SOUTH BEND — The faithful filled the cathedrals in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Chrism Masses.

Some of the Church’s most ancient traditions and rituals are witnessed during Holy Week, including the preparation, blessing and distribution of oils central to the Catholic Church’s sacraments and rites. These holy oils are prepared and distributed to churches at the Chrism Mass.

The South Bend Mass was celebrated Monday, March 30, at St. Matthew Cathedral, and the Fort Wayne Mass was Tuesday, March 31, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

“Grace and strength! God’s grace and strength! That is what I think about at this Chrism Mass when I bless the oil of catechumens and the oil of the sick and when I consecrate the sacred chrism,” Bishop Rhoades noted as he began his homily.

Virgin olive oil is used for the oil of the sick and oil of catechumens. To make the oil for the sacred chrism, it is mixed with a resin, balsam, giving it a sweet perfumed fragrance.

Explaining the uses of the oils, Bishop Rhoades said, “I think of the grace and strength that God, in His love, communicates to those who will be anointed with these holy oils.”

“Let us pray for all the adults and infants who, before they are baptized, will be anointed with the oil of catechumens,” he noted. “Let us pray for all the sick and the dying who will be spiritually strengthened through the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Let us pray for the beautiful babies who, after they are baptized, will be anointed on the crown of their heads with the chrism of salvation. Let us pray for the adults and many young teenagers who will be sealed with the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation through the anointing with the holy chrism. And let us pray for the young men whose hands will be anointed at their priestly ordination with the chrism that will be consecrated at this Mass.”

The Chrism Mass is also a sign of the unity and communion of the priests with their bishop. After the homily, the renewal of priestly promises took place in which the priests who were gathered publicly recommitted themselves to serving Christ’s Church through their selfless presbyteral ministry, and particularly through the faithful celebration of the liturgy and through the office of teaching.

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The joy of being Christian

As we celebrate Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, we sing again with joy “Alleluia.” God has given joy to the world through the Resurrection of His Son. And so, at Mass on Easter Sunday, we sing in the Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118, v. 24). We can say with Saint Paul: Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? (1 Corinthians 15: 54-55).

Last Thursday, I flew to Philadelphia to celebrate the Funeral Mass of a dear friend, a religious sister who taught me at Lebanon Catholic High School. Her name was Sister Joan Melley, a Sister of Saint Joseph. We have stayed in touch through the years. When I was 15 years old, she was one of the few people in whom I confided that I was discerning the call to the priesthood. She was a joyful and deeply spiritual woman, very popular with her students because of her warmth and love. I was grateful to be able to celebrate her funeral. I related in the funeral homily how she helped me to overcome the fear of public speaking when I had to give speeches as a student council leader in high school. More importantly, her love for Christ and her joy in following Him was contagious! She was a very positive influence in my life and in my discernment of the priesthood.

Last week, I thought about how Sister Joan was a witness to the words of Pope Francis: The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Our Holy Father is inviting all of us to spread this joy. He says: Let us feel the joy of being Christian! We believe in the Risen One who conquered evil and death. Let us have the courage to “come out of ourselves” to take this joy and this light to all the places of our life!

At Easter, it is good to reflect on our call to bring the joy of our faith to others. This is what attracts others to Christ and to the Church. To have this joy in our hearts, we must allow ourselves to be illuminated by Christ’s resurrection, to be filled with the hope of eternal life, and to know the One who has risen from the dead. He makes Himself known to us in so many ways: in Sacred Scripture, in the Eucharist and the other sacraments, and in the lives of those who love us. And He makes Himself known to us in the silence of our prayer.

Our faith is meaningless without the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Our faith is founded on His death and resurrection. Through faith and Baptism, we are able to experience the power of His resurrection. And so when we have problems and worries, when we experience sadness or grief, we are not overwhelmed. The love of Christ sustains us. The Lord Jesus is alive and with us, always giving us hope. We only need to invite Him into our hearts and He gives us strength. This is the joy of being Christian — the Lord is always with us with His mercy and love. As Pope Francis says: Those who accept His offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew.

I extend to all of you, my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, a blessed and happy Easter. I pray that the Risen Lord blesses you with joy and hope. I also pray that as missionary disciples of the Risen Jesus, you will spread the joy of Easter and the joy of the Gospel to all.

May our Blessed Mother, whose deep sorrow on Good Friday was turned into great joy on Easter Sunday, pray for us. In the Easter season, we pray the following Marian antiphon called the Regina Coeli: Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

Hos risen as He said, alleluia.

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia!
priests, the various oils and the gifts of bread and wine were brought forward by over a dozen individuals, all of whom represented some element of service and activity in the local Church. They included representatives of religious orders, people in the healthcare field, teachers and students from the Catholic high schools.

Having received these items, Bishop Rhoades blessed the oil of the sick and oil of catechumens, and then mixed in the balsam before consecrating the sacred chrism.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades related to the priests that Pope Francis says, “For bishops and priests, this anointing is their strength and their joy.”

“My brothers in the Priesthood, you know this is true,” Bishop Rhoades said. “Without Christ, we are weak; apart from Him, we can do nothing. We know this from our experience of messing up sometimes, by our sins and mistakes.”

“Through our anointing, we receive the strength to lead our people forward, like King David did, to help them and to live at their service,” Bishop Rhoades said. “The Lord and His anointing are our strength and also our joy. The Lord’s hand is always with us. His arm makes us strong. His faithfulness and mercy are with us.”

To the lay and religious brothers and sisters, Bishop Rhoades said, “Our priests and I need your prayers and loving support just as you need us to lead you and serve you according to the heart of Christ.”

“We need good, holy and faithful bishops and priests,” Bishop Rhoades added. “That’s why we need your prayers. That’s why we need to renew our promises every year. That’s why, my brother priests, we need not only to pray each day, but also to go to Confession regularly. We need to pray like King David did: ‘Have mercy on me, God, in Your kindness … cleanse me from my sin. … A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.’

The diocese and the parishes grow, Bishop Rhoades said, “when we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit who has anointed us to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and freedom to the oppressed.”

