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Special to The Message

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel will celebrate the Diocese of Evansville's 2026 Chrism Mass at 5:30 p.m. CDT March 31 at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville. At this Mass, the holy oils used throughout the year will be blessed and consecrated, and the priests of the diocese will make a public renewal of their priestly promises to serve Christ and the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available before Mass.

All are invited to attend, show your support for the service of our priests, and pray together as a diocese in those holy days leading up to Easter.

New chapel at UE Newman Center 'a long-standing dream of the ministry'



Bishop Joseph M. Siegel sprinkles water on the new chapel at the University of Evansville Newman Center.

By JOHN ROHLF
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A month after construction was completed for a new oratory at the



Father Alex Zenthoefer lights the candle for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Newman Center at the University of Evansville, Bishop Joseph M. Siegel dedicated the altar and blessed the Oratory of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati. Bishop Joseph M. Siegel celebrated

Mass March 16 at the new Oratory of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati. He dedicated the altar and blessed the oratory during the prayer of

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Build Hope With Us!

On March 18, members of our diocesan staff participated in another Jubilee Habitat Home Build Volunteer Day. In 2025, the Diocese of Evansville announced a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to build a home for a family in need. The home for Mi'Kyla, which is expected to be completed later this spring, will be on the 1500 block of Florence Street. See more photos on page 5.



At left, members of the diocesan staff pose for a photo during the Jubilee Habitat Home Build Volunteer Day.

At right, Director of the Office of Marriage, Family and Life Megan Knies, Director of the Office of Worship Matt Miller and Chancellor and COO Dean Happe take a break for a photo during the build day.

Submitted photos



St. Bernard, Snake Run, hosts annual Rogation Mass

The Diocese of Evansville's annual Rogation Mass was March 24 at St. Bernard Parish in Snake Run. The annual Mass and celebration is to pray for favorable weather, protection from natural disasters, a fruitful harvest and safety in the fields and on the roads. At the end of Mass, Bishop Joseph M. Siegel blessed samples of seed and soil that those in attendance brought with them. Full coverage of the Rogation Mass will appear in the April 3 issue of The Message.



The Message photos by John Rohlf

