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VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A Vatican archaeologist believes he has rediscovered the tomb of St. Paul, buried deep beneath the main altar of the Rome basilica dedicated to the Apostle.

Filippi’s discovery was the result of more than five years’ archaeological sleuthing. Surprisingly, the findings have not yet made a huge impression inside the Vatican or in ecclesiastical circles. The Vatican newspaper, for example, has yet to report on the discovery.

Filippi managed to reach the back side of the sarcophagus, but he said opening the tomb would be practically impossible without destroying the altar area.

He added that, in any case, it was not essential to check what’s inside the sarcophagus. The important thing is that it was clearly venerated as the tomb of St. Paul. He spoke in an interview with Catholic News Service.

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By Brandon A. Evans

Just as the students at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis are expected to perform community service, so are the faculty and staff.

About 125 members of the faculty and staff of the private Catholic high school—just about all of them—gave their example of Christian living by helping out at two Indianapolis center-city schools on March 7.

The adults split into two groups—one spending the day at All Saints School and the other at St. Philip Neri School.

Maureen Reynolds, principal of St. Philip Neri School, said that it is nice to know that people care about the school. “Even though it’s not our fault that we can’t do all the maintenance … I do think it’s a way of letting the kids know that they’re important,” Reynolds said. “I think when the building looks nice, it’s an indication that we care about what goes inside of it.”

She said that the Brebeuf Jesuit faculty and staff were painting parts of the hallways, replacing lights, cleaning the cafeteria, preparing lunch, fixing computers and repairing water damage in some closets.

“I figure even if everything doesn’t get finished, the fact we’ve gotten a start makes it more likely that it is going to get done,” Reynolds said.

Brebeuf Jesuit students had the day off, and normally the faculty and staff spend the day on retreat working on professional development.

Still, the students at both center-city schools were in class. As they walked about St. Philip Neri School, the students could see the host of people working to maintain the building.

And what the students at the center-city schools could see with their eyes, many of the Brebeuf Jesuit students were at least aware of. “Part of the reason why we’re doing it is so that the pope will be here for Holy Week.”

“Even though it’s not our fault that we have the pope to breathe through the hole cut in his throat, it’s an opportunity for the students to spend the day on retreat working on professional development.”

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Pope hopes to return to the Vatican by Easter

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made their way to the hospital, usually meeting a Vatican official, but rarely being admitted to the pope’s 10th-floor room.

Pope John Paul said he wanted to extend special thanks to members of other religions, particularly Jews and Muslims, who “have wanted to come to pray here at this hospital. This is a comforting sign for me and one for which I thank God.”

The representatives of the Islamic Muslim community and the Jewish community of Rome had visited the hospital in the previous week, and Israel’s ambassador to the Vatican arrived with a message from the country’s chief Sephardic rabbi.

In his message, the pope also told the faithful, “We continue together our preparation for Easter, including by offering God our suffering for the good of humanity and for our own purification.

“In today’s Gospel, Christ, healing the man blind, presents himself not as the light of the world.” He came to open our eyes to the light of faith,” the pope wrote.

“Yes, my dear ones, faith is the light that guides us along the path of life, and it is the flame that comforts us at difficult moments,” he said.

Ann Rafferty, a Catholic from Philadelphia, was in St. Peter’s Square for the Angelus with five of her six children.

Archbishop John P. Foley, a Philadelphia native and head of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, translated the pope’s Italian-language message for the Angelus.

Rafferty said, “It’s inspiring just listening to his message. He’s still reaching out to people, and he is a remarkable witness.”

As the pope spent his 12th day in the hospital, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican secretary of state, filled in for the pope on March 7, accepting the credentials of new ambassadors from Austria and Greece.

Cardinal Sodano gave both ambassadors a personal message from Pope John Paul.

Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the pope’s vicar for the Diocese of Rome, met with the pope on March 5 at the hospital before going to the Vatican to preside over a gathering of European university students.

The pope had been scheduled to participate in the event.

Instead, Cardinal Ruini read his message to the young people.

“I cannot be present among you, but I am as close as my heart’s connection and my prayers,” the pope wrote.

Pope John Paul thanked the university students for gathering to join in reflecting on the Gospel and examining how their intellectual pursuits complement their lives as they prepare for the August celebration of World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany.

There is no contradiction between faith and reason,” the pope wrote. “This is demonstrated even by the experience of the Three Wise Men, who reached Bethlehem using both dimensions of the human spirit: intelligence, which scrutinizes the signs, and faith, which leads to adoring the mystery.”

Tradition holds that the relics of the Three Wise Men are interred at the Cologne cathedral.

Pope John Paul asked the students to keep alive “the yearning to discover the truth about your existence.”

“Faith and reason are the two wings that will lead you toward Christ,” the pope said.

“In him, you will find peace and joy.”

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St. Paul, he said.

Tradition holds that St. Paul suffered martyrdom by beheading in the first century and that his body was buried in a cemetery along the Via Ostiense, where a wealth of other material.

After the Jubilee ended, at the request of the basilica’s papal administrator and on behalf of the Vatican Museums, Filippi made plans for a systematic study of the area under the altar. In 2002 and 2003, he examined, among other things, three vertical holes leading down to the altar under the sarcophagus.

The holes had been established many centuries earlier so that devotional items could be lowered to the tomb’s surface. One reason the tomb ended up so far below the altar was that the altar area had been progressively raised due to changes that occurred during the centuries, Filippi said.

One of these holes—now closed with mortar—led inside the sarcophagus, apparently so that pieces of cloth could come into contact with relics of the saint.

Filippi said the practice of creating these kinds of secondary relics was popular in the late fourth century, especially after the Emperor Theodosius banned the sale and distribution of corporate relics.

Theoretically, experts today could open the hole to the sarcophagus and stick a small video probe inside. But for now, no such examination is foreseen.

Filippi said there’s no hurry; as the last 11 years of work has demonstrated, he’s happy to take one archaeological step at a time.

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Marist Father Thomas Dubay discusses process of deep conversion

By Brandon A. Evans

The first words of Jesus Christ that are recorded in his public ministry admonish us to convert and accept the Gospel.

Deep conversion was the topic of a presentation by Marist Father Thomas Dubay, a well-known author, university teacher and retreat master, on March 2 at Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis.

The program was part of the parish’s five-part, weekly Lenten speaker series.

Jesus’ command, Father Dubay said, at one time seemed to him to be backward—conversion follows the acceptance of the Gospel. But what the Lord is saying is to convert from our current way of living to one that “will prosper,” he said.

“Once a person is deeply converted and hears the Gospel,” he said, “that person will love the Gospel because there’s nothing nearly as beautiful on our planet.”

It is egocentrism that we are converting from, Father Dubay said, which is the result of original and actual sin that causes us to be constantly concerned with our own wants and desires.

But conversion requires more, he said. It requires a turning away from idols and a total worship of God, who is the source of all truth, goodness and beauty.