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Deacon Max Montalvo of Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend, and high school students Catherine Swick of Saint Joseph High School and Alexis Lombaugh of Marian High School carry the oil and balsam that will be used to make the sacred chrism during the Chrism Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on March 30.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades stirs the balsam fragrance into the chrism, and blesses the oil at the Chrism Mass in South Bend. Extra-virgin olive oil is used for the oil of the sick and oil of catechumens. Sacred chrism is made by mixing the oil with balsam, giving it a sweet perfumed fragrance.

**Religious Freedom legislation becomes Indiana Law**

STATEHOUSE — Hoosiers of all faith traditions can now be assured that government will not infringe upon their constitutional right to freely exercise their religion.

In the final week of March, Indiana joined 19 other states to provide a state version of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) with Governor Mike Pence putting his stamp of approval on it by signing it into law.

The legislation, Senate Bill 101, received a large majority of support from both chambers passing it by large margins in the Senate 40-10, and the House 63-31.

At the bill signing March 26, Governor Pence said, “This bill is not about discrimination, and if I thought it legalized discrimination in any way in Indiana, I would have vetoed it. For more than 20 years, the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act has never undermined our nation’s anti-discrimination laws, and it will not in Indiana.”

The governor added, “Indiana is rightly celebrated for the hospitality, generosity, tolerance and values of our people that will never change. Faith and religion are important values to millions of Hoosiers and with the passage of this legislation, we ensure that Indiana will continue to be a place where we respect freedom of religion and make certain that government action will always be subject to the highest level of scrutiny that respects the religious beliefs of every Hoosier of every faith.”

Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference executive director who officially represents the Catholic Church in Indiana on matters of public policy said, “This legislation will protect all faith traditions, including religious freedom in the free exercise of religion. The legislation will help resolve disputes rather than creating them.”

While many have raised concerns that RFRA is a vehicle for religious discrimination, it should not be misconstrued or dismissed on that basis. According to Conkle, even in the narrow setting of wedding-service providers, claims for religious exemptions recently have been rejected in various states, including states that have adopted the RFRA test.

In addition to explaining what RFRA wouldn’t do, Conkle explained to both the House and Senate members that a state RFRA would establish a general legal standard, the “compelling interest” test, for evaluating laws and government policies that impose substantial burdens on the exercise of religion.

Richard Garnet, a law professor at the University of Notre Dame in northern Indiana, in an opinion column in the March 26 issue of the South Bend Tribune, described the state’s RFRA as a “moderate measure” modeled after the federal religious freedom law and those of several other states that “does not give anyone a license to discriminate.”

**Public Schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades**

- **Sunday, April 5, 11:30 a.m.** — Easter Sunday Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- **Monday, April 6, 10 a.m.** — Meeting of the Bishop’s Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- **Monday, April 6, 7 p.m.** — Confirmation Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- **Tuesday, April 7, 7 p.m.** — Confirmation Mass, Saint Patrick Church, Arcola
- **Wednesday, April 8, 12 p.m.** — Presentation of The Father Tom O’Connor Light of Christ Award, St. Mary Mother of God Church, Fort Wayne
- **Wednesday, April 8, 7 p.m.** — Confirmation Mass, Saint Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne
President, first lady to welcome Pope Francis to White House Sept. 23

WASHINGTON (CNS) — President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama will welcome Pope Francis to the White House Sept. 23. “During the visit, the president and the pope will continue the dialogue, which they began during the president’s visit to the Vatican in March 2014, on their shared values and commitments on a wide range of issues,” said a statement released March 26 by the Office of the Press Secretary at the White House. Those issues, it said, include “caring for the marginalized and the poor, advancing economic opportunity for all; serving as good stewards of the environment; protecting religious minorities and promoting religious freedom around the world; and welcoming and integrating immigrants and refugees into our communities.” The statement added, “The president looks forward to continuing this conversation with the Holy Father during his first visit to the United States as pope.” Last year, in their first encounter, Pope Francis received the president at the Vatican for a discussion that touched on several areas of tension between the Catholic Church and the White House, including religious freedom and medical ethics.

Mother, daughter killed in crash recalled for devotion to faith, family

ARLINGTON, Va. (CNS) — A mother and daughter from Virginia who perished in the French Alps plane crash were remembered by fellow Catholic parishioners as “wonderful people” who were active members of Sacred Heart Church in Manassas. Yvonne Selke and her daughter, Emily, were two of the three Americans killed in the crash of an Airbus jet March 24. The identity of the third American has not yet been released. Raymond Selke of Nokesville confirmed his wife and daughter were among the 150 people who died on the Germanwings flight from Spain to Germany. “They will obviously be very missed,” Raymond said in a brief phone interview March 25 with the Arlington Catholic Herald, diocesan newspaper. “There is a huge gap, a huge hole that will be difficult to fill.” Too devastated to provide additional information, the family released a statement: “Our entire family is deeply saddened by the loss of Yvonne and Emily. Selke, two wonderful, caring, amazing people who meant so much to so many,” it said. “At this difficult time we respectfully ask for privacy and your prayers.”

Richard III, Catholic king of England, reburied at Leicester Cathedral

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — One of England’s last Catholic kings was reburied three years after his skeleton was discovered in a coffin beneath a parking lot. King Richard III — the last monarch of the Plantagenet dynasty and the last English king to die in battle — was originally buried by Franciscan friars in Leicester, a city in the Midlands, after he was slain at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. The priory was dissolved during the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century and it was widely believed that the king’s bones had been thrown into a river. But excavation work on the site of the priory in 2012 unearthed the remains and on March 26 they were re-interred in Leicester Cathedral after five days of commemorations. The events began with an interfaith service of compline in the Anglican cathedral March 22 during which Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster, president of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, preached a homily. The cardinal described King Richard as a “child of war” who spent much of his early life as a refugee before he seized power “on the battlefield and only by ruthless determination, strong alliances and a willingness to employ the use of force, at times with astonishing brutality.”

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He noted that the more than 20 years of history of the applying of RFRA statutes to specific cases shows that courts across the country have not applied it to require excessive accommodations or exemptions from anti-discrimination laws and civil-rights protections.

