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Spring Sharathon Set For April 21-23

It's time for Spring Sharathon and this year we are extremely honored to have Bishop Kevin Rhoades as our first guest when he visits our station on Wednesday, April 21 at 7 a.m. Bishop Rhoades is the first of many exciting guests we are blessed to have scheduled during the 36-hours of Sharathon.

Sharathon is Redeemer Radio's semi-annual live event designed to raise funds for the station. As a listener-supported station, Redeemer Radio relies on donations raised during Sharathon to cover operating costs. The generosity of our



listeners has allowed us to grow and maintain the station for four years as well as pay down the debt incurred to purchase the station and begin broadcasting.

Hosted by Jerry Usher, the theme for this Sharathon is "Our Redeemer Lives". Several versions of our beautiful theme song have been recorded by the talented musicians at St. Charles parish.

The three-day event will be filled with special guests, including many area priests – right now we have 20 scheduled to

appear. Parishioners are invited to call in with donations when their parish priest is on the air to create a bit of friendly rivalry. Listeners are once again eligible for some great "sizzle" gifts, which are generously donated by area businesses and individuals.

So mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 21, Thursday, April 22 and Friday, April 23 beginning at 7 a.m. each day for Redeemer Radio's Spring Sharathon!

New Local Program Focuses on Pro-Life Movement

By Mariam Schmitz

Recently, life issues have been pushed to the forefront of our culture. From the death of Terry Schiavo to the healthcare reform, the pro-life movement has been making its voice known. On a local level, the fight to protect the lives of the unborn continues. How can we stay up-to-date on these issues? What can we do to make a difference?

Now there is an easy way to stay informed and learn how to become more involved... Redeemer Radio's Culture of Life.

Produced locally by Redeemer Radio, Culture of Life segments focus on developments in the pro-life movement. National issues are presented with a local focus and local stories receive in-depth coverage. Culture of Life airs throughout the day on Redeemer Radio. If you have story suggestions, comments or feedback about Culture of Life, call the station at 436-1450 or send an e-mail to info@RedeemerRadio.com. And please continue to work and pray for a return to an all-encompassing respect for life.



We are proud to introduce one of our newest listeners, baby Miriam: Daughter of Redeemer Radio volunteers Tim and Sarah Speer!

The Redeemer "Round Up" By Patty Becker

It's been several months since our last newsletter, and our staff and volunteers have been busy. Here's a quick wrap-up of what's been happening and a glimpse of upcoming events.

In January, Redeemer Radio brought authoritative Installation coverage to the Diocese via a network of radio and television stations. Our technical crew



helped bring coverage to Fort Wayne and South Bend through radio, television and Internet sites. Our coverage of the event and our interview with Bishop Rhoades was featured on both local and national news outlets, including to 150 Catholic Radio stations through the EWTN radio network. A big thank you goes out to our broadcast team of Sean McBride, Fr. Daryl Rybicki and Dr. Matt Bunson as well as the outstanding support of an army of gifted volunteers.



Redeemer Radio brought February's celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2010 to our listeners with five remote broadcasts.

Hour-long noon visits were aired live from St. John's New Haven, Bishop Luers High School, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School, The Light of Learning Luncheon and St. Vincent's School. Fort Wayne.

Father Larry Richards, heard everyday on Redeemer Radio (10am Mon-Fri/ 8pm Sat & Sun), was a featured speaker at REKINDLE THE FIRE Men's Conference.



Dave Stevens, Executive Director and Carl Spade, Operations Director with Fr. Larry Richards

Redeemer Spotlight: Donna Gleason - Sharathon Champion

When it comes to Redeemer Radio's Sharathon, you won't find a more enthusiastic volunteer than Donna Gleason. Donna has served as the Sharathon Coordinator since April 2009 – heading weekly meetings which begin three full months before each Sharathon, helping to raise and coordinate "Sizzle Gifts",

answering phones, entering data...in short, jumping in wherever and whenever they need her. Her infectious can-do spirit certainly helps make the Sharathon a success.

