



The Latest News from St. Raymond's & Surrounding Area

February 9-11, 2018 @ St. Anthony's Spirituality Center, Marathon

Retrouvaille is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship. The next **Retrouvaille weekend retreat** will be held February 9-11, 2018 at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI. Space is limited. Email centralwi@retrouvaille.org for more information.

February 10, 2018 @ Rite of Election Retreat, La Crosse

Rite of Election Retreat, (or groups of parishes) offer retreats for their catechumens and candidates. For those parishes that do not offer a retreat in the parish, there will be a retreat open to catechumens and candidates on Saturday, February 10, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Registration begins at 9:00, and the day will conclude at 2:30. Contents will include: spiritual talks on 1) the meaning of Lent as a time of preparation for participating in the Paschal Mystery, 2) the meaning of the Apostolic Church and the Church today (in light of their meeting Bishop Callahan, a successor to the apostles), and 3) participating in the Rite of Election, focusing on the questions and prayers it contains; time for private prayer and reflection; Mass and group prayer. Registration form is available [here](#); deadline for registration is Friday, February 2. Rite of Election, February 18 The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Sunday, February 18, at 2:00. It is an occasion that marks entry into the period of Purification and Enlightenment (for newly-named "elect") that coincides with Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity for candidates and catechumens to see the larger Church, meet Bishop Callahan, be introduced to their new Cathedral, and receive the grace of the Rite. The registration form for Rite of Election is available [here](#); please submit its information by Friday, February 9.

February 11, 2018 @ Wausau

40 Days for Life Campaign – Wausau: Kicks off Sunday, Feb. 11 with a 1:00 pm rally at St. Michael Parish gathering space, 611 Stark Street. Refreshments provided. Featured speakers will be Patrick and Jeanette Gierl, whose story is one of surrender and sacrificial love. Also speaking will be Jack Hoogendyk, Executive Director of Hope Life Center in Wausau and Antigo and Dr. Kim Couri, Co-Founder of the Health for Life Medical Center, which specializes in women's health and general wellness. The 40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil is from February 14 – March 25, 2018 at HealthFirst, [719 N 3rd Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401](#). For more information, please contact Mary's Mantle at atmlitschauer@gmail.com or [715-539-3800](tel:715-539-3800).

February 11, 2018 @ Sacred Heart/ St. Patrick Parish

Taste of Kerala, India Sunday, February 11, 4pm Social Hour, 5pm Dinner. Authentic Indian cuisine including fish curry and chicken biryani. \$20 per person/\$75 max per family. Seating is limited. Make your reservation by February 2. Contact Michelle [715-835-2693](tel:715-835-2693) or michelle@shspec.org.

Lent, 2018 @ Diocesan Lenten Readings

Reading the Catechism 10 minutes a day Would you like to deepen your relationship with Christ during the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of our diocese? Reading the Catechism

over 38 weeks would be a great way to do this. Every two weeks participants receive a schedule for 15 paragraphs a night, 5 nights a week (weekends off). If you are interested in further details and/or signing up to begin the first week of Lent, email Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org.

Lent, 2018 @ Find Local Fish Fry's

Looking for a close by Fish Fry? With Lent quickly approaching, it's time to think about enjoying a parish fish fry. You can use the diocesan [Fish Frynder](http://diolc.org/fishfrynder), where you will find Lenten meals listed by parish with the location, the times and detailed information about the meal. diolc.org/fishfrynder

February 14-March 25, 2018 @ St. Bronislava Parish, Stevens Point

40 Days for Life Campaign – Stevens Point: From February 14 - March 25, you are invited to join others for the Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign, part of a world-wide initiative of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion (visit www.40daysforlife.com/stevens-point). There will be a kick-off rally with a speaker & potluck (main dish provided) from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, February 13th at Saint Bronislava Parish. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact: Jim Havlovick at [715-544-0447](tel:715-544-0447) or [715-570-4619](tel:715-570-4619) (cell) or Gary Oudenhoven at [715-321-2283](tel:715-321-2283) (cell).

February 16, 2018 @ Sacred Heart – St. Pat's

Lenten Mass & Lunch Sacred Heart – St. Patrick Parish will have its annual Lenten Mass & Lunch on the Fridays in Lent (Feb. 16 through Mar. 23). Mass begins at 12:05pm in St. Patrick Church ([322 Fulton Street](http://322FultonStreet)) followed by a meatless lunch in the Parish Center Cafeteria. A free-will offering will be accepted for the meal. Call the office at [715-832-0925](tel:715-832-0925) with any questions.