Instead, Garnett pointed out, religious freedom laws have helped people of a broad variety of faiths. “In practice, over the last two decades or so, religious freedom restoration acts have been used not to excuse illegal discrimination or harmful behavior but instead to secure humane accommodations,” Garnett said, “such as allowing members of a small Brazilian church to possess plants that are necessary to make sacramental tea, or preventing the government from firing a Rastafarian with a traditional haircut, or respecting a family’s religious objections to an autopsy of their loved one.”

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**Bills aim to block D.C. laws opponents say violate religious liberty**

**BY NATE MADDEN**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Two U.S. senators have sponsored joint resolutions to try to block two new laws in the District of Columbia that say prevent religious institutions, pro-life groups and individuals from operating within their own belief systems.

Sponsored by Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and co-sponsored by Sen. James Lankford, R-Oklahoma, Joint Resolutions 10 and 11 were introduced March 18 in response to two ordinances recently enacted by the D.C. Council titled the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014 and the Human Rights Amendment Act of 2014.

The former would amend a pre-existing statute in the district to require employers “to refrain from imposing” on pro-life individuals, while the latter repeals a pre-existing statute in the district that included faith-based schools to approve student organizations whose goals matched the schools’ institutional mission.

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Nick Zehr, newborn son, find a home in the Catholic Church

BY CATHY MCLEISH

FORT WAYNE — Unpretentious and enthusiastic, Nick and Pam Zehr are counting their blessings alongside the days until both Nick and their newborn son, Maxwell, will be baptized at the Easter Vigil at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Fort Wayne.

Married just last year, the young couple has had an emotionally charged 10 months. Their diligent commitment to Mass and the weekly RCIA sessions has allowed God to deeply enhance their Catholic faith. There is an unmistakable presence, a spiritual energy in their home; and, the addition of their four-week-old son appears to have only made this spiritual journey all the more treasurable.

While Pam tended to the baby, Nick shared what originally brought him to his decision to become Catholic.

"From the beginning I loved how important Pam’s faith was to her, and her commitment to living it out," Nick said. "She wanted the assurance that we would raise our children in the faith. As for me, she was happy to have me go to church with her, but never judged me when I didn’t. Nobody in her family cared that I wasn’t Catholic; they accepted me because of me."

Expressing that it was community that drew him in, Nick said, “It was the St. Vincent community, but also Pam’s family with her siblings belonging to several neighboring parishes. I watched how they interacted with each other and even with strangers. Their hearts are all alike and open to love. That’s a community I wanted to be a part of.”

One of six children and the daughter of Bill and Ellen Gephart of St. Vincent Parish, Pam later reiterated Nick’s assessment of her family’s example. “It makes me very happy that he sees a faith practiced in our family that attracts him,” Pam said. “We try to not just preach our faith, but live it in our lives so that people might see something good.”

Nick clearly recalled what moved him from his decision to join the faith to the action of signing up for the RCIA program last fall.

“What pushed me over the edge was finding out we were having Max,” he said. “I had been attending church faithfully for over a year and I knew that I wanted us to be united under Christ’s love as parents.”

One week later Father Andrew Budzinski, parochial vicar, who had married the couple, made a pitch in his homily for those who were considering becoming Catholic. “When I met him in the gathering space after Mass, he just smiled and asked if I was ready to make the plunge,” Nick said.

Reflecting on the vast amount of knowledge the classes have offered, Nick noted of his own sponsor, “Mark and the others who come forth are just ordinary people. Usually a stranger who soon comes to be their confidant; parishioners who by the grace of God, live out their call and accompany the candidates and catechumens as they make this leap of faith.”

Teary eyed when they were first asked if they would like Maxwell to be baptized at the vigil, Nick elaborated, “We want our faith to be just as important to our children, and Max can always look back and say, ‘I was baptized with my dad!’ I pray that God will give us strength to continue on the path He has planned for us.”

Pam and Nick Zehr are shown with their newborn son Max, who along with his father, will be baptized at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 4 at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne.
Six to be ordained Holy Cross priests

NOTRE DAME — The United States Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross has announced the ordination of six new priests on Saturday, April 11, at 2 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, located on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, bishop of Peoria in Illinois, will confer the sacrament of Holy Orders on Rev. Mr. Matthew Fase, CSC, Rev. Mr. David Halm, CSC, Rev. Mr. Timothy Mouton, CSC, Rev. Mr. Stephen Chase Pepper, CSC, Rev. Mr. Daniel Ponisciak, CSC, and Rev. Mr. Christopher Rehagen, CSC.

On Sept. 13, 2014, Deacons Fase, Halm, Mouton, Pepper, Ponisciak and Rehagen professed perpetual vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and committed themselves to the common life and apostolic work of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

In recognition of their upcoming ordination, Holy Cross Father Thomas J. O’Hara, provincial superior for the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province, calls to mind a few words blessed Basil Moreau, founder of Holy Cross, once wrote. “Jesus Himself told us that His way of life can be reduced to three things: renouncing ourselves, taking up the cross, and walking in His footsteps,” quoted Father O’Hara. “Moreau bid us as Holy Cross priests, to serve, to stand for holiness and eternal life by walking that route that Jesus took.” These six men will do so courageously on their ordination day, and not for the singular benefit of their union with God, but for the care and keeping of all who come to them seeking His salvation. We are eager to witness this transformational moment in their lives and will be blessed to have these six new Holy Cross priests in our midst.

Saint Joseph High School FBLA earn state awards

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High SchoolFuture Business Leaders of America (FBLA) members attended the Indiana State Conference in Indianapolis March 13-15. The conference allows students from around the state to compete in leadership events, share their successes and learn new ideas about shaping their career future through workshops and exhibits.

Saint Joseph took first place in a record 18 competitive events. The Saint Joseph Chapter was honored with two special awards — The American Enterprise Project for running its Meghan Beeler Café, and the Local Chapter Scrapbook Award for the scrapbook Taylor Rock created. Garrett Loitz was elected as Indiana State President.


