday after Easter. The Polish pope was a long-time devotee of the Divine Mercy devotions of St. Faustina Kowalska whom he beatified in 1993 and canonized in 2000.

Pope John Paul also instituted the annual Feb. 2 World Day of Consecrated Life, the Feb. 11 World Day of the Sick and a World Meeting of Families every three years. But welcoming hundreds of thousands of people in Your Holy Name.

Thank you, St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II, for your witness.

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Lord, we thank You for the gift of John Paul II and John XXIII. May we be one people in Your Holy Name.

St. John the Evangelist Parish — Goshen
Father Tony Steinsacker, Pastor
St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish — Bristol
Father Robert Van Kempen, Pastor

May the abundance of love found in the Sacred Heart of Jesus enrich our own spiritual intentions as we reflect on the example and teachings of Saint John XXIII and Saint John Paul II.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart Notre Dame

Remembering Holy Fathers

“It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father.”
— John XXIII

Although their souls are in heaven, their wisdom and guidance continues to lead us to them.

St. Patrick Parish ARCOLA
The healing embrace of community

Mercy conferred through the Apostles

I am heartened, as I grow older to witness an increase in community support for those who suffer great loss. It brings to mind the days of old when friends, neighbors and loved ones would encircle those in mourning and support them with not only gifts of food, house cleaning and assistance with funeral preparation, but their simple presence in times of need.

My 25-year-old daughter and I recently stood in a long line in a local funeral home to express our sympathy to friends of hers who had lost a child. “This is hard,” she whispered tearfully. “I don’t know what to do.” How many of us have at least thought those very words?

A quiet conversation ensued following her emotional comment in which we both agreed there was no right or only way to support a loved one in grief, though for us platitudes and advice were strictly forbidden. Each individual must find his or her own way through the heartache and pain of grief. We are simply there to walk beside them, reassuring them that they are not alone.

My wise young daughter, who chose to be a gentle, quiet presence for her friends that day offering them her hugs and tears, agreed that the community support of which she was a part was an important factor in the healing process.

We all have been witness to examples of how community can come to the aid of their grief-stricken members with national media coverage of the compassionate support offered in recent years following such tragic events as 9/11, shootings such as Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut and even following natural disaster events such as Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Communities stunned by these horrific events rose collectively from the ashes to step forward in support of those victimized by their losses.

The ceremonies, services and legislative changes bring me great hope for the direction in which our culture journeys, as I witness the compassionate outpouring of love for the bereaved.

A path of renewal for the Catholic sterilized couple

When using Natural Family Planning (NFP). During times of abstinence, the couples actively exercise self-control, thereby reordering the sensual and sexual appetites. This strengthens spouses in their resolve not to reduce each other to objects for pursuing sexual self-gratification. It is important because various forms of contraception, including permanent sterilization, often involve the phenomenon of the woman feeling as if she is being “stolen.”

Abstinence, therefore, assists couples in learning to express their mutual love in other ways. St. John Paul II gives the example of a couple who chose to be a gentle, quiet presence in a friend’s situation by replacing the contraceptive mentality with the understanding, “There is a time for everything.”

In these situations, clergy and health care providers can offer a “school of opportunity” to couples who might have practiced the contraception method. They might wonder what they should do, and whether they are obliged to get a surgical reversal of the procedure. The Church has never declared this to be a required step, in part because of the risks and burdens associated with surgical interventions, in part because of the high uncertainty of successful outcome, and in part because of the potentially significant expenses involved.

Even though a reversal may not be feasible or otherwise obligatory, the repentant couple may nonetheless become aware of the need to order their sexual activity and appetites in the face of their original sterilization decision and thereby come to recognize that they may recognize a pressing interior need to grow in the virtue of marital chastity and to engage in a lifestyle that authentically endorses their new, albeit delayed, rejection of the contraceptive mentality.

In these situations, clergy and spiritual advisors who then encourage couples to pattern their sex life on the same cycle of periodic abstention that fertile couples follow...
Child abuse survivors seek understanding, redemption and healing

This call is perhaps the most painful call that can be received by our diocese. No matter what the details or the circumstances, no matter the outcome of this call we know there is pain and suffering involved. The suffering and trauma experienced by our Church as a result of the abuse scandals has left us tired and weary. We want desperately to move on from the pain associated with these scandals and from the awful details and stories that have so deeply wounded and scarred everyone in our faith communities.

