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Diocesan men become battle ready to fight their Goliaths

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Over 1,200 men from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend were armed for spiritual warfare to battle their Goliaths at the Rekindle the Fire Annual Diocesan Men's Conference held at the Fort Wayne Coliseum Expo Center on Feb. 20.

Speakers Matt Fradd, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio and Jesse Romero were the featured speakers who provided the tools for men to take home and use in their faith daily.

Father Jacob Meyer, parochial vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, served as the masters of ceremonies for the event. Priests from across the diocese journeyed to the coliseum to make the sacrament of Reconciliation available for nearly five hours throughout the day.

Throughout the conference, the Abba Prayer for Men, which offers a Catholic vision of masculinity, was introduced and encouraged to become a part of daily prayer. For resources, the men could visit AbbaChallenge.com.

Speaker Matt Fradd's message to the men spoke of his commitment to expose the reality behind



Jerry Kessens

Over 1,200 men from across the diocese and multiple states gathered on Feb. 20 for the Sixth Annual Rekindle the Fire Annual Diocesan Men's Conference held at the Fort Wayne Coliseum Expo Center on Feb. 20. Above, Matt Fradd offered the first talk of the day, which exposed the realities of the struggles of pornography addiction. The conference's theme was "Battle Your Goliaths." Speakers also included Marcellino D'Ambrosio and Jesse Romero. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass at the closing of the conference.

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'No more death, no more exploitation,' pope says at U.S.-Mexico border

BY DAVID AGREN

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (CNS) — Speaking from the symbolic platform of the U.S.-Mexico border, Pope Francis pleaded for the plight of immigrants while warning those refusing to offer safe shelter and passage that their actions and inhospitable attitudes were bringing about dishonor and self-destruction as their hearts hardened and they "lost their sensitivity to pain."

Recalling the story of Jonah and his instructions from God to save the sinful city of Ninevah by telling the residents that "injustice has infected their way of seeing the world," Pope Francis' homily called for compassion, change and conversion on migration issues.

He alluded to Mexico and the United States as

Ninevah, the city he said was showing symptoms of "self-destruction as a result of oppression, dishonor, violence and injustice." He also said mercy was a way to win over opponents.

He also preached urgency.

"We cannot deny the humanitarian crisis, which in recent years has meant the migration of thousands of people, whether by train or highway or on foot, crossing hundreds of kilometers through mountains, deserts and inhospitable areas," Pope Francis said Feb. 17 to hundreds of thousands of people from both sides of the border.

"The human tragedy that is forced migration is a global phenomenon today. This crisis, which can be measured in numbers and statistics, we want

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Pope calls for jubilee moratorium on death penalty

BY JUNNO AROCHO ESTEVES

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis called for a moratorium on executions during the Year of Mercy and said the fifth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," applies not only to the innocent but to the guilty as well.

"Even a criminal has the inviolable right to life, a gift of God," he said Feb. 21 after reciting the Angelus with visitors gathered in St. Peter's Square.

Marking the beginning of an international conference "For a world without the death penalty," sponsored by the Community of Sant'Egidio, the pope expressed hope that it will strengthen efforts to abolish the death penalty.

Increasing opposition worldwide to the death penalty as "an instrument of legitimate social defense" is "a sign of hope," he said.

"This issue has to be considered within the perspective of a penal justice, which is more and more in compliance with human dignity and God's plan for humanity and society," the pope said.

The pope appealed to world leaders to reach an international consensus on the abolition of the death penalty. He also proposed Catholic government leaders "make a courageous and exemplary gesture by seeking a moratorium on executions during this Holy Year of Mercy."

"All Christians and people of goodwill are called today to work not only for the abolition of the death penalty, but also to improve the conditions of life in prison, in the respect of human dignity of people deprived of freedom," he said.

In his remarks before reciting the Angelus prayer, the pope recalled his Feb. 12-17 visit to Mexico, calling it an "experience of transfiguration."

"The Lord has shown us the light of His



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The shackled feet of a bombing suspect in Bangkok, Thailand, are seen as he is escorted by officers and prison personnel to Military Court Feb. 16. Pope Francis asks world leaders for a Jubilee Year moratorium on the death penalty.

glory through the body of the Church, of His holy people that live in this land — a body so often wounded, a people so often oppressed, despised, violated in its dignity. The various encounters we experienced in Mexico were truly full of light: the light of a faith that transfigures faces and enlightens our path," he said.

The main goal of his trip, he added, was his visit to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe to pray before the miraculous image of Mary.

"I contemplated and I allowed myself to be gazed upon by she who carries imprinted in her eyes the gaze of all of her children, gathering up the sorrows caused by violence, kidnapping, assassinations, the violence against so many poor people, against so many women," he said.

Pope Francis also gave thanks to God for

his meeting with Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill of Moscow, calling it "a prophetic light of the Resurrection which the world today needs more than ever."

"May the holy mother of God continue to guide us on the path of unity," the pope said.

Before concluding his address, the pope prescribed some "spiritual medicine" to the faithful for the Lenten season: the rosary.

Volunteers, including some poor, homeless and refugees along with religious, distributed small white boxes with an anatomical drawing of the human heart that contained a rosary along with the Divine Mercy image of Jesus.

"Receive this gift as a spiritual help to spread love, forgiveness and brotherhood, especially during this Year of Mercy," the pope said.

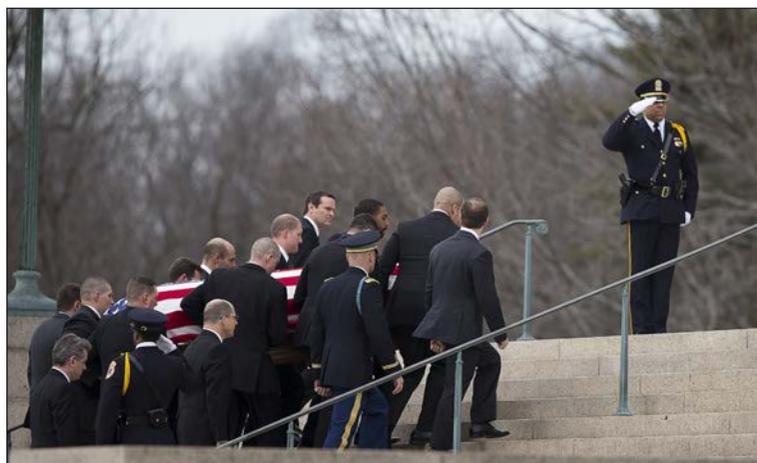
The deeper his faith, the better public servant Scalia was, says son

BY MARK ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Just as many pilgrims are passing through the Holy Door at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in this Year of Mercy, the casket bearing the body of the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia entered through the door Feb. 20.

Father Paul Scalia, the justice's son and the main celebrant and homilist at his father's funeral Mass, said the fact that Scalia's casket was carried through that door of mercy was a great blessing. In his homily, he emphasized that his father was a man of faith, dedicated to his family and service to his country, a man who relied on God's mercy and was sustained through the sacraments.

"We give thanks that Jesus brought him to new life in baptism, nourished him with the Eucharist and healed him in the confessional," Father Scalia said in his homily. "God blessed Dad with a deep Catholic faith, the conviction that Christ's presence



CNS photo/Tyler Orsburn

Pallbearers carry the casket of the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia up the steps at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington for his Feb. 20 funeral Mass.

and power continue in the world today through His body, the Church."

Speaking of his father's devotion to his Catholic faith, Father Scalia said, "He loved the clarity and coherence of the Church's teachings. He treasured the Church's ceremonies, especially the beauty of her ancient worship. He trusted the power of her

sacraments as the means of salvation, as Christ working within him for his salvation."

Father Scalia, a priest of the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia, is episcopal vicar for clergy for the diocese, where the late justice lived with his family.

The elder Scalia died Feb. 13 of natural causes while in Texas for a hunting trip. He was 79. He

is survived by his wife, Maureen, and by the couple's nine children and 36 grandchildren.

As bells tolled, family members accompanied his flag-draped casket up the steps into the national shrine and down its main aisle as the congregation sang the hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past." The family then sat in a front section as the casket was placed at the base of the steps leading to the main altar.

At the Mass were the eight remaining members of the U.S. Supreme Court: Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts Jr. and Associate Justices Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen G. Breyer, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan. Retired Justices John Paul Stevens and David H. Souter also were present.

Other dignitaries in attendance included: Vice President Joe Biden; U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch; former Vice President Dick Cheney; former Speaker of the House Newt

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the fantasy of pornography and offered tips to protect families from the dangers of Internet pornography. His goal is to set men and women free from the harms of pornography and to fight it every day.

Struggling in the past with pornography himself, Fradd spoke of how he received both good and bad advice — even in the confessional. “Pornography addiction is a relatively new phenomena,” he said, “and we are all trying to understand this thing.”

He said it is not just a spiritual problem, so it is not helpful to say, “Just pray about it.” He added, it would be good to counsel, “Are you seeing someone about this (addiction)?”

Images of pornography are burned into the brain. Fradd’s advice was “when those images come back to your memory, don’t just pray against the temptation, pray ‘for’ the temptation. Pray for this victim of pornography. Pornography separates body from soul.”

He offered an example of the prayer when the image resurfaces: “Jesus I give you this woman, this victim of the porn industry.” Fradd suggests humanizing her. What are her dreams; what about her family, her siblings?

In overcoming pornography addiction, Fradd suggested prayer and fasting. Pray the rosary, go to the Blessed Mother and ask her to help you love her Son more. He also recommended a free app called “Victory,” which offers a daily calendar to assess progress and setbacks, track Confessions and set up accountability partners.

Fradd’s book “Delivered” has sold 50,000 and has stories of hope and honesty of people who have been set free from pornography. He also highly recommended Covenant Eyes, a filtering and accountability software. “It is the best filtering software on the web, second to none,” he said. “It blocks the bad stuff. If you have children, don’t give them a phone, don’t give them an X-box” without this filtering software.



Photos by Jerry Kessens

At the Rekindle the Fire Conference on Feb. 20, Jesse Romero offers “on fire evangelization” and challenges men to be “sheepdogs” — to be willing to protect their families. Encouraging men to pray daily, he spoke of his book for men, “Lord, Prepare My Hands for Battle,” with prayers written for men to stand firm and rush to the battle lines with Jesus in one’s heart.

“Don’t buy it (the technology and electronics) unless you are willing to monitor it,” he emphasized. “I believe we will be held accountable if we give our children unfettered access to pornography. Don’t say, ‘I trust my children.’ The problem is not our trust in our children. The problem is our misguided trust in the Internet.”

Marcellino D’Ambrosio, who holds a doctorate in theology and biblical interpretation, spoke to the men about spiritual exercise. He emphasized a father’s role to be a spiritual leader in his family. Traditionally that role has been to bring food to the table to feed the family, but “spiritual food is also important,” D’Ambrosio said.

This cannot be done by just priests and bishops. “We are pastors of our families,” he said. “We need to bring spiritual truth to the family.”

A father who just brings home the bacon is doing an inadequate job. “Kids get a firm foundation from a father’s love,” D’Ambrosio said.

“Without a father’s love, without the affirmation of a father, a lot of times kids’ foundations are really shaky,” he added.

He said it is important to have fun with our children. It is a way of accepting them. Rejoicing and laughing together is important. And be humble — and laugh at yourself — recommended D’Ambrosio.

His website, [sinitiative.com offers encouragement in pursuit of holiness. The Crossroads Initiative is a band of wayfarers who’ve been gripped by the life and teaching of Jesus Christ and are trying to become His disciples.](http://www.crossroad-</p>
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After lunch and “Interactive Battle Sessions” with the individual speakers, including one session for young adult men with Fradd, the men were energized by Jesse Romero. Romero is a former Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff and kickboxer turned Catholic lay evangelist.

He offered several examples of sheep, who comprise most people of society and live in denial. He spoke of wolves who feed on the sheep without mercy — evil men capable of doing evil deeds. Wolves also include the men who have “checked out,” are lukewarm and indifferent and useless to the Good Shepherd.

He encouraged the men to be sheepdogs. They live to protect the flock from the wolves. Sheepdogs, though aggressive, would never hurt anybody who is innocent.

Romero also was the speaker at a presentation, “How to Be a Good Catholic: 12 Ways to Begin,” on the evening prior for Hispanic men of the diocese. Spanish-speaking men of the diocese found themselves encouraged to take small steps that culminate in a fully Catholic spirituality and lifestyle.

He counseled those present to fight the lure of sloth, pornography and other persistent sins for the sake of eternal life with Christ.

“Your physical desires and your spirit are engaged in battle at every moment,” Romero said. “Which one will win? The one you feed.” His 12 steps for fighting temptation included attending Mass every Sunday and on holy days of obligation, going to Confession at least once a year, receiving Communion at least once per year and financially supporting one’s parish.

