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“The Department of Living Justice of the Diocese of Green Bay, rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, ignites passion for the sanctity of human life and advocates for marriage, family life and justice for the oppressed.”

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Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- ◆ 22nd - “A Marriage in the Lord” Part I, St. Pius X, Appleton from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- ◆ 22nd - Mass for Life & Prayer at Planned Parenthood, St. Pius X, Appleton, Mass at 8 a.m., Prayer at 9 a.m.
- ◆ 28th - 29th - “Teach My People to Pray” Family Conference, St. Pius X, Appleton from 6 p.m.—8:45 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday
- ◆ 29th - Diocesan Gathering of Families, Camp Tekakwitha, Shawano at 10 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 12th - Eucharistic Procession for Life, St. Pius X, Mass at 8 a.m., Procession to Planned Parenthood at 9 a.m.
- ◆ 22nd - 27th - World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia

OCTOBER

- ◆ 4th - Respect Life Sunday

SAVE THE DATE!

- ◆ November 11-13 Justice for Immigrants National Convening in Chicago. Visit JFI’s [home page](#) or click [here](#) to register.

Prayer to Confront Global Poverty

Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit, you are the origin of all gifts.
Make us grateful stewards of your many blessings.

Father, Creator of Abundance,
Grant us generosity in sharing our gifts and resources with our
brothers and sisters around the world.

Jesus, Prince of Peace,
Make us advocates of the peace that strengthens justice and the
justice that sustains peace.

Spirit of Justice,
May the love and equality you share with the Father and the Son
inspire us to support just policies that lift up poor persons.

Father, Maker of the World,
Make us responsible stewards of the earth’s riches and respectful of
local peoples from whose lands resources are extracted.

Jesus, Lord who Lightens Burdens,
May we look with mercy on nations burdened by poverty and
commit ourselves to their relief.

Holy Spirit, Author of Life,
Inspire us to protect the gift of creation, and to assist those in
poverty, who suffer the most from environmental harm.
Blessed Trinity, Communion of Love,
Help us to love our global neighbors and those displaced from their
homes by reducing poverty in other countries.

Father, through your Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit,
Help us to recognize your face in all those affected by global
poverty and fill us with the love and fortitude we need to confront
its causes.

Father, we ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. Amen

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A Note From the Director

This summer, my husband and I have been blessed to have family members helping us care for our son, James, who is now four months old. It has been fun watching him be doted on by loving aunts, uncles and grandparents, who are all eager to spend time with him. In between feedings and trying to establish a sleep schedule, I have had the opportunity to talk with each of them about what is happening in my job.

Many conversations begin with, “Did you hear what Pope Francis said about ____? What’s up with that?” I am sure that many of the readers can relate to this situation, especially because you may be referred to as the “churchy” person in the family, simply because of your role in ministry. At first, when a sentence would start off that way, secretly, I was thinking, “how am I going to explain this?” But then I realized I have a great opportunity to talk more about my faith with people who are curious and sincerely asking about a particular topic. The Holy Father has been peaking people’s interest and curiosity left and right, and from one “churchy” person to another, these opportunities are gifts because we can enter into a dialogue with our friends or family members who may have walked away from the faith but are now slowly rethinking it.

While we cannot pretend to be an expert on every topic, we must always be willing to engage in a dialogue because you never know where that other person is on their faith journey, and your conversation may be the only positive witness of faith they have encountered that day. It is easier to shy away from these types of situations, but why not have a meaningful conversation that might challenge both individuals involved? Pope Francis recently said, “Dialogue...this is good. This is healthy.” So the next time someone asks you, “did you hear what Pope Francis said?”, remember not shy away from that moment, but rather, embrace it and ask, “Oh, can you tell me more about what you heard?”

May God continue to bless you, your families, and your ministry!

