

Death by Mail

By: Sean Callahan, News Editor



Lizzie McNulty discusses her presentation on chemical abortion.
(SOURCE: CALLAHAN)

Planting a Seed

By: Erin Brody, Arts & Culture Editor

One of the first things guests notice about Saint Vincent College is the beautiful landscaping and gardening throughout campus. Along with that are the many places students and faculty can go to in order to pray and reflect. Soon enough, the SVC community will have a chance to enjoy nature and meditate with the Living Chapel.

Living Chapel is an idea that came from SVC's Engineering Department and is inspired by Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato si'*. The encyclical speaks about how the world is to care for the environment in an age where modernity causes global warming, and many places responded to the call.

Father John Peck, O.S.B., is on the committee for Saint Vincent's Living Chapel and explained where the idea came from.

"In 2021/2022 after reading the encyclical, a group from Penn State (University) decided to do

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“When I started working at a pregnancy resource center, I was not very pro-life. I didn't know much about the movement,” Lizzie McNulty, Mid-Atlantic Regional Coordinator of Students for Life of America, said. “But working there, I was made aware of the evil of abortion. Hearing stories of women going in and out of Planned Parenthood made me passionate.”

McNulty was the keynote speaker of a chemical abortion presentation, hosted on Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 7 to 8 p.m., in Luparello Hall. The talk was sponsored by the Respect Life Club and Center for Catholic Thought and Culture.

McNulty began the talk by discussing her background. McNulty grad-

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uated from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2018. After spending three years working at a pregnancy resource center, she joined Students For Life of America (SFLA), a non-profit pro-life organization that advocates for an end to abortion and spreads pro-life views on college campuses and high schools. Every semester, SFLA chooses an abortion topic to focus on. This semester it is chemical abortion, commonly known as the ‘abortion pill’.

“It’s a series of two steps with two pills. First is the mifepristone pill, which blocks progesterone, the hormone a fetus needs to continue growing,” McNulty said. “A few days later comes misoprostol, which starts contractions to expel the fetus.”

Websites such as [mayoclinic.org](https://www.mayoclinic.org) and [plannedparenthood.org](https://www.plannedparenthood.org) corroborate McNulty’s explanation of how the pill works.

McNulty asserted that the pro-life movement has been ‘moving fast’ since the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* Supreme Court ruling, which struck down *Roe v. Wade*, holding that “the constitution does not confer a right to abortion.” The movement is increasing promotion of adoption and foster care reform and supporting pregnant and parent students on college campuses. McNulty stressed the hope that support systems for pregnant mothers would encourage them to avoid abortion.

A specific example of support provided by McNulty is [Standingwithyou.org](https://standingwithyou.org), a website created in anticipation of the *Dobbs* decision, where a user inputs their

zip code, which then reveals all free pregnancy related resources nearby.

The post-*Dobbs* era, McNulty explained, is one of the primary reasons she and other members of Students for Life of America are discussing chemical abortion this semester. When the COVID-19 pandemic began, she said, ‘the abortion lobby’ lessened restrictions originally needed to obtain an abortion, including physician consultations and ultrasound scans. Since the lowering of COVID-19 restrictions, she said, ‘the abortion lobby’ is trying to keep those restrictions from coming back. Since *Dobbs*, she felt there has been increased promotion and accessibility. For example, she claimed that California plans to mandate that its state colleges provide the abortion pill.

McNulty feels there are risks being purposefully ignored by the abortion industry, such as the pill being advertised on social media like Tik Tok, conflicting health guidelines on when it’s safe to take the pill, and the risk of ectopic pregnancies. She is most concerned by the increasing deliveries of the abortion pill to women in their homes, which she refers to several times throughout the talk as ‘death by mail.’

“Death by mail means the abortion lobby is sending these extremely dangerous abortion pills to women’s homes, without a physician’s assistance,” she said.

