Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades made his annual visit to Saint Joseph High School on the feast day of the school’s patron saint.

His visit, which was kicked off with a celebration of Mass in the school’s main gymnasium, also featured classroom questions and answers, the honoring of several students and faculty members and presentations of gifts, including a live goat and a championship banner.

“It’s great to come every year to celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph,” said Bishop Rhoades at the beginning of Mass, “the feast day of the great husband of the blessed Virgin Mary, the earthly father of Jesus and the patron saint of not only Saint Joseph High School, but also of the Catholic Church.”

The feast of St. Joseph traditionally takes place on March 19. However, because that date fell on a Sunday in Lent this year, the feast day was transferred to Monday, March 20 — which pleased Bishop Rhoades because that allowed him to celebrate the day with the students.

“Almost every year I am able to come here on the feast of St. Joseph. I always look forward to this. It’s become a tradition and something that I really enjoy — to be here with you to honor this great saint.”

Given the limited amount of information about St. Joseph in the Gospels, Bishop Rhoades admitted that it can be a bit challenging to find something new to preach on each year during his visit. But the high school’s recent achievement of becoming a Catholic Relief Services global high school, coupled with his own recent CRS trip to Gaza, gave him plenty of new subjects to preach about.

“It was in Gaza, most probably, that the Holy Family escaped to and went through on their way to Egypt,” he said. He then continued to speak to the incredible faith and devotion Joseph must have possessed, to prompt him to follow God’s will by leading the Holy Family on such a treacherous journey.

Bishop Rhoades then related the Holy Family’s flight to Egypt to the students.

“Another thing that struck me, which is more relevant to you, is that Joseph was probably your age. Especially you seniors. The average age of marriage for men would have been 18.”

At the end of the Mass Bishop Rhoades apologized for running long and keeping the students out of class, then jokingly offered to give another homily — to which they responded with laughter and cheers. His rapport with the students is one of the many reasons why the bishop’s visits are regarded with much anticipation by the students.

Additionally, Allison Coyne, a junior at Saint Joseph High School, said; “He has done amazing things for our school community, such as supporting the creation of the new building. As he walks through the halls he will see his hard work has created an environment focused on faith, academics, and building a family — and for that, we are truly grateful.”

After the celebration of Mass several students were honored and gifts were presented to the bishop.

The students honored were seniors who had achieved recognition by the school for having maintained a 4.0 GPA after seven semesters of high school. Additionally, both the salutatorian and valedictorian of the class of 2017 were announced. These were ways to recognize some of the brightest students at Saint Joseph, a school with 900
The Journey of Faith of the Man Born Blind

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY
BISHOP KEVIN C. RHoades

Do you believe in the Son of Man? That question of Jesus to the blind man whom He had cured is the climax of the Gospel we will hear this coming Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Jesus had cured him of his physical blindness, but that was only the beginning of the story. Jesus was intent on doing infinitely more for him — to bring him to a greater light, the vision of faith in Him as the Light of the world. Jesus gave the man born blind physical sight so that he would come to see with the new eyes of faith the truth about Him, about life and about his destiny.

I invite you to meditate on the journey of faith of the man born blind. At first, he didn’t know who Jesus was. Gradually, he came to recognize Jesus as a man of God, a prophet, then he came to believe that Jesus is the Son of Man, the Son of God. Jesus asked him: Do you believe in the Son of Man? Very honestly, the blind man asked in reply: Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him? Jesus told him that it was He. The man then said: I do believe, Lord. And then he worshipped Jesus.

We’re all on this journey of faith. We can call it “a baptismal journey.” That’s how the Gospel we will hear this coming Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, tells us about the blind man born at Bethsaida in Galilee. That man was given physical sight, but only at the cost of accepting Jesus as the Son of God. May the Lord cure all of us from the darkness of confusion and sin present in this world and give us His light during this Lenten season to purify our hearts and to renew our Christian love!

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The young shepherd David was chosen by God and filled with the Spirit to serve as king. The spirit of the Lord rushes upon us in Baptism and Confirmation, equipping us for service in God’s Kingdom.

A whole new world opened up for the blind man when he professed his faith in Jesus and worshipped Him. He entered into a new relationship with God by following Christ. The same happens to us. We learn to adapt our life to the will of God and to bring Christ’s light to our neighbors. When we receive the light of Christ, when we follow Him as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, our lives are changed. The Lord teaches us wisdom and He fills our hearts with love, if we but open ourselves to Him. We learn to live as children of light, the light which St. Paul says “produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.”

May the Lord bless our brothers and sisters who in just three weeks will receive the Easter sacraments! May these sacraments help them to live each day as children of light! May the Lord cure all of us from the darkness of confusion and sin present in this world and give us His light during this Lenten season to purify our hearts and to renew our Christian love!
Nuncio: Evangelization, mercy, encounter mark pope’s first four years

BY BETH GRIFFIN

NEW YORK (CNS) — Evangelization, mercy and encounter and accompaniment are the hallmarks of the first four years of Pope Francis’ papacy, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, said March 15.

“The ‘raison d’etre’ of the church is evangelization. It’s not a business, it’s not an organization or an association for the dissemination of the Gospel,” the nuncio said.

In his introductory remarks, he said Pope Francis had an encounter with the American bishops’ council in Aparecida, Brazil. Then-Archbishop Bergoglio led the editing committee and was co-sponsor of the document intended for the Latin American bishops “became the patrimony of the whole church,” Archbishop Pierre said.

He said Pope Francis’ experience living in a “peripheral” country helped him “understand that you have a different kind of option for the church in that it has abandoned the sacrament of the Eucharist.”

Archbishop Pierre continued, “The church is a missionary and not self-referential, it happened in ecclesiastical institutions have their root in time, happen in ecclesiastical institutions.”

Cardinal Bergoglio said the pope must be a man who, from the contemplation and adoration of Jesus Christ, helps the church go out to the existential peripheries, that helps her to be the church in a merciful way.

The church does not play the same role in people’s lives as it once did, the church today is challenged to help people encounter Christ and rediscover the presence of God in their own lives. It must be missionary and not self-referential, the nuncio said.

In his introductory remarks, Archbishop Bernardino Auzena, apostolic nuncio to the United Nations, said Archbishop Pierre is an “intrepid adventurer who ‘enfleshes’ Pope Francis’ desire to go to the peripheries.”

Archbishop Pierre entered the papal diplomatic corps in 1979 and served in papal diplomatic corps in 1977 and 1984, principal of Bishop Luers High School, principal of Bishop Dwenger High School and assistant director of high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Born in Evanston, Ill., in October 1927, Gaughan attended high school at St. Bede Academy, Peru, Ill., where he was a member of the football and baseball teams and senior class president.

After graduation Gaughan joined the Marine Corps, during World War II, serving for 5½ years, including 16 months in North China and nine in Guam. In 1947-48 he was named to the All-Pacific Basketball team. Upon his return, Gaughan attended Quincy College, graduating in 1955. In 1957, he earned his master’s degree in educational administration from Xavier University.

Gaughan began his teaching and coaching career in his home state of Illinois before joining the newly founded Bishop Luers High School, where he served for eight years as teacher, coach and athletic director. He then returned to his high school alma mater to serve for 12 years as director of studies, while coaching football and basketball.

In 1979 Gaughan and his family came back to Fort Wayne to stay. He accepted the position as principal at Bishop Dwenger High School, where he remained for 15 years. After retiring in 1994, he was invited by Bishop John M. D’Arcy to become assistant director of high schools in the diocese, a position he held until December 2009, when he retired at the age of 82.

Gaughan was awarded Indiana’s highest civilian honor, the Order of the Lafayette, in 1994 and inducted into the Indiana High School Hall of Fame in 2010.

By Molly Gettinger
To sanctify the home look to the Beatitudes, says Bishop

BY PATRICK MURPHY

When one prays in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, “we are accepting the Lord’s invitation,” Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades said to about 60 people at the Sancta Familia Holy Hour at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne on Thursday, March 16.