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“The Middle East is tragically embroiled in other conflicts which have lasted far too long, with chilling repercussions, due also to the spread of fundamentalist terrorism in Syria and in Iraq. ... I appeal to the entire international community, as I do to the respective governments involved, to take concrete steps to bring about peace and to protect all those who are victims of war and persecution, driven from their homes and their homeland.” *Pope Francis, January 2015*

“When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected”. “Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion.” Pope Francis from “*On Care For Our Common Home*”

Dear Friends,

Members of congress are on recess from August 10-Sept 7. This recess offers us, as parishioners, the opportunity to organize district visits with members of Congress or their staff. This year, Catholic Relief Services and Catholics Confront Global Poverty have provided us with a few issues to communicate grassroots support – and a unified Catholic voice.

These are the issues that CRS and CCGP are asking Catholics to address:

- [Migration and Unaccompanied Minors](#)
- [Syrian and Iraqi Refugees](#)
- [Climate Change](#)

The legislative targets that impact you are Senators [Baldwin](#) and [Johnson](#). I have contacted each office with the attempt to gain possible days/times at local offices for personal visits. Ideal numbers for a visit would be 3-5 people. I could provide assistance and walk you through the process and issues if you are unsure or uncomfortable with it.

Please let me know if you would be interested in making a personal visit and would like to be made aware of the appointment options.

May God’s blessings be yours throughout the remainder of our summer.

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Marriage and the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court has tragically declared the states must issue marriage licenses to two persons of the same sex and recognize same sex “marriages” that were contracted in another state.

This broad, adverse ruling redefines marriage in the law throughout the entire country, changing thousands of laws regarding marriage, family and children and threatening religious freedom in numerous ways. “Regardless of what a narrow majority of the Supreme Court may declare at this moment in history, the nature of the human person and marriage remains unchanged and unchangeable.” – Archbishop Kurtz, President of the USCCB.

Read more from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) of what you can do: pray, fast and sacrifice; be an advocate for marriage. Click [here](#).

Redefinition of marriage does not change what marriage is. Because someone wants to redefine something, for instance, I declare that an “apple” is now a “potato” does not change that apple. It is still an apple. “Marriage is and can only be the union of one man and one woman. It is the only institution that unites a man and woman with each other and with any child who comes from their union. Only a man and a woman can become husband and wife, father and mother, together.” [Read more Lead Messages on Marriage Redefinition.](#)

Need a Hotel Room for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia?

The Compass has 7 rooms available at the same hotel where Bishop Ricken and 113 others will be staying. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Dangers of POLST

Please click [here](#) to view an educational video on the dangers of POLST. Look for Bishop Ricken in this video.



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Diaper Drive!

Did you know there is a great need within our diocese for diapers? All sizes, but in particular the larger sizes (sizes 3-6). Let’s help stock the diaper shelves at our crisis pregnancy centers and Parenting Support Programs through Catholic Charities! Join us in our Diocesan-wide Diaper Drive!

Starts: August 29th (Diocesan Meeting of Families)
Ends: October 4 (Respect Life Sunday)

We have created flyers for each region with a participating crisis pregnancy center or Catholic Charities office. Scroll down, select and print the flyer most appropriate or closest to your location. Please display this flyer on your bulletin board or use the information to communicate by whatever means you feel would be most effective and reach out to the most people.

Click [here](#) for the flyers

Your parish may choose to offer a diaper drive on a weekend within the timeframe of the diaper drive. Simply type in the location and date on the customizable flyer (Word document), then contact your local crisis pregnancy center or Catholic Charities office to set up a delivery time.

Click [here](#) for the customizable flyer

Be Alerted When Abortionist is Present in Grand Chute

If you are looking for a way to show your support for life, a current effort is in place where you can receive a text message alert when an abortionist is present at the abortion clinic in Grand Chute.

Charles Estermann will send out text alerts to encourage you to go to the clinic and pray there that day or to pray from wherever you are. Because the clinic has no set schedule, this is a way to get the word out.

If you are interested in receiving these alerts, please contact Charles at cestermann@new.rr.com.

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Justice for Immigrants National Convening

Attached is the [agenda](#) for the Nov. 11-13, 2015 JFI national convening in Chicago, Illinois.