McNulty also expressed several external concerns related to chemical abortion. For example, abortion pills make it convenient for sex trafficked or abused women

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Lizzie McNulty

Talk

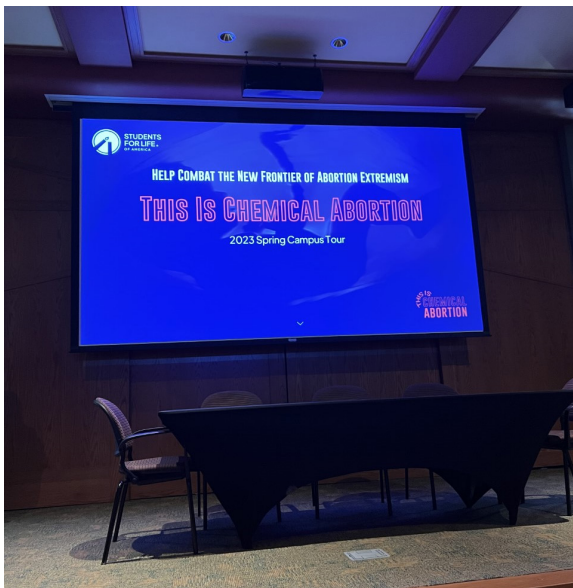
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to experience dangerous or potentially fatal pregnancies. She also asserted that chemicals from the pills and aborted remains are disposed of in waterways, and that Mifepristone can be found in animal drinking water. She cited National Abortion Federation study statistics on incomplete abortions, which is a risk of non-surgical abortions.

McNulty ended the lecture by addressing common pro-choice arguments. She claimed there is no study that says abortion is safer than childbirth. She argued that it is dangerous in part due to possible risks to the mother and in part due to the termination itself.

“For an abortion to be successful, it has to end human life. Therefore, it’s definitely not safe for that human life that’s being aborted,” McNulty said.

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The first slide of the presentation was available for viewing as students came into Luparello. (SOURCE: CALLAHAN)



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She also said that the argument ‘abortions will happen anyway’ is a slippery slope, since this same argument can be applied to crimes such as murder. Additionally, she claimed that the coat hanger abortion argument is a myth, since Bernard Nathanson, the author behind a prominent study involving the argument, admitted his results were falsified.

McNulty advised students to avoid volatile conversations or ‘spouting [pro-life] mantras’ when attempting to approach someone who is not pro-life. She said she tries to start with simple questions, such as ‘I care about supporting women, do you,’ or ‘do you think 63 million abortions is too many?’ She attempts to find common ground.

If McNulty had one message for students conflicted on the issue of abortion, she would encourage them to take a stance.

“Abortion is a dominant issue in our world that affects people all around us. I think it’s worth taking time to learn about and form an opinion on,” McNulty said.

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Engineering Dept. to Build Living Chapel on Campus

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something about [the environmental concerns in the book] by designing and building a chapel that would remind people that God is a part of this environmental movement and that we should make sure the world knows it," Father Peck said.

It should be noted that The Living Chapel Project was founded by renowned composer Julian Revie. Penn State did design and build the chapel, which now stands in the Botanical Garden of Rome. A second chapel was built in Calderini Garden in Milan.

As for Saint Vincent's Living Chapel, it is being designed by the Engineering Department, specifically by associate professor Dr. Derek Breid's Engineering Capstone Design course.

