ST. VINCENT CENTER OFFERS FOSTER CARE
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Extending the Family

Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, addressed the media at a news conference on Monday, April 22 that “now is the time” to fix the nation’s broken immigration system. Cardinal Dolan was joined at the news conference by Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, who is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ committee on migration, and Auxiliary Bishop Mark D. Swanson of Salt Lake City, chair of the bishops’ committee on human development.

“Let me say that now is the time to address this issue,” Cardinal Dolan said. “The federal courts and the nation’s legal system are being inundated by requests for deportation.”

Spiritually, we are adopted. St. Paul reminds us, “So you are no longer a servant, but a child to the Father.” (Gal 4:7) In the world of adoption, foster parents are being deployed and an unknown number of children are being divided. Human beings continue to die in the desert. This suffering must end.”

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Two parishes with the common mission of growing the faith in Columbus, espe- cially among the Latino community, are joining forces to sponsor a fun, elegant evening for everyone on Friday, May 3. The Fiesta Cinco de Mayo sponsored by St. Stephen the Martyr and Christ the King will feature music and food from 6 to 9 p.m.

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Flag over casket; did Christ come to save all or many?

By Jake Tawney

For obvious reasons, the figure of St. Francis is an icon of Franciscan spirituality. His image is often imprinted on our mind through so many different devotionals. St. Francis is often enshrined, in the liturgical and spiritual life of the Franciscan Province of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Penance. Province of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Assisi, named the appointment of Henry, TOR, who will assume the role of president of Franciscan University.

Franciscan University’s new president

The board of trustees of Franciscan University of Steubenville has announced the appointment of Father Sean J. Polichnowski, TOR, as the school’s president, effective Oct. 10.

Polichnowski, who has been a professor in fall 2012, has also held a position on Franciscan University’s board from 2007-2012, working on the student life committee and the academic affairs committee, which he chaired from 2011-2012.

“I am honored to serve as the next president of Franciscan University. It is inspiring and truly fulfilling for me to be here at Franciscan University and to work at this university with the students who are pouring their hearts into their education and their prayer life, falling in love with Christ and the Church, and striving to become saints,” Father Polichnowski said.

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**QUESTION & ANSWER**

By Father Kenneth Doyle

Q: I notice that the altar in the Steubenville Church is no longer decorated with the flag at the funeral Mass. What do these men and women who provide the liturgical services feel about this change?

A: The Order of Friars Minor, or Franciscans, is worldwide and must set policy to cover many consis-
tencies. There are many primates of the Church, such as archbishops and bishops, who make the decision as to what is permitted. In some cases, the decision is made by a local committee of where the church might not agree with the policy of the general Church.

In World War II Germa-

ny, for example, the use of the flag as a part of the funeral Mass could have been as endorsed by the local German bishop as a sign of the situation where the church might not agree with the policy of the general Church.

At the end of the fu-

neral Mass, the pall is raised and placed on the casket, the sign of animal equality rather than hierarchies. The poor Francis has been pigeonholed into a brand of religious personage, not a true servant of the Gospel or a true peacemaker.

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TRINITY RECYCLE FEST II

By Pat Batroe

Zaleski is nestled in the middle of the Zaleski State Forest, where we have the opportunity to enjoy much wildlife, especially deer and raccoon.

I have heard stories for several years about this wonderful bird visiting our forest and wetlands, but never had the opportunity to capture it on camera, and only thought it a few times this spring. I say “thought” because there are many species of birds that nest in the wetland area just north of Zaleski on State Route 278. On occasion, I would see something perched on a distant dead tree trunk, but was never sure of what I was seeing.

Yesterday evening, there it was! Perched on top of a dead tree trunk, elegantly pattering into the water, awaiting its next meal. I stopped in the middle of the road, retrieved my small digital camera, and tried to capture the picture of the eagle, but couldn’t pull the view box enough on this mysterious of these marvelous species. I sped home and retrieved my Nikon camera with the telescopic lens, hoping the eagle would still be there.

Upon return, I praised God that the eagle had not moved! I pulled off the side of the road, got out of my car and gently closed the door. I started shooting pictures. Another vehicle was coming and slowed down, apparently wondering what I was doing. I stopped. I glanced at the vehicle and its occupants, not being taken pictures. I prayed that we wouldn’t spook the bird. The eagle was too intent on finding its next meal and totally ignored us. Once the other vehicle sped away, I walked the edge of the swamp to get better pictures and talk to the bird (I am sort of known as the animal whisperer to my family). As I started to speak, the bird turned its head to look at me. Please God, let me get close enough for a picture of this marvelous creature! It turned on that narrow tree trunk to face me. I speak to it and moved very carefully on the edge of the water to capture its image in all of its glory. It then got tired of me interrupting its hunt and flew away.

The experience reminded me that life is precious. ALL life is precious! It renewed my faith that God would make all things new again. It gave me hope in the world around me with the knowledge that God is ALWAYS good! It assured me that God is ALWAYS love us.

Isn’t that what life is all about?

TRIITY RECYCLE FEST II

By Loren Brown

Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus, will host Recycle Fest II, a celebration on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27.

