

NEW EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Greetings Friends in Christ,

On October 24th at the KI Center in Green Bay over 800 parish staff and key parish leaders will gather for a Discipleship Formation Seminar. The Discipleship Formation Seminar will explain how to form disciples of Jesus Christ along with the relationship between evangelization, catechesis, parish life, and mission in the discipleship process. If you have not signed up for this seminar, you can do so by [clicking here](#). Loyola Press is inviting all participants of the seminar to a "Happy Hour with Joe Paprocki" following the event. Details are below.

Are you looking for a great resource on discipleship for children or your students? If so, The Compass newspaper has translated Bishop Ricken's approach to discipleship into a beautiful resource packet. You can use this in your home or in your classroom. You can download the resource by [clicking here](#)

Being a welcoming and hospitable community is a topic of parish life that comes up over and over again. On November 7th, at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Oshkosh, Jane Angha and Mary Ann Otto will lead an interactive experience focused on parish hospitality and provide practical ideas, outreach and suggestions. There is no cost for the event but please call Maria Garcia at (920) 272 8270 or email mgarcia@gbdioc.org to register by October 31st.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any the Department of New Evangelization team members,



Blessings,

Julianne Stanz

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SAVE THE DATE!

Loyola Press Happy Hour with Joe Paprocki Tuesday, October 24th
4 - 6:30 PM

(Immediately following the Catholic Education Summit and the Discipleship Seminar)

Location: KI Convention Center Breakout Lobby
333 Main St
Green Bay, WI 54301

Please join us for drinks, appetizers, and a chance to connect!
I look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP by 10/18

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Blessings,
Annie Lauer



The New Evangelization Network



The New Evangelization Network is a gathering of evangelization leaders from throughout the Diocese of Green Bay who support, affirm and network as ministers and are grappling with issues of discipleship and evangelization. As disciples on the way, this community of evangelization leaders invites all those from around the Diocese to gather and support one another. All are welcome! Lunch is provided by the Department of New Evangelization.

If you have any questions, please call Julianne Stanz, Department of New Evangelization, at jstanz@gbdioc.org or call (920) 272-8270.

RSVP is required for planning purposes to Maria Garcia, Department of New Evangelization, at mgarcia@gbdioc.org or call (920) 272-8276.



SEPTEMBER 7 - DALE CARNEGIE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

with Deacon Paul Vidmar

9-3:30 p.m. @ Bona Hall (Room 39), Diocese of Green Bay

The Dale Carnegie process has successfully helped people to become more confident, resolve conflict successfully and develop long lasting relationships - all necessary leadership skills for those in ministry. During this workshop participants will learn how to build trust, credibility and report, conflict management skills, managing stress and working on core values. Limited to 40 participants. Cost is \$45 to attend.



NOVEMBER 7 - HOSPITABLE ME, HOSPITABLE PARISH!

with Mary Ann Otto and Jane Angha

9:30-1:00 p.m. @ Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Oshkosh

Participants will discover how assessment, evaluation, plan design and development all work together to create a rich environment for parish welcome and hospitality. A vibrant parish is within your reach! No cost to attend.



JANUARY 16 - HOW TO SHARE JESUS WITH OTHERS

with Kyle Hanson

9:30-12:30 p.m. @ St Paul Parish, Combined Locks

What does a discipleship oriented one-one-one approach look like? FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) has a highly effective process for discipleship. Learn about their approach and how it applies to parish life. No cost to attend.



MARCH 6 - PEACE & JUSTICE FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

with Brother Seoirse of Holy Resurrection Monastery

9:30-12:30 p.m. @ Sacred Heart Parish, Shawano

This workshop will explore not only how the proclamation of the Social Doctrine of the Church is integral to the New Evangelization but will also teach us what tools tradition gives us to meet this exciting challenge for today. Not cost to attend.

