



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

### 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://diolc.org/fishfrynder)

### 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](mailto:rppsk@charter.net) or through our website at [www.marriage-encounter.org/Affiliates/chippewa.htm](http://www.marriage-encounter.org/Affiliates/chippewa.htm).

### March 17, 2018 @ LaCrosse, WI

**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](http://3730EastAvenueSouth.com) **Cost:** Donations accepted **Register:** Online registration at [www.materredemptoris.org](http://www.materredemptoris.org) **Questions:** Please contact Sister M. Consolata at [materredemptoris@gmail.com](mailto:materredemptoris@gmail.com) or [608-788-4530](tel:608-788-4530)

### March 17, 2018 @ Sacred Heart-St. Patrick

**Faith & begorrah:** Come join Sacred Heart-St Patrick Parish in celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 17 with dinner, raffle, & entertainment from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center Cafeteria, 322 Fulton St, Eau Claire. Delicious corned beef, cabbage, vegetables, roll, dessert & beverage for \$10- adults, \$9- seniors, \$4- children ages 5-10. Beer is available for purchase. Erin go bragh!

### March 17, 2018 @ Pilgrim Center, La Crosse

**A Lenten Retreat Saturday - March 17<sup>th</sup>.** 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).

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### **March 18, 2018 @ 5<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral La Crosse**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://frjoesguild.org).

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### **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>

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### **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](http://www.dioc.org/diaconate).

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### **April 8, 2018 @ St. Paul's, Bloomer**

**Great Divine Mercy Opportunities:** Join the Chippewa Falls deanery's Divine Mercy celebration on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's in Bloomer and hear Dr. Robert Stackpole, Director of the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy, speak on "*Mary the Mother of Mercy.*" A noon barbecue sandwich luncheon (following St. Paul's 11 AM Mass) will be provided in the undercroft by St. Paul's PCCW for freewill offerings. Then, from 1 PM to 4 PM, enjoy the talks, Divine Mercy devotions, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the church. Come for some or all of this day of graces.

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### **April 9-12, 2018 @ St. John's, Cooks Valley**

Everyone is invited to St. John the Baptist's four-day parish mission that follows, April 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, in Cooks Valley. Dr. Stackpole will speak three of these nights on "*Divine Mercy and the Sacraments of the Eucharist, Reconciliation, & Anointing of the Sick.*" Each evening begins in the church at 6:30 PM, concluding with socials catered by St. John's PCCW at 7:30 PM.

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### **April 13, 2018 @ Wisconsin Right to Life**

**50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.wrtl.org/gala) or contact Maddy Laufenberg at 414-308-1058.

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#### **April 13-15, 2018 @ Winona, MN**

A **Grief Retreat** for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse or significant other will be held. The retreat director is Marlene Hunt who has successfully held this retreat in other areas. The retreat will be held at the Alverna Conference Center in Winona, MN, April 13-15, 2018. For more information call 507-381-1177 or email to [marlenehunt53@gmail.com](mailto:marlenehunt53@gmail.com).

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#### **April 14, 27-29, May 18-19, 2018 @ St. Anthony's, Wausau**

**April 14** - "Coping with Compassion Fatigue – A Workshop for Caregivers": Presented by Elizabeth Lewis (Cost: \$65). **April 27-29** - "Medieval Women Mystics": Presented by Fr. Jim Bartelme (Cost: \$185). ent. St. Anthony's is located 8 miles outside of Wausau on 40 beautiful acres of wooded land. **May 18-19**– "Exploring Nature's Ways": Presented by Sr. Jolynn Brehm, FSPA (Cost: \$90). Contact St. Anthony Spirituality Center at [715-443-2236](tel:715-443-2236), [info@sarcenter.com](mailto:info@sarcenter.com). Go to [www.sarcenter.com](http://www.sarcenter.com) to register for an upcoming event.

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#### **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](mailto:straymondparish@gmail.com).

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#### **April 25 - 27, 2018 @ Oconomowoc, WI**

**Midweek Silent Preached Retreats for Women:** April 25 – 27, 2018, Theme: "Forgiveness Sets me free" "...and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"~ The Lord's Prayer Arrive 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, orientation at 5:00 p.m. followed by evening meal at 5:30 p.m. Depart after the noon meal on Friday. Presenter: Mrs. Jennifer Christ (Fee: \$250) Forgiveness is not condoning a sinful act. It is not forgetting or denying that an offense has occurred. It is not sweeping things under the carpet. Forgiveness is a change of mind that eventually leads to a change of heart. As humans we are definitely limited in our capacity to forgive. We tend to cling to our wounds and resentments. We must ask for God's grace to fill the gaps in our ability to truly forgive.

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#### **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](http://diolc.regfox.com/domestic-church-evangelization-retreat-april-2018). For more information, call [608-791-2673](tel:608-791-2673).

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#### **June 2 @ Carson Park, Eau Claire**

Faith Night is once again on the schedule for this coming baseball season! We have it planned for Saturday June 2nd, which will be our second home game of the season. We're inviting all church groups, family and friends to join us for a fun night of Express baseball! A \$12 Ticket Package Includes: 1 General Admission Ticket, 1 Hot dog, 1 Small beverage.

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### **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](mailto:info@dovehealthcare.com).

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### **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](mailto:rasher@wwt.net).

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### **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 [sullivan@cclse.org](mailto:sullivan@cclse.org) or call Melissa at 715-832-6644 ext. 1513. Join us in service to others today!

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### **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.

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### **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](mailto:catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com) or call 608-782-4911.

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### **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](mailto:janefm84@aol.com)) or Penny at 715-456-3921 ([mgsi4yo@yahoo.com](mailto:mgsi4yo@yahoo.com)).

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### **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](mailto:jtbcsmith@sbcglobal.net).

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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](mailto: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

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