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White Mass for medical workers set Oct. 8

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate the Second Annual White Mass for all medical workers and their families at 6 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Oct. 8. In the South Bend area, a White Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16, at St. Pius X, Granger.

A banquet at St. Mary’s Oecchtering Halle will follow the Fort Wayne Mass. Cost for the banquet is $15 per person.

The Catholic Medical Guild is sponsoring the event. To register for the banquet, visit www.fortwayncem.va.com.

The banquet speaker will be Matthew Hanley, a senior fellow at the National Catholic Bioethics Center. Hanley holds a medical degree in public health and will speak on the topic, “Ideological Medicine: Serving Aims, Not Humanity.”

Hanley’s writing on matters of public health, ethics, religion and culture has appeared in a range of national and international publications and venues. His book “Affirming Love, Avoiding AIDS: What Africa Can Teach the West” was awarded a best book prize by the Catholic Press Association.

He worked for Catholic Relief Services from 2001-2008 as a technical advisor. He has traveled extensively in Africa, supporting the Catholic Church’s responses to the AIDS epidemic. He holds a master’s degree in public health from Emory University in Atlanta.

Hanley has offered the commentary in this week’s feature of The Catholic Doctor is In, located on page 15.

Respect Life month kicked off with rosary

SOUTH BEND — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will kick-off Respect Life Month by leading a Rosary For Life on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the abortion clinic on Ironwood Circle. Young people and families are especially encouraged to attend, and the Office of Family Life will be giving away pro-life balloons, bumper stickers, brochures and other promotional materials on site.

Serra Club of South Bend donation serves seminarians

SOUTH BEND — The Serra Club of South Bend recently presented Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades with a check for $1,800, proceeds from the sale of Father’s Day cards at three local parishes. The cards, which had a theme of St. Joseph as the pillar of families, were sold to raise funds for the education of diocesan seminarians.

Serra Club is an organization that promotes, supports and prays for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. Meetings are held twice a month at St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka. On the first Friday of each month, Mass is celebrated in Our Lady of Fatima Chapel at noon followed by lunch and a meeting in the lower level of the medical center. On the third Wednesday of the month, a 5 p.m. dinner is followed by a 6 p.m. meeting. The Wednesday meeting usually includes a guest speaker.

To learn more about the Serra Club contact Ray and Susan Vales at 574-204-2084.

Knights of Columbus Council 5521 celebrates 50 years of service

SOUTH BEND — A new council of the Knights of Columbus was formed to serve Catholic families on the south side of South Bend in 1964. On March 1, the council was chartered and chose Ave Maria in honor of South Bend’s strong ties to the Blessed Mother with 118 Knights who became charter members, led by their first elected Grand Knight, Frank D. Fritchett.

Ave Maria Council 5521 will be hosting a 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner for its member knights on Saturday, Sept. 20. The evening will start with a special blessing of the council located on South Ironwood Drive, followed by a dinner and special presentation to the council from the state office. Jim Murphy, a popular nationally renowned Catholic evangelist, is the guest speaker for the celebration.

This event is designed to honor all member knights and their families that have volunteered 50 years of time, talent and effort to support the Catholic parishes of St. Matthew, St. Jude-Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Hungary.

For more information on the 50th anniversary celebration, contact Chuck Bergman at 574-303-7020 or chuckbergman@sbcglobal.net.

40 Days for Life fall campaign announced

SOUTH BEND — The 40 Days-for-Life campaign will run from Wednesday, Sept. 24, through Sunday, Nov. 2.

The Life Center, 2018 Ironwood Circle, will offer a daily vigil at the Prayer Peninsula from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mass is offered each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel of Divine Mercy, Mass each Saturday during the 40 Days-for-Life is celebrated at 8 a.m. in the back of The Life Center.

For more information visit www.40DaysforLife.com/SouthBend.

Life Chain celebrates Respect Life Month

SOUTH BEND — The Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph County Right to Life will celebrate Respect Life Month at the Right to Life parking lot and gazebo, 2004 Ironwood Circle, from 1-3:30 p.m. on Oct. 5. An opening will be followed by Mass at 1:15 p.m. celebrated by Holy Cross Father Bill Miscamble. At 2:30 p.m. a Life Chain along State Road 23 and N. Ironwood Rd. will be followed by closing remarks and social time at the gazebo at 3:30 p.m.

More information is available at www.olvm.org/vncenter.

USF Jesters accepting registrations for season

FORT WAYNE — The Jesters of the University of St. Francis is accepting registrations for 2014-2015 from people ages 6 and older with developmental disabilities.

The program began Saturday, Sept. 6 and will meet each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon in the dance studio at the USF North Campus, 2700 Chestnut St. The cost is $60. Scholarships are available.

For more information, contact Allison Ballard at alfis28@yahoo.com or 260-745-3107.

To sign up for the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil contact coordinators, John and Karla DiFilippo at 260-341-7839.

Terry Barber to present talks on New Evangelization

BLUFFTON — St. Joseph Church, Bluffton, and the Knights of Columbus Council 7555 are cosponsoring several talks on the New Evangelization by Terry Barber, an internationally known speaker on Catholic topics and founder of Saint Joseph Communications, Inc., Lighthouse Catholic Media. Barber is a co-host with Jesse Romero of the EWTV Radio Network’s “Reasons for Faith — Live.”

Barber will talk briefly at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Sept. 27, and the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Sept. 28. On Sunday, Sept. 28, at 3 p.m., Barber will speak on “The Ten Commandments of Evangelization.” On Monday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m., Barber will speak on “Confidence in God.” The programs will last about 90 minutes.

Childcare will be available, and refreshments will follow the programs.

For information, contact St. Joseph Church at 260-824-1380, Larry Leitz at 260-824-4607 or email leitzl@adamswells.com.

Victory Noll Center to celebrate fall festival

HUNTINGTON — Victory Noll Center will host a Fall Festival from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21, in conjunction with the United Nations celebration of World Day of Peace.

A hayride, peace walk, learning station, treats and information to help everyone become peace makers and live the beatitude: “Blessed are the Peace Makers, for they shall be called Children of God!” (Mt 5:9). registration is free.

More information is available at www.olvm.org/vncenter.

Students at Saint Joseph High School in South Bend recently teamed with the University of Notre Dame to participate in a multi-discipline program, Guayasamin’s Art in Motion Project, that allowed them to explore the life and artwork of Oswaldo Guayasamin, one of the most prominent Latin American artists of the 20th century. The students created the mural, shown above, in response to their studies.

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