That invitation was issued when the Lord said, “Come to me, all you who labor and are weary, and I will give you rest.”

Accompanying Ewing was a prayerful benediction and veneration of Bishop Luers High School chaplain at Bishop Dwenger and canonization of St. Teresa of Avila. Former principal at Bishop Dwenger and writer for Our Sunday Visitor.

Last week’s holy hour included benediction and veneration of the Holy Eucharist exposed on the altar, in addition to Bishop’s presentation. “It was very moving, something I’d like to bring to my family” said Ilene Ewing, a member of St. Jude Parish.

Accompanying Ewing was Hannah, her daughter and a sophomore at the school. “The bishop prompted me to think more about others,” Hannah added. Another listener,Tristin Conroy said the evening’s message provided “a blueprint for holy family life.”

Bishop Rhoades said: “Sanctifying the home is the theme before the foundation of Holy Hours. This theme reminds us of our common vocation, what the Second Vatican Council called the ‘universal call to holiness.’ Sanctification or holiness is God’s will for us. As St. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: ‘For this is the will of God, your sanctification.’ (1 Thess 4:3,5) God wants us to be holy, to become saints. Here in this chapel, we are surrounded by saints who remind us of our calling — the great saints depicted in the stained-glass windows, and, of course, the blessed Virgin Mary and the saints to us and show us this powerful truth of our faith: that, as St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians: ‘God chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him’ (1:4).

“Mary and the saints, ordinary people in every way, then and women of every walk of life, attained holiness, not by their own merits, but by opening themselves to God’s power and grace in their lives. They show us that every action we take, everything we do, can be for God’s glory and can contribute to our sanctification, to our growth in holiness,” the bishop said.

He continued: “We don’t become holy apart from our everyday life, but in our everyday life, especially living our state-in-life vocation according to God’s will. I can only become holy through my life and ministry as a bishop, not apart from it. The same for you who are married and are parents. Your way to holiness is by being the best husband or wife, father or mother, and being the best is not according to the standards and values of the world, but according to the standards and values of the Gospel. Those standards and values include God’s commandments, but they are more than the commandments. The life of holiness to which we are called is the life of Jesus. Holiness is, to use St. Paul’s expression, “to put on Christ.” I can think of no better program for putting on Christ than the self-portrait of Jesus that we see in the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are the charter of the Christian life, the Magna Carta, so to speak, of Christianity. A good definition of a saint is this: a man or woman of the Beatitudes. This is holiness: a life of conversion to Christ, a life according to the Spirit, a life that cooperates with the grace of God, a eucharistic life, a life of the Beatitudes.

Our homes are sanctified when we strive to live a life of the Beatitudes, Bishop Rhoades said. “The Beatitudes are a self-portrait of Jesus, so when we live the Beatitudes we are imitating Jesus. I have a very practical suggestion for you: post the Beatitudes in your home, somewhere where the family will see them each day, on a wall or even on the refrigerator. If the Beatitudes are the Magna Carta of Christianity, shouldn’t we keep them in a prominent place? … We should know the Beatitudes, recognize their importance, and try to live them, basically, model our life on the life of Jesus since that is what the Beatitudes teach us — the life of Jesus, the disposition of His heart — poor in spirit, meek, merciful, etc. We all seek to be happy and to have happiness in our homes and families. The Beatitudes show us the path to true happiness in this life and in the next.”

He noted that “The Beatitudes do not follow the logic of this world. They reveal the logic of God, which is logic of love. They show us God’s wisdom, which is the wisdom of the cross. The logic of the world has us seeking pleasure, success, possessions, things that easily can become idols. These things give us an illusory sense of satisfaction, but ultimately, they leave us unsatisfied. They can even leave us enslaved. If we wish to sanctify our homes, we must reject the logic of this world and accept the logic of God, the logic of love. We must seek God’s wisdom, the wisdom of the cross. The Holy Family of Nazareth lived in this wisdom. It is the wisdom of the Beatitudes.”

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Parish, Fort Wayne, and one of those nine. He credits his father and mother both with his own openness to a vocation. “I think their love for God, it wasn’t just ‘Do as I say,’ it was always ‘Do as I do.’ We prayed the rosary every Sunday night together. I credit them and my Catholic school upbringing with being in my vocation today.”

Mary Keefer, former principal of Bishop Luers High School, also remembers John for his faith. “He was my mentor: a fine, fine man. A good father, a good husband and so knowledgeable and caring about Catholic education. He always did what Jesus would have done, and he always advised us to do the same thing, err on the side of goodness.”

Marsha Jordan, now superintendant of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, was hired by and worked under John while he was principal at Bishop Dwenger. She shared that, “John Gaughan’s legacy is the faith-filled and prayerful life that he lived every single day with no exception, which ultimately impacted everyone around him.”

She remembered: “John could weekly be seen with students, in the early morning before school, walking and praying in front of the abortion clinic in Fort Wayne. He modeled for students his belief in the sanctity of life from conception until natural death. Though as disciplined as a marine drill sergeant, John also had a warm and caring way of connecting with students and faculty.”

She continued: “We all heard John say on many occasions, ‘Potential never scored a touchdown, rather, giving a 100 percent of your best effort and perseverance would lead to success. ‘You can’t put the toothpaste back in the tube,’ was another famous saying of John. I’m sure made every student stop and think before acting, and is probably remembered with a smile today by many former Bishop Dwenger students and faculty.”

John Gaughan is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patricia Marie (Murphy) Gaughan of Fort Wayne, their nine children, John F. (Rebecca) Gaughan II, Barney (Eileen) Gaughan, Michael (Mary Ann) Gaughan, Patrick (Tina) Gaughan, Mary Pan (Kyle) Epple, Thomas (Sandra) Gaughan, Rev. Joseph Gaughan, Martin (Megan) Gaughan, Kelly (William) Helkonson; 26 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place Wednesday, March 21, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, presided by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. He is buried in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Jodi Martin contributed to this story.
Pre-K bill to expand pilot program, maintain parental rights advances

Indianapolis — A proposal to expand state-funded preschool for at-risk children and maintain parental choice passed the Senate education panel 8-1 March 15 and moves to the Senate Appropriations panel for funding approval. The Indiana Catholic Conference supports the legislation.

Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis, author of the expansion plan, House Bill 1004, presented it before the Senate Education and Career Development Committee, saying targeted, high-quality preschool has a high rate of return on investment. Behning said research points to high tangible and intangible outcomes, including higher education attainment, higher likelihood of maintaining employment, higher earning potential and reduced crime rate. Behning said the return on investment in pre-K education yields a $3 to $4 return for every $1 spent on pre-K.

The Indianapolis lawmaker calls pre-K a “wise investment,” especially over the long run, as one looks at the cost to the state of remediation down the road. Additionally, Behning said the investment in pre-K could help to reduce or prevent those in the at-risk group from needing welfare, addiction treatment or incarceration.

The preschool expansion bill builds upon the state’s On My Way Pre-K pilot program. It allows income-eligible 4-year-olds access to high-quality preschool education in five counties — Allen, Jackson, Lake, Marion and Vanderburgh. Currently the pilot program serves approximately 2,500 low-income children. If passed, the proposal would expand the pilot program from five counties to any county in Indiana.

House Bill 1004 was amended by the Senate panel by a vote of 9-0. The Senate adopted its version of the pre-K expansion plan contained in Senate Bill 276. The amended version would dedicate $16 million dollars for the pre-K program, rather than the $20 million dollars in the original version of House Bill 1004. The Senate panel also removed voucher access language for pre-K children to enter kindergarten at the school of the parent’s choice, a provision the Indiana Catholic Conference supports. The amendment added a new feature to the plan which would give priority to children in foster care to access quality preschool. Beining said the bill is likely to move to a conference committee during the month of April. Behning said the bill is likely to be a part of the negotiation during conference committee.