As a reminder, [registration](#) for the convening is now open.

The convening flyer and other event information is available at the top of the [JFI homepage](#).

Please share the agenda, registration and convening information with members of your JFI committees, parishes, community members and to other supporters.

Contact acube@usccb.org with any questions about the convening or registration process.

Legislative Advocacy

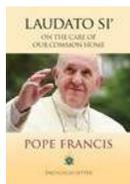
[Criminal Justice Reform](#)

- Go to USCCB.org
- Click on “Issues and Action”
- Click on “Take Action Now”
- Click on “USCCB Action Center”
- Scroll to and Click on “Justice Peace & Human Development”
- Click on “Tell your Senators and Representative Now is the Time for Criminal Justice Reform!”

[WCC Capitol Update](#)

New Resources on *Laudato Si'*

[Full text](#) of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*
[Discussion guide](#) on *Laudato Si'*
[Liturgy, Preaching and Taking Action resources](#) on the theme, “Care for God’s Creation”



JustMatters Module offered at Resurrection "God's Creation Cries for Justice"

Using the lens of faith and science, this 8-session module will include prayer, discussion of readings and DVDs and Pope Francis' new encyclical *Laudato Si'*, *On the Care of Our Common Home*.



Meeting every 3rd Monday at 6:00 PM beginning Sept. 21, 2015.

Registration deadline for ordering materials is Sept. 4th.

Contact Michele Becker at Resurrection: mbecker@gbres.org for more information.

Preparing for the World Meeting of Families 2015 Theme #10—Choosing Life

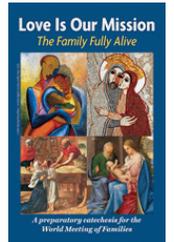


Everyone is invited to prepare for the World Meeting of Families. Not everyone can attend the event in September 2015. The preparatory catechism can be a tool to encourage study, personal reflection and discussion in parish groups, families,

schools, or other groups, like marriage enrichment or with young adult groups, among others. This book is written so all God’s people can understand the meaning of “domestic church,” how the Church can serve families and how families can serve the Church. The catechism is a collection of what Catholics believe about human purpose, marriage, and the family.

The theme for the World Meeting of Families is “Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.” Love is our mission, and it is by loving God and one another that we will be fully alive.

The preparatory catechism plays a central role in each World Meeting of Families. The catechism, like the World Meeting, is for people of all ages at all stages of life. The catechism can be purchased through Our Sunday Visitor: www.osv.com.



Teachers, Catechists, Parents! You can find ready-made lesson plans for all grades K-12 about the themes of the World Meeting of Families. Click [here](#).

- Theme #1—Created for Joy
- Theme #2—The Mission of Love
- Theme #3—The Meaning of Human Sexuality
- Theme #4—Two Become One
- Theme #5—Creating the Future*
- Theme #6—All Love Bears Fruit
- Theme #7—Light in a Dark World
- Theme #8—A Home for the Wounded Heart
- Theme #9—Mother, Teacher, Family: The Nature and Role of the Church
- Theme #10—Choosing Life

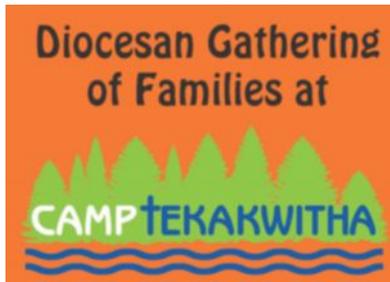
Theme # 10—Choosing Life

God made us for a reason. His love is our life mission. This mission enables us to find our true identity. If we choose to embrace this mission, we will have a new perspective on many issues, not just the family. To live the mission of the domestic church means that Catholic families will sometimes live as minorities, with different values than their surrounding culture. Our mission of love will require courage and fortitude. Jesus is calling, and we can respond, choosing lives of faith, hope, charity, joy, service, and mission.