February 16-18, 2018 @ La Crosse

You are invited! Come spend a weekend with the Sisters! Who: Girls who are still in high school and are interested in learning more about prayer and religious life. When: February 16-18, 2018 4:00 PM Friday - 11:00 AM Sunday Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation; 3730 East Avenue South; La Crosse, WI 54601 Cost: \$30.00, includes meals. Register: Online registration at www.materredemptoris.org Questions: Contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or 608-788-4530 Bulletin Announcement: for weekends starting January 21st through February 18th: Arise! A Come and See Day with the Sisters! Who: Girls ages 9 - 13, who are interested spending some time with the Sisters and others who enjoy spiritual things, while finding out more about religious life. When: Saturday, March 17, 2018 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation; 3730 East Avenue South; La Crosse, WI 54601 Cost: Donations accepted Register: Online registration at www.materredemptoris.org Questions: Please contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or 608-788- 4530

March 3, 2018 @ Prairie du Chein

Diocesan Sesquicentennial opening Mass to celebrate the opening of our diocesan sesquicentennial, Bishop Callahan will celebrate Mass at St. Gabriel Church in Prairie du Chien on Saturday, March 3, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Reception to follow at St. John Church in Prairie du Chien. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend the Mass you can view it via live stream at diolc.org/live.

March 10-11, 2018 @ Eau Claire

National Marriage Encounter Weekend in Eau Claire A two day National Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for March 10 and 11 in Eau Claire. Marriage Encounter is designed for couples of all ages and denominations who are interested in having a closer relationship in their marriage. The weekend

will begin on Saturday morning with 7:30 registration and close on Sunday afternoon by 3:45pm. For more information contact Chippewa Valley Marriage Encounter, 127 E. MacArthur Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701; phone at 715-832-3296, email at rippsk@charter.net or through our website at www.marriage-encounter.org/Affiliates/chippewa.htm.

March 17, 2018 @ Pilgrim Center, La Crosse

A Lenten Retreat Saturday - March 17th. Registration: 8:45am - Pilgrim Center. Schedule: 9am until 12pm Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse. Msgr. Steve Kachel, pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Onalaska, will be leading the Retreat. The morning will include a Lenten Reflection, the Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Confessions and Holy Mass. Flyers are available: <http://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/lenten-retreat>. Sponsored by the Onalaska and Shrine Councils of the Knights of Columbus. For more information contact: Doug Reinhart... [608-797-9504](tel:608-797-9504).

March 18, 2018 @ 5th St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral La Crosse

5th Anniversary Mass – Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski

On Sunday, March 18, there will be a Mass honoring the Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski, on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the opening of his Cause for Canonization. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Learn more at frjoesguild.org.

April 5-8, 2018 @ La Crosse WI

The Shroud of Turin Exhibit will be on display at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Easter Thursday (April 5th) through Divine Mercy Sunday (April 8th). An informational presentation will be given each day at a scheduled time(s). There is no cost. A free-will offering will be accepted. Further details and a poster will become available on our website: <http://www.guadalupe Shrine.org/events/holy-shroud-exhibit>

April 7, 2018 @ St. Anthony's Retreat

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, April 7 Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Anthony's Retreat Center on April 7, 2018. Then call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at [608-791-0161](tel:608-791-0161). A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2019 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat (this spring or next) is a prerequisite. For more information, visit www.dioc.org/diaconate.

April 13, 2018 @ Wisconsin Right to Life

50th Anniversary Gala will be held Friday, April 13, 2018 from 5:30p to 12:00 am at the Wisconsin Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI. Join us for a magnificent evening celebrating 50 years of lifesaving work. For more information visit www.wrtl.org/gala or contact Maddy Laufenberg at 414-308-1058.

April 22, 2018 @ Benefit Dinner, St. Raymond's Parish

Benefit Dinner for Mission 2018 to Peru: Will be held Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Evening includes displays and information about the trip with our own Father Derek Sakowski preparing his famous Bruschetta, Caesar Salad, Pastas with Cream sauce and sausage, dessert and beverages. Father Sakowski will do the presenting during dessert. \$15.00/Adult, \$5.00/Ages 6-12, 5 & under/free. Proceeds go towards trip expenses. Please RSVP to Julie Graaskamp at 715-878-3400 or email: straymondparish@gmail.com.

April 26-29, 2018 @ St. Anthony's Spirituality Center

Take your Marriage to the next level of Happiness Want a more joyful marriage? We invite you to take part in the Domestic Church retreat at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center on April 26-29. Couples attending the retreat will experience a renewed love as spouses together in Christ. Ask your pastor for a brochure about the DC movement. Then, register for the upcoming retreat at: diolc.regfox.com/domestic-church-evangelization-retreat-april-2018. For more information, call [608-791-2673](tel:608-791-2673).

Ongoing @ Dove Healthcare, Osseo

Dove Healthcare, Osseo, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility with attached living residence at 51019 Ridge View road, has published a new cookbook and all proceeds will support the Resident Council Fund. The cost is \$12, and books can be purchased at the facility or at Alliance Bank in Osseo. The community is also invited to attend a free event they are hosting a Norske Nook the first Tuesday of every month from 7:30-8:00AM. 'Coffee Chats' includes free coffee and pie with blood pressure checks by a nurse. This event is ideal for seniors, caregivers, retirees, and adult children with aging parents. Employees will present a new topic each month and be available for Q&A. No RSV required. Call Bryce or Thea at 715-597-2493 with questions or email info@dovehealthcare.com.