Bishop Rhoades closed the conference with the celebration of the Mass.

In his homily, which celebrated the Transfiguration, Bishop



Public Schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

- Sunday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m. — Mass at Holy Spirit Chapel, Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame
- Monday, Feb. 29, 5:15 p.m. — Mass and Dinner at Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame
- Tuesday, March 1, 12:30 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Finance Council, Holiday Inn Express, Warsaw
- Wednesday, March 2, 10:30 a.m. — Lenten Day of Recollection for Priests, St. Martin de Porres Church, Syracuse
- Wednesday, March 2, 5:30 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Review Board, Holiday Inn Express, Warsaw
- Thursday, March 3, 12 p.m. — Meeting of Steering Committee of Annual Bishop’s Appeal, Oakwood Inn, Syracuse
- Friday, March 4, 7 a.m. — Mass and Breakfast with Catholic Business Network, St. Theodore Guérin Chapel, Fort Wayne



Keynote speaker Marcellino D’Ambrosio, left, signs one of his books after his talk at the Rekindle the Fire Annual Diocesan Men’s Conference. Rekindle the Fire representative Tony Staley, center, offers support.

Rhoades said, “The event of the Transfiguration involves an ascent and a descent. Jesus took Peter, James and John and ascended a high mountain to pray.”

On Mount Tabor, Peter, James and John see Jesus transfigured while He was praying. His face shone like the sun and His clothing became dazzling white.

“The apostles briefly glimpsed the divine glory of Jesus,” Bishop Rhoades said. “What a remarkable experience it must have been: to see the light of Christ’s divinity! And not only did they see this with their eyes, but they also heard with their ears this great revelation. They heard God the Father proclaim: ‘This is My chosen Son. Listen to Him.’”

Peter, James and John glimpsed the divine glory of Jesus, the glory that illumines the whole history of salvation represented by Moses and Elijah, figures of the Law and the Prophets.

“That moment of glory on Mount Tabor was not meant to last even though Peter wanted it to,” Bishop Rhoades said. “He wanted to make three tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. But Jesus had a mission to accomplish. His intimate dialogue with the Father in prayer led Him to adhere with all His being to the Father’s will. That meant that He had to descend Mount Tabor, go to Jerusalem, and ascend another mountain, Golgotha. Jesus was determined, decisively oriented, to fulfill His mission, to embark on the new exodus with the new Passover, to pass through the

passion and death on the cross in order to liberate the human race from sin and to lead us to glory.”

“Our Christian lives also involve ascending and descending,” Bishop Rhoades noted. “The Lord invites you and me to ascend the mountain with Him, to be men of prayer. We must not be too lazy to climb that mountain: to seek to encounter God by entering a space of silence to converse with Him. That’s what the Father told Peter, James and John: to listen to His Son. Prayer is precisely that: listening to Jesus. We need the grace to listen, to nourish our faith with the Word of God. He desires to speak to us. At times, He may give us glimpses of His glory, consolations and inspirations in prayer. Other times, not. But that’s up to Him.”

The bishop added, “My brothers, we shouldn’t consider prayer as something accessory or optional in our lives. It’s a necessary part of discipleship.”

Bishop Rhoades added, “Lent is a time when we learn a little more how to ascend the mountain to pray. And it’s a time through fasting and almsgiving to learn how to descend with brotherly love for others, to take up the cross, and to follow Jesus more diligently. Let us follow Jesus from Mount Tabor to Mount Calvary so as to ascend with Him ultimately to the mountain of heaven.”

Jodi Magallanes contributed to this story.



Men attending the Rekindle the Fire conference gathered in groups for discussion and fellowship throughout the day.

Servus Omnium: The importance of servant leadership discussed as USF's annual breakfast

BY MADELINE RICHEY

FORT WAYNE — Greg Erlandson, who recently retired after nearly 27 years with Our Sunday Visitor Publishing, serving 16 years as president and publisher, spoke at the fourth annual Servus Omnium lecture on Feb. 9. Erlandson, who won the Francis de Sales Award for "Outstanding Contributions to Catholic Journalism" last year, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Association of Catholic Publishers this month, examined servant leadership in his lecture "The Servant of All: Reflections on the Paradox of Leadership."

Approximately 250 people from Fort Wayne and the surrounding area gathered to hear Erlandson speak, meet with other community members and enjoy a Mardi Gras celebration. USF president Sister of St. Francis Sister M. Elise Kriss opened the event with a warm welcome, followed by a blessing from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for the breakfast buffet.

"No one is more miserable than a man who hates his job," began Erlandson. Telling the story of his first job as a janitor, he compared it to the daily misery of the clown who painted faces and made animal balloons all while muttering angrily under his breath.

"Do something you love,"



Tess Steffen

Greg Erlandson, the former president and publisher of Our Sunday Visitor Publishing in Huntington, was the speaker for the Servus Omnium lecture on Feb. 9 at the University of Saint Francis.

Erlandson advised. "Don't waste your time — it makes you hateful and sad."

The moral of the story, he explained, is not that a job

makes a man, but rather that a man makes the job. Erlandson learned this lesson early in life and later applied it to his roles in leadership positions.

"I began to see leadership as a form of service and I began to reflect on my faith, and how it affected the way I did my job," Erlandson said. He admitted that incorporating faith and service into a leadership role is not always easy. "I believe servant leadership is about conversion. The paradox is that we are called to serve and be a leader."

In today's world, where leaders are often seen simply as managers whose sole task is to

oversee work being done, this is not always an easy task.

This paradox is not a new development, but something Erlandson believes dates back to Jesus' vision of leadership that involved "the leader as the servant."

"In our Church," said Erlandson, "this message of service is enacted every Holy Thursday." It is a message that Pope Francis has made great strides to act out in his daily interactions. Erlandson personally witnessed the Holy Father celebrating his birthday with the staff at the hotel where he lives, taking time to converse with and counsel one staff member's mother who was fighting cancer. Pope Francis takes his cue for servant leadership from St. Francis of Assisi, who said, "Because I am the servant of all, (in Latin, 'servus omnium') I am obliged to serve all and to administer the fragrant words of my Lord to them." This message is even more important when those Erlandson calls "Professional Christians" fall into the easy trap of thinking that work is enough. "We think we've done our part at the office 40 hours a week," he warned, but in reality that is only a part of being a Christian leader, constantly being watched as an example to others.

"As a leader you are always being watched," said Erlandson. Accordingly, a leader must lead not by words alone but also by action, being especially mindful of the way they treat others. "Because we sign someone's paycheck does not mean we are better than them or more beloved in the eyes of God," he said. Rather a leader has more responsibility to help that person reach their full potential, listening to their input, prompting those who are shy to contribute and giving

clear instruction. At the same time, Erlandson said, "You can't do everything by consensus." The fruits of this labor are found in watching those under leadership develop their God-given talents, often becoming leaders in their own right.

The importance of being a servant leader has recently been thrust into the public eye by Pope Francis. In turn, his message has been taken up by Christian leaders each in their own way to further the message of leading by example and through service to others. Erlandson believes this ought to function best in the opposite way of traditional leadership: rather than a triangle with the leader at the top, it should be upside-down with the leader at the bottom, supporting his or her direct reports, and through them the staff they oversee, until it reaches the widest spread portion of the organization.

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Gingrich; and Sens. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Ted Cruz, R-Texas. Cruz, currently a candidate for president, once served as a Supreme Court clerk.

Washington Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, welcomed Justice Scalia's family members and friends and the dignitaries to the Mass and acknowledged the presence of Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, and Arlington Bishop Paul S. Loverde.

Other Catholic leaders at the Mass included Auxiliary Bishop Richard B. Higgins of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services; Msgr. Walter R. Rossi, rector of the national shrine; and John Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America. Nearly 100 priests celebrated the Mass and were joined by about 36 deacons. The congregation of 3,300 people included Catholic laypeople and women and men religious, as well as guests of many different faiths.

The cardinal expressed "our heartfelt sympathy at the loss of your husband, your father, your grandfather and friend, and we once again pledge our prayers that God will grant him eternal rest and grant you comfort and consolation."

Leonard Leo, a friend of Justice Scalia who is executive vice president of the Federalist Society, read the first reading from the Book of Wisdom, which opened with, "The souls of the just are in the hands of God."



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Exposure of fetal remains disposal practices prompts legislative action

INDIANAPOLIS — A state investigation exposing fetal remains disposal practices prompts a heightened need to take legislative action in the final weeks of February. The Indiana Catholic Conference agrees proper handling of fetal remains should be addressed this year.

A bill requiring fetal remains to be buried or cremated gained momentum in the Senate, Feb. 17, as the Senate Health and Provider Services Committee heard testimony. A day earlier, the *Indianapolis Star* reported the findings of an investigation that a local company violated its permit and was fined over \$11,000 for improperly disposing of fetal tissue.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management's investigation found that MedAssure, a waste disposal company on the west side of Indianapolis, accepted three to six 31-gallon containers a week over the past four years including remains from a Missouri lab that services Planned Parenthood. Indiana's investigation was prompted by a video sting operation conducted by the Center for Medical Progress, which has gained national attention and revealed unethical fetal tissue handling practices by Planned Parenthood.

The fetal remains proposal, House Bill 1337, authored by Rep. Casey Cox, R-Fort Wayne, seeks to address this concern. Senate sponsor of the bill, Sen. Mike Young, R-Indianapolis, presented the bill before the Senate panel, saying, "I have a company in my district that was just fined by IDEM for disposing of fetal remains without the proper permit." He said that the question is not whether the company had the proper permit or not, but the question is whether lawmakers

think it is okay to dispose of human bodies in this way. "There are four other companies in Indiana that dispose of fetal remains basically by putting them into a grinder, much the way that sausage is made, grinding the body up into parts and then putting them into a landfill," said Young. "We just don't think that's the proper way to dispose of a human body."

Young said House Bill 1337 prohibits any company from either bringing in or shipping out "the bodies of little babies" from a miscarriage or abortion and designates the remains are to be cremated or buried. Under the bill, fetal remains would not be considered medical waste. Another aspect of the bill requires informed consent to be conducted in private. Young said the reason for private informed consent is quite clear. "If the mother has a question, she might be uncomfortable or embarrassed to ask if it is done in a group setting."

Cathy Humbarger, representing Indiana Right to Life, told the Senate panel, "There is nothing in this bill that limits the legal right for a woman to have an abortion; in fact, it gives her more information to make her choice." She added, "Narrowing the method of disposal for aborted babies does not limit access to a woman seeking an abortion because the baby is already dead." She said the legislation directs how and where the babies' bodies will be handled.

Humbarger said that there have been numerous accounts of aborted babies being found in dumpsters, on loading docks and being ground up in garbage disposals in abortion facilities. Also that aborted babies are being ground up in waste treatment plants or microwaved to remove

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toxicity and being dumped in landfills. "Several states have outlawed dumping aborted babies in landfills, yet that is still legal in Indiana. Landfills are for garbage, not the bodies of aborted babies." Humbarger said, "What we do know is aborted babies from Missouri are being sent to Indiana and dumped in landfills."

Also testifying in support of the bill, Glenn Tebbe, executive director for the Indiana Catholic Conference said, "It is well established that the Catholic Church is opposed to abortion. Although because abortion is legal, we believe regulation of it is in the common good. We see this issue as important because it ensures proper care and disposal of a fetus given the sacred nature of the human person. Treating the dead with respect is a duty, and we believe by doing this we are reminded of our own mortality and it provides for the common good."

Testifying in opposition to the bill, Peggy Stover representing Planned Parenthood of Indiana

and Kentucky said her group is one of the state's "leading and most trusted" providers of "non-judgmental" healthcare. Stover said House Bill 1337 is a "bill about judging women, and limiting access to abortion." Sue Ellen Braunlin, M.D. of Indiana Religious Reproductive Choice echoed Stover saying that bill's purpose is to "shame women."

In his closing remarks, Rep. Cox said that there are far more

respectful ways than incinerating the fetal remains or dumping them in a landfill. "We are here for one reason only, to give dignity to the lives that were lost either in abortion or miscarriage."

House Bill 1337 passed the House, 74-23, on Feb 2. Tebbe said the proposal has a good chance of passing the Senate by the end of month.



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St. Aloysius Lenten Retreat set for March

YODER — St. Aloysius Parish will offer a Lenten retreat for all ages based on the book "St. John Paul the Great and His Five Loves," on March 6 from 6-7:30 p.m. and March 7 from 7:15-8:30 p.m. Father Ben Muhlenkamp will speak on topics close to the heart of this great saint: young people, human love/marriage and family, the Blessed Sacrament, Virgin Mary and the cross. Young people are especially encouraged to attend Sunday's talk as Father Muhlenkamp will include special topics of interest to them with a Mario Kart competition in the youth center following.