Those attending are asked to bring pop cans and plastic beverage bottles to be recycled as part of the school’s participation in the Dream Machine Recycle Rally, a national program which gives schools a chance to earn rewards and compete for contest prizes while making the planet a cleaner, greener place and supporting post-9/11 disabled veterans.

Trinity is in line to win a $25,000 prize if it maintains its current second-place national ranking in Bracket A of the program. The first-place school is ineligible for the prize because it won last year.

The Ottawa Catholic Foundation and its donors are honored to announce Scott will be leaving the Family Foundation at the end of May. Scott’s time with us has been important in our journey of institutional advancement; and create a huge ball of plastic, bottles, cans, and lit-
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One of those watching in disbelief was Baxa Obergefell, assistant director of the Center for Student Development at Ohio Dominican University. Though he and Columbus are nearly 800 miles apart, she knew how she just didn’t know how.

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Revolution has advanced to its ending with visions of "a new heaven and a new earth." The voice announces what John saw and called its beginning: "the word became flesh and dwelt among us." Revelation summarizes the covenant made with Abraham and renewed with Moses, expanding it slightly. In the Old Testament, this covenant was established with Israel; in the New Testament, with Paul and Barnabas; and now to about 200 miles to Antioch in Pisidia. The whole trip should be viewed with a map, found in any reliable Bible or Bible atlas.

The entire journey would be like setting out from Cleveland for Ohio, via Charlotte, N.C. From Charlotte, one would head toward Ohio via Ports-

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School Plays

Spelling Bee

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School’s drama department will present The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 2, 3, and 4; and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, in the campus theater, 2010 E. Broad St. For reservations, call (614) 252-6714. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students.

Spelling Bee is a lighthearted spoof in which six students, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn’t everything and that losing doesn’t necessarily make you a loser.

The one-act musical comedy, produced in 2005, was conceived by Rebecca Feldman, with music and lyrics by William Finn, book by Rachel Sheinkin, and additional material by Jay Reiss. The show centers on a fictional spelling bee set in a geographically ambiguous Putnam Valley Middle School. Six quirky adolescents compete in the bee, run by three equally quirky grown-ups.

Photo: Cast members for the Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School production of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” include (from left): best-newcomer Allison Ruth, Miss Randell, and John Clancy; second row, Evan Ryan, Michelle Colombo, Maggie Turek, Nick Anderson, Samantha Traversen, Carl Mahler, and Emma Masich; third row, Nick Turadian, Katie McDonald, Connor O’Dell and Finn Clancy.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

GODSPELL

“The Day by Day, oh, dear Lord, three things I pray. To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly; day by day...”


Musical numbers include “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord,” “Save the People,” “Day by Day,” “Light of the World,” “By My Side,” and “On the Willows.”

Students of Columbus Bishop Ready High School will present a production of Godspell at 7 p.m. Friday, May 3, 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4, and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 5, in the school’s little theater, 707 Salisbury Road. Admission is $10 for adults, $9 for those 65 and older, and $8 for students.

Students, lead by Mark Grumowski, in the role of Jesus and Nicholas Merchant in the dual role of St. John the Baptist and Judas, will showcase their voices in song.

The singers are joined by 13 other students who will fill out the various roles that add poignancy to the play. Ready faculty member Jill Larger, who has a background in musical theater, will direct the Ready thespians.

Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

The Wizard of Oz

Students from Lancaster St. Mary Middle School will invite audience members to “Follow the yellow brick road” as they journey from Kansas to the Emerald City in search of the great Oz himself. Performances of “The Wizard of Oz,” will be at 7 p.m. Friday, April 26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at St. Mary School, 399 S. Chornton St. Tickets are $7 for adults and $5 for students and children, may be purchased by emailing stmarymusical@ gmail.com, and will be available at the door.

The Music Man

Columbus St. Agnes Middle School will present “The Music Man” at 7 p.m. Friday, May 3, in the school gymnasium, 1800 Northland Road. Pictured are Francisco Cortez-Fanturbau as Professor Harold Hill and Sophie Sheridan as Marion Paroo.

Photo courtesy St. Agnes School

News in Photos from Around the World

A man cries as he burns offering in front of the body of his relative on April 21 after an earthquake hit Sichuan province. China mobilized thousands of soldiers and rescuers after a magnitude-6.6 earthquake struck the province on April 20, killing at least 186 people and injuring more than 11,000. The quake occurred in the same region where a 2008 quake took nearly 90,000 lives.

Photo courtesy Reuters

Family and friends of Krystle Campbell film into St. Joseph Church in Medford, Mass., for her April 22 funeral Mass. Campbell was one of three people killed when two bombs exploded in the crowded streets near the finish line of the Boston Marathon on April 15, injuring more than 170 others.

Photo courtesy REUTERS

Peope take part in a candlelight vigil on April 18 at the Church of the Assumption in West, Texas, to remember those who lost their lives or were injured in a massive explosion at the area’s fertilizer plant on April 17. The explosion near Waco, Texas, killed 12 people and injured more than 160 others.

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Bishop Frederick Campbell and the
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Reception follows in the Cathedral Undercroft