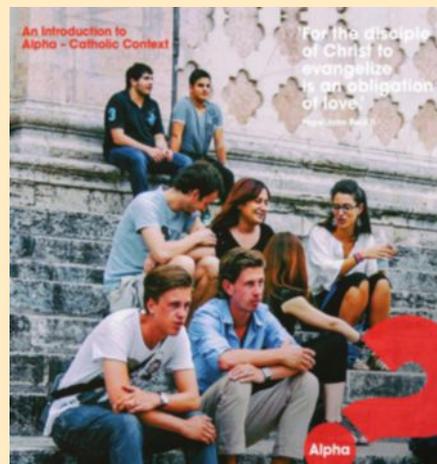


ADULT FAITH FORMATION ALPHA TRAININGS COMING SOON!

Alpha Training for Leaders

Alpha small group leaders who have been chosen by the pastoral leadership are welcome to attend any one of the Alpha trainings being offered by the Diocese of Green Bay from November of 2017 to January of 2018.

Alpha trainings will instruct parish leaders on how Alpha fits into the discipleship and why it works. With this, participants will be introduced to Alpha principles, session structure, small group dynamics, shared prayer, promotional tips and



more.

Please note that if your parish would like to host an Alpha training in January of 2018, please feel free to contact me (see contact information below). I will do my best to accommodate you.

The Alpha Website Page

To access the Alpha page on the Diocese of Green Bay website, click [here](#). There, you will find the following links for:

- Registration for Alpha Trainings
- Alpha Training Schedule
- Alpha Schedule Training Flyer
- Frequently Asked Questions and Answers About the Alpha Process

Links to Alpha resources include:

- Alpha Tool Box
- Alpha in a Catholic Context
- View Alpha Videos
- Alpha USA Store
- Alpha Training Videos

If you should have questions about the roll out of Alpha, please contact me, Joe Tremblay, at (920) 272-8313 or email me at jtremblay@gbdioc.org.



A sneak peek at what October Impact Brings:

FOLLOW JESUS

Let us begin with a bold question. Does faith make a difference in your life? Is your relationship with Jesus a real, living reality, or do you go through the motions by occasionally coming to Mass or mumbling a prayer before meals, and leave all thoughts of faith behind the rest of the time?

Faith in Jesus Christ is to be the deriving force in our lives. Being a Christian should shape our daily decisions, attitudes, and actions. Yet, for many, something else is needed first - a "flash of insight" or a real encounter with Jesus.



Un poco de lo que incluye Impacto en Octubre:

SIGUE A JESÚS

Comencemos con una pregunta audaz. ¿La fe hace una diferencia en tu vida? ¿Es tu relación con Jesús una realidad viviente, o de vez en cuando vas a Misa o murmuras una oración antes de las comidas, y dejas todos los pensamientos sobre la fe a un lado el resto del tiempo?

Ser cristiano debe dar forma a nuestras decisiones, actitudes y acciones diarias. Sin embargo, para muchos, primero se necesita algo más - un "destello de luz" o un verdadero encuentro con Jesús.

What is Impact?

Impact, is a dynamic, monthly resource to form people as disciples and good stewards who share their gifts and faith, making an impact in their lives and the life of the world.

Each month, Impact includes a one-page full color or grayscale PDF resource, which may be used as a bulletin insert, copied and distributed at parish gatherings, and/or used as part of an on-going adult faith formation initiative.

How can I get Impact?

The Diocese of Green Bay offers Impact to you at no cost. Impact will be distributed in the following ways:

- Parish Pages
- Department newsletters

Follow these links to download materials each month!

- Impact - English: [Click here.](#) **PASSWORD:** Subscribe4Impact
- Impacto - Spanish: [Click here.](#) **PASSWORD:** ImpactoSubscriber
- General Information: [Click here.](#)

CLICK HERE FOR THIS MONTH'S COPY OF IMPACT

October 2017 Impact

Impacto Para Octubre 2017



OPENING THE DOORS OF OUR HEARTS

We are in a unique position at Catholic Campus Ministry at UWGB . Our school welcomed one of its largest incoming Freshmen class in the 50 year history of the institution. This is a really good thing. Our ministry at Phoenix Catholic has undergone transition in the past 2 years. We moved all of our worship and Newman Club activities to the University Union. We discovered that having our events at the University Union we are closer to our student population. Our numbers of students at our Catholic Campus Ministry events continue to grow.