USF lecture to cover ‘Tradition Philosophically Understood’

FORT WAYNE — The Department of Philosophy and Theology at the University of Saint Francis invites the public to the free lecture, “Tradition Philosophically Understood” on Wednesday, April 8, at 2 p.m. on the campus of the University of Saint Francis, North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St.

Dr. Vincent Wargo, assistant professor of philosophy, will consider the questions: “What is tradition? How does it work?” He will discuss some common aspects of the notion of tradition as it is found in philosophy, theology and the social sciences.

Father Kohrman to present ‘Islam, Christianity and the Crusades’

SOUTH BEND — Father Glenn Kohrman will offer the presentation, “Islam, Christianity and the Crusades,” on Monday, April 6, at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall at 5202 Linden Ave., just east of Mayflower Road.

Islam’s founder, Mohammad, was able to build an alliance of various factions that evolved into a religion that took much from Zoroastrian, Christian and Jewish religious perspectives. This set the stage for global conflicts that endure to this day. Father Kohrman’s presentation will give an overview of the origins of Christianity and Islam and recount the historical clashes that came to a head in the Crusades. The presentation is free and everyone is welcome.

Spanish club organizes service project for food pantry

PROVIDED BY BETH MAHAFFA

The Bishop Dwenger High School Science Olympiad team competed in the regional tournament at St. Joseph College on Feb. 14. Individual regional medals were earned by senior Mary Momper, juniors Megan Brengle, Jake Gloudemans, Zach Hensler, Adam Morr, Gabe Nicholson, Claire Roberts, Nick Thelen, sophomores Max DiFilippo, Sam Fair, Kevin LaMaster, Patrick Morr, Mike Voors and freshman Nikki Gloudemans. In the state tournament at Indiana University, Bloomington on March 21, medals were earned by Max DiFilippo, Adam Morr and Patrick Morr.

Saint Thomas the Apostle students in Elkhart collected shoes and food items for La Casa de Amistad in South Bend. St Thomas Spanish Club students, who organized the service project, delivered three large boxes of shoes and 10 boxes of food to their food pantry. The director and employees were appreciative of the students’ generosity. Donations from St. Thomas filled a need for the families the organization serves. The students were able to take a tour of the facilities and see the after-school tutoring programs in action. In the photo is St Thomas the Apostle Spanish Club students at La Casa de Amistad food pantry.

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Prayer vigil recalls witness of recent Christian martyrs

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

SOUTH BEND — Addressing those in attendance for a memorial prayer vigil at St. Matthew Cathedral on March 29, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades reminded that “it is appropriate as we begin Holy Week to remember in prayer those who are the greatest witnesses to Our Lord’s self-giving love, witnesses to His suffering and death in the most vivid and radical manner: the Christian martyrs.”

The prayer service, which was led by local members of the Community of Sant’Egidio, called attention to the countless men, women and children who have died or been killed in recent years for their faith and devotion to Jesus Christ.

Remembering the memory of Christians who have been martyred throughout the 20th and 21st centuries, the vigil focused special attention on each continent and specific countries, individuals, and occurrences of martyrdom, including those killed in recent months by ISIS. Prayerful hymns of petition for healing and peace were also sung throughout the memorial, following the same pattern and format each Sant’Egidio community prays throughout the world.

During his homily, Bishop Rhoades invoked the words of Pope Francis, who reminds us of how in many ways, we are asked to compromise our faith, to water down the radical demands of the Gospel and to conform to the spirit of this age. Yet the martyrs call us to put Christ first and to see all else in this world in relation to Jesus and His eternal Kingdom. The martyrs challenge us to think about what, if anything, we ourselves would be willing to die for.

He continued, “The martyrs teach us by the purity of their witness to Christ the importance of love, of charity, in our lives of faith. Like Jesus, they loved to the end. They knew the cost of discipleship and witnessed to the power of God’s love, a love that is victorious. They teach us to love God and our neighbor, to love one another as Jesus has loved us. In a world in which our faith is so often challenged, the martyrs teach us to put Christ first in our lives.”

Encouraging the importance of living with a spirit of self-sacrifice, he recalled the words of Archbishop Oscar Romero, who will soon be beatified as martyr, stating, “We must be ready to die for our faith, even if the Lord does not grant us this honor. … Giving one’s life does not only mean being killed; giving one’s life, having the spirit of a martyr, is in giving in duty, in prayer, in honest fulfillment of his duty; in that silence of daily life, giving one’s life little by little.”

Bishop Rhoades further stressed the importance of “remembering in prayer all Christian martyrs: Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant. Pope Francis has spoken of how the blood of many Christians has become the seed of unity. The ecumenism of blood is a powerful call to journey along the road of reconciliation among the churches, with decision and with trusting abandonment to the action of the Holy Spirit.”

Afterward the vigil, Richard LaSalvia, local coordinator for the Community of Sant’Egidio, warmly shared his gratitude to Bishop Rhoades for presiding at the prayer service and thanked him for “reminding all of us in the diocese about how Christians in the world, especially those in the Middle East are persecuted for their faith and how we must continue to pray for them. The community is looking forward to making this prayer service an annual event in the diocese.”

Many others in attendance also expressed appreciation for both the prayer vigil and Bishop Rhoades’ emphasis on living the Gospel with wholehearted commitment and love.

Sharing how the service touched her, Caroline Cole, a parishioner of St. Matthew, said, “You often hear about the 20th century martyrs, but to listen to their names and focus on each country and pray for their intercession, their witness, and their example is very beautiful. Especially during Holy Week, it is beautiful to think about the passion and all of the modern martyrs. The passion extends here today and we see how Christ continues to suffer through his people.”

Dr. Michael Griffin, professor of Theology at Holy Cross College, remarked, “In recent years, a lot of us Catholics who have small children have begun to be part of the Community of Sant’Egidio, so it serves as a way of helping our kids to see this mission to the margins, and that part of the life of the Church is to combine beautiful worship with tender mercy and charity to others. In this prayer for the martyrs, you witness this beautiful liturgy honoring the tender mercy of those who gave their lives for the Gospel.”