Donna became involved with Redeemer Radio after she retired from Lincoln Financial Group where she worked as a trademark paralegal. As she tells it, she really wasn't ready to retire, but her husband Corky enticed her to do so with the promise of being able to volunteer. She loved the idea of finding a place where she was needed and where she could follow her passion.

As a daily Redeemer Radio listener, Donna was familiar with the station when another volunteer told her of how rewarding it was to help at the station. She started out slow, coming in once a month to help with administrative duties. But when Sharathon came around, she was hooked. "Working on

Sharathon is just so addictive!" she explains. She says she is drawn to the energy, or as she says, the "spirit" of the event and loves meeting all the people involved. She tries to explain how much Sharathon means to her, saying, "Knowing you are reaching people... talking to listeners and hearing what Redeemer Radio means to them. It is just really cool to hear how the station touches people's lives."

Born in Hometown, Donna was in the first graduating eighth grade class at St. Vincent school and was in the second class to graduate from Bishop Dwenger. She currently is a member of St. Joe Hessen Cassel although she has been a member of several area parishes. She and husband Corky have three grown sons and are further blessed with five grandchildren.

"I believe the Holy Spirit is working His Grace through Sharathon to touch the lives of everyone involved. If just one person tells someone else to tune in, the Grace will spread."

- Donna Gleason

Looking ahead:

The Redeemer Radio Spring Sharathon **LIVE ON AIR Rosary** with Father George Gabet will be *Saturday, April 10 at 9:30 am*. Arrive at 9 am for coffee and donuts. Bring the kids! Join with other



Redeemer Radio volunteers to pray for our listeners, our generous supporters and the success of the Spring 2010 Sharathon.

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It's a June Ordination! Deacon Andrew Budzinski will be ordained to the Priesthood at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Saturday, June 26 at 10 am. Redeemer Radio will broadcast the Ordination live with anchors Dr. Matthew Bunson, Sean McBride and Father Daryl Rybicki.
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Father Corapi in Cincinnati! Redeemer Radio is pleased to promote the Abba House bus trip to hear Father Corapi in Ohio on July 17, 2010! For details and reservations call 482-8299.

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Maximize Your Gift's Impact During Sharathon!

Did you know your Sharathon donation may be doubled or even tripled if you or your spouse works for a matching-gift company? Many area employers sponsor a matching gift program that can maximize the impact of charitable donations by employees and retirees.

Simply check with your human resources department to see if your company participates in gift matching. It's an easy way to double your donation!

Father Dave Ruppert's Reflection for Easter

What is different about the Catholic religion compared to other world religions?



Our leader is still alive! Our leader is still alive and we worship him as God! The Jewish patriarchs and prophets are all dead. Mohammad, The Buddha, and Confucius have all died. They have no Easter celebrations because the lives of their leaders ended in death. But our Lord and leader, Jesus Christ, is resurrected. His tomb is empty. His resurrection and empty tomb give us hope that our tombs will one day be empty and that we too will be resurrected.

Christianity is based on this marvelous fact of Christ's resurrection. No other religion can point to such a powerful event backed up by the power of the Holy Spirit. His death took away our sins, but his resurrection brings us new life and the hope of our own resurrection. His resurrection is proof of his divine authority to give us what he has promised. Those who witnessed the empty tomb have faithfully passed this truth on to us. We are now his witnesses to tell others of new life in Christ.

Our Redeemer Lives!
Fr Dave Ruppert

Redeemer Radio Sports Report

It has been a wonderful basketball season for Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger High Schools. The boys' and girls' teams from both schools provided exciting, top-notch action presented by Redeemer Radio announcers Kenny Barr and Bob Merz. Congratulations to the Bishop Luers girls for the semi-state win and for their great play in the state title



game. And, not to forget, both Dwenger and Luers boys' teams were sectional champs and made their mark in regional play.

Notre Dame basketball added to sports excitement for all our Redeemer Radio listeners, too.

"God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed." - Pope Benedict XVI

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