Fr Scott Valentyn has helped to "get some life happening." He is spending more time on campus and together with myself we have seen an increase in interest from both the

student population and faculty/staff. We are grateful for a strong group of faithful students who continue to make our events move forward. Their dedication and outreach has made all the difference.

The most visible image of this is the welcoming of new faces at our Masses on Sunday and Tuesday evenings. We don't have a physical building like many other Catholic Campus Ministries but the doors of our hearts are open to receiving others into our faith community. The beauty of seeing students welcoming students is a strong image of missionary discipleship. And as we journey through our semester new faces begin to stop in, to ask questions, to learn more, and to inquire about getting involved. After a few short months, because of this open, welcoming, energetic approach-coupled with executing some intentional programming designed to cultivate a culture of discipleship- a great opportunity to renew the vision and witness to Christ on Campus in a fresh way with new ardor and vigor is in progress.

As we continue through our semester some very practical campus ministry lessons are learned : Open the Door. Let them in. Meet your audience where they're at. Let them explore, let them question, and let them self-cultivate into the leaders we want them to become. I suppose it sounds rather silly and basic. Yet through a simple openness and welcoming "Hi, I'm Sister Laura" or "Hi, I'm Fr Scott", we begin the development of ministerial relationship with the students around us.



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Dear friends,



This past summer the Newman Center produced a new five year mission plan. As part of this work, we revised our mission and vision statements along with our values. We did all of this in light of the Diocese's statements.

Mission: We invite the UW-Oshkosh community to discipleship in Jesus Christ.

Vision: We are a thriving Catholic community devoted to forming missionary disciples.

Through the ministry of Titan Catholics at the Newman Center, the UW-Oshkosh community will be **invited** to:

Discover Jesus.
Follow Jesus.
Worship Jesus.
Share Jesus with Others.

Our Values:

*God-honoring.
Christ-focused.
Spirit-led.
Soul enlivening.*

As we look at what we do at the Newman Center, each of our activities should fit into one of the invitations to the UW-Oshkosh community (though there is some overlap).

Discovering Jesus: Two outreach events a week such as painting with Bob Ross, hiking at High Cliff State Park, porch parties at the Newman Student House. Specific outreach to groups of students: international, football, volleyball, cross-country, track. The Alpha experience. Speakers that are of interest to those who are religious or non-religious.

Following Jesus: small group Bible studies, one-to-one discipleship, pastoral care, spiritual direction, marriage preparation, student prayer team.

Worship Jesus: Sunday Masses, Weekday Masses, Adoration Time, Confessions, and Adoration with praise and worship music.

Share Jesus with Others: a student led monthly service project, mission trips through the Newman Center and Fellowship of Catholic University Students, just meeting people on campus to try to begin a relationship with them ("bare handing").

Please pray for us.

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Young Adults and YOUR Parish

Have you looked around lately at who comes to weekend worship? Have you wondered why the average age of parishioners is getting older and older? It's because according to national statistics **62% of young adults leave the church by age 18 and 28% between 19-29.** Those are some harsh numbers for the church. What is happening and what can we do?

1. These numbers are affecting all denominations, not just the Catholic Church. But we often were not too worried about this because we saw young adults come back to the church for weddings or baptisms. These numbers have decreased as well and now we are wondering what we missed with this incredible group of people. It isn't a lost cause but we have so much to do to **make our parishes places of welcome, reaching out in compassion, understanding and openness** to change a bit to meet their needs and move over to share the leadership in the parish inviting, mentoring, listening and collaborating. <https://www.pri.org/research/prirns-poll-nones-atheist-leaving-religion/>

2. Find out who is in your parish and the boundaries you are called to serve. Get to know the people and ask them what the church can do for them. This might mean an **intentional** campaign to reach out through **mail, social media, actual visits and gatherings**. One cluster of parishes near Green Bay was worried about this age group and met regularly to figure out how to better reach out, serve and be the church for their 18-39 year olds. They realized they didn't offer anything of interest for them, they weren't represented on committees and were the busiest of all groups in the parish. So, they invited a group to share their ideas with the leadership of the parish. They voiced their **worries, hopes and struggles**, ideas for events, resources, space, mentorship and encouragement - all for the things they wanted church to be. They wanted **social activities, with their children** and without. They wanted **edgier speakers** and more up to date events and good food to gather with. The elders - lovingly let go of their hold on things and let the young adults plan. **They set an amazing group on fire** - and engaged families, singles and everything in between.

