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Faith, service are Mazier sisters' crowning achievements

AMANDA LAUER | FOR THE COMPASS

APPLETON — "I think you can become Miss America someday." Those words were life-changing for Katrina Mazier, a member of St. Bernadette Parish and a 2016 graduate of St. Francis Xavier High School in Appleton.

They may also be prophetic as Katrina, 19, was crowned Miss Green Bay Area on Jan. 20. That same evening, her sister, Anika Mazier, 16, a junior at St. Francis Xavier High School, was crowned Miss Green Bay Area's Outstanding Teen. Both will compete for the Miss Wisconsin title in their respective divisions in June. If they win at that level, they move onto the Miss America pageant.

"I had never thought about pageants before. I didn't know what they were," said Katrina. She was encouraged to enter the competition by her hairdresser, Michele Hepfler, who is also a member of St. Bernadette Parish. The Miss Green Bay Area Scholarship Organization is an affiliate of the non-profit Miss America Organization —



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Katrina Mazier, left, was crowned Miss Green Bay Area on Jan. 20, while her sister Anika, was crowned Miss Green Bay Area's Outstanding Teen. The sisters are pictured at their home parish of St. Bernadette in Appleton.

the nation's leading advocate for women's education and the largest provider of scholarship assistance to young women in the United States.

Katrina recalled what Hepfler told her about the pageant. "It's a scholarship pageant and you can get money to go to school and you get to pick a platform. It's a way for you to travel Wisconsin and speak about

something you're passionate about." Those words struck a chord with Katrina.

She decided to enter competition because having a crown and sash would open doors so she could speak about teenage suicide prevention. Katrina is the survivor of a suicide attempt.

Our full story appears in the March 16 issue.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The prayer we offer to the Father as his adoptive children in Christ, disposes us to receive the Lord's body and blood in Holy Communion. We ask the Father for "our daily bread," for the forgiveness of our sins and for deliverance from evil. These petitions are then expanded in the following prayers, which invoke God's peace and unity upon the Church and our world. In the exchange of the sign of peace, we demonstrate our commitment to be reconciled with one another, so as to worthily approach the altar to receive the Lord's gift of himself. The rite of the breaking of the bread, accompanied by our invocation of Christ as the Lamb of God, acknowledges the saving presence of the risen Lord among us and implores the peace he won for us on the Cross. May our conscious celebration of these rites help us to experience ever more fully the Eucharist as the sacrament of our communion.

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Follow Him On



March 3 Mass marks 150 years diocese was created

BY JEFF KUROWSKI | THE COMPASS

GREEN BAY — A Mass of thanksgiving was celebrated on Saturday, March 3, at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, 150 years to the day that the Diocese of Green Bay was created.

Bishop David Ricken, the 12th bishop of the diocese, recognized Bishop Joseph Melcher, the founding bishop, in a special way.

"I am using his crosier. It must be almost 150 years old, I guess," said Bishop Ricken. "It still exists. It's been well taken care of."

A relic, the True Cross of Jesus Christ, brought to the diocese by Bishop Melcher, was also present at the Mass. The True Cross is the name for remains said to be from the cross upon which Jesus was crucified.

Bishop Ricken opened his homily with an invi-

tation for all in attendance to wish one another a happy anniversary. The Mass provided a time to call people to discipleship, said the bishop.

"It truly is a Mass of thanksgiving for 150 years of faith," he said. "Take a look at the beautifully restored cathedral because this is the legacy we received in stone, in hearts and beauty.

Our full story appears in the March 9 issue.

5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

About Easter

PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

- 1 April 1 is Easter this year. The last time it fell on April Fool's Day was in 1956.
- 2 Here's the simplified formula for how we get Easter's date: It is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.
- 3 Easter was originally called *Pascha*, a Greek word derived from the Hebrew *pesah*, referring to the Passover. Word experts tell us the word "Easter" comes from either an Old English word *éastre*, or an early Germanic word, *austron*, both of which refer to "dawn" and the direction "east."
- 4 The traditional Easter greeting is: "Christ is risen." The response is: "He is risen indeed."
- 5 Orthodox Christians dye their Easter eggs red, to symbolize the blood of Christ.

What's sin got to do with it?

Three letters. Begins with the letter "s." Often makes people very uncomfortable to talk about. Can you guess what I'm talking about?



A SPACE FOR GRACE

Julianne Stanz

Yes, sin. An older gentleman recently remarked to me that "talking about sin is very much out of vogue these days. You don't want to scare the young people away by talking about that kind of stuff." While talking about sin is certainly not the first place that I would begin a conversation, having an understanding of sin is crucial to our understanding of ourselves, our relationship

with others and with God. The abundant love and mercy of the Father and forgiveness cannot be spoken of without also understanding sin.

So let's break down what sin is and what it means for each of us, especially during this penitential season of Lent.

The question posted by a newspaper, "What is wrong with the world?" was answered by Catholic author and writer G.K. Chesterton as follows:

Dear Sirs:

I am.

Sincerely Yours,
G.K. Chesterton.

"I am." These two words are our starting point for an understanding of sin.

Relationships are damaged because of lies, broken promises and betrayal. When you are in a relationship with someone and you continu-

ously hurt them, your relationship becomes broken. Refusing to admit any wrongdoing and refusing to apologize can break relationships, seemingly beyond repair.

Our relationship with God is broken because of sin. A sin is a choice that goes against God's love. Sin is how we say "no" to God. Sin damages our relationships with God and other people, leaving a trail of destruction and sorrow in its wake.

Many times through our actions, we have turned from God and refused to admit our failures and wrongdoing. We hurt ourselves, those we love and damage our relationship with God. Sin has a triple effect. It weakens our relationship with God, it affects our relationships with others and it denigrates and damages our true sense of who we really are — as children of God created in his image and likeness.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen found a very creative way to express the reality of sin using the metaphor of a battery.

Batteries have two terminals on each end — the positive side (+) called the cathode and the negative side known as the anode (-). If you want your car to run correctly, the battery must be engaged with the positive and the negative sides properly connected. If you have two positives, your car will not run, nor will it run with two negatives.

We need to hear the good news of salvation but also to hear the effects of sin. If we do not keep those in balance, the Christian life will not be a fully charged one! So how can we make amends?

Read the entire column in our March 9 issue.

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Parish SNAPSHOT



As part of a reading contest at Sacred Heart School in Shawano, first grader Ryan Dickmann got to toss a pie in the face of Fr. Tom Farrell, pastor, on March 9. It was part of "Read Across America" day.

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