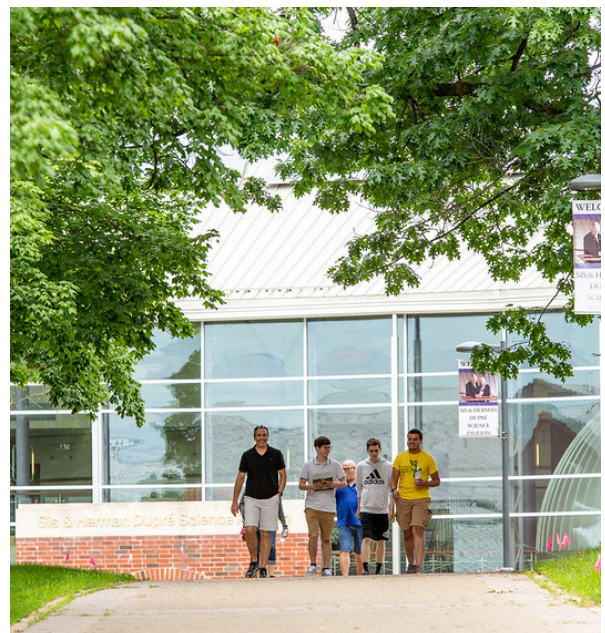
"This is a two-semester course sequence where our seniors work in teams to design, build, and test some kind of real-world project that incorporates engineering principles along with other complex issues such as economic, environmental, or societal factors," Dr. Breid said.

Working alongside the capstone course is ENGR-240, Engineering Design and Lab, and students in the capstone section are clients for the teams in the ENGR-240 course.

"There are four teams in ENGR-240 — two of them are working on building sections of the Living Wall for the Living Chapel, and the other two are working on watering systems for these living walls," Dr. Breid explained.

While the project is still in its early stages, Dr. Breid stated that he hopes to have these teams present at the academic conference, if the timing is right. But both Dr. Breid and Father Peck hope to have a final prototype developed and possibly start building later in 2023.

The Living Chapel Project may find its roots in Catholic ideals, but the project's website states that the chapels are to be "a symbol of interreligious dialogue for the common goal of caring for our planet."



Saint Vincent's take on the Living Chapel will tentatively be built near the Sis & Herman Dupre Science Pavillion. (SOURCE: SVCFlickr)

SPORTS

Bearcat Swimmers Perform Swimmingly at PACs

By: Jacob Rzepoluch, *Sports Editor*

Since their first full season of PAC competition in 2006-07, the Saint Vincent College swimming teams have concluded their regular season by traveling to Grove City for the President's Athletic Conference championships. This year's championship spanned over four days, from Feb. 15-18, marking the end of a successful season for the Bearcats. While perennial powerhouse Grove City won both team titles, SVC had strong team performances from both squads.

"I think overall it was a great season, we had definitely a lot more ups than downs," Head Coach Josh Gurekovich said.

The women finished the regular season in second position in the PAC with a conference record of 6-1 and were able to replicate this result at the championship meet. The men had an excellent meet as well, finishing third in the conference with a 3-3 record against teams in the PAC.

Several Bearcats won individual titles in the pool. On the men's side, freshmen Jacob Dzurica and Nicholas Jackman, mechanical engineering major, won titles in the 100-yard backstroke and 1650-yard freestyle, respectively. For the women, senior early childhood education major Lauren Connors won the 100-yard backstroke. Senior management major Erica Steele set a program record of 52.81 in the 100-yard freestyle prelims before placing third in the finals. Kris Smith, senior mechanical engineering major, noted how the format of the PAC championship leads to school and personal records.



Swaths of SVC fans made the trip to Grove City to support the Bearcats. (SOURCE: (@svcbearcatsswim Instagram))

"Racing at PACs, you only have to focus on one event per session," Smith said. "You can get in a bit later; you can stretch a bit longer because there's a warmup pool in another section of the building." Many swimmers will compete in multiple races at dual meets, and the same is true for the PAC championship. Medal-winners like Connors may compete in up to eight races over the days of swimming competition, with many races requiring further prelim swims to qualify. Dzurica summed it up clearly: "You get more quality swims if you can stretch it across a few days."

Coach Gurekovich noted that athletes can sometimes feel worn out due to the rigors of mid-season training and competition, but that it's all part of a system that prepares swimmers for championship competition.

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Women's Team Places Second, Men Place Third

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"When we compete [in] dual meets, we're just trying to race, learn race strategies a little better," Coach Gurekovich said. "We're hoping to get good times, but that's not necessarily key. When we're going in for our conference meet... we rest, we let them have a little easier training heading into it, let their bodies recover a little bit."