Bishop Luers receives grant for laptops

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School has received a grant from the Magee O'Connor Foundation, which has been used to purchase laptops for the library. Students will be able to use these laptops for research, homework, e-learning and much more.

Family Reading Night at St. Vincent School



Megan Kirkland

St. Vincent de Paul School in Elkhart held a Family Reading Night on Feb. 3. The evening's activities included a family style dinner, followed by Elkhart Mayor Tim Neese reading the book, "When I Grow Up," by Al Yankovic. Neese explained what it was like to be the mayor and answered students' questions. Activities also included "ice skating" (on paper plates) with their families in the school gym and pretending to be the main characters from the books that were read that night. At the conclusion, every student in attendance chose a book to take home.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Catholic School fair hosted by St. Anthony of Padua



Provided by St. Anthony of Padua Parish

St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Angola hosted a Catholic School Fair in January. The school board of St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett arranged the event. Two Catholic grade schools, two Catholic high schools and 10 Catholic colleges or universities displayed their schools and had representatives on hand to answer questions for several hundred visitors. St. Joseph Parish in Garrett, Immaculate Conception in Auburn, St. Michael Parish in Waterloo, St. Paul's Chapel in Clear Lake and St. Anthony Parish in Angola support St. Joseph Catholic School.

Brett Eastburn welcomed at Daddy-Daughter Dance

PLYMOUTH — The St. Michael Angels Club of Plymouth held their a Daddy-Daughter Dance on Feb. 14 in the school cafeteria. The event included a chicken dinner, photos of each Angel Club member with their father, dancing and a presentation by Brett Eastburn of Tyner.

Eastburn was born with a congenital birth defect known as quadmembral limbs deficiency, which means he was born with no arms and no legs. Eastburn believes that he was born with no handicaps. He has played about every sport imaginable — even finishing fourth in the nation in wrestling while he was in high school.

Eastburn believes that God has made him the way he is so he can share his message to never give up and never say, "I can't." Saying you "can't" just means that you're not even going to try, he said.

Eastburn, with his wife Chrisa's help, has written a book entitled, "I'm Not Missing Anything." An internationally known motivational speaker and stand up comedian, Eastburn's website is bretteastburn.com.



St. Michael Angels Club members join Brett Eastburn for a photo.

St. Catherine Nix Settlement to offer women's reflection

COLUMBIA CITY — St. Catherine Church, Nix Settlement, will offer a Women's Morning of Reflection from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, at St. Catherine Church, State Road 9, south

of Columbia City. The morning will begin with Mass followed by breakfast in the church hall. Talks will be given on the many accomplishments of Dorothy Day who devoted her life to the care of the poor.

A goodwill offering will be taken to benefit Right-to-Life. For more information or to register call Linda Bustamante at 260-344-3112.

Saint Mary's College announces Jan Cervelli as president-elect

NOTRE DAME — South Bend native Jan Cervelli, a dean at the University of Arizona, will serve as the 12th president of Saint Mary's College. Mary L. Burke '85, chair of the Board of Trustees, introduced Cervelli as the president-elect recently at a celebratory event on campus. Cervelli will succeed President Carol Ann Mooney who will retire on May 31 after 12 years. Cervelli will begin her term on June 1 and will be formally installed as president at her inauguration in the late fall. Saint Mary's College currently has 1,557 undergraduate students and 35 graduate students.

"There is nothing that the Board of Trustees does that is more important than the hiring of the president. The person selected has a tremendous impact on both the day-to-day workings of the college and its future success," Burke said at the event.

"The board chose Jan, out of a strong pool of candidates, because of her sophisticated sense of building consensus, her strong commitment to shared governance, her experience in fundraising, building undergraduate and graduate programs, and her emphasis on sustainability. Her term will begin at a time when her keen aesthetic sensibility will influence potential outcomes from the college's recently completed campus master plan."

Cervelli is an academic and an administrator. She is dean of the College of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture and professor of Landscape Architecture at the University of Arizona. She became the first woman dean at Clemson University when she was selected as their dean of the College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities. She also served as associate dean for undergraduate studies and director of the Teaching and Learning Center at the University of Kentucky. While a faculty member at the University of Kentucky, Cervelli was recognized with the University Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award and as a Master Teacher by the Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society.

Cervelli's passion for landscape architecture took her to Purdue University for her undergraduate studies and the University of Guelph, Canada, for her terminal degree. She grew up in South Bend directly across the St. Joseph River from the Saint Mary's campus and is the product of two local Catholic schools with strong Holy Cross influences — Holy Cross School and Saint Joseph High School.



JAN CERVELLI



Living the Year of Mercy

Admonish the Sinner

Reflections from area clergy

BY KAY COZAD



Holy Cross Father Joseph Corpora, Missionary of Mercy for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend reflects, "One of the spiritual works of mercy is to admonish the sinner. What might this mean? To admonish the sinner means to help another person see where they are falling short of the person that God has made him/her to be, where healing and redemption yet need to happen in his/her life. The catch is, however, that this can only be done in a context of real love and mercy, with a real desire to serve the other person."



Father Tom Shoemaker of St. Therese, Little Flower offers this: "To admonish the sinner is to point out another person's sin and encourage

change. This is surely the most treacherous of the spiritual works of mercy. First, we cannot even think about pointing out other people's sin unless we are acutely aware of our own. We can't forget the Gospel warnings against the Pharisees and their self-righteousness. I have to humbly stand as a sinner speaking to another sinner. Second, the admonishing must always, always, be done in love and in charity. I cannot lash out at someone in anger; I cannot humiliate someone; and I cannot point out someone's sin in public. Quietly, humbly, compassionately, and as one sinner to another, we are called to admonish the sinner and in love to encourage a person to a better way of life."

As a confessor Father Shoemaker said, "Most people come to a confessor aware of their sins and repenting of them. The role of the confessor is to share the wonderful mercy of God with a fellow sinner. Sometimes, though, a confessor has to point out an area of sin, which the person doesn't recognize. Again, this must always be done in gentleness and in love. The person who has come for the sacrament comes in humility and with an intent to grow closer to God. A confessor must be gentle in pointing out sin that might not be recognized."

Others, Father Shoemaker said, can admonish the sinner. "Parents are surely the most active admonishers of sinners in the Church. Parents of young children are admonishing little sinners all day long. As children, all of us are taught right and wrong by our parents, as well as teachers, siblings and other adults around us. Most difficult, though, is the call that we all have to speak out in a public way about the sin of the world. When the society around us endorses sin, all of us need to speak out. Always humbly, always in charity, and always recognizing that we have our own sins, we

have to point out the sin that has become acceptable in society and yet damages us all."



Father Charles Herman of St. Francis Xavier in Pierceton said of the spiritual work, "I think first of all we have to look to the sacrament of Reconciliation, recognizing that it's ultimately Jesus and God who forgive us and through our good example going to the sacrament of Reconciliation we can assist those who aren't going. One thing I stress — we meet Jesus in every one of the sacraments so why wouldn't you want to go to the sacrament of Reconciliation?"

He offers this work by "having the additional times for the sacraments, telling the people the importance of the sacraments and letting them know how crucial it is to our faith, to the Catholic faith. We have something no other religion has... that's true of all our sacraments. And it's really spiritually beneficial. And we need to take that very seriously and unfortunately many people today do not. They don't avail themselves to that beautiful opportunity to meet Christ in the sacrament."



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Auxiliary Bishop Peter J. Byrne of New York blesses a woman after hearing her confession Dec. 9, 2015 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. The Archdiocese of New York's Young Adult Outreach office sponsored an evening that included Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and a Mass celebrated by New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan. More than 2,000 people attended the event.

Pope Francis hears Confession during penitential liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica at Vatican



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Pope Francis hears Confession during a penitential liturgy in early March 2015 in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. During his Aug. 2, 2015 Angelus, Pope Francis told people not to be afraid or ashamed to go to Confession.

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Welcoming God in their midst

Chaplain Father Grabner honors the dignity of each person

BY JENNIFER MILLER

NOTRE DAME —At Dujarie House at Holy Cross Villages, the dignity of each person and love of God is known and felt. From the first step through the wheelchair accessible door, each person is greeted with a smile and welcome. The air smells fresh and décor appears beautiful and festive for each appropriate holiday. Small touches of historical pictures of Holy Cross brothers, sisters and priests offer a reminder of the legacy and love practiced there. Most of all, a sense of peace, respect and care permeate the chapel.

Holy Cross Father Kenneth Grabner, chaplain there, sets this wonderful example, in harmony with the prayerful community members of the Dujarie House, by just walking into the chapel. Without anyone saying a word, God's presence is felt there.

Looking around the simple and beautiful stained-glass filled, modern chapel, there are typically 30 or more people at daily Mass. Everyone sits throughout the liturgy, in solidarity with those who cannot move on their own. Some are in wheelchairs, some are with great physical limitations with their loving spouse at their side caring for them throughout Mass; some there are religious brothers and priests, sisters and lay; there are the faithful who can walk from the independent living, the villas, and some who have



Jennifer Miller

Holy Cross Father Kenneth Grabner, chaplain at Dujarie House at Holy Cross Villages at Notre Dame, talks with a staff member.

to allow others to help them to move. Together they offer a beautiful liturgy. The invisible God is daily made visible in the midst of their gathering.

In his homilies, Father Grabner speaks clearly to each person where they are, whatever their physical or mental capabilities and offers them a mission of prayer and living the Christian life that is often not spoken of for seniors. American culture often equates one's work or output with worth, but in Catholicism one's being is of

greater importance.

Father Grabner highlights that and offers the senior community at Dujarie House that jewel, their ripening and deepening of the spiritual life at this critical time of their life. He speaks of God, like he actually knows and talks to God. Father Grabner has a gift for sharing complex theological truths in simple and readily accessible ways, all stated with beautiful truth and love. And the fruits are clearly felt.

From the kitchen staff to the environmental services and maintenance workers, it

is noticeable how everyone is friendly and respectful.

Father Grabner explains, "We all work together. Everybody here is responsible. Everybody contributes for the health of our clients."

The Catholic understanding of embodiment is practiced. "We offer that spiritual healing, a part of the human well being," he says. "The spiritual life is a part of the recovery of health."

As chaplain, he works across the buildings serving his fellow seniors "wherever they are, giving them whatever they are able

to receive. We respond to where they are." This acceptance and presence is important at Holy Cross Village.

Father Grabner notes, "Nothing is forced. We offer the sacraments to those who wish. I say, 'God, this is Your work and allow myself to be the conduit.'"

The priests offer and celebrate Mass twice a day, everyday as well as broadcasting it on the house television. There are spiritual discussion groups, Lenten series, Anointing of the Sick and the sacraments offered.

Father Grabner also recommends a lengthy period of silence daily to listen to God, as well as the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. "We have this built into us, the need for silence. It is human."

"I am first for the sacraments; also, here to listen, offer spiritual healing and as a companion, to remind them of their importance. For they, we, have evolved towards this part of life," Father Grabner says. He speaks so beautifully of acceptance of this senior stage of life, learning to let go, and to love that one listening to this wise, peace-filled chaplain realizes that he clearly practices it himself.

"God works (here)." Father Grabner says, clearly using the present tense. "I am so grateful."

Jennifer Miller and her children attend daily Mass at Dujarie House at Holy Cross Village.

WYD pilgrims gather for information, prayer



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Diocesan pilgrims who will attend World Youth Day events in Poland this summer attended an informational meeting at Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw on Feb. 11. Claire Stuerzenberger and Riley McCullough show their excitement for the upcoming WYD.



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A guide to Reconciliation

What is Reconciliation?

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

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

The forgiveness of sins involves four parts:

- **Contrition:** a sincere sorrow for having offended God, and the most important act of the penitent. There can be no forgiveness of sin if we do not have sorrow and a firm resolve not to repeat our sin.
- **Confession:** confronting our sins in a profound way to God by speaking about them — aloud — to the priest.
- **Penance:** an important part of our healing is the “penance” the priest imposes in reparation for our sins.
- **Absolution:** the priest speaks the words by which “God, the Father of Mercies” reconciles a sinner to Himself through the merits of the Cross.

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

Examination of conscience



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

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

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

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

Did I miss Mass on Sundays or holy days of obligation

through my own fault? Am I attentive at Mass? Did I keep fast and abstinence on the prescribed days?

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

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

Did I get drunk? Did I take illicit drugs?

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

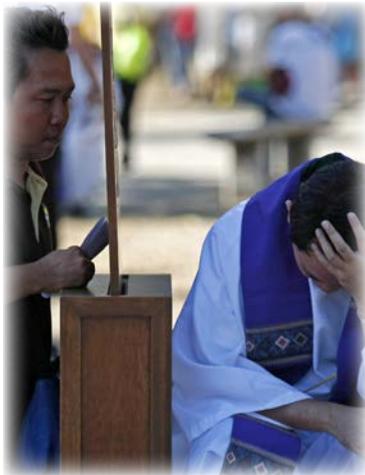
Did I willfully look at pornography, entertain impure thoughts, or engage in impure conversations or actions? Did I use artificial means to prevent conception?