“God wants you to love something, you’re going to kneel to something,” he said. “If it’s not the real God, it’ll be you’re going to kneel to something,” he said.

“Once you make that decision, you hear the Gospel,” he said, “that person will love the Gospel.”

Some of the hallmarks of truly holy people, he said, are that they act promptly, are joyful in hardships, possess all virtues and are habitually holy.

“Saints put no limits on loving and showing it. They light fires,” he said. “Saints, therefore, are the most splendid men and women on earth. They’re icons of human beauty.”

If we are all God’s works of art, as St. Paul says in Ephesians, then the saints are the masterpieces, Father Dubay said.

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The series will run on five consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. beginning on April 26th and ending on May 24th. Cost for the entire series is $75.00 per person.
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uddenly there is good news in many places in the world as more and more people are making nice. Here are just a few examples:

• Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas continue their good relations (at least as this is being written). Sharon has said that he can work with Abbas, who has visited Sharon at his farm.

• Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, left, meets with Christian leaders at his headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah on Jan. 13. Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah of Jerusalem, right, was seen greeting Abbas, who is expected to revitalize a peace process with Israel after years of bloodshed.

Letters to the Editor

Science and faith not mutually exclusive

In response to Lee J. Sumter’s letter in the Feb. 11 issue of The Criterion regarding the teaching of evolution along with creation/evolution design in science classes, I should like to add a few more thoughts.

It seems to me that Professor Sumter sets up a conflict between evolution and creationism that does not really exist, as I believe that each can be seen as complimentary to the other. The one seeking to explain what the other cannot. While the evidence appears to support the theory of evolution in many life forms, there are aspects of the genetic process that evolution cannot account for and will never be able to do. The most obvious of these is the “phenomenon” of intelligence and the power to reason. Only man can reason.

Monkeys have remarkable capabilities for adaption, but there is a fundamental difference between this capability and “intelligence.” I think any reasonable person would claim that intelligence and the power to reason could conceivably ever be a product of genetic manipulation—and at least not in the absence of an “intelligent designer.”

Religion tells us that every effect must have a proportionate cause. For intelligence to exist at all, it has to come from something that possesses intelligence—call it “something” what you will. Consequently, as a logical consequence, to deny the existence of any intelligent designer would, in fact, require denying along with it the very thing that separates man from the rest of creation.

Since what we are concerned with here is not science in the abstract, but science as it is taught in the classroom, perhaps we need to ask here, “What is the purpose of education?” It is merely to provide a list of things to remember or is it about educating the whole person in all aspects of knowledge, not just in the physical sciences? A person who has learned nothing but facts might be called knowledgeable, but would he be called wise? There is a difference, and it is through that intangible quality that we call intelligence that we discern the difference. Could this capability ever be considered to be a result of random selection?

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E ste año celebramos el día de San José justo antes del comienzo de la Semana Santa. Me alegra que lo consideremos un modelo de cómo entrar en el espíritu de la Pasión, muerte y resurrección de su Hijo adoptivo. Me encanta San José porque es un patrón accesible para todos nosotros.

En 1870 el Papa Pío IX proclamó a José patrono de la Iglesia Universal. El Papa Pío XII, de hecho, lo proclamó patrón de todos los pueblos e incluso de todos los países. Aunque no tenemos una sola palabra dicha por él, tenemos una sola palabra dicha por él, tenemos un poderoso testimonio de su dedicación a la vida de San José al escribir: “El ejemplo del humilde José guía la del omnipotente.”

Una de mis imágenes preferidas de San José se encuentra ilustrada en un mural de la parroquia de San José en la ciudad de Curazao en los Países Bajos. En el mural se ve a San José conduciendo a los niños, a la Virgen María y a Jesús. La imagen habla de la devoción de San José a su Hijo, a la Virgen María y al pueblo en general.

En mi mente, los abuelos y padrinos, maestros y sacerdotes quienes por el simple hecho de hacer lo que hicieron, su trabajo sirvió no sólo a ellos mismos, sino también a aquellos que vivieron a su alrededor. San José, como muchos otros padres y madres, también tuvo un papel en la vida de otras personas. Su ejemplo nos enseña que podemos ser una parte importante de la vida de otros, incluso de aquellos que no son nuestro familia.

St. Joseph’s humility and faith are a model for us all

This year, we celebrate St. Joseph’s feast day just before the beginning of Holy Week. I am happy we get to celebrate him before entering into the spirit of the Passion, death and rising of his foster son. I love St. Joseph because he is an accessible patron for any one of us.

In 1870, Pope Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph as the patron of the universal Church. Pope Pius XII, in effect, proclaimed him patron of workers when he established the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1. Since he died with Mary and Jesus at his side, he is also the patron of the dying. I have long considered him the patron of fathers. He is patron of numerous countries around the world.

Why is St. Joseph so popular in Catholic devotion? While he appears in the Gospels, we don’t have a single word of his. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke record challenging incidents about the experience of Joseph that tell us of the attentiveness of his faith. He was alert to receive crucial messages from God despite not being a legal father of the Holy Family. Without his belief that all things are possible for God, Joseph could never have fulfilled his mission.

The preface for the feast of St. Joseph calls him “just that man, that wise and loyal servant, whom you placed at the head of your family. With a husband’s love he cherished Mary, the virgin Mother of God. With fatherly care, he watched over Jesus Christ, your Son, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Joseph was a just man in that he wanted to observe Jewish law in regard to Mary’s being with child and, at the same time, he wanted to respect Mary’s role as spouse of the Holy Spirit. Only confidence in God and his messengers could enable Joseph to step up to his role as legal parent of Jesus and faithful husband of Mary. He was graced with wisdom and lived the virtue of loyalty to his betrothed.

He accepted responsibility and hardship for the sake of Jesus and Mary. One need only reflect on what it must have meant to make arrangements for the birth of Jesus in the unfamiliar circumstances of a strange town or what it meant to leave home suddenly with his refugee family and travel to Egypt under unfriendly circumstances. He had to be a brave and adaptable person. He also knew the anxiety of having lost his son on one occasion, only to find him in the Temple.

Joseph had the privilege of teaching his craft to his son. He helped the Son of God become a carpenter and builder. He and Mary also fulfilled the role of teachers of their son. They introduced him to the way of praying and believing in the Jewish tradition.

One of my favorite images of St. Joseph is depicted in a mural by Benedictine Father Donald Walpole out-side St. Joseph Oratory in the crypt of the Archcathedral of Saint Meinrad. The subject of the mural is the flight into Egypt. Mary and Jesus are seated on a donkey led by Joseph on foot. He has a staff in one hand—and Jesus has hold of his finger on the other hand. The text at the top of the painting reads: “The hand of the humble Joseph guides that of the Almighty.”

That image of the humble Joseph speaks volumes for anyone who has serious responsibility for leading others in faith. It speaks volumes for the countless people who serve their family or their neighbors or the poor or the suffer- ing or lonely in the background shad- ows. It speaks of a patron for those who serve without much recognition or applause or commendation.