3. Be **authentically welcoming** and willing to change things if need be. Do you have good space for gatherings? Is there designated space for children and babies? When events are planned, are young adults consulted or in on those plans to make sure they are offered at good times, is their child care offered? One parish in the Diocese did have Children's Liturgy of the Word in response to **young families** asking for it - but the children met in a meeting room with chairs and a table that were meant for adults. It was a break room. **They wanted this ministry**, but stopped too soon in making it really fabulous for the little ones and parents. Go the extra mile!

4. Empathy, kindness, understanding and generosity are the gifts and outpouring our young adults need. They are **busy**, they are **stressed**, they **worry** and are **working hard** to find balance in their lives. The **parish is the perfect place** to reach out and love them up. Again, you have to know them to do that - so get out there and meet your 18-39 year olds and pray for them each day.

5. If you are serious about creating a very young adult friendly parish - then **start right away** by observing all you are doing for young adults -and then do those things better. Invite them in for the conversation and grow from there. **Your dream is their dream** - a vibrant parish where all feel welcome!

Please Check out our Facebook page for events happening in your area. Advertise and share those events on your website and FB pages too. And, invite your regional coordinator over for a visit. We have a dynamic team this year - ready to help in any way!

Excerpt from a Prayer of Gratitude

I thank God for the gift of faith, which teaches us to see the **dazzling goodness and grace** that surrounds us if only we open our eyes and minds. I thank Him for helping me to understand that faith is not certainty; not a destination but **the journey** itself.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Regional Young Adult Ministry

We have our new Regional Coordinators for Young Adult Ministry and they are already busy making things happen. Our Diocese has been blessed with leaders who are joyful, passionate, motivated and faith-filled- here to help ministry to young adults flourish. Welcome to Kayla Gruse-Oshkosh, Todd Raether- Shawano, Emily Jenks- Fox Cities, Rachel Cohen-Manitowoc, Tracey Minish - Antigo and Sarah Bradford - Green Bay. Look for news from each region and invitations to get involved and shake things up!

Blessings,
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Holy Spirit Retreat Day

Saturday, October 28 / 9am-5pm
Most Blessed Sacrament Parish
435 High Avenue, Oshkosh, WI

**Renew yourself in the peace and power of the Holy Spirit.
Pray, relax, learn & socialize.**

Featuring:

**Deacon Keith Strohm,
Archdiocese of Chicago
Kristin Bird from
Burning Hearts Disciples
& musician Brian Mitchell**

Discover:

**Who is the Holy Spirit?
What does the Holy Spirit want to do in
your life?
How can you be filled with the Holy
Spirit?**

Testimonials from past retreat participants:

"This retreat helped me grow in my relationship with God. I loved it. I could have listened much longer. I wish we had more time..."

"My encounter with the Holy Spirit was subtle - it happened during the retreat. I experienced an overwhelming peace within me...I couldn't stop smiling because I couldn't contain the joy inside me."

Register today at burningheartdisciples.org/MBSretreat or call the parish office at (920) 231-9782. Cost is free. Mass and lunch are included.

Sponsored by Most Blessed Sacrament Parish & Burning Hearts Disciples



On Sunday, October 22 - Catholics of the world unite at Mass during **World Mission Sunday** to recommit themselves to their Baptismal call to be missionary disciples.

There are many ways we can observe Mission month, and **we have some great free materials.**

- Resources are now available - [Click Here!](#)
- For more information - [Click Here!](#)



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