Swimmers also shave their bodies and squeeze into tight tech suits in order to perform at their absolute maximum.

After the PAC championship, the team will take some time to rest and recover. However, that doesn't mean that swimming is no longer on everyone's mind. Despite having completed his time as a Bearcat swimmer, Smith plans to continue swimming for his home country of the Bahamas, where he was placed highly at Nationals in past years.

"I have Nationals in June that I'll be gearing up for in a bit... and then I'll see where it takes me," Smith said. "If the Olympics is in sight for the Bahamas, then it's in sight [for me]."

Returning swimmers will take a few weeks off before beginning optional weight room sessions and other physical activities. Dzurica will consider swimming with some high school friends over the summer in order to prepare for a title defense as well as attempts at the 50-yard freestyle and 200-yard backstroke titles.

In regard to next year's teams, Coach Gurekovich suggested that they will remain competitive but look very different.

"We're graduating eight seniors this year, so losing that group will definitely change the dynamics a little

bit," Gurekovich said.

The men's team will not have any seniors next season, but will have a strong, young core. Gurekovich is optimistic about the future performance of incoming recruits on both teams and believes that next season the Bearcats can be just as competitive as they were this season.

"It's just a great group of people, they worked extremely hard all year. I'm really proud of how they performed this year."



The 4x50 yard freestyle relay team of Jacob Dzurica, Colin Spehar, Alex Leskovansky, freshman computer science major, and Kris Smith smile with their third-place medals. (SOURCE: @svcbearcatsswim Instagram)

Team Standings

Men's Lacrosse

Team	W	L	Streak
Saint Vincent	2	0	W2
W&J	1	0	W1
Chatham	1	1	W1
Franciscan	0	0	--
Allegheny	0	0	--
Westminster	0	1	L1
Grove City	0	1	L1
Bethany	0	1	L1
Thiel	0	2	L2

Schedule: @William Peace 3/7 4 p.m., @Greensboro 3/9 1 p.m., Marietta 3/12 1 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

Team	W	L	Streak
Chatham	1	0	W1
Bethany	1	0	W1
Thiel	1	1	L1
Saint Vincent	0	0	--
W&J	0	0	--
Allegheny	0	0	--
Franciscan	0	0	--
Waynesburg	0	0	--
Grove City	0	1	L1
Westminster	0	2	L2

Schedule: @Muskingum 3/15 5 p.m., Lancaster Bible 3/18 3 p.m., Wilson 3/19 3 p.m.

Men's Volleyball

Team	W	L	Streak
PSU-Behrend	8	2	W7
Saint Vincent	5	4	W2
Thiel	9	9	W1
Geneva	8	11	W2
Hiram	4	8	L3
Mount Aloysius	3	6	L1
Medaille	3	10	L1
Hilbert	3	10	L1
Wells	0	7	L7
PSU-Altoona	0	14	L14

Schedule: @Geneva 3/1 7 p.m., @Elizabethtown 3/4 12 p.m., @Roanoke 3/4 2 p.m.

Baseball

Schedule: @Marian 3/5 10 a.m., @Trine 3/6 9:30 a.m., @Gwynedd Mercy 3/7 1:45 p.m.

Softball

Schedule: @Rivier 3/5 11:30 a.m., @Concordia 3/5 2 p.m., @PSU-Brandywine 3/6 9 a.m.

Women's Bowling

Schedule: @Intercollegiate Team Championships (Dayton, OH) 3/11-3/12 8 a.m., Pitt-Greensburg 3/18 11 a.m., @Morgan State 3/19 12 p.m.

Men's Track & Field

Schedule: @The Armory (New York, N.Y.) 3/3-3/4 10 a.m., @NCAA D3 Championships (Birmingham, Ala.) 3/10-3/11 TBD, @Bethany 3/25 TBD

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