“Typically, a kindergarten student cannot receive a choice scholarship, commonly referred to as a voucher, for a nonpublic school, but must enter a public school first,” said Tebbe. “Under the original version of House Bill 1004, children who qualify for a pre-K voucher because their family has a financial need would have been eligible for the choice scholarship for kindergarten.”

“While I’m disappointed the voucher piece of the pre-K program was removed in the Senate, I’m not surprised,” said Tebbe. “There are at least three aspects of the bill that are very positive as it relates to parental rights, nonpublic or religiously-affiliated preschools, and the common good. First, the measure would maintain parental choice in allowing a parent to choose the preschool that best suit the child, including religiously-affiliated, nonpublic or public pre-school. Second, the plan also would allow for a variety of ways a preschool program would be able to qualify as a state-approved, high-quality preschool program. Third, it reaches a targeted, at-risk population of low-income children who would gain access to preschool. For these reasons, the pre-K expansion plan is a positive step forward.”

Tebbe said many preschool programs in Indiana that are religiously-affiliated, or nonpublic, meet quality standards that exceed the state’s requirements to qualify as a high-quality preschool program. These programs would be eligible to serve as providers for children to access as part of the pre-K expansion plan. According to the United Way of Central Indiana, Indiana is behind most states in pre-K enrollment, with only 56 percent of Hoosier children ages 3 to 4 in such a program. The national average of the same age group in a pre-K program is 46 percent. Only seven states have a higher rate than Indiana of children not attending preschool.

For more information, The Indiana Catholic Conference provides legislative updates and other public policy resources on its webpage at www.indianacc.org.
In new audio drama, St. Patrick ‘comes alive brilliantly,’ says actor

WASHINGTON (CNS) — St. Patrick “comes alive brilliantly” in a just-released eight-part audio drama from Augustine Institute Radio Theatre, said the British actor who is the voice of the elder Patrick in the series. St. Patrick was “a man who endures the most incredible suffering, endures slavery, and his faith — which is perhaps marginal at the beginning — grows and endures and then compels him to return not just to the land but to the man who enslaved him,” John Rhys-Davies said in Catholic News Service in a March 16 telephone interview. “The Trials of Saint Patrick” drama debuted March 17, St. Patrick’s Day. It is available at airtheatre.org. Rhys-Davies leads an all-star cast, which includes Sean O’Meallaigh, who plays the younger Patrick. Rhys-Davies is best known for his roles in “Raiders of the Lost Ark,” “Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade” and “The Lord of the Rings” trilogy. O’Meallaigh is known for his appearances in Irish television and has starred as Prudentius the monk in “Vikings,” now in its fourth season on the History Channel. The audio drama is based on the history and writings of St. Patrick himself. He grew up a privileged youth in Britain. In A.D. 401 he was kidnapped and enslaved in Celtic Ireland. In six years as an ill-fed shepherd, he took solace in talking to God.

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Pope Francis kneels before a priest to confess during a Lenten prayer service in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican March 17.

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Film features friars who serve society's outcasts

NOTRE DAME — An eye-opening documentary featuring society's forgotten poor and the Franciscan friars who live and work beside them in some of the world's most desolate communities will be screened in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Sunday, April 2, at noon.

The screening of "Outcasts" will be followed by a conversation with Joseph Campo, cofounder and producer of Grassroots Films, and Father Leo Fisher, a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal. The event, sponsored by the Office of Human Dignity and Life Initiatives at Notre Dame’s McGrath Institute for Church Life, is free but tickets are required.

Tickets can be obtained at dpatickets.nd.edu at least 15 minutes prior to the screening. Filmmakers are invited to a pre-screening reception in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 11:45 a.m. immediately following the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

For more information and to view the film's trailer, visit icl.nd.edu/outcasts.

Bishop Luers student places at ISSMA

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School freshman Jessica Hartmus received a silver rating for her performance at the Indiana State School Music Association Solo and Ensemble contest. The state competition was held at North Central High School in Indianapolis on Feb. 25.

Sacred relics coming to St. John the Evangelist

GOSHEN — St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen, will present a teaching and exposition of sacred relics on Monday, March 27 at 7 p.m. Father Carlos Martins of Companions of the Cross will be present and teach about the holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among them will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will be a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.

Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many people have been healed. Articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.), as well as pictures of ill friends and family members, may be brought and touched to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

For more information visit www.treasuresofthechurch.com or call the St. John Parish Office at 574-533-3385.

Immigrant information session

KENDALLVILLE — On March 19, Catholic Charities’ Immigration Department will host an informative session for individuals and families in parishes and communities who may be personally affected by recent legislation regarding undocumented immigrants. The session will be held at Immaculate Conception church in Kendallville and will feature a presentation on recent changes in the system and how they may impact individuals living in the region. Catholic Charities’ Board of Immigration Appeals accredited immigration representative Luz Ostrogain will give the presentation and volunteer attorneys will be available afterward to provide basic legal assistance for issues related to power of attorney and guardianship.

The presentation will be in Spanish and attorneys will be available to assist in Spanish or English. Contact Catholic Charities at (260) 422-5625 with any questions or for further information.

Around the Diocese

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Stories of Service: How dedicating a year or more of service after college can have a lasting impact

BY MOLLY GETTINGER

“Every project I do, every report I write and every call I make has to have a real benefit to the world around me, or it isn’t worth doing.”

These are the words of Tim Ruggaber, senior project manager at EmNet in South Bend. Ruggaber’s undergraduate and graduate education were oriented towards his career as a civil engineer. After receiving his bachelor’s from the University of Notre Dame, however, he chose not to enter directly into the workforce. Instead, he dedicated a year of his life to service at Nazareth Farm, a Catholic community in rural West Virginia that transforms lives through a service-retreat experience.

Serving from 2003 to 2004, Ruggaber wanted to gain a different perspective on life before traveling down a conventional career path. He shared: “My experience before my year of service had been very homogenous, and I knew that I lacked a broader perspective on life. “While I was working at the farm, I daily ran into scenarios with no clear answer in sight, such as opening up a wall in an old house and not finding any studs, or having to teach a group of volunteers a skill that I had just learned that morning. The result was that I learned how to have confidence to innovate new solutions, to try something that I might fail at and to ask for help when I needed it. Today, I work to develop new technology to make infrastructure work better and smarter, and I’m continually using those same skills.”

For Ruggaber, his year of service equipped him an innovation-oriented mindset and a desire to use his work for good. For others, a year of service can go beyond this, directly influencing which field one pursues professionally.

Clarice Shear discerned her vocation to full-time service while a senior in college. From fall 2014 to summer 2016, she served as a Mission Corps member at Maggie’s Place in Phoenix, Ariz. Maggie’s Place is a house of hospitality, healing and growth for pregnant women and their babies.

“While at Maggie’s Place, I was fortunate enough to have the unique opportunity to walk beside these mothers on their personal journeys of struggle, heartbreak and triumph,” Shear shared. “Being able to share a home with them, I was able to also share the everyday challenges and joys in a very intimate way.”

As a Mission Corps member, she lived in a house with homeless, pregnant women. Her days were filled with anything from opening up a wall in an old house and not finding any studs, to sharing chocolate cake at midnight and holding the hands of mothers as they gave birth. “After serving at Maggie’s Place I was able to discern that God was continuing to call me to work with this population.”

Shear continues her commitment to mothers and to life through her current position at the Women’s Care Center in LaPorte. Opportunities to serve are available across the nation and world, and are also present in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Raquel Falk served at the St. Peter Claver Catholic Worker in South Bend for the three years immediately following college. Her call to service began the summer before her senior year, when Falk dedicated her summer to living in voluntary poverty at the Catholic Worker, focusing on manual labor, works of mercy and community living.

Falk discerned that “I felt most alive when I was at the Catholic Worker and so committed to stay for one year, though I ended up staying for three.”