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

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

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

Did I tell lies? Did I sin by calumny, or detraction, of others? Did I judge others rashly in serious matters?



St. Therese, Little Flower, South Bend

Friday, March 4

Noon: Opening Prayer Service of Mercy, Blessed Sacrament exposed

12:15-1 p.m.: Confessions
2 p.m.: Rosary, Joyful mysteries

3 p.m.: Rosary, Sorrowful mysteries

4-5:15 p.m.: Confessions

4:30 p.m.: Sung Evening Prayer

5:15 p.m.: Blessed Sacrament reposed

5:30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross (followed by optional soup supper in Parish Center)

7-8 p.m.: Lenten talks on works of mercy

7:30 p.m.: Blessed Sacrament exposed

7:30-8 p.m.: Confessions

9 p.m.: Rosary, Glorious mysteries

10 p.m.: Sung Night Prayer

10:15-10:45 p.m.:

Confessions

Adoration continues through the night until 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 5

7:30 a.m.: Blessed Sacrament reposed

8 a.m.: Mass

8:30 a.m.: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

8:30-9:30 a.m.: Confessions

9:30 a.m.: Eighth graders lead Rosary, Luminous mysteries

10:45 a.m.: Blessed Sacrament reposed. Stations of the Cross with art and music

11-11:30 a.m.: Confessions

11:45 a.m.: Closing Service

St. Joseph, South Bend

Friday, March 4

*12-3:30 p.m.: Adoration begins for the school. (*Due to dismissal and the construction around our property, Adoration will open to the public at 3:30 p.m.)

3:30 p.m.: Adoration open to the public and continues until 11 a.m. Saturday

4-6 p.m.: Confessions

7 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

8-11 p.m.: Confessions

Saturday, March 5

9-11 a.m.: Confessions

11 a.m.: Benediction

11 a.m.: Mass

Find a Parish

Holy Family, South Bend

Friday, March 4

Noon-5:30 p.m.: Adoration

Noon to 11 p.m.: Confession

3 p.m.: Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. - Midnight:

Adoration and Confession

Saturday, March 5

Midnight - 8 a.m.: Adoration

8:30 a.m. to Noon: Confession

8 a.m.: Mass

8:30-11 a.m.: Adoration

Noon: Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction

Christ the King, South Bend

Friday, March 4

9 a.m.: Adoration in church

3 p.m.: Adoration moved to Holy Cross Chapel (Adoration continues throughout)

Noon: Stations of the Cross (church)

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Evening Prayer

6-9 p.m.: Confessions (in confessionals)

9 p.m.: Night Prayer (Holy Cross Chapel)

Adoration overnight in Holy Cross Chapel

Saturday, March 5

8 a.m.: Mass

9 a.m. to Noon: Confessions (in confessionals)

Noon: Benediction

St. Mary of the Annunciation, Bristol

Friday, March 4

Noon: Opening Prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Exposition continues throughout the 24 Hours)

Noon-2 p.m.: Confessions

3 p.m.: Divine Mercy Chaplet

6 p.m.: Evening Prayer

6:15-8 p.m.: Confessions

8 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

10 p.m.: Rosary

11 p.m. to midnight:

Confessions (Adoration continues through the night)

Saturday, March 5

4 a.m.: Rosary

7 a.m.: Morning prayer

7:30-8:30 a.m.: Confessions

9 a.m.: Mass

11 a.m. to Noon: Confessions

Noon: Closing prayer

St. Thomas, Elkhart

Friday, March 4

Noon: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins

2:15 p.m.: Stations of the Cross for students

3 p.m.: Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:30 to 7 p.m.: Confessions

7 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

10 p.m. Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10-11 p.m.: Praise and

Worship music

11 p.m.: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, March 5

Midnight-7:45 a.m.:

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:45 a.m.: Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8 a.m.: Mass

8:30 a.m.: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues

9-10 a.m.: Confessions

11 a.m.: Taize music

11:45 a.m. to Noon:

Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. John the Evangelist, Goshen

Friday, March 4

8 a.m.: Mass in English

9 a.m.: Silent Adoration

(Adoration continues throughout 24 Hours)

9-10 a.m.: Confessions

6-6:30 p.m.: Mass in Spanish

6:30-7:30 p.m.: Confessions

6:30-9:30 p.m.: Silent

Adoration

9:30 p.m.-Midnight: Adoration continues with the Nocturnal Adoration Society

Saturday, March 5

Midnight-7:30 a.m.: Adoration continues with the Nocturnal Adoration Society

8-8:30 a.m.: Mass in English (First Saturday)

9 a.m. to Noon: Silent

Adoration

9-11 a.m.: Confessions

Noon: Solemn Blessing and Closing of the 24 Hours For the Lord

Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the "King of Glory," respectful silence in the presence of the "ever greater" God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications.

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St. John the Evangelist, Goshen

24 Horas Para el Señor Viernes, 04 de Marzo

8 a.m.: Misa en Ingles
9 a.m.: Adoración Silenciosa
9-10 a.m.: Confesiones
6-6:30 p.m.: Misa en Español
6:30-7:30 p.m.: Confesiones
6:30-9:30 p.m.: Adoración Silenciosa
9:30 p.m. – Medianoche Adoración con la Sociedad de Adoración Nocturna

Sabado, 05 de Marzo

Medianoche – 7:30 a.m. Adoración con la Sociedad de Adoración Nocturna
8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.: Misa en Ingles (Primer Sábado)
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Adoración en Silenciosa
9-11 a.m.: Confesiones
12 p.m.: Bendición Solemne

St. Francis Xavier, Pierceton

Friday, March 4

Noon: Mass, Lenten Weekday
12:45 p.m.: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Exposition continues throughout)
1-2 p.m.: Confessions
3 p.m.: Scriptural Rosary - The Sorrowful Mysteries
4-5 p.m.: Confessions
7 p.m.: Stations of the Cross
8 p.m.: Prayer Service for the Year of Mercy
8-9 p.m.: Confessions
10 p.m.: Scriptural Rosary - The Glorious Mysteries
11 p.m.-Midnight: Confessions
Saturday, March 5
Midnight: Stations of the Cross
3 a.m.: Scriptural Rosary - The Sorrowful Mysteries
5-6 a.m.: Confessions
8 a.m.: Prayer Service for Year of Mercy
9-10:30 a.m.: Confessions
10:30 a.m.: Holy Hour
11:30 a.m.: Mass, Lenten Weekday

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne

Friday, March 4

12:05 p.m.: Mass in Cathedral
12:30 p.m.: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (continues throughout)
1 p.m.: Quiet Prayer
3-4 p.m.: Hour of Greatest Mercy Prayers (Father George Gabet of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter)
4-5 p.m.: I Am With You Always (Funeral Ministry Hour)
4:30-5 p.m.: Confession
5-6 p.m.: We Proclaim (Lector Ministry Hour)
6-7 p.m.: Come To Me Hour For Teens (Youth Hour)
7 p.m.: Stations of the Cross
7:30-9 p.m.: Confession
8 p.m.: Quiet Prayer
9-10 p.m.: Eucharistic Secret To Preserve Love (Couple Prayer)
10-11 p.m.: Burmese Adoration and Confession
11 p.m.: Quiet Prayer

Saturday, March 5

Midnight-6 a.m.: Quiet Prayer
8 a.m.: Mass in Cathedral
8:30-9:30 a.m.: Confession
9 a.m.: Quiet Prayer
11 a.m.: Confession
11:30 a.m.: Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament

St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne

Friday, March 4

Noon-1 p.m.: Confessions with visiting priests
2 p.m.: Living Stations of the Cross with St. John the Baptist students
3 p.m.: Eucharistic Procession from Bishop Luers High School chapel to St. John the Baptist
4 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration for people with special needs
5-9 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration
7-9 p.m.: Penance Service and Confessions with visiting priests
9 p.m.: Stations of the Cross and Confessions
9:30-Midnight: Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

Saturday, March 5

Midnight-9:30 a.m.: Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions
9:30 a.m.: Mass
10 a.m.-Noon: Confessions with visiting priests

St. Jude, Fort Wayne

Friday, March 4

Noon: Liturgy of the Hours to begin 24 hours for the Lord
1 p.m.: Stations of the Cross
3 p.m.: Divine Mercy chaplet
4-6 p.m.: Confessions
6 p.m.: Mass
6:30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross
7-9:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7-8 p.m.: Confessions, and continuing till the last person is finished
9:30 p.m.: Night prayer with Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament
Quiet prayer in the church overnight
Saturday, March 5
7:30-8 a.m.: Confessions
8:15 a.m.: Mass
9-10:30 a.m.: Confessions
Noon: Liturgy of the Hours to conclude 24 hours for the Lord.

St. Vincent de Paul Church, Fort Wayne

Adoration will take place throughout the 24 hour period in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel unless otherwise noted.

Friday, March 4

Noon: "Pope Francis Year of Mercy" Stations of the Cross (main church)
1 p.m.: Sung version of Divine Mercy Chaplet with school children (main church)
3 p.m.: Divine Mercy Chaplet (main church)
3-5 p.m.: Confessions (main church)
5 p.m.: Scriptural Rosary - Sorrowful Mysteries (main church)
5:30-6:15 p.m.: Adoration moved to the main church
6:30 p.m.: Mass
7:15 p.m.: Stations of the Cross (main church)
8-10 p.m.: Confessions (main church)
9 p.m.: Scriptural Rosary (main church)
The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be open overnight, but the main church will be closed.
Saturday, March 5
8 a.m.: Mass (main church)
8:45-10:45 a.m.: Confessions (main church)
11 a.m.-Noon: Religious Education Reconciliation Service (main church)



24 HOURS for the Lord
March 4-5

Rosary

Prayed upon a string of beads and crucifix, the rosary is a cherished prayer in our Catholic Church. Introduced by the Creed, the Our Father, three Hail Marys and the Doxology ("Glory Be"), and concluded with the Salve Regina, the rosary involves reciting five decades, each consisting of one Doxology, one Our Father and 10 Hail Marys. During each decade, those praying the rosary meditate on the mysteries of our Lord's life and the faithful witness of our Blessed Mother.

These mysteries are called the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous mysteries, and they bring to mind our Lord's incarnation, His passion and death and His resurrection from the dead.

Scriptural Rosary

Scriptural rosaries contain all of the components of praying the rosary, and include the addition of passages of Scripture in between each of the Hail Mary prayers. Praying the Scriptural rosary enables us to draw closer to Jesus as we pray through the events of His life, based on the Scripture of the Bible.

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are reflected upon during the season of Lent. The Stations of the Cross are comprised of a series of 14 representations of each of the successive incidents from the Passion of Christ. Each of these representations can be identified with a wooden cross, plaques with artistic imagery set up in a church or with statues found outdoors, and visited in sequence, for prayer and meditation.

Adoration and Holy Hours

Adoration is simply a time to spend in quiet and profound honor of our Creator and Savior. Eucharistic Adoration is so important to Catholics that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy hours are the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops has created a variety of holy hours that focus our prayer to Jesus Christ on peace, life, vocations and other topics that are at the heart of the life of the Church and the world.

Vespers (also called Evening Prayer)

Vespers is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, which is known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world.

The Liturgy of the Hours includes several specified times of prayer. The most important times, called the "hinge hours," are Morning Prayer (which takes place upon rising) and Evening Prayer (which takes place as dusk begins to fall). The other hours are the Office of Readings (a service with a biblical reading and a reading from the Fathers or Church writers or a reading related to a saint which may take place at any time of day), a Daytime Prayer (which may take place at midmorning, midday, or midafternoon), and Night Prayer (said before going to sleep).

Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy chaplet is a prayer that was made known to St. Faustina in 1935 when she was pleading with God for mercy for the whole world.

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us. (Diary, 475)

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. Each of the beads of the decade, one is to pray "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." On each of the beads between the decades, the prayer from Faustina's Diary, 475 is to be prayed. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

Forever Learning Institute: A family of lifelong learners

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

SOUTH BEND — “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks!” This old saying has never been more discredited than by the work of the Forever Learning Institute. Located in the Parish Center at St. Therese, Little Flower Catholic Church in South Bend, the Forever Learning Institute has been offering low-cost courses to senior citizens since 1974.

The mission of Forever Learning Institute is to improve the quality and dignity of senior adult life through continuing intellectual challenge, spiritual reflection and social interaction. From “Beginning Arabic” to “Microsoft Office” and “Euchre for Fun,” the Forever Learning Institute provides a variety of courses where people over the age of 50 can both enhance and share their knowledge.