Many do not know or understand that when we receive an allegation of sexual abuse by a priest we presume two important things:
• the caller needs attention and care
• the priest is innocent

Both the alleged victim and the priest have rights that need to be protected. It is only through deliberate, thorough and painstaking investigation that a report is offered to our bishop and to the diocesan review board. A report is not offered to be protected. The priest we presume two important things:

First and foremost, it is important to know that most victims have, in fact, told someone about the alleged abuse — a parent, another priest, a friend or sibling — but was advised to let it go or forget it. In the worst case they are accused of lying. The pain and shame from this suffering goes underground and will surface in a series of broken relationships, addictions, including sexual addictions, an inability to stand, redemption and healing.

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Child Abuse Prevention Month

Mary Glowaski

The coordinator the most frequent question asked of me is why the alleged victim did not come forward sooner to report.

This question is often asked in an attempt to dismiss the allegation or is seen as “logical proof” that the accusation lacks veracity. We want so badly to make sense out of something that is incomprehensible.

There are many times, no matter the outcome of the investigation that a report is offered to our bishop and to the diocesan review board. A report is not offered to be protected. The priest we presume two important things:

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But on a more personal level, what can we do for our own community members or loved ones in mourning? Identifying those compassionate responses from national and international events offers us a palate from which to paint our own style of support. I have learned that if I listen and watch for cues as to what is needed by the bereaved I can then offer my support. Being present is a gift we can all offer.

Funerals, I think, level the playing ground for most. Even those with the toughest exteriors find their way to expressing their deepest emotions when supporting the bereaved. One gentleman I know, whose beloved wife had died after a long battle with cancer, was embraced by many friends at her packed funeral Mass. “I love you,” he was told over and over. The grief-stricken widower recalled how deeply meaningful that emotional support was to him and to his healing.

“Just the pouring out of love from the people is what made it okay. There was a lot of love going though the place that day,” he said. He said the community support at his wife’s funeral ceremony. “It just hit me at the funeral … I am surrounded by some very good people,” he added.

Those good people were by his side as he ministered to his wife as she lay dying. They were there as he said his goodbyes. They were there to help bury his beloved with rich and meaningful ceremony and song. And many will remain by his side as he learns to navigate his grief and discover how to live his life without his wife.

A beautiful Catholic hymn written in the ’70s by Richard Gillard titled, “The Servant Song,” speaks to the grace of community support in the lines:

“We are pilgrims on a journey, We are travelers on the road; We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. … I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh I’ll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this journey through.”

As pilgrims on the journey, helping each other bear the load, we can acknowledge, as my daughter so honestly did, and even lament the fact that supporting someone in deep grief is troubling and not a little difficult. But we must rise up and weep — and laugh — with them as they move toward healing. It takes a community of hearts to support those who must walk the long and weary road of grief.

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April 27, 2014

SCRIReTURr SEARCH

Gospel for April 19, 2014
Matthew 28:1-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Easter Vigil: Mary Magdalene’s early morning trip to the tomb. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

EASTER MARY STILL DARK SIMON PETER THE LORD ROLLED UP HE SAW FIRST DAY THE TOMB STONE JESUS NOT GO IN PLACE RISE THE WEEK EARLY SHE RAN TAKEN HIS HEAD WENT IN FROM THE DEAD

SHE RAN


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The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Luke 24:1-23; Acts 1-12

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Answer Key can be found on page 15

Saint of the Week

Anselm

C. 1033 - 1109

Feast - April 21

This scholarly Italian youth wanted to become a monk, but his father’s disapproval pushed him to a secular life that he later described as dissipated. After his mother died, he moved to France to continue studies with her family. In 1066 he joined the Benedictines at Bee in Normandy, and in 1078 he was elected abbot, which increasingly involved him in civil and church affairs in France and England. In 1093 he became archbishop of Canterbury at age 23; he was prostrate held until his death. During his tenure, Canterbury became England’s primatial see, but Anselm was twice exiled over conflicts with English monarchs. He penned a systematic study of Christian beliefs and many letters to his beloved monks. He is a doctor of the church.

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3: 1-4; Jn 20: 1-9 and Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9, Jr 20:19-31

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Answer Key can be found on page 15
CYO prepares for girls’ softball

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) spring sports will soon be in full swing with games and matches finally getting underway after a long, hard winter. The girls’ softball league will be seven teams strong for 2014 with the addition of the young seventh graders decided to play to graduation and some of our. Coach Kim Sheehan has rounded up 10 players for the first-ever Twins’ roster. The green-white received the bye for the end of the season tournament which will kick off on Saturday, May 17. All games will be played at Queen of Angels.