Living in community and voluntary poverty isn’t always easy. “The challenges were different from year to year, but recurring challenges included learning how to practice the works of mercy toward myself and learning to practice loving conflict resolution with my community mates,” Falk shared.

Now a youth worker, she still lives with former residents of the Catholic Worker houses. “Through my time ‘on staff’ at the Catholic Worker, I discerned that living close to the poor, living simply, practicing the works of mercy and living in community were going to be important parts of the rest of my life… While I am still discerning the particulars, the call to be a Catholic Worker seems to be a lifelong vocation for me.”

Interested in discerning a year of service? To view a database of Catholic service opportunities, both national and global, check out the Catholic Volunteer Network at www.catholicvoluteernetwork.org

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Clarice Shear stands beside a Maggie’s Place mom on her day of graduation.

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Campus minister and school work together to foster faith, identity

BY JILL A. BOUGHTON

If St. Matthew Cathedral School Principal Sister Gianna Marie Webber needed any confirmation that adding a campus minister to the staff this year was a good move, she got it in spades on Feb. 23. At an all-school Mass that day, nine children from five different families received the sacraments of initiation. Eight St. Matthew students and a toddler sibling were baptized, and the older ones received their first holy Communion. Those families, including godparents, filled the first five pews. It was a great day of celebration for the entire school and parish community.

This fall five different families contacted their children’s teacher, Father Terry Fisher or campus minister Josh Bathon. For a variety of reasons their children had not been baptized as infants, and some were feeling left out because their classmates had celebrated the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist. Their teachers, Bathon and religious educator Nancy Becker began preparing them to receive these sacraments. The pastor decided that the occasion of their baptisms would be most meaningful if it took place at one of the two all-school Masses that occur every week; he chose the last one before the beginning of Lent. During his homily, Father Fisher interacted with the students who were about to receive these sacraments and helped the entire student body understand what was about to happen.

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The idea of adding a campus minister to the school staff grew out of St. Matthew’s Catholic identity committee. During his six years at seminary, Bathon had gotten to know Msgr. Michael Heinz, the former rector of St. Matthew Cathedral. When Bathon discerned a direction other than seminary, he began looking for a job in Catholic education. The new position at St. Matthew Cathedral School seemed like a good fit. Although he isn’t a counselor, Bathon spends a lot of time interacting with students in the lunchroom and after-school program.

Part of his job description is coordinating the celebrations of feasts and liturgical seasons in the school, helping to solidify its Catholic culture. During Lent, for example, each class has a daily challenge. Reflections are part of the morning announcements every day, the entire school prays Stations of the Cross, and it has undertaken a drive to gather food and toiletries that the St. Vincent DePaul Society can distribute.

The Saint Joseph High School hockey team suffered a tough loss to Central Indiana in the 3-A State Championship. Final score was SJHS 2, Central 3. Goals were scored by Miles Eckrich and Max Manta. “This year’s team is a bunch of resilient young men. They have worked hard all season to get to this point,” said coach and Saint Joe alumnus Chris Kleva.

“Hockey is a long season and like all seasons, there are highs and lows. This year the team has done a really nice job of staying fairly level.” The strength of the team was consistency, he added.
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Following the footsteps of the past to the future
NOTRE DAME 175TH ANNIVERSARY

BY JENNIFER MILLER

This year marks 175 years since the founding of the University of Notre Dame.

The main event of the anniversary celebration will occur at the start of the semester in August. Called the Notre Dame Trail, the public is invited on a walking pilgrimage remembering the 320-mile journey from Vincennes to South Bend made by Father Edward Sorin and the Brothers of St. Joseph in 1842, which precipitated the founding of the University of Notre Dame. The journey will follow much of the original route, albeit shorter, only 67 miles, under covered bridges, verdant forests and abundant fields. There is still time for those interested in participating to plan and train for the once-in-a-lifetime event.

History

Sainte-Croix, or Holy Cross, is a congregation with two societies: that of priests and that of brothers. Also part of the Holy Cross family is three communities of women religious.

On the feast of Our Lady of the Snows, Blessed Basil Moreau, superior of the young congregation, sent Father Sorin and six Brothers of St. Joseph from the Motherhouse in Le Mans, France, by ship to the New World. The six brothers were Brother Vincent Pieau, 44 years old; Brother Joachim Andre, 15; Brother François Xavier Colliche, 21; Brother Lawrence Menage, 26; Brother Anselm Cailletot, 16; and Brother Gatan Montminter, 15. A young novice, Sister St. Francis Xavier, a member of the Sisters of Providence, accompanied them. She was en route to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in Terre Haute. She wrote back to France that they celebrated Mass six times on the ship to New York, and although “the chalice is poor, only copper; the priest (Father Sorin) is gold.”

Father Sorin’s mission was one of education and evangelization, the same mission that the Congregation of Holy Cross bears, and also of the purity of soul that should mark the spotless purity of Our August Lady, whose name it bears, and also of the purity of soul that should mark the new inhabitants of this chosen spot… May this new Eden be always the refuge of innocence and virtue! He ended the letter by saying: “Finally, dear Father, you cannot help see that this new branch of your family is destined to grow under the protection of Our Lady of the Lake and of St. Joseph. At least, that is my deep conviction. Time will tell if I am wrong.”

On Nov. 30, 1842. Father Sorin celebrated the first Mass at Notre Dame. He offered the Divine Mysteries in a rude chapel in a log cabin, which was the only structure standing on the grounds, in the midst of a mighty forest of oaks.

New dreams from old hopes

One hundred and seventy-five years later, the University of Notre Dame is still striving to live Father Sorin’s prophetic words. In remembrance and thanksgiving for his vision and zeal, its leadership sought to celebrate the monumental anniversary in a uniquely Catholic way, opting to commit to a pilgrimage tracing the footsteps of the founders of the university, who have one thing in common, a desire to do good in the world,” said Katherine Lane, director of ND Trail.

The pilgrimage, the journey continues and the work goes on. We will travel the Notre Dame Trail as a collective renewal of our determination, to recommit ourselves to Notre Dame’s mission to seek God, study the world, and serve humanity — to forge our own trail through the next frontiers of knowledge and innovation, to boldly lead the way into the new chapters of our story.

“A pilgrimage is a journey of the soul,” Lane continued. “This is distinct in its Catholic roots and humble beginnings, but our mission is constant. We hope this is a celebration of the whole congregation, as well as an opportunity to educate the Notre Dame family and beyond about the rich history of Indiana, Notre Dame and the frontier all growing together.

“Lastly, this is a pilgrimage of Our Lady. Father Sorin wrote of this when he described his hopes to Father Moreau of the college to be ‘a powerful means to do good.’

There are three ways one can participate in the ND Trail and anniversary celebration; a five-day journey, a three-day journey or the one-day celebration. The five-day journey will begin at Rochester and follow a 67-mile trail — complete with safety precautions. The three-day option will pick up in Plymouth and include a special Mass at St. Pius X Parish in Granger, the old St. Joseph Farm Parish, and include a lovely dinner at the St. Joseph Barn, celebrating the whole congregation — priests, sisters and brothers.

Just announced last week, the one-day celebration on Aug. 26 will be free. Starting at Howard Park in South Bend, a mere 3 miles south of campus, participants will walk along the St. Joseph River. They will follow the East Bank Trail to St. Mary Avenue and then the trail to the Wayside Farm on the north side of the river. The first stop will be the Holy Cross Cemetery, to pay respects to Father Sorin and two of the original brothers, who are buried there. Next, the pilgrim will pray at the chapel and the family of the brothers first did. The first stop will be the Holy Cross Cemetery, to pay respects to Father Sorin and two of the original brothers, who are buried there. Next, the pilgrim will pray at the chapel and the family of the brothers first did. The first stop will be the Holy Cross Cemetery, to pay respects to Father Sorin and two of the original brothers, who are buried there. Next, the pilgrim will pray at the chapel and the family of the brothers first did. The first stop will be the Holy Cross Cemetery, to pay respects to Father Sorin and two of the original brothers, who are buried there. Next, the pilgrim will pray at the chapel and the family of the brothers first did. The first stop will be the Holy Cross Cemetery, to pay respects to Father Sorin and two of the original brothers, who are buried there. Next, the pilgrim will pray at the chapel and the family of the brothers first did. The first stop will be the Holy Cross Cemetery, to pay respects to Father Sorin and two of the original brothers, who are buried there. Next, the pilgrim will pray at the chapel and the family of the brothers first did. The first stop will be the Holy Cross Cemetery, to pay respects to Father Sorin and two of the original brothers, who are buried there.