The Forever Learning Institute began as a vision of Holy Cross Father Louis Putz. A retired theology faculty member from the University of Notre Dame, Father Putz believed that life has three stages: the age of learning, the age of earning and the age of returning. The last of these, the returning stage of this life, is where one’s talents are given back to the community in service to others.

Father Putz had a vision of a school where volunteer teachers would affirm the dignity and quality of life in its later stages, providing intellectual growth, social interaction and spiritual



Provided by Sister Linda Kors, CSC

Students participate in classes provided through the Forever Learning Institute in South Bend.

reflection.

With this vision in mind, Father Putz began to take action. He met with advisory groups, secured a location and recruited volunteer teachers. Sister Madeline Adamczak of the Sisters of St. Joseph became the organization’s first executive director. In September of 1975, the Forever Learning Institute offered its first classes, serving 115 students through 22 different courses. Now in its 41st season and under the directive of Holy Cross Sister Linda Kors,

the Forever Learning Institute has become the most successful senior educational program in the area.

The 2016 spring semester will offer 110 classes to an anticipated 1,300 students, including classes at six off-campus locations.

Father Putz was known for saying that “service is a vehicle that adds years to your life and life to your years.” With over a plethora of community supporters, over 100 volunteer teachers and an entirely volunteer board,

the organization truly embodies Father Putz’s vision of service.

Elsie Nemeth, president of the board of directors and experienced teacher of 47 years, shares, “Father Putz understood the importance of teamwork, and therefore it was precisely why he emphatically stressed the importance of a volunteer faculty and board giving freely of their time and talents to be of service to others.”

Nemeth continues, “Our school creates a special environment where lives are enriched, lasting friendships are made, and desired learning by choice takes place.”

One member, Mary Catherine Beier, has enjoyed many classes at the Forever Learning Institute, experiencing the vision of Father Putz in action. Having known Father Putz personally, she shares how committed he was to his mission: Father Putz thoroughly believed that seniors should keep their minds alert and their bodies healthy.

Beier recalls him saying, “If all you do is sit in a rocking chair, don’t just sit there — rock!” Beier’s studies have included Hawaiian dance, poetry, calligraphy and sign language.

Nemeth adds, “This particular age group is quite unique because it desires to learn for the sheer joy of learning. Its energy and enthusiasm for life reminds me that every day is a blessing and a gift from above to be enjoyed and appreciated.”

She continues, “What I have come to witness and know

firsthand is the remarkable relationships we seniors at Forever Learning Institute have with one another. We are a team that consists of faculty, students, board members and staff. The sharing of knowledge, expertise, skills and wisdom that takes place are primary factors for the success of our school.”

The Forever Learning Institute is a diversified community united in the joy of learning. Participants come from all around, with many attending from as far away as Michigan. While the majority of participants are retired, this is not a requirement of participation and not all are.

The Forever Learning Institute offers two sessions annually: September-November and March-May. The 2016 spring semester begins March 7, and all courses run for 10 weeks, concluding the week of May 9, for one or two hours each meeting. For the first time, special “snow bird” classes are being offered, beginning the week of April 4.

Courses are open to everyone ages 50-plus, and the registration fee is only \$45. Need-based scholarships are available.

To register and join this family of lifelong learners, visit www.ForeverLearningInstitute.org and complete the online form, or print the registration form and drop it off at the Forever Learning Institute. Onsite registration is available March 1-3.

For information, visit www.ForeverLearningInstitute.org or call the office at 574-282-1901.

Henrietta Parrot:

Building a culture of generosity at Saint Anne Communities

BY AMBER SEWELL

FORT WAYNE — Henrietta Parrot sits in an oversized leather recliner in the Rehab Suites at Saint Anne’s. At 97 years young, she shares some of her most notable memories spanning 50 years of involvement with Saint Anne Communities. Having been

present for the groundbreaking ceremonies in 1966, she is truly part of Saint Anne’s foundation. “I remember it was kind of a nice day, right out there in the yard,” Parrot recalled. “I felt so excited that it was going to be built here in Fort Wayne. There were a lot of people who wanted it built outside of town. This woman, Geneva Davidson, left a lot of

money for a home for the aging and handicapped, and there was a great need for it here.”

As a member of the Marians, an organization of women from Catholic Charities, Parrot started serving as a regular volunteer at Saint Anne’s shortly after the doors opened. She served as the first activity director before such a position existed.

Her pale blue eyes sparkle as they gaze out the window into the snow-speckled courtyard and she recalls events she hasn’t thought of in decades.

“That year at Christmas, we brought in the first Christmas tree, the lights, the trimmings, everything,” she said. “My husband brought it in and set it up to the right of the fireplace out there. There were seven people who were residents here at that time. They were so thrilled with the tree they all huddled around it. It was a real Christmas. You see, they didn’t know they would have one.”

She described Saint Anne’s as having been “still in the rough. This was a new experience for the whole city. There really wasn’t such a thing as a home for the aging at that time.” She deftly recalled establishing routines, “... crafts on Tuesdays, BINGO on Wednesdays, tea on Thursdays. It was a great thing ... the place was really humming. On Tuesdays I always had a project for them. We would make things, like grade school kids do, but they loved it. One

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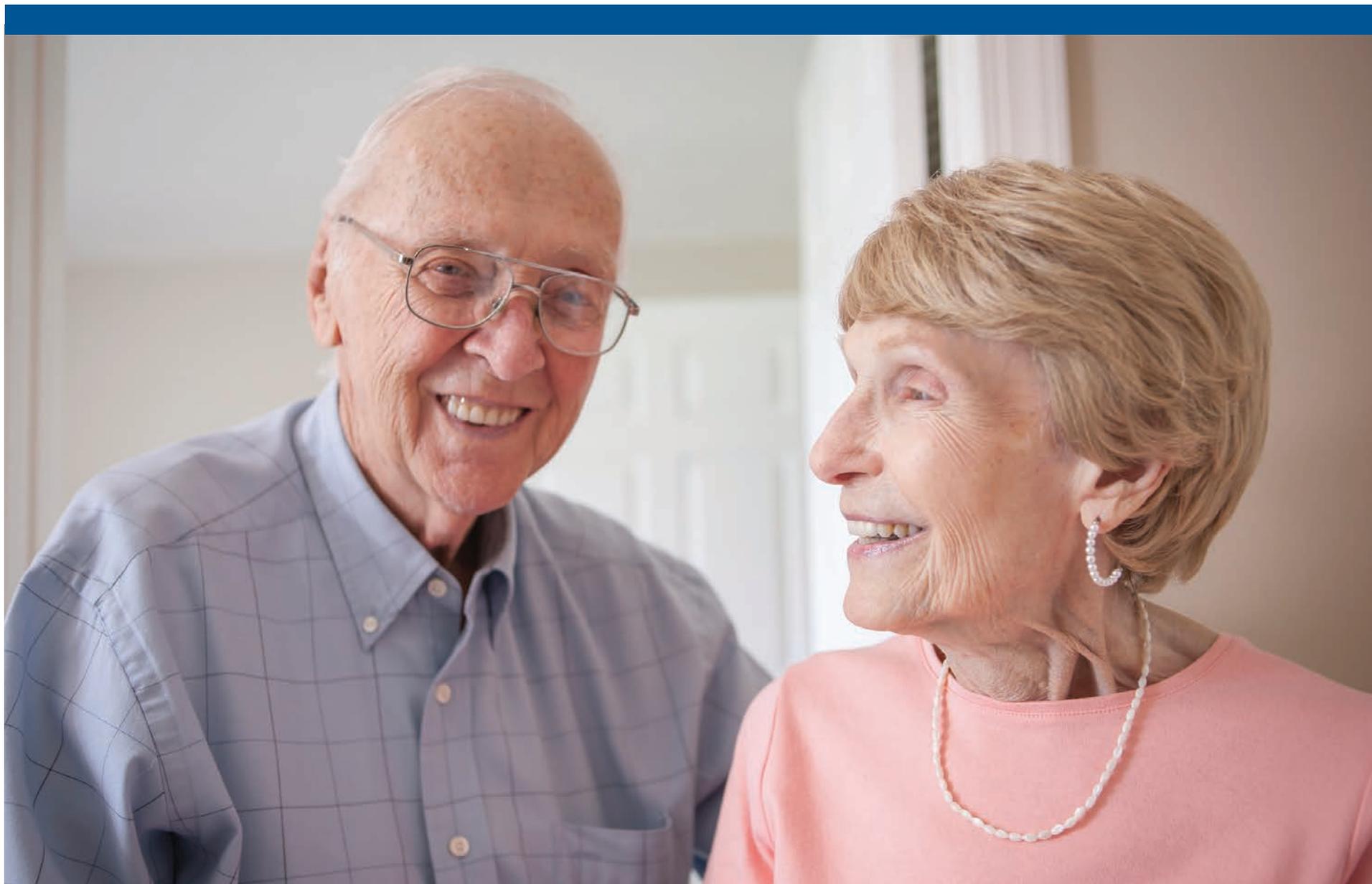
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day we made a picture of flowers in a flowerpot with paint and construction paper. I remember one lady was so proud of hers, that her family had it framed for her and she brought it back to show me. It was just darling. She told me, 'I just love this. I was so busy raising children that I didn't have time for anything like this.'

She chuckles at the story, remembering that the simplest pleasures often bring the most joy.

In January 2016, after nearly 50 years of giving her time and energy to countless residents of Saint Anne's, Parrot found herself hospitalized after a fall in her home.

"I had to be taken care of. I couldn't walk," she said.

From the hospital, she came to The Rehab Suites at Saint Anne's: an opportunity for her to be the recipient of a culture of care that she helped establish.

"Everyone here is exceptionally nice," Parrot said. "They try to please you for everything. They treat you so kind, and like you belong to them. It's remarkable."

A long-time parishioner of Fort Wayne's Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Parrot credits her longevity and good health to



Amber Sewell

Henrietta Parrot has been a volunteer at Saint Anne Communities for 50 years.

having a strong faith as well as to her upbringing, "I was raised to be kind to people and to never let anyone go hungry," Parrot said. "If someone came into our yard my father would invite them in to eat, whether we had enough food or not."

Her parents taught that everyone was owed kindness and gentleness, especially older people. Her mother had cared for her parents since Parrot was a young girl. At that time it was traditional for the youngest child to care for the aging parents.

"It seemed like it was born in us that we were to be taking care of somebody," she said.

Parrot jests that she's "made a hobby out of being a busy lady." Along with the great amount of time she spent with the residents at Saint Anne's, she also served on the Women's Guild at Queen of Angels, the Mother's Club at Central Catholic High School (where her children attended), volunteered at St. Joseph Hospital, and co-founded the Senior Women's Golf Association at Shoaff Park.

At this recollection, she smiles amusingly. "You know something, I never played a game of golf in my life before that, but once I started I think it helped keep me young." Parrot enjoyed playing golf well into her 80s.

Saint Anne Communities have expanded enormously since that first Christmas, but a piece of Henrietta Parrot's spirit is within the foundation. "I have a little motto," she said brightly, "everybody needs a little hug at least once a day." Her spirit of love and generosity continues to grow within the walls.



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'The Abba Challenge'

In the strikingly beautiful Utah canyon country, a man hikes alone in the Blue John Canyon. He descends into a slot canyon, where a boulder breaks loose and falls, pinning his hand against the canyon wall. He is trapped there five days when he sees his future son and is inspired to free himself. He amputates his arm and hikes out of the canyon to find help. This is the true story of Aron Ralston who inspired the movie "127 Hours." Aron is not a perfect man, but his future fatherhood inspires him to act heroically. Even if we may not be called to cut off an arm, we are all called to be ordinary heroes.

At the Diocesan Rekindle The Fire Men's conference on Feb. 20, The Abba Challenge video was premiered to inspire men to live heroic lives as spiritual fathers. The Abba Challenge walks a man through The Abba Prayer for Men in 33 days with text reminders and challenges. Over 500 men signed up to take the Abba Challenge. The prayer is part of a larger response to our culture's confusion about men — something is wrong when Facebook touts 51 to 71 different genders. The prayer summarizes a Catholic vision of masculinity with two basic foci: being loved/identity, and being challenged to live as spiritual fathers. The video, the prayer and the challenge are available at AbbaChallenge.com. At the conference Jesse Romero, a fiery lay Catholic evangelist, in a video endorsement of The Abba Prayer for Men said that, "This prayer ... 'rocks'! ... It has 'everything' that a Catholic man should know. ... This is Catholicism with 'testosterone.'"

Our identity as baptized Catholics is always rooted and grounded in two households — the spiritual and the physical. In the spiritual household, the Church, we are always sons, brothers, husbands and fathers. In the physical household some of us might have "double duty" as physical brothers, husbands and fathers, and we are always sons.