The bishop’s focus on self-sacrifice also impacted Shawn Sullivan, founder of The Life Center in South Bend, who said, “It is marvelous to shine light on martyrdom, on what the Christian life is really supposed to be about. This is so appropriate as a reminder of how we are supposed to live, by giving up our lives and refusing to water down our faith to a less radical response to the Gospel.”

**Easter Joy**

What does Easter mean to you? Maybe as a child it meant an Easter-egg hunt followed by the promise of a long, playful summer. As an adult, there are many reasons to celebrate Easter. Whatever your reason, hopefully, it means the beginning of something good.
Spring sports abound around...

Bishop Dwenger, Bishop Luers ready to kick off spring season

**BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN**

**FORT WAYNE —** The calendar says spring has arrived and the Fort Wayne area Catholic high schools are more than ready to kick off their spring seasons. Both Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers are gearing up to defend Summit Athletic Conference (SAC) titles and are hopeful that their past season runs will be deep in 2015.

**Bishop Dwenger High School**

**Boys’ golf**

After a seventh-place finish at the state tournament, a sectional title and SAC championship in 2014, the Saints are back, along with veteran Coach Dave Scudder, and are ready for another successful season with goals of repeating their titles and placing higher at state. Helping their efforts to do so, Bishop Dwenger returns six of their nine top linksters — senior, John Hope (38.2); juniors, Callahan Elzey (37.6), Patrick Allgeier (37.7), James Wagner (38.6), Kyle Miller (39.9); and sophomore Tyler Fink (39).

**Baseball**

With 11 lettermen — Skyler Noll, Justin Wagener, Cameron Kahlenbeck, Cody Miller, Dan Connolly, Patrick White, Noah Freimuth, Dalton O’Boyle, Zach Norton, Louis Garrett and Drew Davis — and exemplary leadership in Coach Jason Garrett (HSBCA District D Coach of the Year) and his staff returning, the Saints’ only plan to improve on the stellar season they had in 2014, which took them all the way to the Class 3-A final four. Blessed with team unity and chemistry, Bishop Dwenger has goals to experience personal, Christ-like growth in virtue and overall character, embrace the process of growing and strengthening as a team through moments of adversity and exercise God-given talents and abilities en route to the school’s first-ever baseball state championship. The Saints will kick off their season in Louisville, Kentucky, at the 2015 Super Prep Series Tournament the weekend of April 10-11.

**Girls’ tennis**

Another spring sport to capture a 2014 sectional title and SAC championship for Bishop Dwenger was Coach Jeremy Patterson and the girls’ tennis team. Despite graduating standout Audrey Rang, this year’s squad will return experience in six seniors and several juniors, as well. Key players to watch for in the 2015 season include Amanda Brown, Claire Roberts and Abby Oswald.

**Girls’ track**

Although Erin Brady will coach a young roster with over half listed as freshman or first-year track members this season for Bishop Dwenger, the former CYO standouts have already shown their commitment and ability in the early part of the 2015 season. The Saints have seniors Mary Momper, Erin Kilbane, Abby McGraw, Isabella Widner, Lindsey Kumfer and Caroline Ray back, along with junior speedster, Rachel Gibson, who excels in the short races. The distance relay is also expected to be strong again this season.

**Boys’ track**

Bishop Dwenger Saints Coach Herb Widner enters his 39th year of coaching and boasts eight regional qualifiers and two state finals competitors returning for the 2015 track and field season. Led by the experience of seniors Greg Tippmann, Pete Beier, George Talarico, Jordan Stroud and Jared Deininger, Bishop Dwenger is expected to have a team to be much-needed! Leaders on the new squad, Zach Norton, Louis Garrett and Kevin Wuest, the Saints also have a fine group of underclassmen vying to contribute to this year’s team. “As always we want to stay healthy, have fun and look to improve every day of the season,” Widner concluded.

**Softball**

The Saints won the 2014 SAC title and placed 10 players on the all-conference list. They have high hopes for a strong 2015 post-season run after losing by just a run in the sectional championship to the eventual state champs (Leo) a year ago. Bishop Dwenger returns an all-star lineup in senior captains Audrey Sanfrey, who will be attending the University of Miami, Ohio, and ranks in the top 10 of the nation. Abbey McGraw, who will be attending Purdue University; and Holly Weber, who will continue her softball career at Georgia Highland next year. Also back are juniors Kristina Burkhartd, Taya Andrews, April Atterberry and Hannah Lapp; and sophomores Stephanie Hanic, Bailey Rupley, Karsyn Kitchen, Amber Lancia and Brielle Dazezy. The Saints also welcome freshman Emily Anglin, Victoria Fisher and Isabella McGillicuddy. Because of her dedicated work in the off-season, Lancia is expected to be one of the most elite pitchers in the area and contribute significantly as a hitter in the middle of the Saints’ lineup.

**Girls’ tennis**

With 30 young ladies competing for 14 spots (varsity and junior varsity), Coach Jerry Rahrig expects 2015 to be a reloading year for the Knights who were 6-1 a year ago. The roster will be a mix of classes, weighted more towards underclassmen and very few seniors as Rahrig lost five starters to graduation, which included his daughter and all-district player, Natalie Rahrig, but returns starters senior Maddie Strack and all-conference selection Katie Klinger, a junior. Also back for the Knights that saw varsity action in 2014 are Saydi Augustine, Emma Eckert, Sarah Braun and Josie Burton along with several JV players from a year ago who were on the verge of breaking into the varsity lineup and a new group of freshman that show great promise. “We will have a deep, competitive squad and be in the running for the for the upper part of conference,” believes Rahrig, who is in his sixth season with the tennis program, but first without a daughter on the team.

**Baseball**

Under the leadership of Coach Gary Rogers, who returns for his
Saint Joseph High School gears up for spring sports

By Lisa Kochanowski

SOUTH BEND — Spring has arrived and that means the start of the spring athletic season. Athletes at Saint Joseph High School are anxious to say goodbye to the snow and get outdoors.