Many of us think of our parents. I know I do. I also think of grandparents and godparents, teachers and priests, who by simply doing what they did—their job if you will—had a profound influence in my life. I think of them often. In fact, during the Lenten season I offer each day for deceased loved ones who were impor- tant in my upbringing—up to the present day. They are many and varied. I also offer my Lenten day and practices for living folks who make an impact on my life generously and, for the most part, in an unassuming way.

In my mind, lots of people live the life of St. Joseph. He is such an accessible person because he was so down to earth. We don’t have a single word that he said, but we have the powerful witness of his eloquent obedience to God’s will and loving care of Mary and Jesus.

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Check It Out . . .

“Treasuring Womanhood—Witness to Hope,” the sec-
ond annual Catholic Women’s Conference, on April 30 at
the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, will feature
Dana, an internationally known Irish Catholic vocalist and
former member of the European Parliament from Ireland,
and Mary Beth Bonacci, a well-known author and speaker,
also as Msgr. Joseph F. Schaeudel, vicar general and pastor
of Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis, and Father Jonathan
Meyer, associate director of Youth and Young Adult Minis-
try for the archdiocese and associate pastor of Our Lady of
the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood. The conference, which
is sponsored by the Marian Center of Indianapolis and the
archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry, begins at 8 a.m.,
includes lunch and concludes at 4:30 p.m. For more infor-
mation or reservations, contact the Marian Center at
317-924-3982 or 317-888-0873.

Tobit Weekend retreats for engaged couples are sched-
uled on April 22-24, May 13-15 and June 17-19 at Our Lady
of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis.
The marriage preparation program is conducted by a priest
and mentor couples. The fee of $270 per couple includes
accommodations, meals and programs. For more informa-
tion or reservations, contact the Marian Center at
317-924-3982 or 317-888-0873.

Upcoming events at Michaela Farm, located on State
Road 229 north of Oldenburg, include an “Art and Agricul-
ture” workshop from 6 p.m. to 5 p.m. on March 24. The
workshop will be presented by artist Richard Cartwright, who will feature
drawing and working with clay to create plants and animals, as well as
a “Gardening for Wildlife” program, presented by Kathy
McDonald and Ned Keller as part of the “Yard and Garden
Series,” from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 2. This will focus on
creating landscapes for wildlife. There is a $30 fee for
the art workshop and a $5 fee for the wildlife program.
For more information, contact the Sisters of St. Francis
of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood.

The Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods will
present “Providence as Hope and Healing” from 9:30 a.m.
to 4 p.m. on March 13. Providence Sister Ann Sullivan is
the presenter. The $35 registration fee includes lunch.
“Poetry Reflection Day—Calling Into Life” will be pre-
sented from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on April 2. Providence
Sisters Marie McCarthy and Rosemary Nudd and Christian
Brother Harry Donaghue are the presenters. The fee of $35
includes lunch. For more information or reservations, con-
tact the Providence Center at 812-535-4531 or by e-mail at
spiteriex@spiners.org.

The traveling missionary image of Our Lady of Guada-
hupe will be displayed at several locations in Indianapolis in
March. The image will be available for veneration from
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 14 at St. Mary Parish, 317 N.
New Jersey St. Mass will be celebrated at noon. The image
will be displayed from March 15-17 at the Divine Mercy per-
petual adoration chapel, 3354 W. 30th St., next to Cardinal
Ritter Jr./Sr. High School. The image will then be in the St.
Francis Chapel of Marian College, 3200 Cold Spring Road,
from 4:30 p.m. on March 20 to 7:30 p.m. on March 21. The
image will then be displayed in the chapel at St. Augustine
Home for the Aged, 2345 W. 86 St., from March 22-24. Mass
will be celebrated at 11 a.m. each day. For more information
about the schedule, call 317-923-6246. For more information
about the image, log on to www.fjimi.com.

The St. Augustine Guild of the Little Sisters of the Poor is
sponsoring their annual Day of Recollection with Jesuit Father
Benjamin Hawley, president of Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. on
March 23 at St. Augustine Home for the Aged, 2345 W. 86th St., in Indianapolis. The cost is $10 per person, and includes
lunch. All are welcome. For reservations, call 317-255-7464
by March 17.

Single Catholic women, ages 19-40, are invited to experi-
ence the Benedictine way of life during a Benedictine Life
Weekend on March 18-20 at Monastery Immaculate Concep-
tion in Ferdinand, Ind. (Diocese of Evansville). The weekend,
which is free of charge, will focus on the theme “Stewardship:
Using Our Gifts Wisely.” Participants, who will stay at the
monastery during the retreat house, will have the opportunity to share
in the prayer and community life of the Sisters of St. Benedict
and meet other women who are considering religious life. For
more information, call Benedictine Sister Anita Louise Lowe or Sister Agnes Marie Dauby at 800-738-9999 or e-mail them at
vocation@theodore.org. More information can also be obtained
by logging on to www.theodore.org.

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., in Indianapolis, is offering brief prayer services from 5:30 p.m.
to 6 p.m. on each Monday this spring from March 7 to May 9 (excluding March 28). All are welcome. For more
information, call the retreat house at 317-545-7681.

St. Francis Hospitals and Health Centers will host a can-
cer workshop titled “Look Good ... Feel Better” for women
undergoing radiation and/or chemotherapy from noon to 2 p.m. on April 4 at the hospital’s Indianapolis cam-
pus, 8111 S. Emerson Ave. The workshop is designed to
help women in cancer treatment to cope with appearance-
related side effects, including hair loss and changes in com-
pexion. Each woman, with the help of cosmetologists and
other professionals, will learn to perform her own makeover
using complimentary cosmetics and skin care products. The
event is a free national public service program. For more
information or to register, call Janice Leak at 317-782-6704.

St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis is offering “Safe
Sitter®” basic courses for 11- to 13-year-olds who would
like to learn how to become safe and nurturing babysitters.
The courses will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on
March 12 and April 1, 2 and 14. The registration fee is $45.
For more information, call 317-338-6764.

Archdiocesan Pre Cana Conference programs for
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June 5 at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E.
56th St., in Indianapolis. The marriage preparation program
is presented once a month, except in December, by the
archdiocesan Office of Family Ministries. The nonrefund-
able fee is $30 per couple and includes program materials.
For more information or reservations, call the Office of
Family Ministries at 317-236-1596 or 800-382-9836, ext.
1596.

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movie ratings

Be Cool (MGM)
Rated L. (Limited Adult Audience) because of recur-
ing violence, an implied sexual encounter, images of
smoking, drug content, some vulgar gestures, and much
rough and crude language and humor.
Rated PG-13 (Parents are strongly cautioned. Some
material may be inappropriate for children under
13.) by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA).

Cursed (Dimension)
Rated L. (Limited Adult Audience) because of recur-
ing horror violence and gore, two instances of fleeting
rear nudity, scattered crude language and humor.
Rated PG-13 (Parents are strongly cautioned. Some
material may be inappropriate for children under
13.) by the MPAA.