If we have trouble loving as physical or spiritual husbands or fathers, it is always because fear and sin are turning us in towards ourselves. Love always moves us out towards others for their good. Fear opposes love. If we have fear, we need more love and must return to being beloved sons. Scripture says, "Perfect love drives out fear." — 1 Jn. 4:18. And this love must be, as St. John Paul II says, revealed to us, experienced, encountered, participated in deeply and made our own. God is pleased with us as sons not because of our behavior, but because we breathe and bear His image. Love is the foundation of our identity. We must receive it as little children so we can face our fears, faults and sins, and then put away childish things. We only love "because He first loved us." — 1 Jn. 4:19 — loving others is never a do-it-yourself project.

Men like challenge, and God's love always challenges us to action. This is the second part of the prayer — a "demanding love." The summit of being a man is spiritual fatherhood lived out in chivalry as priest, prophet and king. Through chivalry, spiritual fathers take care of the vulnerable, the least, the widow



DAVE McCLOW

THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

and the orphan.

There are two basic distortions of masculinity, both caused by physical and/or emotional fatherlessness: brutality (domination) and passivity. For society and the family to function, it must help young men focus and direct their aggression and sexuality, or violence and sexual crimes will escalate. Let me illustrate.

South African park rangers thinned out a herd of elephants, killing all adult males. A decade later 39 rare white rhinos were found killed by a gang of fatherless juvenile delinquent male elephants. Excessive testosterone had led to earlier sexual activity and abnormal aggression. So a large bull was introduced. This "spiritual father" curbed their sexuality and aggression, reforming all but one elephant.

The virtue of chivalry is the antidote to the two distortions. Chivalry has three components: meekness, valor and sacrifice. Meekness checks aggression and sexuality. Meekness is having the power to fight, but not using it off the "battlefield." Many men make their families the enemy, but the battlefield is the world, the flesh and the devil.

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Hope and joy in Rwanda

This April will mark 22 years since the beginning of the genocide in the African nation of Rwanda, which over 100 days left nearly 1 million people dead. In the face of devastation like this, we can wonder how people could possibly bring this kind of pain on one another.

There has been much suffering in Rwanda, but we can also see hope and joy in the people of Rwanda today. This hope and joy may be traced back to an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Kibeho to three high school girls beginning in 1981.

The Blessed Virgin first appeared to Alphonsine Mumureke on Nov. 28, 1981. She identified herself as "Ndi Nyina Wa Jambo," or in English "Mother of the World." The Blessed Mother called for conversion, the importance of prayer, penance and fasting to bring about peace over violence and hatred. These messages continued for Alphonsine until 1989. Two other young ladies, Anathalie Mukamazimpaka and Marie Claire Mukangango also received messages for a shorter time.

In 1992, in Kibeho, the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows was being built. It appeared in some ways that Mary's calling was being heeded. Then in 1994, the atrocity of genocide held fast in Rwanda. We know that even in the face of such awful disregard of human dignity that Christ suffers with His brothers and sisters. We know that hope and joy must win the day. We can look at much of the goodness of Rwanda today and see that hope and joy presented by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Kibeho.

Today, about 80 percent of people in Rwanda are subsis-

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tence farmers. They grow what they need to feed their families. Even with this skill and livelihood, nearly two-thirds of Rwandans live on less than \$1.25 per day.

In a situation like this, children are the most vulnerable. The first 1,000 days of life are vitally important to the development of a child. The situation in Rwanda is one where children have limited access to nutritious food. This results in 44 percent of children under the age of 5 being malnourished.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is working in Rwanda with pregnant mothers and new parents to improve health rates for babies and toddlers. CRS works with communities in Rwanda to support health and nutrition programs to help families grow nutritious crops to feed their families. As one can imagine, poverty is a major cause of malnutrition, so CRS also works with families to help them build an income to be able to participate in the market and make more resources available. Microfinance programs help mothers start businesses through small investment loans.

This week, take time to focus on the sacred dignity of

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God alone is the source of truth and wisdom



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

3rd Sunday in Lent Lk 13:1-9

The Book of Exodus provides the first reading. It recalls the encounter between God and Moses at the burning bush. Moses is reported as tending his father-in-law's flock. Suddenly an angel appeared and led Moses to a bush. The bush, although on fire, did not burn.

Then God spoke, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The message is simple. God always is with the people, aware of their plight. He always was, and is, merciful, sending leaders such as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to bring hope, relief and guidance. Moses in his turn was God's

instrument of this relief, sent to lead the people out of Egypt.

God, although present, is sublime, almighty and above all. Moses could stand to look upon God's face. Knowing his own limitations, Moses removed his footwear to show respect even for the ground upon which he met God.

Finally, God revealed the divine name to Moses, a supreme revelation. In Hebrew tradition, names contained the very being of the person. To know a person's name was to have access to the person's identity.

The First Epistle to the Corinthians provides the second reading. Corinth's Christian community challenged Paul since the city was a reservoir of excesses and moral outrages, and Christians were vulnerable.

Nevertheless, Christians had to follow the Gospels despite the pressures to do otherwise. Paul warned them, encouraged them, taught them and sought to inspire them. This reading is typical of his effort in these regards.

He gave the history of God's people. Without God's guidance, without the nourishment provided by God, people will die. What they had from earthly resources will not protect or sustain them. St. Paul tells his readers, the Corinthian Christians, that God alone is the source of true life.

St. Luke's Gospel furnishes the last reading, giving one of the rare glimpses of Pontius Pilate in the Gospels outside the Passion Narratives themselves. It is not complimentary to him. Pilate, who so casually sentenced Jesus to an agonizing death, was ruthless and unmerciful. He also had no regard for the God of Israel, or for the religion of the people who worshipped the God of Israel. (An ancient tradition is that he was recalled to Rome because of his brutality, a brutality too vicious even by accepted standards of Roman imperial governance.)

Jesus said that the victims of Pilate's heartlessness did not deserve what they received. Jesus referred then to an accidental disaster, when 18 people

were killed by a falling tower in Siloam. He noted that they too were innocent.

Regardless, all those to whom Jesus referred in the end died, innocent or not, unable to control evil decisions or evil persons or the mishaps of nature or invented things.

Manner of death, however, is unimportant in the end. All people die.

Jesus tells the people to reform, giving the parable of the barren fig tree. The owner wants to destroy the tree, but the vine-dresser pleads for another year, for enough time to nourish the tree in the hope that it will bear fruit.

Reflection

We continue to move through Lent. The Church in these readings is very frank. It tells us that abandoning God reaps a whirlwind of calamity, sweeping into its wake even the innocent. Thus were killed the victims of Pilate's outrage, as well as those who accidentally died when the

tower fell.

Humans inevitably walk into disaster when they rely upon themselves alone. As the first reading said, God alone is the source of truth and wisdom.

In the clear words of Christ in the Gospel, the Church calls us to repent in Lent. Remember the fig tree. God is patient, but one day will be our last on earth. It is up to us.

READINGS

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

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

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

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

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

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

Confirmation and evangelization

Just a few days ago, I had the enormous privilege of performing my first Confirmation as a bishop. It took place at Holy Cross Parish in Moor Park, California, a large, bustling and bi-lingual parish in my pastoral region. I told the confirmandi — and I meant it — that I would keep them in my heart for the rest of my life, for we were connected by an unbreakable bond. In preparation for this moment, I was, of course, obliged to craft a homily, and that exercise compelled me to do some serious studying and praying around the meaning of this great sacrament.

It is sometimes said that Confirmation is a sacrament in search of a theology. It is indeed true that most Catholics could probably give at least a decent account of the significance of Baptism, Eucharist, Confession, Matrimony, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick, but they might balk when asked to explain the meaning of Confirmation. Perhaps they would be tempted to say it is the Catholic version of a Bar Mitzvah, but this would not even come close to an accurate theological description.

A survey of the most recent theologizing about Confirmation — the Documents of Vatican II, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the 1983 Code of Canon Law, etc. — reveals that this is the sacrament of strengthening, as the term itself (“confirmare” in Latin) suggests. First, it strengthens baptized people in their relationship with the Lord Jesus and then it further strengthens them in their capacity to defend and spread the faith. The roots of it, of course, are in the great day of Pentecost when, through the descent of the Holy Spirit, 11 timorous and largely uneducated men became fearless evangelists, ready and able to spread the Gospel far and wide. Keep in mind that to proclaim Jesus publicly in that time and place was to take one’s life in one’s hand — and the disciples knew it. And yet, on the very day of Pentecost, they spoke out in the Temple and in the public squares of Jerusalem. With the exception of John, they all went to their deaths boldly announcing the Word. I told those I confirmed that they

are, in a certain sense, successors of those first men upon whom the Holy Spirit descended and that they have the same fundamental task. Their Confirmation, I further explained, is therefore not really for them; it is for the Church and the wider world.

Now what makes this transformation possible is the third person of the Holy Trinity, who comes bearing a variety of powers, which the Church calls the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These include wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fortitude, counsel, piety and fear of the Lord. In order to understand these more fully, we must keep in mind their relationship to evangelization and apologetics, to spreading and defending the faith. As I have argued often, a dumbed-down, simplified Catholicism is not evangelically compelling.

If one is going to defend the Catholic faith, especially at a time when it is under assault by many in the secular culture, one had better possess (and cooperate with) the gifts of wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

In order to be an effective evangelist, one also needs the spiritual gift of fortitude or courage. Will the defense of the faith stir up opposition? Watch the news, read the papers, and above all surf the Internet, and the question answers itself. It would be tempting indeed to withdraw from the arena and cultivate one’s faith privately, but confirmed people, endowed with fortitude, are meant to be soldiers of Christ, engaged in the fight. Some folks suggest that this phrase should not be used as it evokes the terrors of religious violence. However, the struggle of a soldier of Christ is to resist violence, not with the weapons of worldliness but with the weapons of the Spirit — peace, patience, kindness and forgiveness. Does evangelization put the evangelizer in harm’s way? Just ask Peter, Paul, Thomas More, Maximilian Kolbe and Charles Lwanga. But also consult anyone who has been insulted, joked about, mocked or excluded because of his faith in Christ. The gift of fortitude empowers the confirmandi to stay in the arena.



WORD ON FIRE

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Those who would spread and defend the faith also require the gift of counsel, which is the capacity to discern right from wrong, to know what God wants us to do in any given situation. As we move through the day, we perform hundreds of acts. Are we motivated primarily by the worldly desires for wealth, pleasure, power, self-protection and honor; or are we motivated by a desire to please God? Counsel enables one to make the right moral decisions for the right reason. It is precisely this holiness, this consistent option to follow the will of God that makes a person radiant and compelling to others — and hence evangelically persuasive.

Finally, the confirmed evangelizer needs the spiritual gifts of piety and fear of the Lord. Though these terms carry a somewhat fussy connotation, they in fact name something strong and bracing. They designate the capacity to place God at the absolute center of one’s life, to worship God alone. The person of piety and genuine fear of the Lord (respect for God), does not run after every passing fancy, or devote herself to a variety of worldly goods; rather, her heart is set upon God alone, and every other passion or interest in her life is related to that central value. This right ordering of the self conduces toward integrity, and integrity of life makes a person saintly and deeply attractive.

I reminded those I confirmed that their Confirmation was meant to set them on fire with the Holy Spirit, precisely so that they in turn can set the world on fire. Once again, the gifts that they received were not for them.

Bishop Robert Barron is an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries.

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all human life. Try to find ways to remember and celebrate your own value and worth. Find ways to respect the dignity of others as well. Remember the story of Rwanda and pray for conversion, penance and fasting as requested by our Lady of Kibeho.

Melissa Wheeler is the diocesan director for Catholic Relief Services.

McCLOW

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Meekness creates a place where women are not treated as sexual objects, and children or women do not have to fear anger. At the first blow to his body, Jesus chose not to annihilate us all. That’s meekness, not weakness.

On the literal battlefield you want valor or courage, not meekness. Valor directs aggression properly. So spiritual fathers oppose injustice perpetrated

against the vulnerable. And in sports or business valor and competition can direct aggression productively. Sacrifice unites meekness and valor — both require it.