Boys’ golf

“We should have an extremely competitive team this spring. With four regular varsity players from last year’s team back and some quality newcomers, we feel like we can compete in some of the bigger tournaments this season, as well as for the NIC championship and sectionals,” said boys’ golf coach Bret Bajdek.

Experience is the key to the team’s strength. “Tate Heinzelman-Dec, Pete Han, Will DiTrempe and Charlie Williams have all played in a majority of the varsity matches over the last two years. Not only have they improved their games, but after two years, they are getting comfortable in the tournaments we play in,” noted Bajdek. Consistency is an area the team needs to work on this year. Last season every golfer on the team scored well from time to time but struggled putting together four good rounds in a match. They hope to change that this season by playing smarter.

“Our guys really feel like we have the potential to do some really good things this year,” said Bajdek on the goal of the season. “We just hope to get out there once the weather breaks and put ourselves into a position to be successful at tournaments, in the NIC and in the state playoffs.”

Softball

“Based on our success the last three seasons, three straight state title appearances, we have the capability to be very solid since we did not have even one senior on last year’s team. More hard work and tremendous focus is what can move us to the next level,” said softball coach Earl Keith about his prediction for this year’s team.

“Our strength is definitely our experience and leadership. Eight seniors, Rachel Cole, Anna Irons, Kelly Welsh, Libby Petson, Sarah Mead, Kaley Mozrinski, Katie Sopczynski and Maggie Gilliss provide a lot of game and pressure experience. They will provide the talent and confidence to play well as a team, yet will also bring a humble attitude to our younger players,” noted Keith.

According to Keith, the team’s goal is to “win our conference, the Northern Indiana Conference and do our best to win a state championship.”

Girls’ tennis

“We will compete for the conference championship (Northern Indiana Conference), but we know Penn High School will be a great challenge for us to defend our title. We will be a young team this year, but depending on how we compete we have an excellent chance to get through sectional and beyond,” said Bill Mountford, coach of the girls’ tennis team.

“Another goal that our team will focus on all season is playing at each practice and each game without leaving room for regrets. If we can keep that mentality each day, we’ll have a successful season.”

Girls’ lacrosse

“In 2015 I expect we will have one of our deeper teams in recent memory and, because of that depth, I would hope it will carry us toward a deep playoff run,” said boys’ lacrosse coach Mike Williams about the upcoming season.

In past years the team has had one or two standout players, but this year Williams feels the entire team will be successful because of the depth they possess. The senior class has only seven players that are strong in both talent and leadership, which should carry the team to victory this season.

“Last year we lost some of the best defenders our program has ever had. Because of this we will need to quickly identify and develop young players on the defensive end of the field,” noted Williams of areas the team will need to work on this season.

Victory is the goal for the season. “Ultimately our team hopes to earn a trip to the IHLSA final four Memorial Day weekend to reestablish the success we have had in the past,” said Williams.

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**Marian spring sports underway**

**BY TRISH LINNER**

MISHAWAKA — With winter weather hopefully behind us, spring sports are in full swing at Marian High School.

**Girls’ tennis**

Coach Tom Snelson returns five varsity players this season. Two seniors will fill the other two spots.

Last season, the team posted a 10-4 record, losing only to the top-ranked teams. “We are looking forward to a great season,” said Coach Snelson. “Some of the girls on varsity have been on the squad since their sophomore year.”

The toughest challenges will come against Culver, Saint Joseph and Penn. Penn is consistent in the top five in the state. “We have a deep team this year and the incoming freshman are better than I expected. We will need them to get a lot of experience this year as we will lose the entire varsity team next season,” said Snelson.

**Girls’ softball**

Last year Marian’s softball team posted a record of 23-6, and won the Northern Indiana Conference. Coach George Grenert is now looking forward to the challenge of the new season. “Saint Joseph and Penn will be our toughest competition,” said Grenert. “Our expectation is to improve as we go along this season.”

The team will have seven letter winners returning including seniors and leading hitters Kelsey Keilmann, Shannon McCarty, Jordyn Westphal and Jamie Denning. “We have a few new faces from the JV team last year and a few freshmen that may contribute to this year’s team,” said Grenert.

**Boys’ lacrosse**

The boys’ lacrosse program continues to grow at Marian. “We are looking forward to playing new opponents as we are entering our first season as a member of the Indiana Catholic Conference,” said Coach Brian Welch. Last season the team had one first-team academic all-state player and one player make the all-academic team. They were ranked in the top 5 in the state in goals against average for the second straight season, and 9-5.

With 11 returning varsity players, Coach Welch is looking forward to a successful season. “Our main goal each and every season is to make the state lacrosse tournament. Only the top 16 teams in the state make it, and we feel we have the talent and depth to do that this season.”

“We have a nice balance of returners and young experienced players that have played the game of lacrosse for several years either in the ICLL or travel teams,” Welch said. “The biggest competition will likely be Saint Joseph, Penn, Northridge, Concordia, Bishop Dwenger, Bishop Chatard and North Central.”

**Boys’ rugby**

“Boz” is also hoping to see improvement in his squad this season. “Our goal last year was to win some meets, and improve our speed and strength. We had limited success, but we are looking to improve with experience and hard work. This year we want to be more competitive. We have experienced players even though we are still a young team. We have talent in our youth and with desire and hard work. Our improvement will show,” said Coach Bosque.

**Boys’ baseball**

Last season the boys’ baseball team was young with little varsity experience. They went 13-16, but ended the season with a sectional win over Saint Joseph, who was ranked in the Top 3 in the state.

“Even though we are still a young team, I feel we have the talent and depth to do that this season,” said Coach Bosque.

“Last year the team went 5-6, but the team is led by senior tri-captains Rickie Entzian, Justin Horvath and Izyah Newcom, and also includes seniors Matt Ernst, Simon Siqzenza, Cruz Juarez, Hunter Wiezorek, Matt Coleman, Louis Juarez and Elias Kirsten. Other returning lettermen include Alex Mroz, Noah Szemore, Nick Pingel, Dominic Rulli, Paul Dieringer, Jacob Imus, Christian Dennis, Collin Linner and Tyler Bickle.”