Dear Frankie (Miramax)
Rated PG-13 (Parents are strongly cautioned. Some
material may be inappropriate for children under
13.) by the MPAA.

Man of the House (Columbia)
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language, suggestive costing, Lewd posturing and violence.
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Parish life coordinator installed at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish

Robert Decker processes out of St. Andrew the Apostle Church on Feb. 26 following his installation as parish life coordinator. He is followed, from left to right, by Father Eric Johnson, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and Father Gerald Kirkhoff. Fathers Johnson and Kirkhoff are sacramental ministers for the Indianapolis parish.

By Margaret Nelson

Even though it’s Lent, St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis was celebrating on Feb. 26. That’s the day Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein visited the parish to install its new parish life coordinator, Robert Decker.

In his homily, the archbishop said, “In the Gospel, Jesus offered living water. Living water is offered today by Jesus, but it is through the Church.” He added that parish life coordinators help the priests oversee the parishes to “provide opportunities for their communities to worship in Spirit and in truth.”

The archbishop asked parishioners to pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and religious life. St. Andrew the Apostle Parish is a strong community of faith and Decker is “a fine, generous and dedicated pastoral leader,” Archbishop Buechlein said.

During the commissioning, Dr. Louis Wright, chairman of the parish council, offered a symbolic key and a Bible for the archbishop to present to the parish life coordinator. The archbishop then introduced the sacramental ministers, parish staff and parish council to their newly installed leader.

Decker and his wife, Ann, moved to St. Andrew Parish last July after living for 30 years in St. John Parish in Osgood. They are the parents of four grown children and grandparents to three. Their family and friends from southern Indiana joined the celebration.

Decker has been a farmer, cabinetmaker, high school teacher and assistant principal. He discerned his call to parish ministry during a 2000 Christ Renews His Parish weekend. Last fall, he became one of 25 aspirants in the archdiocesan deacon formation program.

Decker has bachelor’s degrees in science from St. Francis College, an administrator’s principal certificate and a master’s degree in teaching from Indiana University. Last spring, he completed work at Saint Meinrad for a master’s degree in theological studies.

Decker said he has found that people at the parish are eager to help. “It’s such a welcoming community,” he said. “Everyone is open to everyone else. Parishioners are vibrant, compassionate and hardworking. There is a core of volunteers who work several days a week.”

(Margaret Nelson is a member of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.)

Parishioners are invited to learn more about Religious Life during an open house sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Cross. For information, call (574) 284-5998.

In 2003, Bob Fisher of Brownsburg had his own show. The plot: transplant.

The setting: St. Vincent. And thanks to our experience in treating a lot of hearts—and treating them individually—Bob now stars in a better role: life. To learn more about our heart care, call 338-CARE or visit stvincent.org.
Several bills important to the Church still alive in the legislature

By Brigid Curtis Ayer

The Indiana General Assembly has reached the halfway point of this session, and the Indiana Catholic Conference continues working for the passage of several bills involving pro-life issues, family life and legislation that could affect parishes.

Senate Bill 268, the cloning ban bill, passed the Senate by a vote of 48-0. The bill prohibits human cloning and provides for adult stem cell research. The Church is opposed to fetal stem cell research, but supports adult stem cell research.

The bill moves to the House of Representatives for consideration, where it is expected to get a hearing.

Senate Bill 76, the abortion requirements bill, passed the Senate 40-0. The bill would require abortion providers to inform clients of the availability of ultrasound images of the fetus and the ability to hear the baby’s heartbeat.

The bill moves to the House of Representatives for consideration. Its chances in the House are good for a hearing and passage.

Senate Joint Resolution 7, the same-sex marriage amendment, passed the Senate by a 42-8 vote. The measure prohibits same-sex marriage in Indiana.

The bill moves to the House for consideration and is expected to be passed.

House Bill 1083, earned income tax credit, passed the House Unanimously. The bill extends Indiana’s earned income tax credit program indefinitely.

The Senate will now consider the bill. It is expected to be passed this year.

Three measures to improve options and access to long-term care for disabled children, individuals and the elderly have moved forward. The goal of these bills is to provide more flexibility for home- and community care, rather than institutional care, which would save the state money.

House Bill 1069, home- and community-based services, passed the House 94-0. Senate Bill 615, CHOICE board, passed the Senate 47-1.

There are also several bills that could affect parishes.

Senate Bill 132, the premise liability bill, which passed the Senate, would reduce civil suits against the Church.

House Bill 1056, a food handler bill, which passed the House, exempts certain nonprofit groups, including parishes, from having to use certain food handlers for activities when food is served.

Senate Bill 140, the charity gaming bill, which passed the Senate, clarifies and maintains current charity gaming laws.

Four bills, which were on the Indiana Catholic Conference’s priority list, died in the House.

Those bills were an abortion clinic regulation bill, a Medicaid cash and counseling waiver measure, a study committee to address Hispanic issues and a school choice measure.

“While several important bills died this year, the concepts from these bills can be resurrected in existing bills that are still moving through the process,” said ICC executive director Glenn Tebbe. “The process starts over again; existing Senate bills will crossover to the House to be considered by the House and House bills will crossover to the Senate to be considered by the Senate.

“If all goes well, these will be assigned to a committee, scheduled for a hearing by the committee, be passed by the committee, then get a second and third reading for final passage. During this process, almost anything can happen. A bill can be amended, remain the same, die or pass.”

To learn the positions of the Church on a particular bill, issue or public policy matter, check the Indiana Catholic Conference’s website for page policy statements and position papers at www.indianacc.org.

(Brigid Curtis Ayer is a correspondent for The Criterion.)

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral choir produces CD for Lent

By Sean Gallagher

The reality of Christ’s Passion, death and resurrection is so powerful that words alone fail to express its enormity. This fact has led composers for centuries to create musical settings of texts inspired by the events of Holy Week in an attempt to allow musical notes to try to convey what music particularly in the repertoire.”

Father Ginther expressed his hope that the CD might serve as an aid to prayer for Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, “that has been lost and in some places is never, ever heard,” works by composers such as Giovanni da Palestrina, Guillaume Dufay and Anton Bruennert.

“These folks are a part of our history and are part of our Roman Catholic tradition,” Ginther said, “and so we try very hard to include early Roman Catholic music particularly in the repertoire.

Although a number of the choral works on the CD are settings of texts that simply reflect on the events of Christ’s Passion and death, others are much closer to the texts of the Holy Week liturgies themselves, including a Kyrie from a 15th-century Mass setting and an adaptation of a setting of the St. John Passion by

“The CD, which also includes instrumental meditations on Lenten themes, features vocalists Father Rick Ginther, the pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish, as well as Terry Kueh, Todd Edwards, Jonathan Dowell and guitarist Matt Boas.

This latest effort by the cathedral’s music ministry marks its sixth CD in seven years. In a recent interview, Father Ginther spoke about the purpose for making the recordings.