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Diocesan Gathering of Families August 29, 2015



The "Diocesan Gathering of Families" is August 29 at Camp Tekakwitha. This day at camp is a local celebration that precedes the "World Meeting of Families 2015" in Philadelphia.

Click [here](#) to register or visit www.gbdioc.org/familydayatcamp for more information and to view our [brochure](#).

You may download and print the brochure or call our office at 920-272-8291 or e-mail tmckenna@gbdioc.org if you would like printed copies.



Come for a day
of family, fun and
faith!

"Teach My People to Pray" Family Conference St. Pius X, Appleton

In union with Bishop Ricken's theme for this year, "Teach My People to Pray", St. Pius X is offering a family conference to help strengthen families through prayer, Sacrament, music, worship and devotion—individual and family consecration.

It is hoped that, through this conference, families will deepen their personal relationship with Jesus and assist in making Jesus, Mary and Joseph the center of your family life with family prayer at the heart of your life.

Families of all ages and stages are welcome!

Click to [here](#) to download the brochure and to register.

"A Marriage in the Lord"

The 2015-2016 marriage preparation schedule was mailed to all parishes the last week in June. If you have not received your packet or want additional brochures, please call Theresa McKenna at 920-272-8281 or send an e-mail to tmckenna@gbdioc.org. The schedule, along with other related information is available on line at www.marriageinthelord.org. All registrations must be made online.

Family and Married Life

[Christian Family Movement](#): Christian Family Movement (CFM) is a national network of parish/neighborhood small groups of Catholics and their families.

[Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Marriages](#): A program to help couples heal and renew their marriages.

National Day of Protest: Planned Parenthood

On August 22, Bishop Ricken will be presiding at Mass at St. Pius X in Appleton at 8 a.m. Following Mass, he will be praying at the Grand Chute Planned Parenthood clinic (3800 N Gillett St., Appleton). Let us join our hearts in prayer for the dignity of all human life, from the moment of conception to natural death! Join us on August 22!

40 Days for Life

The Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign begins on September 23! Please consider praying at one of the sites within our diocese: Grand Chute, Green Bay, and Manitowoc.

"40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion." 40daysforlife.com.

Campaign Updates:

Grand Chute Opening Ceremony
Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.
St. Pius X, 500 W Marquette St., Appleton
Celebrant: Fr. Schuster
Presenter after Mass: Steve Karlen (he led the first-ever 40 Days for Life Campaign)

Manitowoc Opening Ceremony
Sunday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.
Planned Parenthood clinic, 1100 S. 30th Street, Manitowoc

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Make Mass a Priority This Summer

Don't miss Mass this summer! Make attending Mass a priority with your family this summer, even when you are on vacation. Check out www.masstimes.org to find times and location. Make it an adventure with your children.

Quote from Pope Francis

Pope Francis has announced the theme of the Message for the Church's 49th World Day of Peace that will be celebrated on January 1, 2016: *Overcome Indifference and Win Peace.*

Burning Hearts Disciples

Check out this website that may be of interest for your family's faith growth: <http://www.burningheartdisciples.org/> Come and discover a faith that is a relationship with Jesus Christ - who you can come to know intimately and personally.

USCCB Pro-Life Subscriptions

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offers a variety of [pro-life subscriptions](#): Bishops' Call to Prayer for Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty, People of Life e-newsletter, Word of Life, Life Issues Forum and Pro-Life Action Alerts. If you are not already signed up, we encourage you to check them out. Please pass the information on to your parish community.

Prayer Resources

Are you looking for ways to incorporate Catholic Social Teaching in your prayer life? Try using this [examination of conscience](#) next time you go to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian arm of the USCCB, recently published a great resource titled, *Walk With Me*, a 21-day journey around the world. Download your copy [here](#).

Database Updates

The Department of Living Justice is continuing to update our email database.

Please contact Theresa McKenna at tmckenna@gbdioc.org if you have a new e-mail address that should be on file for Living Justice newsletters.

Diocesan Website and Social Media Links

For more information on the Diocese of Green Bay, visit www.gbdioc.org.

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