“We have quite a few newcomers this year with some being able to make an immediate contribution to the success expected of our team. With the help of assistant coaches — Rob Carrusco and Rex Morris — all of our athletes will see improvement in themselves somewhere,” concluded Coach Bosque.

**Girls’ tennis**

Coach Larry Daher is expecting to be more competitive this season.

“We have seven returning starters with experienced seniors and juniors,” said Daher. “The team has started the season off with a victory over Angola last week. We expect players Gabino Perez, Clayton Brown and Richie White to provide solid senior leadership both off and on the field this season,” said Coach Daher.

With 15 new players this season, Marian will have a total of 25 boys playing rugby for Marian this year.

**Boys’ track**

Track Coach Santiago J. Bosque “Bez” is also hoping to see improvement in his squad this season. “Our goal last year was to win some meets, and improve our speed and strength. We had limited success, but we are looking to improve with experience and hard work. This year we want to be more competitive. We have experienced players even though we are still a young team. We have talent in our youth and with desire and hard work. Our improvement will show,” said Coach Bosque.

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Easter, the greatest of feasts

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

Easter Sunday Jn 20:1-9

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his weekend the Church celebrates the greatest of its feasts, the feast of the Resurrection of the Lord, or Easter. It is the greatest of the feasts because it rejoices in the fulfillment of human salvation, finalized and completed when the Lord Jesus rose from death to new earthly life after having been crucified.

On Holy Saturday, after dusk, the Church presents its splendid liturgy of the Easter Vigil. Quite vividly in the vigilia’s readings the Church recalls the long history of God’s unfailing love for us.

For Easter itself, the first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. Speaking in behalf of all the Apostles, Peter capitalizes the life and mission of Jesus. More than a biography, it is a testament of God’s love for human-kind, given in Jesus, and in the Sacrifice of Jesus. It is an invitation to people to follow the Lord, a reassurance that God is with us still alive and well in Jesus, the Risen.

For the second reading, the Church offers a passage from the Epistle to the Colossians. This reading tells us, as it told its first audience, that we have been raised with Christ. We usually associate resurrection with death, in that resurrection is re-vivification after physical death. In the Pauline writings, resurrection also meant an event on earth while physical life is present. It is a resurrection over sin, voluntarily chosen by each disciple.

St. John’s Gospel supplies the last reading. It is the familiar story of Mary Magdalene’s early morning visit to the tomb where Jesus had been buried after being crucified. She found the tomb empty. Immediately, she hurried to Peter and the other disciples to give them the news.

Peter and the others took her word. At once they went to the tomb and saw for themselves that it was empty. The disciple whom Jesus loved saw the tomb. He was not bewildered. Strong in faith, he knew that Jesus had risen.

Reflection

The readings for this feast, as well as the feast of Easter itself, are overpowering in the richness and depth and breadth of their message. Jesus is the Savior! He lives forever!

In the Acts of the Apostles, it is clear that Peter and the Apostles were exercising a role given them earlier by Jesus, a commissioning documented in John and the other Gospels. Salvation in Jesus did not end when Jesus ascended. It lives in the Apostolic credentials, and ministry, of the Church.

Colossians, the second reading, calls us clearly and firmly to turn totally to Jesus. We must drown our sins, and in this we too rise, even now and not only after physical death. Sin is killing death. If we do not repent, our sins are final. They doom us to death. Nothing good ever can come from sin, from rejecting God.

Volumes have been written about these verses from the Fourth Gospel. Two figures are very important. The first is Mary Magdalene. The second is the Beloved Disciple, assumed to have been the Apostle John, although the Gospel never identifies this disciple by name.

Common between them is their unequalled love for Jesus. Mary of Magdala is an example for us all. Her faith was unquestioning. She played with fire by paying attention to the corpse of a condemned traitor. The Romans always were looking for conspiracies, and they played for keeps. Yet, disregarding the risk, and indeed not knowing what she would find, Mary went to the tomb.

The Beloved Disciple realized what had happened. The great early Christian figures call us to trust in the Lord relentlessly. We cannot predict or control everything. The ultimate fact is that we need Jesus. He lives. He will guide us and save us.

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Easter Sunday

Jn 20:1-9

Last week I flew to San Francisco. My second oldest son was a top fundraiser for a charity that is close to my heart and I wanted to surprise him by attending. Then, I headed down to Los Angeles, where my oldest son just made a big career change.

As I stared out the window on the way home from both visits, it occurred to me that traveling has over time improved my spiritual and religious life. That might initially sound weird, but please
Our Holy Week retreat

I remember the saddest thing I ever heard about Lent. A few years ago one of my teachers remarked, “Lent is when you get to choose how you suffer.” It was a wise, penetrating comment, yet I still can’t relate to it completely. Of course, I do understand what he meant. Yet for me it doesn’t show the full picture, because in my family Lent is not just a desert of solitude and sacrifice. Lent — particularly Holy Week, — is a time that everyone in my family looks forward to throughout the year. Three times a year someone asks, “What’s better, Christmas or Easter?” We always debate it for a while, but Easter invariably wins — not so much because of Easter Sunday itself, but because of what leads up to it.

We all love Holy Week. Along with the “Christmas or Easter” conversation, we often discuss which of the Holy Week liturgies is our favorite, and which aspects of each are most meaningful to us. My younger sister Margaret and I are always doing the prayers singing the priests washing the feet at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper and prostrating themselves before the Good Friday Cross begins. The little kids have always enjoyed getting to bang on the pews during the Office of Tenebrae. My dad has always found the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday particularly meaningful. And of course, everyone loves standing around the Easter Vigil Fire and holding the candles in the church afterward. Much as Holy Week is a part of our family life now, however, it wasn’t always that way. As recently as 10 years ago, we only attended the Easter Sunday morning Mass. I have few early memories of the other Holy Week liturgies. In fact, I recall the first time we went to the Easter Vigil. We had a family discussion. Who would go, and who would stay home with the little ones? My sister Margaret and I ended up going with my mom. I made it through the many readings, but lay down in the pew after Communion and fell asleep. On the drive home we congratulated ourselves on the car clock — 12:10 a.m. — and were altogether proud of ourselves for staying up so late to witness such a beautiful Mass. We hummed the music around the house for the next six weeks.