“First of all, the intention was to share on a wider range the liturgical music of Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral,” he said, “to make it available as a prayer instrument at home or in the car, just to continue to promote the beauty of a variety of styles of liturgical music, sacred music from instrumental to vocal.”

But he also noted that the sale of the CDs helps to support the overall ministry of Cathedral Parish.

Ed Greene, the director of Laudis Cathedral Parish, said “Music is much more visceral,” he said. “It touches a part of our faith expression that nothing else can. For me, music leads to prayer.”

(For more information on Lent: A Season to Reflect, or to order the CD, call SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral at 317-634-5519.)
Faith is the source and summit of Christian life

By Sr. Janet Baxendale, S.C.

We know that in the eucharistic prayer, when the words of consecration are prayed over the bread and wine, these simple physical substances are transformed into the body and blood of Christ. Christ becomes really present in our midst! This awesome reality is a very familiar truth to us. Too often, however, we limit our concept of the Real Presence to this act of transubstantiation. While Christ’s coming under the form of food to feed us so that we may grow strong in him is a gift of inestimable value, it is not the only experience of Christ’s real presence that the Mass offers to Catholics. Just as Christ becomes present body and blood, soul and divinity under the forms of bread and wine, so also his saving action, his passion, death, resurrection and ascension become present in every Mass. Pope John Paul II said that Jesus did not simply say that what he was giving his followers to eat and drink was his body and his blood. Christ also made sacramentally present his sacrifice, which soon would be offered on the cross for our salvation.

This is not simply “faith-filled remembrance.” Rather, Christ left us a means of conveying and transmitting what they contain—through each of the sacraments. Though this is more than we deserve, it still can’t be enough for us if we truly love him. This is the way that in the memorial act we parallel the way in which Christ himself has come among us. The sacraments are seven manifestations of God become man in Jesus of Nazareth. There came the time Emmanuel—God became man in Jesus of Nazareth! This is not simply “faith-filled remembrance.” Rather, Christ left us a means of expressing care in times of trouble at home?

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Jesus in the Gospel: The Samaritan woman

True stories aid understanding of Eucharist

Cynthia Dewes

From the Editor Emeritus/

...and understanding. "...the reach of the law should exceed the override."...the authority of its bishops and other clergy...the building blocks of Vatican policy."

John L. Allen Jr. is an American Catholic journalist stationed in Rome who writes regularly about the Vatican for being fair-minded and even-handed in his reports.

Allan's new book, *All the Pope's Men*, concentrates on the important observations about the inner workings of the Curia.

The chapter “Vatican Psychology” is especially helpful. It highlights the values or “blueprints” for the building blocks of Vatican policy.

The first is the Vatican’s view of authority, which Allen says is “intended to foster virtue, leading to the practice of a moral life, and, ultimately, to salvation.” Historically, it is based on the "recognition that for better or worse, the Catholic Church tends to rise and fall in tandem with how the authority of its bishops and other clergy has waxed and waned.”

The second value, bella figura, has to do with keeping appearances, even at the risk of seeming to be hypocritical. Bella figura is reflected in the idea that “in each of these, the Church sought to appeal to the grasp of most human beings…[thus], while Vatican officials often project a stern moral image on the outside, they employ less restrained, even unscrupulous, pastoral settings or can be quite patient and understanding.

The third, cosmopolitanism reflects the Vatican’s view of itself as being “the only agent in the Church in a position to have a stake of global equality, seeing to it that the sensibilities of all parties, all local Churches and all cultures is considered when decisions are made.” Fourth, the principle of loyalty emphasizes the idea that “you must put what you are doing in the public service above the personal interests of any of the various parts of the global Church transcends rationality.

There are times it seems the pope has a populist duty to stand with the "people" against "elites," "avant-garde theologians," "experimental liturgists," and "ecclesiastical bureaucrats, including bishops, who fancy themselves above the law." It bureaucratic agents in the Church act as if matters both inside and outside of the Church, Vatican officials ― "believe in having their feet on the ground." This emphasis on realism is born on the Church’s experience that people, even if ordained, “can be petty and mean-spirited, and sometimes can fail in spectacular ways.”

Eighth, if bella figura means that Vatican officials have a surprising tolerance of human failure, the rule of law means that these same officials “will defend the law tenaciously at the level of principle.” No matter how difficult it might be, the application of Canon Law means that those who break the law will not be allowed to remain the norm and good of Church life.

Ninth, Allen looks at the Vatican and how it understands the law. It is "a kind of vast, all-encompassing entity of which the Roman Curia is understood." "[there] is a built-in bias in favor of delay when facing virtual reality, including Vatican,” and “the impact of history on the way that curial personnel tend to think in centuries," not in years.

Finally, there is the value of tradition. In Vatican circles, Allen notes that “the soundness of an extra-vigilant play in evaluating any proposal for reform, because there is a presumption in the favor of the wisdom of tradition that is difficult to override.”

(Shirley Vogler Meister, a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.)

Faithful Lines/Shirley Vogler Meister

True stories aid understanding of Eucharist

Although receiving symbolic bread and wine as Communion in her own Protestant Church, a friend could not understand our Eucharist. "How can you believe that Jesus is in that piece of bread?" she asked when I asked her if I believed in the Eucharist.

The point of my friend’s friend telling her that story was to convince her of the reality of Christ in the Eucharist. If someone understands that the spirit of Christ can be within every person (even those who are not believers) — in the words of Pope John Paul II — or believes in the theory of some scientists that the same or similar genetic molecular structures are found in all earthly substances — then how can one not believe in the Real Presence in the consecrated Host?

Yet, even though not everyone believes all matter and everything spiritual is connected with mysticism, many of us feel or see or can still believe in the Eucharist in what’s called “good faith,” trusting God’s word and the witness of those who doubt (Please read John 20:19-30 with regards to doubting Thomas.)

Another reality is that we are smash-dub in the middle of the Year of the Eucharist, which began last Oct. 10 with the opening of the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for 2011 at Guadalupe, Jalisco, Mexico. The theme for the congress was the “Eucharist, Light and Life of the New Millennium.” For more information, go to www.yourfreetheist.com and www.eucharist101.com.

Featured in these websites is an extraordinary collection of "Stories of the Eucharist: A Compilation of Stories by Priests, Religious and People of Good Will." Clergy, scholars, structures and saints gathered this collection of personal faith stories, making a heart to heart connection makes a difference between mouthing our faith and living it,” according to Sister Patricia of Sisters of St. Clare.

According to St. Clare Sister Mary Rita Dolan, the Abbess of the Monastery of Saint Clare in Spokane, Wash., their community was inspired to write Eucharistic stories so interesting to Sister Patricia’s project. Sample chapters in the book can be read on the “eucharistic stories” website.

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Cornucopia/Cynthia Dewes

Clearing away the clutter during Lent

Part of the Jewish preparation for Passover is a thorough cleaning of the home. If there wasn’t Jewish, but she too believed in a thor-...er orness of the house in preparation for Easter, and spring-cleaning is no longer on my...ings, geometric drawings. And, I found a baby's drawing of a Coleman stove and eaten with pleasure.