Ongoing @ St. Henry Parish, Eau Galle

Volunteer for mission trip to rebuild after Hurricane Harvey A group of volunteers from St. Henry Watermark Mission, an ecumenical initiative from St. Henry Parish in Eau Galle, will be traveling to Houston, TX, this spring to help with rebuilding efforts for residents most in need in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. The group will assist with carpentry, sheetrock, mud, tape, insulation, some electrical/plumbing, paint, flooring, finish work, and landscaping. For more information, contact Gary Asher at [715.283.4451](tel:715.283.4451) or rasher@wwt.net.

Ongoing @ Catholic Charities

Are you looking for a place where you can volunteer for a couple of hours a week and make a difference in the lives of people in need in our community? Catholic Charities is in need of front desk volunteers to help with a variety of tasks that include answering incoming phone calls, greeting clients, answering questions about Catholic Charities programs, processing mail, receipting mail, receipting donations and assisting staff with projects as needed. We are able to work with your schedule to find a day that works best for you! We have open shifts Monday through Friday and from 9:00a to 12:30p or 12:3p to 4:00p. We also offer an "on call" position to someone with a flexible schedule that would be available to come in as needed. If you would like to learn more, please email Sr. Laurie at lsullivan@cclse.org or call Melissa at 715-832-6644 ext. 1513. Join us in service to others today!

Ongoing @ Catholic Order of Foresters

St Raymond's Fraternal Legacy Rider: Create a legacy for your family and your favorite Catholic Charity at no additional cost. When you purchase a Single Premium Universal Life, with a death benefit of \$50,000 or more from Catholic Order of Foresters, we offer to add a rider to your policy and provide an additional 5% death benefit at no additional cost to you. This extraordinary benefit is payable to the recognized Catholic charity of your choice. You can designate St Raymond's, Regis or spread it across multiple qualified Catholic charities. All monies are invested with Catholic values. Catholic Order of Foresters is the only Catholic company that provides this fraternal legacy benefit. Call Geoff Wolterstorff 715 839 8004 for free quote.

Ongoing @ Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting

All scouts wishing to earn their Religious Emblem for the 2016-2017 year should be working on them at this time. All applications are due by May 1, 2018. If you are a Catholic Scout in a non-Catholic chartered unit and need information, please contact the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting at catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com or call 608-782-4911.

Befriender Ministry

Jane Mueller and Penny Lannigan currently lead the **Befriender Ministry** at St. Raymond's and St. Mary's. There are a great number of folks that are in nursing homes or homebound that are asking for a 'Friend' to visit them each week. If you would like to learn more, please contact Jane at 715-878-4058 (janefm84@aol.com) or Penny at 715-456-3921 (mgsi4yo@yahoo.com).

Community Service

We provide volunteer opportunities to serve at the Sojourner House and Hope Gospel Mission--if anyone would like to get involved, please contact Tammy Smith at 715-835-8685 or jtbcsmith@sbcglobal.net.

Clothing Donations Needed

Clothing Donations Needed: King's Closet on Barstow in Eau Claire I open on Thursdays from 10:00a until 4:00p and on the first Saturday of the month. They are looking to receive any donation of good, clean clothing. If you cannot make it to Eau Claire, just drop your clothes at the side door of St. Raymond's Church, mark the box for King's Closet and Carol Gallick will make sure the items get delivered. Thank you.

Ongoing @ Fall Creek

Fall Creek Community Cupboard is available to all residents of Fall Creek and the Fall Creek School District. Call for more information: 715-835-8090. FCCC is located at the Faith Evangelical Free Church in Fall Creek.

Ongoing @ Osseo

Ruby's Pantry is open the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:00 PM at the United Church of Christ, Osseo. If you have any questions, please call 715.597.2485. For a \$20 cash donation, you will receive high quality surplus food.

Ongoing @ Azura Memory Care

Are you looking for a speaker for your next community program or employee in-service? Azura Memory Care would be honored to assist you in educating, engaging and invigorating your audience by providing a free presentation for your group or organization. Contact Katie Fennell at 715-563-2618 or email her at Katie.fennell@azuramemory.com to schedule your presentation today. Topics include: Normal Aging; Brain Healthy Eating; Secrets to Boost Your Noodle in Minutes; Environmental Difference in Dementia; healthy Body, Healthy Brain; Capturing Life's Stories; Living a Life of Positivity; Brain Basics and Dementia Specifics; What is Dementia; A Day in the Life of Memory Loss; Dementia Tricks and Triggers; Alzheimer's for First Responders; Alzheimer's Association's – 10 Warning Signs; Alzheimer's Association's – The Basics. www.azuramemory.com