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Dave McCLOW, M.Div. is a counselor with the Pastoral Services Institute Tele-Counseling Services. Read more at CatholicExchange.com.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH®

Gospel for February 28, 2016

Luke 13:1-9

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle C: a lesson about being prepared and ready. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

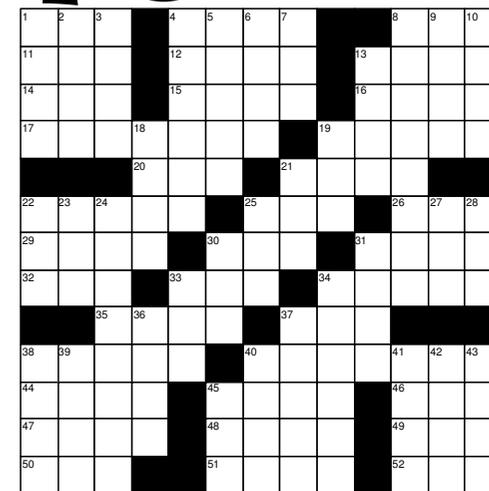
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Based on these Scripture Readings: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-14:1; Lk 9 28b-36 and Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

ACROSS

- 1 Grow older
- 4 Healthy
- 8 Slang for policeman
- 11 Gal’s pal
- 12 Persian Gulf nation
- 13 Scorch
- 14 Before, poetically
- 15 “The ___ God”
- 16 Similar
- 17 Interrupt
- 19 Tremor
- 20 Assumption month
- 21 God gave Abraham
- 22 Tally (2 wds)
- 25 “___ Father, who art”
- 26 Eye movement sleep

29 Bluish green

- 30 Cultivate the ground
- 31 Tableland
- 32 Santa’s helper
- 33 Young woman
- 34 “Milk and ___”
- 35 Remove sandals from
- 37 Executive director
- 38 “My joy and ___”
- 40 “___ down”
- 44 Military officer
- 45 Err
- 46 “___-haw”
- 47 Uproar
- 48 Snoot
- 49 Loose gown worn at mass

- 50 ___ Aviv
- 51 Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- 52 Washington State

DOWN

- 1 Rock of ___
- 2 Wise man
- 3 Sight organs
- 4 Take refuge (2 wds)
- 5 “Blessed are you ___”
- 6 Animal oil
- 7 “Their ___ is destruction”
- 8 Abraham wanted
- 9 Grow acorns
- 10 “Birds of ___”
- 13 Family group
- 18 Pope John ___
- 19 Standard or average
- 21 Carry
- 22 “All ___ the same spiritual food”
- 23 Eastern state
- 24 Spring flower
- 25 Used for anointing
- 27 Vane direction
- 28 Blessed Mother’s month
- 30 Digital audio tape
- 31 Mock trial
- 33 Genesis abbr.
- 34 One of Abraham’s offerings
- 36 Water pitcher
- 37 “The ___ of Christ”
- 38 Fly fish
- 39 Religious ceremony
- 40 Courts
- 41 Unfreeze
- 42 Snaky fish
- 43 Egyptian hieroglyph for “gold”
- 45 African antelope

Answer Key can be found on page 19

Sports

SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH RESIGNING Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, announced that coach Eric "Ric" Mauch is resigning as the Saint Joseph High School girls' varsity basketball coach. "After 14 years serving as a basketball coach in the Saint Joseph family, I have decided that it is best for my family and I to step down. I can't thank the academic and athletic administration at Saint Joseph High enough. It was a great run and I'm forever thankful for the opportunity," said Mauch. He joined Saint Joseph High School in 2003 as an assistant boys' basketball coach. He became the head girls' varsity basketball coach in the 2010-2011 season. His record is 97-41.

Three boys' CYO basketball teams earn champion titles

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Celebrating 80 years of its annual grade school basketball tournament, the CYO crowned three new champions on Saturday, Feb. 20, at the St. Charles Hession Center. The 2016 winners were: St. Vincent, Most Precious Blood and St. Charles.

The 2016 season also marked the final game for longtime referee, Tom Barkimer, who will be heading south instead of running up and down the CYO courts.

The official record log on the final page of the CYO program lists the team from Auburn as the very first winner of the tournament in 1937. St. Patrick dominated in the early years winning five of the seven titles from 1941-1947. The tournament changed formats in 1984 when two teams, rather than an overall single champion, were crowned: St. Therese and St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel. In later years three, four and sometimes five different league winners were named like in 1998 when St. Jude, St. Therese, St. Rose, St. Charles and St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel were all listed as champs.

Currently, there are three divisions for the CYO: the White League (seventh grade), the Blue League (small schools combined grades 7-8 teams) and the Gold League (eighth grade). Since 2006, St. Vincent has dominated the Gold League winning six titles and has claimed seven championships in the White League, while St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, under the direction of Coach Jim Knapke, has created a legacy in the Blue League winning every single year since 2008.

For the seventh-grade league,

the top seeded and undefeated St. Vincent Panthers added another title to their long string of wins with an exciting 50-47 victory over a solid team from St. Charles. The Panthers capped off their amazing season as the No. 1 seed and undefeated (6-0) against all of their White conference foes.

Dylan Olson led all scorers with 18 points for the Panthers. Teammate Jackson Paul had 10 and Xavier Nolan contributed nine, while St. Charles' Sam Pesa had 17 and Devon Tippmann added 10. St. Vincent's overall record was an amazing 29-5. They were also champions of the Queen of Angels preseason tournament over the Thanksgiving break.

After a good many years, a new school took over the Blue League championship honors as the No. 2 seed Most Precious Blood beat out the eight-year reigning champs, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel in the semifinals — despite three treys from eighth-grader Brett Dodane in the fourth quarter, and then got by the top-seeded and undefeated Crusaders from St. Therese, 37-35, for a thrilling championship.

The first half proved to be a very defensive game with St. Therese up, 16-13, going into the locker room. Most Precious Blood still trailed, 18-25, going into the fourth quarter, but Connor Christman lit up the scoreboard pumping in 16 of his 23 points to lead his team past St. Therese. Christman also had 11 rebounds and two assists in the matchup.

Christman's outstanding effort and two big threes from Nathan Fernando were certainly championship highlights for the Reds. Coach Justin Allen detailed, "Ironically, the last time Most Precious Blood won a champion-

ship was 1997 by Christman's father and assistant coach Eric Christman's team."

When reflecting on their dream season, Allen summarized, "It has been a pleasure to coach these fine young men. They have worked hard over the last several years to get better. Their toughness is within their will to never give up and play hard no matter the score." In the loss, Jacob Creager and John Peterson had a dozen points each for St. Therese.

For the Gold League, it was St. Charles whose name will be listed in the 2016 record books with their 54-32 win over a fundamentally sound St. Vincent squad. Once again, the Cardinals, who also won the CYO tournament as sixth and seventh graders, were led by Patrick Finley's 19 points. Hunter Burns finished with 10 for the Panthers.

In his 20th season at St. Charles, Coach Dan Sordelet summarized, "This was a great bunch of kids who worked hard all season long. They were team players and very unselfish." Sordelet was joined on the bench by Jeff Maxwell and Krista Sordelet this season. The Cardinals finished their CYO careers with an impressive 20-4 overall record for their eighth-grade year.

The CYO will be represented by Most Precious Blood and St. Therese, along with St. Charles at the Diocesan Championship games on March 6 in South Bend when Fort Wayne meets the best of the best from the ICCL.

In junior varsity action, St. Vincent won the sixth-grade tournament topping St. Charles, 40-29, on Feb. 6. The up-and-coming Panthers capped off a perfect season finishing with an amazing 25-0 overall record.

ICCL teams advance to semifinals

BY JOE KOZINSKI

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY — The Inter-City Catholic League started their season ending tournament with some expected results as four of the five teams with the best regular-season records advanced to the semifinals to be played this weekend at Marian and Saint Joseph high schools.

Advancing were the Panthers

of St. Anthony as they got past the Trojans of Holy Family.

The Panthers will meet the Cougars of Corpus Christi as they beat the Bulldogs of Our Lady of Hungary and then disposed of St. Thomas on their run to the title.

On the other side of the bracket, Christ the King was victorious over the Saints of Mishawaka Catholic to lay claim to their spot in the final four.

The Kings will match up with St. John Bosco Division foes, the Crusaders of Holy Cross as they doubled up with victories over St. Joseph and St. Pius X.

The semifinals will be played at Marian High School on Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. with the finals to be held at Saint Joseph on Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

A list of games and results can be found at www.icclsports.org.



Provided by St. Charles Borromeo

In the Gold League, the St. Charles Borromeo Cardinals were crowned the CYO champions.



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For the seventh-grade league, the St. Vincent de Paul Panthers of Fort Wayne were crowned the CYO champions.



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In the Blue League, Most Precious Blood of Fort Wayne was crowned the CYO champions.

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Saint Joseph High School announces new athletic director

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph High School announced that Debbie Landreth Brown is the new athletic director. She will replace Eric Gohlke, effective July 1.

"I'm thankful to Susan Richter for giving me this opportunity and am honored to accept it. Saint Joseph High School has a talented and dedicated group of coaches and student-athletes, and I look forward to working with them. I'm passionate about the value of interscholastic athletics and believe that my past experiences have prepared me well to lead and assist others, and to support the mission, vision and values of SJHS. I'm looking forward to future growth and success as we continue to strive for excellence in all we do," said Brown.

"This opportunity is especially exciting because of my familiarity with Saint Joe and South Bend. My sons attended the school and had wonderful academic and athletic experiences, and I have lived here for 25 years and found this to be a tremendous community in which to raise a family. Now, to serve Saint Joe and the community in a new capacity is a true blessing," continued Brown.

Brown served as head women's volleyball coach at the University of Notre Dame for 24 years. Her distinguished coaching career included 11-time Conference Coach of the Year (Pacific 10, Midwestern Collegiate, Big East), five-time Region/District Coach of the Year, 15 conference titles (regular season), 13 conference tournament championship titles, 27 winning seasons, 22 NCAA championship appearances, including 15 straight, and a 636-330 career record (.658 winning percentage).

Equally impressive are her playing career and awards, including co-captain of the 1980 Olympic team, a two-time winner of the Mikasa Award (best all around player in the United States), captain of two USC National Championship teams, eight-time USA Volleyball All-American, and the USA Volleyball All-Time Great Player Award (1995).

"A faith-filled woman of impeccable integrity, Debbie Brown will be a valuable mentor for our coaches and a staunch advocate for our student-athletes. I am confident that she will be an extraordinary leader and role model for our athletic

department. She is a woman of tremendous gifts and talents. Saint Joseph High School is honored to have her join our administrative team, sharing her knowledge and passion for education and athletics as our new athletic director," said Saint Joseph High School Principal Susan Richter.

Eric Gohlke supervised the Saint Joseph athletic program from 2005-2016.

"The Saint Joseph High School administration, faculty, staff and students are grateful to Eric Gohlke for his hard work, dedication to the school mission, and support of student athletes for the past 11 years," said Richter.

Under Gohlke's leadership, Saint Joseph High School earned 28 NIC championships, 68 sectional titles, 28 regional titles, nine semi-state titles, two state titles including to individual titles in boys' swimming and one individual title in girls' swimming.

Shroud of Turin exhibit to be presented at Sacred Heart of Jesus

LAKEVILLE — Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, near Lakeville, 63568 US 31 S, is hosting The Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit.

The Shroud of Turin is a long-studied burial cloth believed by many to be the cloth in which Jesus Christ was laid to rest. The cloth bears the front and back image of what appears to be a man who was scourged and crucified.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish is hosting a Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit on Thursday, March 10, from 4-8 p.m.; on Friday, March 11, from 4-8 p.m.; and Saturday, March 12, from 2-6 p.m.; and Sunday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Featured in the exhibit is an approximately 14x4 foot digitized photo of the shroud, encased and backlit for easier viewing of what many scientists have concluded to be the image of a Jewish male, scourged and crucified during the time of Christ. However, neither the scientific community nor the Catholic Church have officially declared the shroud to be the burial cloth of Christ.

Other items in the Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit include informational displays, replicas of the nails and scourge used by Romans during Christ's time, a running video about the shroud

and other items.

Books, videos and informational material will be available for purchase. All proceeds are applied to maintain and display the exhibit, which is owned by the Father Solanus Casey Knights of Columbus in Fort Wayne.

'Lenten Journey' is theme for Lenten Morning of Reflection

FORT WAYNE — The Confraternity of Penitents will sponsor a Lenten Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 5, from 7:45 a.m. until noon. The reflection will be held at St. Andrew's Church, 2610 New Haven Ave. in Fort Wayne. The day will begin with Mass at 7:45 a.m. followed by Confessions, Adoration and Benediction.

Breakfast foods and beverages will be available.

"Lenten Journey" is a Power Point presentation on the Stations of the Cross and the Works of Mercy. Presented by Iffat Lawrence with music by the Poor Sisters of St. Clare, those attending will walk with Jesus in a new way.

Due to limited seating in the nun's parlor, this Morning of Reflection is limited to 20 participants.

To reserve a place, call 260-739-6882.

'Risen' offers effective treatment of origins of Christianity

BY JOHN MULDERIG

NEW YORK (CNS) — In days of yore, Hollywood knew how to make Christian themes pay off at the box office.

Though the result was not always decorous — risqué content in 1932's "The Sign of the Cross" helped spur the formation of the National Legion of Decency — they were sometimes spectacular.

