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## Four ordained as transitional deacons



The Message photos by Megan Erbacher  
Bishop Joseph M. Siegel stands with newly ordained Deacons Nick Bieber, far left, Clint Johnson, Aaron Herrenbruck and Keith Hart after their April 20 Ordination Mass at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville.



Priests and deacons of the Diocese of Evansville congratulate newly ordained Deacons Nick Bieber, Keith Hart, Aaron Herrenbruck and Clint Johnson facing Bishop Siegel in this photo, following their April 20 Ordination Mass.

By JOHN ROHLF  
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Four Diocese of Evansville seminarians were ordained as deacons last weekend, taking one step closer to being ordained as diocesan priests.

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel ordained seminarians Nick

Bieber, Keith Hart, Aaron Herrenbruck and Clint Johnson as deacons during an April 20 Mass at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville.

All four transitional deacons attend St. Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad. They are expected to be ordained to the priesthood in 2025.

Deacon Bieber is a son of Annunciation Parish in

Evansville, Deacon Hart is a son of St. Peter Parish in Montgomery, Deacon Herrenbruck is a son of St. Clement Parish in Boonville and Deacon Johnson is a son of Holy Cross Parish in Fort Branch.

More than 40 priests concelebrated the Mass, with over 25 deacons in attendance. The priest concelebrants

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MALLORY LADD

## Ladd tabbed to lead Tigers on hardwood

By JOHN ROHLF  
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Former Reitz Memorial High School standout basketball player Mallory Ladd will move to the bench to lead a program she helped to a state championship as a player.

Reitz Memorial High School announced April 17 the hire of Ladd as the school's head girls basketball coach. A 2011 graduate of Reitz Memorial, Ladd will replace Lee Auker, who stepped down as the school's head coach at the end of this past season.

"I am so excited," Ladd said. "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I'm excited to get started with the girls. It's prestigious to even be considered for this position. Coach (Bruce) Dockery and Coach Auker have laid the foundation. And I hope to just make them proud. I know I have a great group of girls and I'm ready to get to work with them."

Ladd was a member of the Tigers' 2011 Indiana state championship team under Coach Bruce Dockery. Ladd also brought in several individual awards during her high school career. She was a first team all-state player in 2011, a two-time All-Metro Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year nominee, a member of the 2011 Indiana all-star team and a runner-up of Miss Indiana Basketball.

"As Director of Athletics, it was obvious to me, in speaking with Mallory Ladd, that she is a leader," Reitz Memorial Director of Athletics Chad

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## Reitz Memorial names Josh Reising new President

By THE MESSAGE STAFF

After an extensive national search, Bishop Joseph M. Siegel has appointed Josh Reising to serve as the President of Reitz Memorial High School, effective July 1. He succeeds Christian Mocek, who will conclude his tenure June 30.

Reising has served as Reitz Memorial's Director of Finance and Operations for the past four years.

He earned a bachelor's degree in health science from Purdue University in West Lafayette and a master's degree in finance from Ball State University in Muncie. He's currently in the Permanent Diaconate formation program for the Diocese of Evansville, Class of 2026.

Father Chris Forler, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Daylight and St. Bernard Parish in Snake Run, serves as Priest-Delegate for Reitz Memorial. He said, "I am very pleased and confident in the selection of Mr. Reising as the new President of Reitz Memorial High School. Josh's considerable talents and intelligence, coupled with his years of intimate knowledge of Memorial promise good things ahead for the school. He will be able to seamlessly build on the strategic vision that Mr. Mocek has put forth, and carry that vision even further forward into the future. Not only is he a man of professional ability, but he is also a man of great faith, humility and integrity. He is most definitely the kind of leadership we need to continue to form disciples of Jesus Christ!"

Reising said, "As we begin the cele-



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bration of our centennial anniversary, I am humbled and honored to be trusted as Reitz Memorial Catholic High School's next President. It has been a privilege to serve this community for the last four years, and I look forward to many more as we live out our mission and values in the Holy Cross tradition. Through the intercession of our patron, St. Joseph, in union with our Father's Divine Will, our vibrant Memorial community will continue to preserve the fire of our rich traditions as we enter into these next 100 years."

Before Reising joined Reitz Memorial's staff, he served as the Director of Business Operations for Tri State Community Clinics in Evansville.

Diocese of Evansville Superintendent of Schools Michelle Priar said, "Along

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