



**Vocations Fair for Women**

June 24, 2-6 p.m., Bishop Lane Retreat Center, 7708 E. McGregor Road, Rockford

**What:** Representatives from several orders of religious communities from New Jersey, Texas, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois. There will be presentations, question and answer time, and chances for a one-on-one "Walk and Talk" with one of the sisters. Women of all ages are welcome to this free fair.



(Observer file photo by Amanda Hudson)

**Sponsor:** Diocese of Rockford Vocations Office  
**Info:** 815/399-4300, ext. 375; [www.Rockforddiocese.org/vocations](http://www.Rockforddiocese.org/vocations).

**What's on your summer reading list?**

Here are some suggestions from summer reading lists of the Catholic high schools in the Rockford Diocese. Which are you reading?

**Fiction**

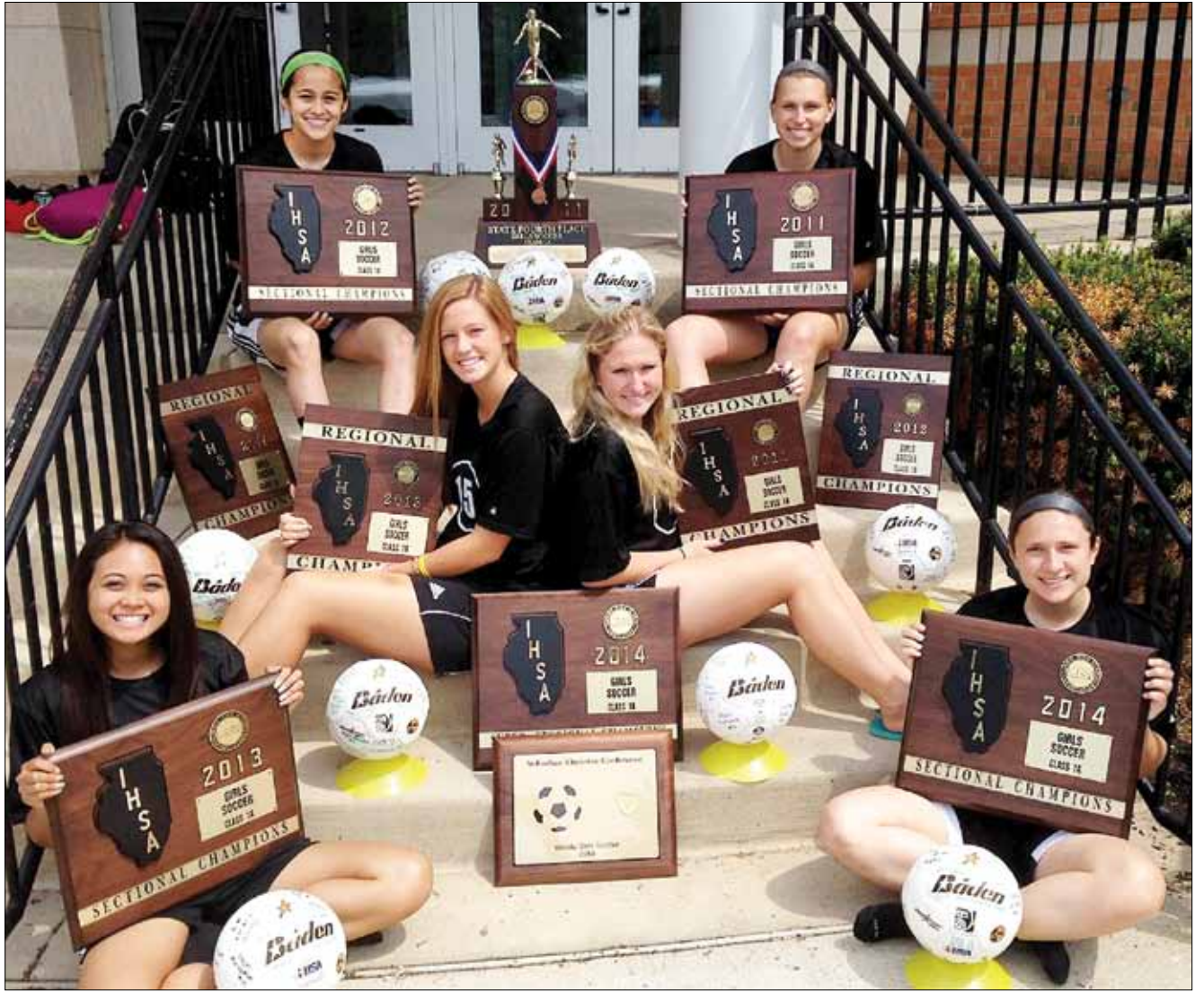
- **Beowulf: An Illustrated Edition** by Seamus Heaney, John Niles
- **Cold Sassy Tree** by Olive Ann Burns
- **Chronicles of Narnia** by C.S. Lewis
- **Don't You Know There's a War On?** by Avi
- **King of the Wind** by Marguerite Henry
- **Of Mice and Men** by John Steinbeck
- **A Painted House** by John Grisham
- **Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen
- **The Selection** by Kiera Cass

**Plays**

- **Inherit the Wind** by Jerome Lawrence and Robert Edwin Lee
- **Much Ado About Nothing** by William Shakespeare

**Non-fiction**

- **The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements** by Sam Kean
- **Farewell to Manzanar** by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston
- **A History of the World in 6 Glasses** by Tom Standage
- **How to Read Literature Like a Professor: A Lively and Entertaining Guide to Reading Between the Lines** by Thomas C. Foster
- **I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban** by Malala Yousafzai
- **Tuesday's With Morrie** by Mitch Albom



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**Record makers**

The girls soccer team at St. Edward Central Catholic High School in Elgin finished the 2014 season with a third place trophy in Class 1A of the Illinois High School Association state finals. Their 23-2 season was the best in school history. Members showing the trophies they've earned during the years they've been together are (bottom, from left) Briana Quiachon, Monica Ramirez, (middle) Emily Witt, Corey Lepoudre, (top) Allison Kruk and Alexandra Zeller.

**VOCATION CORNER**

**St. Peter's faith ... and yours**

Discernment requires faith.

Discernment requires trust.

Discernment requires a firm belief that God is worth following and that His promises are true.

It is this faith that enables us to continue forward when things seem difficult and when things don't seem to go as we planned. St. Peter is the perfect example of this.

Shortly before his passion and death, Jesus foretold the disciples that it was coming. Peter's immediate reaction was to try to tell Jesus that he was wrong.

Why would he have done this? Most likely because it didn't match up with God's plans for who Christ was going to be for the people and of how Peter

fit into that plan.

Perhaps Peter was upset. He was definitely afraid, and maybe he was even a bit ashamed of the cross that Christ foretold.

How often do we do the very same thing?

Through your actions or responses to God's commands or promptings, do you ever tell Christ that he is wrong, simply so that you can cling to your own ideas of what would be best?

Had Peter had his way, there would have been no cross, which would mean that there would be no salvation. In light of this, today, let Christ have his way in you.

— Father Keith Romke, Diocesan Director of Vocations  
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On June 8, the youth ministry programs from Church of Holy Apostles in McHenry, St. Peter Parish in Spring Grove and St. Joseph Parish in Richmond met at Marian Central Catholic High School for Mass and to compete in the first ever McHenry Deanery Kickball Tournament. The teens attended Mass, made new friends, competed in the tourney and had a cookout. The group plans to invite more parishes next year.

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