You see, that’s the problem with spring-cleaning the way I used to do it. It was OK when throwing stuff away was helpful, but the crux of protest from the kids. But now, when memory is a major reality, who could bear to part with anything?

Lent is a time for cleaning up and clearing away, but it’s also a time for appreciating what’s important in life.

Cynthia Dewes, a member of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in...ala, 1976."

The Saturday Review of Literature is a regular columnist for The Criterion."

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The Sunday Readings

Sunday, March 13, 2005

• Ezekiel 37:12-14
• Romans 8:11
• John 11:1-45

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Monday, March 14
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
or Daniel 13:41c-62
Psalm 23:1-6
John 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 15
Numbers 21:1-9
Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21
John 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 16
Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
(Responsorial) Daniel 3:52-56
Psalm 105:4-9
John 8:51-59

Thursday, March 17
Patrick, bishop
Genesis 17:3-9
Psalm 105:4-9
John 8:51-59

Friday, March 18
Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 18:2-7
John 10:31-42

Saturday, March 19
Joseph, husband of the Virgin Mary
2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1.16, 18-21, 24a
or Luke 2:41-51a

Sunday, March 20
Psalm of the Sunday of the Passion
Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27 66
or Matthew 27:11-54

Question Corner/ Fr. John Dietzen

**Catholic’ was first used by St. Ignatius in 107**

Q When and how did Catholics become known as Catholics? Why was that name chosen? What were we called before that? (Michigan)

A The title “catholic” for the followers of Jesus Christ was first used by St. Ignatius, bishop of Antioch in Syria, who died about the year 107. In his letter to the Christians in Smyrna, on his way to martyrdom in Rome, Ignatius said, “Where Jesus Christ is, there is the catholic church.” At the time, the designation “catholic” would not have referred to the Catholic Church in distinction from other Christian groups, which for all practical purposes did not yet exist. It is derived from the Greek word “katholikos” signifying general or universal, which would have been the meaning intended by Ignatius.

The term “catholic” has since taken on several meanings. It is used to refer to the universal Church, as distinct from local Christian communities. It also applies to the faith of the whole Church, believed everywhere and by everyone. In the period after the final division of Eastern and Western Christianity in 1054, the Church in the West tended to refer to itself as “Catholic.” Those in the East usually called themselves “Orthodox” (meaning correct belief). In more recent times, those in the East who are united to the bishop of Rome generally call themselves “Catholic” as well, while “Orthodox” is used of those not in union with Rome.

Today the name “catholic” is commonly applied to Churches who claim to possess the ancient historical tradition of Christian faith and practice. In addition to the Roman Catholic Church, this would include a number of smaller non-Roman Catholic Churches who have the word “catholic” in their title (e.g. the Maraviate Catholic Church, the American Catholic Church and the Christian Catholic Church). The Protestant designation is used for those who generally base their theology and ethics in the Bible, as interpreted by the principal leaders of the Reformation in the 16th century.

We have it on the authority of St. Luke (Acts 11:26) that, also in Antioch, disciples of Jesus Christ were called “Christians” for the first time, decades before St. Ignatius introduced the word “catholic.”

At least in some areas, Christianity was known as “the Way” (Acts 9:2, Acts 22:22) implying a belief that the truths revealed by Jesus were not simply a set of propositions but a way of life.

Beyond that, we don’t know much about how early Christians were identified.

We’re told that a plenary indulgence may be gained in the Year of the Eucharist, announced by Pope John Paul II. How does one gain this indulgence? (Florida)

A Two plenary indulgences may be gained during 2005, the Year of the Eucharist, by participating attentively and piously in a sacred function in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, whether exposed in or the tabernacle.

Clergy, religious and others may gain the indulgence by reciting Evening and Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours before the Blessed Sacrament. The usual conditions for plenary indulgences apply: reception of the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist, freedom from attachment to sin and prayer for the intentions of the pope.

The sick and others who cannot get to church may make the visit to the Blessed Sacrament in their hearts, and recite the Our Father and the Creed, with an invocation to Jesus in the Eucharist (Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary, Dec. 25, 2004).

(For free brochure answering questions that Catholics ask about the sacrament of penance is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Father John Dietzen, Box 3515, Peoria, Ill. 61612. Questions may be sent to Father Dietzen at the same address or by e-mail in care of fjdietzen@msn.com.)

Readers may submit prose or poetry column

The Criterion invites readers to submit original prose or poetry relating to faith or experiences of prayer for possible publication in the “My Journey to God” column.

Seasonal reflections also are appreciated. Please include name, address, parish and telephone number with submissions.

Send material for consideration to “My Journey to God,” The Criterion, P.O. Box 1717, Indianapolis, IN 46206 or e-mail to criterion@archindy.org.

The Journey to God

How sweet, O Lord, to breathe only Your love, and to say to You with my whole heart: My God and my all! My Lord and my God! Grant that these words may enter into my soul; impress them upon my mind and in my heart; give me understanding to practice them.

Oh, my God! Do You satisfy me, because I love You more for Yourself than for my own sake, O God! You are my Saviour, all-sufficient for my life. You are for me my confidence and love for You. O my God! How can I live without You? How can I live for Yourself? O my Lord! Reign absolutely over me. O my God, my whole self be Yours and may I live only for You.

My Lord and my God! My Lord and my God! May You be so in time that You may be my portion for all eternity. Amen.

By Robert Ferguson

(Robert Ferguson is a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis.)
The Active List

The Criterion welcomes announcements of archdiocesan Church and parish open-to-the-public activities for “The Active List.” Please be brief—listing date, location, event, sponsor, cost and time. Include a phone number for verification. No announcements will be taken by telephone. Notices must be in our office by 5 p.m. Thursday one week in advance of (Friday) publication. The Criterion, The Active List, 1400 N. Meridian St. (hand delivery), P.O. Box 7171, Indianapolis, IN 46260 (mail); 317-236-1593 (fax), nkendrick@archindy.org (e-mail).

March 11
St. John of the Ass. Church, 4217 N. Comal Ave., Indianapolis. Rosary and Way of the Cross, 7 p.m. Information: 317-283-5508.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m. Information: 317-638-5551.

St. Gabriel Parish, 600 W. 34th St., Indianapolis. Fish fry, 5-7:30 p.m., Way of the Cross, 7 p.m., adult education series, 7-8:15 p.m. Information: 317-291-7014.

Holy Angels Parish, 740 W. 28th St., Indianapolis. Fish fry, 3-7 p.m., mass, 7 p.m., Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m. Information: 317-638-8324.

St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish, 1401 N. Bosart Ave., Indianapolis. Fish fry, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Communion service, 5:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross, 6:15 p.m. Information: 317-230-8382.

St. Monica Church, 6311 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis. “Living Stations of the Cross,” parish teenagers, presenters, 7-8:15 p.m. Information: 317-251-8077.