Registration, which is available online, is required. Visit https://trail.nd.edu.
This is the famous letter written by Father Sorin upon his arrival at the site that would become the home of the University of Notre Dame.

"Beloved Father (Moreau),

When we least dreamed of it, we were offered an excellent piece of property, about 640 acres in extent. This land is located in the county of St. Joseph on the banks of the St. Joseph River, not far from the city of St. Joseph, (Michigan). It is a delightfully quiet place, about twenty minutes from South Bend. This attractive spot has taken from the lake which surrounds it the beautiful name of Notre Dame du Lac... It is from here that I write you now.

Everything was frozen over. Yet it all seemed so beautiful. The lake, especially, with its broad carpet of dazzling white snow, quite naturally reminded us of the spotless purity of our august Lady whose name it bears, and also of the purity of soul that should mark the new inhabitants of this chosen spot. ... We were in a hurry to enjoy all the scenery along the lakeshore of which we had heard so much. Though it was quite cold, we went to the very end of the lake, and like children, came back fascinated with the marvelous beauties of our new home. ... Once more, we felt that Providence had been good to us, and we blessed God from the depths of our soul.

"Will you permit me, dear Father, to share with you a preoccupation which gives me no rest?

Briefly, it is this. Notre Dame du Lac was given to us by the bishop only on condition that we establish here a college at the earliest opportunity. As there is no other school within more than a hundred miles, this college cannot fail to succeed. ... Before long, it will develop on a large scale. ... It will be one of the most powerful means for good in this country.

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Medically based talk on the Shroud of Turin and crucifixion

BY RACHEL BATDORFF

What did Christ really go through, in the last day of His earthly life? Dr. Thomas McGovern, a Fort Wayne physician, opened “The Passion Through the Shroud of Turin” talk Thursday evening, March 9, by asking a highly disputed question. The Shroud of Turin, a length of linen cloth bearing the image of a man, is believed to be the burial shroud of Jesus.

The Lenten presentation on the sufferings of Christ at Our Lady, Mother of Mercy, located at The Center at Historic Kneipp Springs in Rome City, began with a dinner of soup, bread and water, followed by an audiovisual guided talk on the wounds and death process of Christ.

No stranger to this field, McGovern began speaking on Christ’s sufferings in 1986. Ten years ago he began a medically based research process to investigate for himself the crucifixion process.

When it came to gathering reference material, McGovern looked to a variety of sources — including “Crucifixion in the Mediterranean World” by theologian John Granger Cook, along with archaeology, epigraphy, graffiti, medical literature, ancient art and reenactment. He structured his talk by dividing his research into nine different subject matters.

Chalices sent from South Bend around the world

BY MOLLY WYNEN

Richard “Dick” Dornbos is on a mission to evangelize the world one chalice at a time. Since 2012 he has overseen the delivery of 25 chalices to seven countries across five continents. For Dornbos, supplying these chalices means ensuring that people will be able to attend Mass and hear the Word of God, and that will bring about a better world.

The idea began with chalices, but it has since become a worldwide charity and church supplies undertaking, as he describes it. The first chalice was presented to Msgr. Larry Kanyke in 2012 for use at his newly built church in Kyenjera, Uganda. The church building itself was funded by the efforts of Kanyke’s lifelong friend, Msgr. William Schoolder at St. Pius X in Granger. While the building was the most expensive aspect, church supplies were still needed — and Dornbos’ mission was born.

He received financial backing from his Knights of Columbus Council, Father Stephen T. Badin Council 4236, and the Knights of Columbus Bishop Charles McLaughlin Assembly 1816 in Florida, which has now donated several handmade stoles and over 200 unique rosaries that accompany the chalices and patens, carrying cases and cruets sent around the world to various parishes. The cost of the supplies is underwritten by the Knights of Columbus Stephen T. Badin Council 4236, as well as individual donors. Thus far, the value of the purchased items is over $40,000.

Everything is sent to Dornbos, in South Bend, where he carefully boxes it up until he can find someone to personally deliver it. Thus far, he has been able to personally connect with people to hand deliver supplies to North America (Haiti died there), the United States, Africa (Uganda, Nigeria, and Tanzania), South America (Ecuador, Europe (Poland) and Asia (Vietnam). Those delivering the packages are mostly doctors or priests traveling on assignment. The supplies are generally taken to a local bishop, who determines where they are most needed within the diocese.

Father Henry Byekwaso, chaplain at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, in Granger, has picked up two chalices back to his home in Uganda and will be taking another the next time he visits. The first was given to a newly ordained priest that Father Byekwaso has known for many years.

“I am sure he uses it every day as he celebrates Mass,” he said. It is a special feeling for a newly priest to celebrate his first Mass with a chalice from another part of the world, exemplifying how the church is truly connected. The first chalice is being used there.

The second chalice is being used by a newly established semi- rinary. Father Byekwaso enjoys the chance to connect with people across continents in this way. He feels that Dornbos’ project is especially important because it shows the universal nature of the church and the generosity of people in helping the marginalized, and the people who receive the gifts truly have a need being met.

“Makes me look like a hero when I come and give them this gift, but really it’s the generosity of others. I am just the carrier.”

Father Byekwaso is looking forward to taking his third chalice to a newly developing parish in Uganda sometime this year.

Currently, Dornbos is looking get more people involved. While the monetary backing of this project is largely from individual donors, the support of the Knights of Columbus is very important. Knights of Columbus groups in Indiana, Florida and Michigan are already involved, but the hope is for the effort to extend throughout the entire organization.
Poverty and ‘signs of death’; priest recounts CRS trip

When Father Neil Kookothe went to Ethiopia, he expected to encounter poverty.

“When I saw opened my eyes,” he told students at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne last week. “Opulence and wealth, side by side with poverty, squander and the smell of human needs.”

Father Kookothe was talking about Eritrea, one of three countries he and a group of other clerics experienced as part of an effort to acquaint them with Catholic Relief Services, so they could inform others – like students at Bishop Dwenger – about the little-known relief program that helps millions of people annually. He talked with students, faculty and guests for about 30 minutes, then answered questions and elaborated on his experiences.

He and his group traveled to Eritrea, a country that recently fought a war with Ethiopia; Rwanda, a country in central Africa where, during a 10-day period in 1994, as many as 800,000 people were killed in a genocidal war between the Tutsi and Hutus; and Haiti, where, in 2010, a catastrophic magnitude-7.0 earthquake killed an estimated 80,000 people.

Father Kookothe’s presentation opened the eyes of nearly 1,000 Bishop Dwenger students, including those of Jessica Gabet. “I didn’t realize all the misery,” said the 11th grader. Neither did Tiffany Goodman, a freshman.

“We really have it good,” she said. Another student, sophomore Emmett Delaney, said the presentation made him think about the plight of others.

In Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, Father Kookothe’s group was encountered beautiful houses, modern buildings and a city of considerable wealth. A closer look, however, revealed cardboard lean-tos, shantytowns and people living in filth.

His group was escorted to the city of Ghinda by Land Rover, over carefully marked trails. “There were no paved roads,” Father Kookothe said, “and drivers were careful to avoid thousands of land mines left over from the country’s war of independence from Ethiopia.”