After that our Holy Week liturgy attendance became much more regular. My sisters and I picked our favorite music, and the visits through the week to see if the choir would sing the same piece the next time.

My favorite by then was the Holy Thursday Mass, and when I was first scheduled to play violin for it, my joy was great. By the beginning of high school, I was regularly playing violin for the liturgies, which added a new depth of meaning to each of them. Soon after my sister Margaret followed me, and now our musical commitment has become a huge part of our family’s Holy Week and Easter experience.

Our appreciation of the Triduum as a whole has also changed. Slowly, Holy Saturday has become a family day. It’s no longer a special day where we almost always leave town and go somewhere quiet, to be able to think and pray. Without even asking my parents if we planned to do the same thing this year, I canceled everything I had scheduled for this coming Holy Saturday. It’s become the tradition.

The ages of the kids in our family spans a decade — seven to twenty. It’s become sparkling clear how I become grateful during the very moments before me when I travel, when I have to look at the map, and when I spend the most of the time in front of a device near the side of the bed. I am grateful for the quiet time away to think and reflect upon my life and the state of my soul, and I pray spontaneously, naturally with thankfulness to God for all I have been given. “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.” — Col. 3:16.

Traveling gives me time and distance for perspective. All those hours stretching before me in a plane (or car) offers me a chance to do an examination of conscience. How did I fail today? What attitudes will help me remedy that? How did I succeed? How do I make the most of the time in front of me the rest of the day? I think of the Ten Commandments and how I ought be applying them in my life. Am I being an instrument of truth, beauty and goodness in this world? In the quiet of the moments before me when I travel, it becomes sparkling clear how I can be a better wife, mother, friend and person.

Traveling forces me to rely on myself, and in turn, God. While traveling I have to look at the map and make decisions. I have to pay attention. I have to overcome my fears and realize ultimately I am dependent on God. I find myself quietly saying things like, “OK, Lord, help me figure this out.” Or “Now what?” Getting out of the familiar I am challenged to use my intelligence and to trust both my prayerfully guided judgment and God.

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Easter liturgy color

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Gospel for April 5, 2015


Following is a word search based on the afternoon Gospel reading for Easter Sunday. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

**SCRUPTURE SEARCH**


**EVERYDAY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12**

hear me out. Here’s how traveling helped me be a better Catholic: I become grateful during my time away. Just observing other people and how they live, I appreciate my husband, my home, my house, and even little things like my cool soft comfy pillow. I also become grateful for the sweet nectaries I have a chance to enjoy when I travel. Checking into the hotel last weekend, I was met with dimmed lights in a sweet smelling room and classical music playing softly from a device near the side of the bed. I am grateful for the quiet time away to think and reflect upon my life and the state of my soul, and I pray spontaneously, naturally with thankfulness to God for all I have been given. “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.” — Col. 3:16.

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**Traveling helps me learn compassion.** Many of the people I meet in my travels live lives very different from mine. They have varied backgrounds. Their viewpoints are often vastly different. It is interesting to discover why they think the way they do, and that some of their choices are based on a worldview presented to them when they were young. God made them. God loves them. I feel called to emulate Mother Teresa who said, “If you judge people, you have no time to love them.” I choose to love them and trust that God, who truly knows their hearts, will judge them best. **Based on these readings: Acts 10: 43a, 37-42; Col 3:1-4; In 20: 1-9 and Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20: 19-31**
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WHAT’S HAPPENING carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today’s Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or email: fhogan@diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

Young adults evening of discernment
Granger — A Discernment Night for Young Adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, will be Friday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Church. Contact Sean Allen at sallen@diocesefwsb.org or 858-354-9006 for information.

Spaghetti dinner planned
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, April 9, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults and $2.50 for children 5-12.

Trivia night planned
Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish will hold a trivia night, Saturday, April 11, in the activity center. Doors open at 6 p.m., game begins at 7 p.m. Cost is $10 per person, maximum 10 people per table, other fun games are $1 each. Bring your own snacks, beverages will be available for purchase. For information contact Pam at 260-489-6931 or pam.mclaughlin100@yahoo.com.

Mass Mob gathering announced
South Bend — The monthly Mass Mob will gather at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 11, at St. Casimir Church, 1308 West Dunham. Visit southbendmassmob.com for information.

Catholic Business Network Group
Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network Group will meet Friday, April 10, beginning with Mass at 7 a.m. in the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. Dave MacDonald of Catholics on a Mission will speak on reducing homelessness following Mass in the Cathedral Center. Refreshments provided by Redeemer Radio.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
South Bend — The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena begins Good Friday, April 3 and ends Saturday, April 11 at Immaculate Conception Church, 500 East 7th Street, Auburn 46706.

St. Vincent de Paul School
Elkhart, IN

The Catholic Schools Office is accepting applications for St. Vincent’s Elementary School Principal

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* Expanding to Middle School beginning with 7th grade for 2015/16
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* Experienced and dedicated staff
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- Devout Practicing Roman Catholic
- Leadership and Administrative Skills
- 5 years of experience in Catholic Schools as teacher or administrator
- Spanish fluency is preferred, but not required
- Eligible for Indiana Administrative license

Employment begins July 1, 2015
For more information and application, contact: Rhonda Scher at the Catholic Schools Office P.O. Box 390, Ft. Wayne, IN 46801 (260) 422-4611 x 3335

Applications on the web at:
www.diocesefwsb.org/Administrative-Application
Applications to be reviewed beginning April 27, 2015.
PATH AND CROSS DISPLAYED AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

“The Path and Cross of Calvary,” shown at left, was designed by Anne Zulis and is displayed at St. John the Baptist Church, South Bend. Vincentian Father Vincent Joseph Rathappillil, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, uses this exquisite display to help the children understand Lent, the death of Christ and Easter.

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