Prime Soho, 2016 National Ave., Indianapolis. Spaghetti dinner and auction, 7 p.m. midnight, $15 per person, $25 at the door. Information: 317-735-8337.

Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. Lumen Dei meeting for Catholic college students, Mass, 6:30 a.m., breakfast and program, Priest Hall, 7 a.m. Information: 317-336-3552 or e-mail brownb@msn.com.

St. Francis Mount Carmel Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Mount St. Francis. “Seeking God Everywhere and Always,” women’s retreat. Information: 800-424-9955 or e-mail francow@aisd.com.

St. Francis Mount Carmel Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Mount St. Francis. Consecrated Franciscans, religious vocations retreat, single men 16-40 years old. Information: 800-424-9955 or e-mail francow@aisd.com.

March 12

Cardinal Ritter High School, 3360 W. 36th St., Indianapolis. “Pot of Gold Celebration,” St. Patrick’s Day party to raise funds for annual Indianapolis 500 Race Party, 30% of donation. Information: 317-782-7825 or e-mail rcsparty@cardinalritter.org.

St. Vincent Hospital, 2001 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. Natural Family Planning class, 7-9 p.m. Information: 317-228-9276.

March 13
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis. “Responding to the Questions of Jesus’ woman,” Retreat Leader, Father James Farrell, presenter, 3-7 p.m. Information: 317-545-7681.

St. Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad. Weekend retreat, “Pray Your Way to Happiness,” Benedictine Father Eric Eisc, presenter. Information: www.mravelski.com or e-mail novicel@stmeinrad.org.


St. Francis Mount Carmel Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Mount St. Francis. Consecrated Franciscans, religious vocations retreat, single men 16-40 years old. Information: 800-424-9955 or e-mail francow@aisd.com.

St. Francis Mount Carmel Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Mount St. Francis. “Seeking God Everywhere and Always,” women’s retreat. Information: 800-424-9955 or e-mail francow@aisd.com.

March 14


March 15

St. Francis Mount Carmel Center, 101 St. Anthony Dr., Mount St. Francis. “Seeking God Everywhere and Always,” women’s retreat. Information: 800-424-9955 or e-mail francow@aisd.com.

March 16
The Village Soap Company, 4613 E. 65th St., Indianapolis. Commissioning, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-575-7822.

Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. “Certified Nursing Assistant Retreat,” Benedictine Sister Catherine P. Presentation, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., $50 per person. Information: 317-786-7581.


March 17


March 18
St. John the Apostle Church, 4607 W. State Road 46, Bloomington. Catholic Business Exchange, Mass, 8 a.m., Adult Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., $10 per person. Information: 317-466-1244.

St. Mark Parish, Schaefer Hall, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis. Men’s Club, fish fry, 5-8 p.m. Information: 317-786-7581.

March 19
Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. St. Joseph’s Table, Italian celebration honoring the feast of St. Joseph, noon-4 p.m., $8 adults, $5 children, family activities. Information: 317-786-7581.

United Federal Football Center, 7001 W. 56th St., Indianapolis. St. Vincent’s Guild, annual spring auction, 4 p.m., $35 per person. Information: 317-235-7832.

Condofilo House of Prayer, 3560 E. 46th St., Indianapolis. Silent Prayer Day, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., brown bag lunch, rosary, meditation. Information: 317-543-0145.

Benedict Retreat and Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. “Certified Nursing Assistant Retreat,” Benedictine Sister Catherine P. Presentation, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., $50 per person. Information: 317-786-7581.

St. Michael Parish, 519 Jefferson St., Greenfield. Natural Family Planning class, 7-8:30 p.m. Information: 317-462-2266.

Michaels Farm, State Road 229, Oldenburg. “Art and...” —See ACTIVE LIST, page 11.
Parishes schedule Lenten penance services

Parishes throughout the archdiocese have scheduled communal penance services for Lent. The following is a list of penance services that have been reported to The Criterion.

Batesville Deanery
March 13, 7:45 p.m. at St. Maurice, Napoleon
March 14, 7 p.m. at St. Louis, Batesville
March 15, 7 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, Milan
March 15, 7 p.m. at Holy Family, Oldenburg
March 16, 7 p.m. at the Sisters of St. Francis’ Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Oldenburg
March 16, 7 p.m. at St. Mary-of-the-Rock, St. Mary-of-the-Rock
March 16, 7 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County
March 17, 7 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua, Morris
March 18, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Greensburg

Bloomington Deanery
March 16, 7 p.m. for St. Mary, Mitchell, and St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford, at St. Vincent de Paul, Bedford

Connersville Deanery
March 17, 7 p.m. at St. Martin of Tours, Martinsville

Indianapolis East Deanery
March 17, 7 p.m. at St. Simon the Apostle
March 17, 6:30 p.m. at St. Rita

Indianapolis North Deanery
March 14, 7 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary
March 15, 7 p.m. for St. Matthew and St. Pius X at St. Pius X
March 16, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas
March 17, 7 p.m. at St. Andrew the Apostle

Indianapolis South Deanery
March 14, 7 p.m. at St. Jude
March 14, 7 p.m. at St. Ann
March 15, 7 p.m. at St. Mark
March 16, 7 p.m. at St. Joseph
March 20, 2 p.m. for Good Shepherd, St. Patrick, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Holy Rosary at Holy Rosary
March 21, 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood

Indianapolis West Deanery
March 15, 6:30 p.m. at St. Monica
March 16, 7 p.m. at St. Susanna, Plainfield

New Albany Deanery
March 13, 2 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Starlight
March 13, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, Lanesville
March 14, 7 p.m. at St. Michael, Bradford
March 17, 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul, Sellersburg
March 20, 7 p.m. at Holy Family, New Albany
March 21, 7 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua, Clarksville

Seymour Deanery
March 13, 2 p.m. for Holy Trinity, Edinburgh, and St. Rose of Lima, Franklin, at St. Rose of Lima, Franklin
March 14, 7 p.m. at St. Mary, North Vernon
March 14, 7 p.m. for Our Lady of Providence, Brownstown, and St. Ambrose, Seymour, at St. Ambrose, Seymour
March 15, 7-9 p.m. at St. Joseph, Jennings County

March 19, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Joseph, Jennings County
March 22, 7-9 p.m. at St. Anne, Jennings County

Tell City Deanery
March 20, 4 p.m. at St. Paul, Tell City
March 23, 7 p.m. at St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad

Terre Haute Deanery
March 20, 6 p.m. at St. Patrick, Terre Haute

Lost faith in miracle diets?

You’ve tried just about everything to lose weight—from the latest diets to the newest exercise gadgets. But, like thousands of others, you’ve been disappointed with the results time and time again. Fortunately, there’s a weight loss resource you can finally believe in—the St. Francis Medical & Surgical Weight Loss Center.

St. Francis offers a comprehensive range of treatments for anyone 20 pounds or more overweight. Here, you’ll have access to a team of weight loss experts who will help determine the cause of your weight problem, and then develop a treatment program specifically for you.