In the ghoda the poverty was more visible. People were in tattered clothing living in hovels and huts. But there was no dearth of hospitality. “People were curious about the visitors from the United States,” he said, staring and sometimes reaching out to touch their white skins.

His group bought back beans and other essentials, Father Kookothe said. “But people didn’t realize we were there to help them, and they invited us into their home.” He felt guilty eating their food, but declining would be a major insult.

In Rwanda, hundreds of miles to the south, his group encountered a country still recovering from the 1994 genocidal civil war. “Mothers were hacked to death with machetes while holding babies in their arms,” Father Kookothe said, with many slaughtered in the churches or schools where they sought refuge.

Even though it had been 14 years since the genocide, signs of death were everywhere, Father Kookothe said, with mass graves and human remains piled up in some places as a reminder of man’s inhumanity to man.

CRS was there, working to feed the poor and bring back some degree of tranquility. Some of that reconciliation took place in open courts, he explained, “not courts to prove guilt,” but courts that helped people come together again.

“I thought I had seen the worst in Eritrea and Rwanda,” Father Kookothe said. “But I wasn’t prepared for what I saw in Haiti. I am a different man today for having spent a week there.”

The minute he stepped off the plane, the priest said, “I wanted to leave. There were smoldering waist-deep piles of trash lining the streets of the capital city of Port Au Prince.” Buildings had collapsed, churches collapsed and the government collapsed, he said.

“Senses were assaulted at every turn. Everything was in ruins and chaos was everywhere.” Displaced people were living in tents pitched on golf courses and other open areas where they wouldn’t be crushed by aftershocks.

In meetings with tribal leaders, the priest continued, people asked: Do people in the United States know about us? As long as people in the U.S. knew of their plight, Father Kookothe said, “the people of Haiti felt that they had a reason to hope.”

“That’s where CRS made a difference, he continued. “We brought food, clothing and other essentials,” he said, “and we brought hope.”

Following the presentation, Dwenger Principal Jason Schiffli offered to give Father Kookothe a stipend for the well-received presentation. The priest refused, however, instead asking that Rice Bowels be placed in classrooms and other essentials might contribute loose change to support CRS.

“We’ll put it to good use,” Father Kookothe said.

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Ohio company’s candles help church celebrate Easter

BY KATIE BREIDENBACH

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“It’s very peaceful work,” Hamrick said. “I’ve worked here 24 years. Every paschal season, I’ve been out here, and we enjoy it out here.”

Nearby are countless other wax decorations in the shape of lambs, crosses, numbers and Greek letters. Tubs of wax, rulers, brushes and boxes of pins lay strewn on Hamrick’s desk and the desks of her co-workers.

“It’s exciting when you put it all together,” added another decorator, Rose Marie Dixon.

Each element is carefully measured and attached, by hand, to a long wax pillar. After about 45 minutes, the women finish decorating one paschal candle. Their factory, the A.I. Root Co. in Medina, will create over 1,500 of these liturgical works of art and ship them to churches across the United States.

“We probably make about 25 to 30 a day,” said Brad Root, president and chairman of the company. He is the fifth generation of the direct descendants.

Though most of the process is mechanized, paschal candle decoration and the end of all. “The ladies who decorate these candles take pride in these candles,” said Hamrick. “They do their very best with them.”

Carefully wrapped and boxed, the completed waxen works of art are finally shipped out churches across the country. In the coming weeks, the company will dedicate long hours to completing all the paschal candles before Easter.

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Bishop speaks on ‘Truth in Charity’ at Christ the King

BY JENNIFER MILLER

“It doesn’t take much effort to see division, empty promises, fear and anger in our society. However, as a church, we know that a deep and personal relationship with Jesus, who is the Truth, leads to a life of unity, charity, joy and freedom.”

Megan Bazler Urbaniajk, director of adult faith formation at Christ the King Parish in South Bend, explained. “We begin to live a life of the beatitudes, a life where we see Christ in others and draw others to the healing and charitable love of Christ.”

Urbaniajk organized the Christ the King Parish Lenten mission, which took place March 12-14. “We first considered choosing “Truth in Charity” because it’s Bishop Rhoades’ episcopal motto as the planning committee spent time in prayer, we began to realize how important and timely a reflection on God’s truth and charity is. The psalms, readings, prayers and music we selected were carefully and prayerfully chosen as we each explored the need for more authentic truth and charity in the world.”

After a parish potluck meal Sunday night, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades began the Christ the King parish mission, leading evening vespers and preaching. The Gospel that evening was the Beatitudes, from Matthew 5:1-15.

He started his reflection by sharing the memory of how he chose his episcopal motto, Truth in Charity or “Veritatem in caritate,” in Latin. He was Rector of Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., at the time, when he received the call that he was being appointed a bishop, the bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa. The motto comes from chapter four of St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, verse 15, which reads: “living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him who is the head, that is, Christ.” Bishop Rhoades explained, “He (St. Paul) urges them to live in the truth out of a desire for the good of others, acting in love. In our speech and our conduct, when we are truthful, sincere and motivated by love, we grow into maturity in Christ. Christ is our goal and our life is to be “In Him.” He is the head of the church. It is from Christ that we receive the truth and it is from Christ that we learn to love.”

Next, Bishop Rhoades connected the motto and theme of the parish mission with the Beatitudes, “the beginning of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount.”

“I can’t think of a better instruction on how to live the truth in love. The Beatitudes are at the very heart of the teaching of Jesus,” he said.

“The wonderful blessings and reward proclaimed in the Beatitudes: possessing the kingdom of heaven, inheriting the earth, seeing God face to face. These are descriptions of eternal life, communion with God in heaven, which is our ultimate end and perfect happiness. We can have a taste of that happiness here on earth when we live the Beatitudes.”

He continued by going into detail about how Jesus Himself first lived the Beatitudes, how Mary was connected to them and how the faithful could choose to follow Jesus by living these same works:

“The Beatitudes are really the program of life of the Christian. They free us from the false values that surround us in the world. They show us what it means to live in the truth, to live in Christ who is the truth.”

By connecting the life and words of Christ, Bishop Rhoades invited everyone to come closer to God in a fatherly way. “The Beatitudes are words of truth. They are a kind of self-portrait of the One who is Truth Incarnate, Jesus. And they are to be the portrait of His followers, His disciples.”

“They also paint us a picture of what God’s grace can accomplish in us if we run to Him repentance and ask Him to accomplish what He died to give us. The Beatitudes have a revolutionary power,” he shared.

“I can’t think of a better Lenten practice than reading, studying, praying over the Beatitudes every day. They are the rules for a Christian revolution.”

Other speakers for the remainder of the Christ the King Lenten retreat were Tami Schmitz, campus minister at the University of Notre Dame, and Father John Herman, CSC, superior and rector of Moreau Seminary. A parish penance and reconciliation service closed the retreat on Tuesday evening.

Father Steve Lacroix, CSC, pastor of Christ the King parish, shared: “We chose the theme “Truth in Charity” because it’s a message that we really need to hear. So often when people disagree about important things, they stop treating each other with charity. And the flip side of that is that people often back away from speaking difficult truths because they don’t want to appear self-righteous. The bishop did a great job of reminding us that Christians have to do both. There is no truth without charity, and there is no charity without truth.”

“I hope that everyone walked away from the retreat with more energy and enthusiasm for their Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving,” Father Lacroix added.

Science Olympiad state finals

Sixteen students from Bishop Dwenger High School participated in the Indiana Science Olympiad state finals on Saturday, March 18. Held on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, 37 of the best teams from across the state were challenged in 23 events and four trial competitions.

The following Bishop Dwenger students won medals:
Max DiFilippo and Patrick Morr, first place in tower construction and third place in electric vehicle; Nikki Gloudemans and Kyle Weingartner, first place in robot arm; and Laura Carroll and Cierra Stith, fifth place in ecology.