The hosts will play St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth while St. Mary and St. Jude will also face off in the opening round bracket. The winner of St. Charles and St. Jude will meet St. Rose/ St. Louis in the semifinals Tuesday night, May 20, with the championship game slated for Wednesday, May 21.

Last year’s winner, St. Vincent, will once again be led by Coach Karen Deverell. Many of the defending champs are wearing blue and gold this season at Bishop Dwenger. Deverell explained, “We lost most of our eighth graders to graduation and some of our seventh graders decided to play soccer this year, so our team will have an all-new look.”

22nd Divine Mercy Celebration Remembering the Holy Souls in Purgatory Sunday, April 27, 2014

Father Dan Cambra, MIC, prays the rosary using a holy souls rosary. The beads go from black to white and are used to pray for a particular soul in purgatory. The white beads signify the soul’s entrance into heaven.

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Lived History of Vatican II Conference Notre Dame — “The Lived History of Vatican II,” will examine how the decrees of Vatican II were experienced around the globe in the years following the council. More than two dozen scholars will present their research April 24-26 at the conference center in McKenna Hall. Featured speakers include Joseph A. Komonchak, professor emeritus at The Catholic University of America; Jay Dolan, professor emeritus at the University of Notre Dame; and Stephen Schloessier, S.T. professor at Loyola University Chicago. For details and registration visit cusbwa.nd.edu or call 574-631-5441.

Knights to host Sunday breakfast at Most Precious Blood Parish Fort Wayne — The St. Gaspar del Bosco School, 1515 Barthold St. Tickets are $7 for adults, $3 for children (6-12) and $20 per family. Carryout will be available. All proceeds will benefit the William Roth Memorial Education Fund.

Bishop Luers to present “Wizard of Oz” Fort Wayne — The Bishop Luers drama department will present “Wizard of Oz,” on Friday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 3, at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Tickets are $10. Contact Sue Mathias at 260-456-1261 ext. 3114.

Spring salad luncheon planned Elkhart — St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church will have the 48th annual spring salad luncheon Wednesday, April 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school gym, 1331 N. Main St. Hot chicken salad, other salads, bread, beverages and dessert will be offered. Tickets are $7 at the door.

**Bach Collegium finale planned Fort Wayne —** The season finale of the Bach Collegium with three Bach works featuring baroque trumpets will be Sunday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at St. Peter Church, 518 E. DeWald St. Tickets at the door or www.bachcollegium.org.

**Graduation Mass for homeschool students** Fort Wayne — Northeastern Indiana Catholic Home Educators invite any diocesan Catholic homeschooling eighth grade or graduating senior to the school graduation Mass and ceremony. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 3 p.m. with a ceremony to follow at St. Mary’s on June 6. For information contact Jenn McDonald at jen@highlanddove.org or 260-485-8828.

**Knights plan fish fry South Bend —** The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 6153 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, May 2, from 5-7 p.m. Adults $8.50, children (5-12) $3.50. Shrimp for $9 available.

**Mother’s Day Prayer Vigil** South Bend — The Saint Joseph County Right to Life will gather from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, May 9, at the abortion clinic to pray for mothers. A prayer service is scheduled for noon to be followed by a rosary.

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TODAY’S CATHOLIC

April 27, 2014
Father Dale Bauman, pastor of St. Catherine Nix Settlement and St. Joseph, Roanoke, washes the feet of a parishioner at the Holy Thursday Mass at St. Catherine on April 17.

The faithful of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, reverently hold candles during the proclamation of the Exsultet during the Easter Vigil on April 19.

Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Roanoke, washes the feet of a parishioner at the Holy Thursday Mass at St. Catherine on April 17.

The Spanish speaking congregation of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Goshen presented the live Viacrucis (Way of the Cross) Good Friday evening in the St. John School parking lot. Victor Hernandez portrayed Jesus. Roman Soldiers were portrayed by Ricardo Martinez as captain, Fernando Patlan, Mario Hurtado, Ignacio Rojas, Jesus Moreno and Humberto Maldonado. After the presentation the congregation processed around the block and into the church for silent prayer.

The faithful venerate the cross during the Good Friday celebration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was the celebrant.

Young people joining the Catholic Church receive their first Communion at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, during the Easter Vigil on April 19.

Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, baptizes a young member of the elect during the Easter Vigil at the church on April 19.

Newly baptized Jarrod McKee is confirmed by Father Sextus Don during the Easter Vigil at St. Bernard Church in Wabash. Looking on are altar server Chris Orpurt and McKee’s sponsor, Brandon France.