We understand how difficult it is to lose weight. But we also know that every single pound you lose can improve your health, and enhance your life. So don’t let your weight keep you away from the activities you love, whether that’s playing with your kids or enjoying a walk through your neighborhood. St. Francis has the expertise and the support you need to regain control of your life. Even more important, we have faith in you.

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Or, visit weightloss.StFrancisHospitals.org.
Please submit in writing to our office by 10 a.m. Thursday before the week of publication; be sure to include your full name and address. Obituaries of archdiocesan priests serving our archdiocese are listed elsewhere in The Criterion. Order priests and religious sisters and brothers are included here, unless they are natives of the archdiocese or have other connections to it; see those separate obituaries on this page.


BARTON, Mary, 91, St. Mary, Richmond, Feb. 16.


HALL, Helen G., 82, St. Raphael, Richmond, Feb. 18. Wife of Fred Hall. Member of Mary Kathryn Geltz and Dennis Hall. Sister of Rosella Songe, Marie Donahue and Donald Hageman. Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of two.


HEIN, Anne, 70, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, Feb. 15. Wife of Robert Hein. Member of Gretchen Beaudoin, Colista Leiter, Ruthanne Shupik and Sarah Hein. Sister of Sarajane Gaylord and Margit Heyndt. Grandmother of eight.


POTENZA, Gladys Violet (Gow), 84, St. Gabriel, Indianapolis, Feb. 21. Mother of Carol Inabin, Mary Ann Payne and John Adrian. Grandmother of seven.


WALKER, Margaret Rose (Lasher), 57, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, Feb. 13. Mother of Katiey Walker. Sister of Brian and Tom Lasher.


Prayers for pope’s recovery

Nuns and members of the UNITALSI Catholic organization held candles on March 2 as they pray outside Rome’s Gemelli Hospital, where Pope John Paul II is being treated. The Vatican spokesman said on March 2 that the pope “continues to improve and show progress” following a tracheotomy to help him breathe easier.

Providence Sister Patricia Marie Woods was a teacher and pastoral minister

Providence Sister Patricia Marie Woods died on Feb. 27 at Mother Theodore Hall at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. She was 93. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 2 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Burial followed. The former Marion Gertrude Woods was born on April 1, 1911, in Everett, Mass. She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Providence on Feb. 11, 1932, professed first vows on Aug. 15, 1934, and professed final vows on Jan 23, 1940. Sister Patricia Marie taught at schools staffed by the Sisters of Providence in Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland and the District of Columbia. During 73 years as a Sister of the Providence of Providence, she served as a teacher and pastoral minister in Massachusetts for 43 years. From 1997 until 2005, she served in the sisters’ prayer ministry at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Surviving are several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary of the Woods, IN 47876. †
Principal Opening
St. Nicholas Catholic School
Sunman, IN

St. Nicholas Catholic School is seeking a principal that is dedicated to the following: teaching the Catholic faith, public and community service, a balanced and rigorous academic program, high expectations for students and teachers, and shared decision making with school staff.

The successful applicant will have successful teaching experience, hold the appropriate building principal license and be a practicing Catholic.

St. Nicholas Catholic School is a K-8 school with 184 students; has an attendance rate of 97.7%; exhibits strong STEP+ scores with 89.2% passing, and 17% that qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of application, current resume or vitae, and college placement list to: Rev. Greg Bramlage, Pastor St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church 6461 E. Nicholas Drive Sunman, IN 47041 Deadline for applicants: March 25, 2005

Catholic High School Principal
Secenia Memorial High School, a Catholic high school in Indianapolis, Indiana is seeking applicants for Principal for the 2005-2006 school year. Coeducational, college preparatory, diverse student body with enrollment of 610 students, 15 faculty; within a vibrant faith community. As instructional leader of the school, the Principal is responsible for the day-to-day management of the academic and extracurricular programs and reports to the President. The successful candidate must be an active Catholic with a master’s degree and qualified for Indiana certification in secondary school administration. The school prefers an individual with at least three years teaching experience, or a candidate with at least five years experience in Catholic school administration, able to work in a collaborative style with an administrative team. Send confidential resume by March 15, 2005 to:

Principal Search Committee
Secenia Memorial High School
5000 Nowland Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46217 (email: ramos@secenia.org)

The search process will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.
it is [that] we want to model behavior for the students,” said Kate McVey, director of college counseling at Brebeuf Jesuit. Iris Manton, who teaches mathematics at the high school, said that the day was “an opportunity for us to give back, just like we expect our students to give back to the community.”

“One of the main components at Brebeuf is community service,” Manton said. “I think it’s great,” said Andy White, a U.S. history teacher. “We kind of substituted our faculty retreat for this so, instead of focusing on ourselves, we get to focus on somebody else.”

Being able to help out a less fortunate school is “the main point” of the day, said art teacher Joe Winhusen. The day also gave the faculty and staff a chance to build their own community outside of school.

For Winhusen, it was also a chance to experience a part of the Indianapolis Catholic community that he had never seen.

Margot Gehrung, a cafeteria worker at Brebeuf Jesuit who helped out by painting hallways at St. Philip Neri School, said, “I think all of us are having a good time.”

Brad Smith, a faculty member in the Social Studies department at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis, paints a hallway at St. Philip Neri School in Indianapolis on March 7 as part of a day of service. About 125 members of the Brebeuf staff performed maintenance work at St. Philip Neri School and All Saints School.

Indianapolis set to execute inmate on March 10 for 1980 murders

By Mary Ann Wyand

Indiana Death Row inmate Donald Ray Wallace Jr. of Evansville, Ind., was scheduled to be executed by chemical injection on March 10 at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, Ind., for the January 1980 murders of a Catholic family from Evansville.

Wallace admitted shooting St. Theresa parishioners Patrick and Theresa Gilligan and their children, 5-year-old Lisa and 4-year-old Gregory, after they returned home and interrupted a burglary. Wallace said he had used drugs at the time of the murders.

He has said he does not want to ask Gov. Mitch Daniels to commute his death sentence to life in prison without parole.

Wallace will be the 12th Death Row inmate to die since Indiana reinstated capital punishment in 1977. The Message, the weekly Catholic newspaper in the Evansville Diocese, reported on March 4 that Father Ted Tempel, a former pastor at St. Theresa Parish, would preside during a memorial service at 6 p.m. on March 9 at the church.

The diocesan newspaper said Father Tempel planned to pray “for healing, forgiveness, comfort and strength,” and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for friends who supported relatives in their time of grief.

Acknowledging that the murders were heinous crimes, St. Susanna parishioner Karen Burkhart of Plainfield, the Indiana death penalty abolition coordinator for Amnesty International, said Church teachings on the death penalty state that life in prison without parole is appropriate punishment for capital cases.

“It’s not going to bring back the people that he killed and it’s not going to make our society any better,” Burkhart said. “We need to stop the killing.”