Additionally, DiFilippo and Morr received the 2017 Tom Sayrs Engineering Award for engineering excellence, exemplified by their outstanding tower construction. Their structure weighed 6.2 grams, the weight of two pennies and supported 15 kilograms, or 33 pounds. The award is accompanied by a $150 cash contribution to the Bishop Dwenger Science Olympiad team for use in future engineering projects.

Competing for Bishop Dwenger were seniors Laura Carroll, DiFilippo, Samuel Fair, Kevin LaMaster, Patrick Morr, Mike Voors and Kyle Weingartner; juniors Chino Eke, Nicole Gloudemans, Farrah Pilling and Ryan McArdle; sophomores Natalie Gisung and Matthias Post; and freshman David LaMaster, Jacob Nicholson and Cierra Stith.

The tower constructed by Max DiFilippo and Patrick Morr, Bishop Dwenger High School science students, undergoes judging at the Indiana Science Olympiad state finals on Saturday, March 18. Several competitors from the school, including DiFilippo and Morr, took home Top Ten honors from the event.
Form and chaos

I am not the first to notice that ideas and styles spread across the fine arts, regardless of medium or genre. In the middle of the 19th century, orchestras grew to 100 or more musicians, and symphonies were lush and tuneful. Think of Wagner, Tchaikovsky and Saint-Saëns. Novels had as many characters as orchestras had musicians. Their prose was lush and their stories absorbing. Think of Dickens, Tolstoy, Melville and Hugo.

Architecture expressed similar thoughts in stone and steel. The Paris Opera, where Saint-Saëns was played, has beautiful lines and lots of ornamentation. A different thread runs through the arts today. Poetry no longer matters, because it’s a word game for an elite intellectual subculture. The rest of us can’t recite any contemporary poems, because we can’t remember them. They don’t rhyme, they have no rhythmical structure and they’re not about anything. Often, they’re just jumbles of words.

John Cage’s music is a jumble of sounds; and sometimes of words. His piece 4’33” is four and they’re not about anything. They have no rhythmic structure. Think of poems, because we can’t remember them. Even that. His piece 4’33” is four and five minutes. Heck, I could paint a canvas of chaos. And I could paint a canvas that would not be an attempt to impose an order on the world, but simply a way of waking up to the very life we’re living.

Traditional artistic forms impose an order on the world, and offer us a way to understand it and appreciate its beauty. The point of postmodern art is to dispense with that structure and bring us face to face with brute reality. Cage is right to speak of chaos. That’s exactly how Ovid describes the primal state of things: “the face of Nature in a vast expanse / was naught but chaos uniformly waste / it was a rude and undeveloped mass /... / / / congested in a shapeless heap.” I’ve been thinking lately about creating a Fine Arts Council at the university, whose charge would not be to appreciate this representation of the world, but to rebel against it.

In the Catholic imagination, the God who created the heavens and the earth brought an order out of primordial chaos. Or in Ovid’s words, “God, or kindly Nature, ended strife — / / / he bound the fractious parts in tranquil peace.” Perhaps if we can bring together enough people who see the world this way, they can inspire one another to a distinctively Catholic vision of the arts. I’m not sure what it would be. (I have already confessed to being no artist.) But I know it has to start in a different place than where the culture is today.

Greenhouse projects build community

Each week of Lent, this reflection series will provide ways to incorporate global solidarity and the struggles of our brothers and sisters throughout the world into your Lenten journey.

NATION FOCUS: MEXICO

Catholic social teaching principle: Call to family, community and participation

Question: Who in your community supports you, and how do you support them?

Scripture quote: “We must consider how to reuse one another to love and good works. We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another, and this all the more as you see the day dawning near.” — Hebrews 10:24-25

Prayer intention: For Maria Martinez and her community in Mexico, that they may continue to find strength and joy in the time they spent planting and harvesting together.

Amsgiving challenge: Give $2.50 to CRS Rice Bowl for each hour you worked with someone today.

Mexico is a nation about three times the size of Texas, where Catholic Relief Services works with more than 58,000 people in the areas of emergency response, agriculture, peace building and capacity building. Mexico has one of the largest economies in Latin America, but around 50 percent of the population lives in poverty; and issues with drug trafficking and violence affect the lives of thousands of Mexicans. These situations cause many to leave their communities to find work. CRS is working to help individuals to stay in their native communities and provide for their basic needs.

Maria de la Luz Lugo Martinez is one of the beneficiaries of CRS’ work in local Mexican communities. Martinez’s community participates in a greenhouse project that empowers women by helping them grow cacti to sell in their local market. Not only do the women work in gardening to be able to make a profit that will feed their families, they grow in their sense of community. Martinez told CRS, “At the greenhouses, we laugh, we talk, we spend time together. Sometimes we leave our homes angry or sad. But then we start working with the plants, and we forget. Talking, laughing — we forget our problems for a while.”

This sense of community is...
Why it matters who Jesus is

I have been reading, with both profit and delight, Thomas Joseph White’s latest book, “The Incarnate Lord: A Thomistic Study in Christology.” A master of the classical tradition, White, one of the brightest of a new generation of Thomas interpreters, explores a range of topics in this text — the relationship between Jesus’ human and divine natures, whether the Lord experienced the beatific vision, the theological significance of Christ’s cry of anguish on the cross, His descent into Hell, etc. — but for the purposes of this article, I want to focus on a theme of particular human interest in the theological and catechetical context today. Father White argues that the classical tradition, with its roots in the texts of the Gospels and the Epistles of Paul, understood Jesus ontologically, that is, in terms of his fundamental being or existential identity; whereas modern and contemporary Christology tends to understand Jesus psychologically or relationally. And though this distinction seems, prima facie, rather arcane, it has tremendous significance for our preaching, teaching and evangelizing.

In the famous scene at Caesarea-Philippi, Jesus turns to his Apostles and asks, “Who do people say that I am?” Does he not ask what people are saying about his preaching or his miracle-working or his impact on the culture? He asks who they say He is. St. John’s Gospel comments on a major assertion regarding, not the teaching of the Lord, but rather His being: “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God... and the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us.” In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul writes, “Though He was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality with God a thing to be grasped at,” implying thereby an ontological identity between Jesus and the God of Israel.

Following these prompts — and there are many others in the New Testament — Jesus turns over every possible articulation of the being, nature and person of Jesus and the most significant theologians of the early centuries — Origen, Ireneaus, Gregory of Nyssa, Maximus the Confessor, Augustine, etc. — tirelessly speculated about these same matters. This preoccupation with the being of Jesus signals the point of demarcation between Christianity and the other great religions of the world. Buddhists are massively interested in the teaching of the Buddha, but they are more or less indifferent to the ontology of the Buddha; no self-respecting Muslim worries about the existential makeup of Muhammad; and no Jew is preoccupied with the “being” of Moses or Abraham. Father White points out that the time-honored practice of ontological speculation regarding Jesus comes to a kind of climax with the meticulous teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas in the High Middle Ages.

However, beginning in the eighteenth century with the thought of Friedrich Schleiermacher, Christology took a decisive turn. Attempting to make the claims of the Christian faith more intelligible to a modern audience, Schleiermacher explained the Incarnation in terms of Jesus’ relationship to and awareness of God. He is a particularly clear articulation of his position: “The Redeemer, then, is like all men in virtue of the identity of his human nature, but distinguished from them all by the constant potency of his God-consciousness, which was a veritable existence of God in him.” Armies of theologians — both Protestant and Catholic — have raged down this Schleiermacherian highway. But Father White strenuously insists that this represents a severe declension in Christian theology, and I think he’s right.