And so there arose the biblical epic, a genre which gave us such iconic spectacles as the chariot race in 1959's "Ben-Hur" and such memorable lines as Pharaoh's imperious order in "The Ten Commandments" (1956): "So let it be written. So let it be done."

The formula behind such films blended some of Western civilization's most familiar narratives — scriptural literacy then being a much more widespread asset than it is today — with action sequences and, preferably, a love story. High-caliber special effects, whether they involved slave-powered sea battles or the parting of the Red Sea into towering walls of water, were another purely secular draw.

It's a recipe few were cooking up in the last third of the 20th century, however. By the 1960s, "Don't bring me down with your Bible, man" might have been the

feared reaction to the serving up of such an old-fashioned cinematic dish.

Some have tried their hand at recombining the ingredients in more recent years. Yet the cultural gulf opened up by the decline of faith has made for a peculiar sort of revisionism. Witness the anti-human environmentalism of Darren Aronofsky's "Noah" from 2014. Hardly the life-affirming tale of divine mercy most readers have found in those passages of Genesis.

Avoiding alienation from the sacred source material without, on the other hand, declining into a lazy stance of believers-versus-the-world piety can be a tricky business. But the makers of the Resurrection-themed drama "Risen" (Columbia) have pulled it off to splendid effect.

Wisely, writer-director Kevin Reynolds begins by giving us a hard-bitten, cynical protagonist — a figure as little disposed to believe in miracles as his worldly minded modern counterpart, Charles Ryder, the religion-averse narrator of Evelyn Waugh's classic 1945 novel "Brideshead Revisited."

Where Ryder, an artist, is impeded by his pleasure-loving sophistication, Clavius (Joseph Fiennes), the Roman tribune at the heart of "Risen," is too battle-weary and blood-soaked to



CNS photo/Columbia Pictures

Joseph Fiennes and Tom Felton star in a scene from the movie "Risen." The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

entertain any easy hopes for the world. So the execution of Jesus (Cliff Curtis), which he witnesses almost accidentally, makes little impression on him.

Similarly, when his superior and patron, Pontius Pilate (Peter Firth), orders Clavius, a few days later, to investigate the disappearance of the crucified man's body, it strikes the jaded officer as just one more task in the end-

less work of maintaining Roman sovereignty over a religion-crazed populace. As Caiaphas (Stephen Greif) explains, Jesus' fanatic followers are spreading wild rumors of his return from the dead, so physical proof is needed to contradict their crazy fable.

Assisted by Lucius (Tom Felton), an ambitious, though untested, junior officer whose major qualification for serving as

Clavius' aide-de-camp lies in the fact that he's a family friend of Pilate's, Clavius sets out on what he imagines will be a straightforward hunt for a corpse. Instead, of course, the pursuit turns out to have life-altering consequences for him.

Fine acting, lavish settings and the sense of humor frequently evident in Reynolds' script all add up to an unusually effective big-screen treatment of the origins of Christianity. Fiennes is especially impressive as the solitary, combat-haunted warrior whose relentlessly practical outlook offers nonbelievers a ready path into the story of the Resurrection. And Maria Botto brings transcendent joy to the character of Mary Magdalene.

Despite grim scenes of armed conflict and crucifixion, the faith-bolstering benefits of "Risen" will likely sway the parents of mature teens in its favor.

The film contains some harsh but mostly bloodless violence and a few disturbing images. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

John Mulderig is on the staff of Catholic News Service.

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Jonah fish fry

South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish, 2800 Corpus Christi Dr., will have a Jonah fish fry Friday, March 4, from 4-7 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$9 for adults and carry-out, \$4 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under free. Tickets available at the parish office by calling 574-272-9982 or at the door.

St. Charles plans fish fry

Fort Wayne — St. Charles Parish will have a fish fry Friday, March 4, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria — door No. 9. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children age 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. Carry-out available at door No. 8. Proceeds benefit St. Charles Athletics.

St. Patrick plans fish fry

Arcola — St. Patrick Parish, 12305 Arcola Rd., will have a fish fry Friday, March 11, from 4-7 p.m. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches available. Adult tickets are \$10, seniors over 60 \$9, children 5-10 \$5 and children 4 and under free. Drive-through and carry-out available.

St. Bernard plans a 'Day for the Lord'

Wabash — St. Bernard's Liturgy Committee will have a "Day for the Lord" on Friday, March 4. Events are as follows: 9 a.m. — Mass followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament; 10 a.m. — school children pray the rosary; 10:30 a.m. to noon — silent

Adoration; noon — Scripture readings, adult rosary, Angelus; 12:45-3 p.m. — silent Adoration; 3 p.m. — Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany of Divine Mercy; 3:30-5 p.m. — silent Adoration; 5 p.m. — Stations of the Cross, Benediction and repose of the Blessed Sacrament. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available all day.

Father and son breakfast planned

Fort Wayne — Our Lady of Good Hope's father and son breakfast entitled "Bestowing" will be Saturday, March 5, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at 7215 Saint Joe Rd. An 8:30 a.m. Mass is followed by breakfast, competitions, prizes and concludes with guest speaker Father Ben Muhlenkamp, pastor of St. Louis Besancon Parish. The event is open to boys ages 8 and up, and their fathers and/or special man in their lives. Cost for parishioners is \$5 per person; non-parishioners is \$7 per person. Register to Jackie Oberhausen at youthministry@olghfw.com or 260-485-9615 ext.

104 with names of those attending, including the ages, and the parish where you are registered. Deadline is March 1.

ACIES planned

New Carlisle — The Legion of Mary ACIES will be held on Sunday, March 13, at 3 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, 55756 Tulip Rd. All active and auxiliary members are invited. For information call Elsie Billisitz at 574-259-6215.

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Lenten Healthcare Retreat:

Works of mercy
Fort Wayne — The Catholic Medical Guild of Northeast Indiana will present a Lenten retreat for healthcare workers on March 5, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the St. Vincent de Paul's Msgr. John Kuzmich Life Center. Make reservations at www.fortwaynecma.com or call 260-222-6978.

Las Vegas night

South Bend — The Holy Family Ushers Club, 56405 Mayflower Rd., will be have a Las Vegas night Saturday, March 5, from 6-11 p.m. in the parish center. Tickets are \$8 in advance at the rectory and \$10 at the door. Ticket includes sandwiches, beverages and a chance in \$1,000 drawing. License No. 139894.

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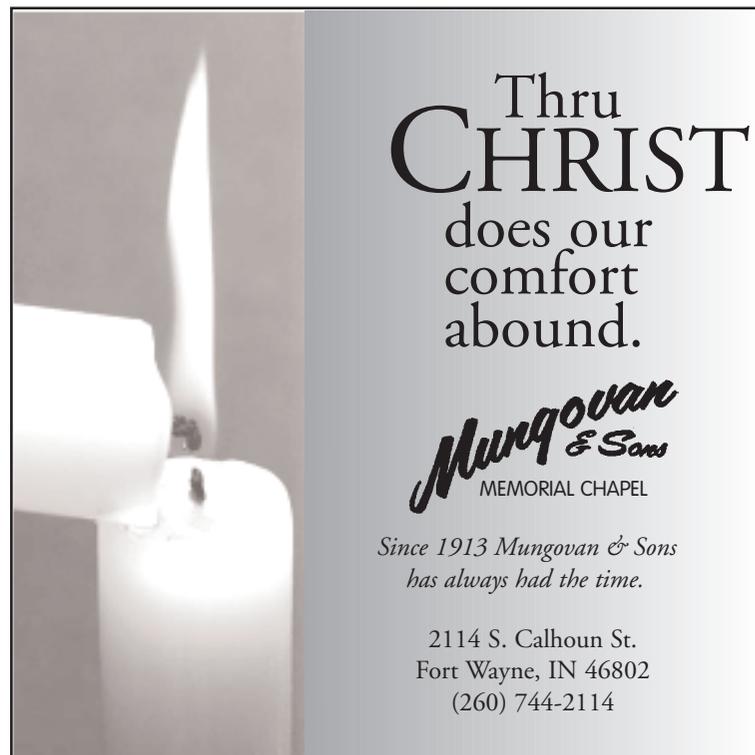


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to measure instead with names, stories and families.”

The Mass capped a six-day trip to Mexico in which Pope Francis traveled to the northern and southern borders and denounced the indignities of discrimination, corruption and violence. During the trip he also asked oft-oppressed indigenous peoples for their forgiveness and chastised the privileged political and business classes — saying their exclusionary actions were creating “fertile ground” for children to fall into organized crime and drug cartels.

Pope Francis delivered his homily a stone's throw from the Rio Grande, which has swallowed so many migrants over the years as they vainly tried to enter the United States in search of bettering their lot in life and, more recently, escaping violence enveloping Central America.

The Mass was celebrated as a binational event with thousands watching across the Rio Grande in El Paso and in a college football stadium. Pope Francis saluted the crowds watching at the Sun Bowl stadium and Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso for providing technological connections that allowed them to “pray, sing and celebrate together” and “make us feel like a single family and the same Christian community.”

The pope focused on migration, along with the dangers migrants encounter en route to their destinations and the difficulties of surviving on the margins of society without protection.

“Being faced with so many legal vacuums, they get caught up in a web that ensnares and always destroys the poorest,” Pope Francis said.

Migration has marked Mexico for generations, though the number of Mexicans leaving the country is now surpassed by those returning — involuntarily or otherwise — as poor job prospects, an increasingly fortified border and anti-immigration initiatives prompt most to stay put.

Ironically, Mexico has assumed an unlikely role over the past several years: enforcer as it detains and deports record numbers of Central Americans trying to transit the country — while many more of those migrants are preyed upon by criminals and corrupt public officials and suffer crimes such as kidnap, robbery and rape. The Mexican crackdown came after thousands of Central American children streamed through Mexico in 2014, seeking to escape forced enlistment in gangs and hoping to reunite with parents living in the shadows of American society, working minimum-wage jobs to support children left with relatives they hadn't seen in years.

“Each step, a journey laden with grave injustices. ... They are brothers and sisters of those excluded as a result of poverty and violence, drug trafficking and criminal organizations,” Pope Francis said, while lauding the priests, religious and lay Catholics who accompany and protect migrants as they move through Mexico — acts of compassion not always popular with the authorities.

“They are on the front lines, often risking their own lives,” he said. “By their very lives they are prophets of mercy. They are the beating heart and accompanying feet of the Church that opens its arms and sustains.”

“Injustice is radicalized in the young. They are ‘cannon fodder,’ persecuted and threatened when they try to flee the spiral of violence and hell of drugs. Then there are the women unjustly robbed of their lives,” Pope Francis said.

Pope Francis ended his homily by returning to the example of Jonah and his call for conversion in Ninevah. He called “mercy, which always rejects wickedness,” a way to win over opponents, saying it “always appeals to the latent and numbed goodness in every person,” and urged people to follow Jonah's example.

“Just as in Jonah's time, so too today may we commit ourselves to conversion,” Pope Francis said. “May we commit ourselves to conversion. May we be signs lighting the way and announcing salvations.”

Ciudad Juarez once held the dubious distinction of “murder capital of the world.” More than 10,000 lives were lost between 2008 and 2012 as drug cartels battled over a coveted smuggling route and young people were seduced by easy money into illegal activities that led to their deaths.

The pope's visit was promoted by civic officials as a rebirth for Ciudad Juarez, though priests say the city still suffers vices such as exclusion and violence — in lower numbers than before — and jobs with low salaries and long hours in the booming factory for export economy, all of which strain family life.



Clergy attend Pope Francis' celebration of Mass with priests and religious at a stadium in Morelia, Mexico, Feb. 16. Pope Francis repeated his frequent call to priests, religious and seminarians to get out of their churches and convents and take God's mercy and offer of salvation to the world. The pope was not talking just about traditional evangelization. His message was an encouragement to those priests and religious who literally risk their lives standing up to the drug lords and urging their faithful to do the same.



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Pope Francis waves to people gathered in El Paso, Texas, after praying at a cross on the Mexican side of the border in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Feb. 17.



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Pope Francis embraces women during a meeting with young people at Jose Maria Morelos Pavon Stadium in Morelia, Mexico, Feb. 16. Jesus never sends anyone out as a hitman, dealing in death, but calls Christians to be His disciples and friends, Pope Francis told Mexico's youth.



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A prisoner kneels before Pope Francis during the pope's visit to Cereso prison in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, Feb. 17. Speaking in a prison previously plagued by riots and controlled by drug cartels in a city once considered the “murder capital of the world,” the pope proposed focusing on prevention, reintegration and a system of “social health,” instead of only on incarceration and insisting that inmates pay for their crimes.

With the recent wave of raids affecting families within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the diocesan Office of Social Justice invites anyone interested to learn more about forming leadership to provide recourse for families facing unjust circumstances. Contact Audrey Davis at the Office of Social Justice at 260-969-9146 for more information.