The abandonment of ontological approach has myriad negative consequences, but I will focus on just a few. First, it effectively turns Jesus into a super-saint, different perhaps in degree from other holy people, but not in kind. Hence, on this reading, it is not the least bit clear why Jesus is of any greater significance than other religious figures and founders. If He is a saint, even a great one, well people can argue so is Confucius, so is the Buddha, so are the Sufis and Hindu sages and so in their own right are Socrates, Walt Whitman and Albert Schweitzer. If Jesus mediates the divine to you, well and good, but why should you feel any particular obligation to propose him to someone else, who is perhaps more moved by a saintly person from another religious tradition? Indeed, if “God-consciousness” is the issue, who are we to say that Jesus was any wider or deeper than St. Francis’ or Mother Teresa’s? In a word, the motivation for real evangelization more or less dissipates when one navigation the Schleiermacherian highway.

More fundamentally, when the stress is placed on Jesus’ human consciousness of God, the spiritual weight falls overwhelmingly on the side of impassivity. What I mean is this. For our quest for God, our search for the divine and our growth in spiritual awareness become paramount. God has uniquely accomplished and established. When the Church says that Jesus is God, she means that the divine life, through the graceful intervention of God, has become available to the world in an utterly unique manner. She furthermore means that she herself — in her preaching, formal teaching, in her sacraments and in her saints — is the privileged vehicle through which this life now flows into human hearts and into the culture. It is easy enough to see the connection from an ontological Christology to a consciousness Christology has conducted toward all manner of relativism, subjectivism, indifferentism and the attenuation of evangelical zeal.

One of my constant themes when I was professor and rector at Mundelein Seminary was that ideas have consequences. I realize that much of what Father White discusses in his book can seem hopelessly abstract, but he is in fact putting his finger on a shift that has had a huge impact on the life of the post-conciliar Church.

Bishop Robert Barron

WORD ON FIRE

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SCIENTIFIC SEARCH®

Gospel for March 19, 2017
John 4:5-42

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

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one of the principles of Catholic social teaching. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops calls this principle the call to the common dignity and participation. We remember through this principle that human beings are social by nature — we need each other. We, like the Disciples, are called to come together and grow in community.

St. Frances of Rome provides us with a shining example of the social nature of the human person. Frances grew up in a wealthy family, which led her to marriage to a nobleman. Throughout her early life she felt compelled to the religious life, but her parents favored marriage. Frances found ways through her marriage to help the poor of her local community. Frances and her husband had two sons and a daughter, so she spent much of her time in devotion to her family. When a great plague came through Italy, Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to help the sick with whatever they might need. Once all of her money was gone, Frances begged door-to-door to get what she needed to help the sick.

Unfortunately, Frances’ daughter and one of her sons fell ill and died. This compelled Frances to open her house as a hospital. In the later years of her life, Frances continued to serve the poor and sick of Rome as a part of a religious society of women. Throughout her life, St. Frances gave to her family and her local community in a selfless way. Even though we may not be able to live a life just like Frances’, we can keep ourselves open to how God has called us to participate in our families and our local communities. A life of prayer and openness to God can help us to see how we can contribute to all of God’s children. May the stories of Martinez and St. Frances of Rome serve as a model for us in our continued efforts to serve God in our everyday lives. As Pope Francis reminds us, “The Good News is no mere matter of words... It is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others.”

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FISH FRIES
Holy Name Society fish fry
NEW HAVEN — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, March 31, from 4:30-7 p.m. in the school cafeteria at door No. 9. Tickets are $10 for adults 13 and up, $6 for children ages 6-12, $5 for children ages 5-5, and free for children under 5.

Fish fry
FORT WAYNE — St. Charles Parish will have a Lenten fish fry on Friday, March 24, from 4:30-7 p.m. in the school cafeteria at door 8. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for children 6-12, $5 for children under 5, free for children under 5.

Fish fry
GRANGER — The Knights of Columbus will hold a fish fry at St. Pius X on Friday, March 31, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets at the door are $8 for adults, $4 for kids 6-11, free under 6. Carry out and drive through also available.

MISCELLANEOUS
Prayer in memory of Christian martyrs
SOUTH BEND — Prayer will be said in memory of Christian martyrs on Sunday, April 9, at 2 p.m. This is a free event for children up to the age of 12. Three hunts, divided by age, will be offered. Bring a basket for the hunt and the Easter bunny will meet children and pose for photos. Juice and cookies will be available.

Breakfast will be served
FORT WAYNE — St. Gaspar del Bufalo Council No. 11045 will have a breakfast to serve from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, at St. Matthew Cathedral, 1701 Main St., with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades presiding.

Candy and bake sale planned
FORT WAYNE — Most Precious Blood Church will have an Easter candy and bake sale Saturday, April 8, from 4:30-6 p.m. and Sunday, April 9, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Spring rummage sale planned
KENDALLVILLE — The Rosary Society of Immaculate Conception Parish will have a rummage sale Friday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, April 1, from 9:11 a.m. to 9:50 p.m. Saturday will feature a bag sale for $1.50.

Easter egg hunt
ROME CITY — Our Lady, Mother of Mercy Center will have an Easter egg hunt and roll on Sunday, April 9, at 2 p.m. This is a free event for children up to the age of 12. Three hunts, divided by age, will be offered. Bring a basket for the hunt and the Easter bunny will meet children and pose for photos. Juice and cookies will be available.

Breakfast will be served
FORT WAYNE — St. Gaspar del Bufalo Council No. 11045 will hold a breakfast from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Most Precious Blood, 1515 Bartholomew St., on Saturday, March 25. Cost is $8 for adults, $4 for children ages 6-12 and $20 per family. $5 carryout packs will also be available.

St. Monica’s rummage sale
MISHAWAKA — St. Monica Parish, 222 W Mishawaka Ave., will have an early bird rummage sale Friday, March 31, from 5-7 p.m. with a $5 admission. On Saturday, April 1, the sale continues from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Send resume and cover letter to Father David Voors: 10700 Aboite Center Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46804 or FrDaveVoors@seasfw.org no later than March 31, 2017.

DOIACE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

is seeking applicants for the position of: ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Deadline for Appointments - April 15, 2017

Necessary qualifications include:
Strong and Proven Commitment to Catholic Identity
Indiana School Administrator’s License
Five Years Catholic School Administrative Experience - Princpal or Assistant
Ability to Organize Effectively
Ability and Desire to Assist Principals and Administrators
Ability to Plan, Implement, and Evaluate Curriculum and Instruction
Ability to Analyze and Interpret Assessment Data

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students that boasts an exceptional student-faculty ratio, something that has helped it to achieve a 100 percent graduation rate.

Next, a banner for Saint Joseph’s recent Class 3A girls basketball state championship was unveiled. All stood and applauded as a smiling Bishop Rhoades was shown the banner. This was followed by a gift Bishop said he had never been given in person; a live goat. The goat represented a gift of $2,600 from the school to Bishop Rhoades for Catholic Relief Services, which is enough to provide 33 goats to impoverished people living in Third World countries.

Immediately after Mass, pictures were taken before Bishop Rhoades visited with seniors in a church history class. There, he spoke on St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Francis, two important figures the students were in the midst of learning about. Finally, Bishop met with several club and student council leaders and was impressed all the great work they had been doing.

“We are excited and honored to have Bishop Rhoades visit Saint Joseph for his annual pastoral visit today,” said Susan Richter, principal. “Celebrating Mass with Bishop is always special, and our students enjoy talking with him during his class visits. Our student leaders have the opportunity to eat lunch and share their Saint Joe experiences with our shepherd. I know Bishop Rhoades enjoys this time with our young people and always encourages them to continue to grow in their faith and serve others. Having Bishop Rhoades visit our school is always one of the best days of the year; he sees our mission in action.”

The day ended with the bishop leading a mid-afternoon prayer service and meeting with Saint Joseph faculty and staff members, who are there to guide the students to discipleship — a journey Bishop Rhoades feels is of the utmost importance.

“From what I am more proud of, and think is most important is their goodness and their love. That their formation here at Saint Joseph High School is a formation into discipleship, and in the end, that’s what’s most important.”

Bishop holds a small-group discussion with representatives of the student body.

Students, the bishop and members of the Secretariat for Catholic Education enjoy lunch at the school.