

Dignity of Human Life Newsletter



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Courtesy Announcements

Eucharistic Procession for Life

St. Pius X, Appleton

Saturday, September 14

8AM Mass followed by 9AM

Procession

With the blessing of Bishop Ricken, St. Pius X Parish will lead its annual Eucharistic Procession for Life to the Grand Chute Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic, stopping along the way for prayer.

If you are a priest or a deacon who would like to participate in the Mass at 8AM, please contact MJ Clements for more details and to RSVP
maryjanecllements@yahoo.com.

Steve Karlen

"The Power of Public Witness"

Greetings!

This month we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. I was listening to the Gospel reading with my family at Mass, and we hear:

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb,..."

This passage always fascinates our 5 year old son. He remembers it in detail, just like his preschool teacher explained it to his class last year when they were learning more about the mysteries of the rosary. As I am hearing this, and while seeing his face light up when he recognizes the reading, I feel our unborn baby moving within me!

And then we hear more from the Gospel:

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Our 6 year old daughter acknowledges that I have a womb, too! And then she goes through every one of her female friends, cousins, aunts, and grandmothers who have wombs. It is precious to hear her speak of this beautiful part of our body that has the ability to carry life! {It is also cute when she makes sure her brother understands that he does NOT have one...}

Our 2 year old daughter is there as well, pushing on my belly while pointing and saying "Baby here!" It is a blessing for me to be able to have children who embrace life in the womb so openly. If only we could all have the faith of a child!

Celia McKee

St. Bernard, Green Bay in the multi-purpose room
Tuesday, September 17 at 7PM
Part of a speaker series at St. Bernard entitled "Called to be Light: Faith Transforms the World."

"Steve currently serves as the National Director of North American Outreach at 40 Days for Life. From 2008 until 2012, Steve helped lead Madison's 40 Days for Life campaign. He helped launch new 40 Days for Life campaigns in three other Wisconsin communities. Steve has served as the president of Vigil for Life of Madison and as the development director at Our Lady of Hope Clinic, a 100 percent pro-life family practice clinic in Madison."

40 Days for Life

The Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from September 25 - November 3.

Green Bay will hold its campaign at the Planned Parenthood clinic in Green Bay (2605 S. Oneida Street, Suite 107). {Abortions, which were formerly performed at the Medical Arts Building, are no longer provided in Green Bay!}

The Fox Valley area is planning on leading its campaign at the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic in Grand Chute (3800 N Gillett St).

For more details, go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com/>

Crescendo - Pro Life Film

Join us to view *Crescendo*, the new pro life film by the producers of *Bella*, Eduardo Verastegui, Jason Jones and Leo Severino, and executive producer Pattie Mallette, the mother of Justin Bieber. The film is intended to bring awareness to the importance of crisis pregnancy centers, as well as offer funds to help support the centers. Admission fee will be a free will offering (100% donated to the centers).



We will be showing the film at various locations throughout the Diocese. Following the short film, there will be brief presentations by: a local Crisis Pregnancy Center, Catholic Charities, and New Evangelization, as well as a prayer and small reception. Our first program will be held on Monday, September 9 at 6:30PM at St. Francis of Assisi in Manitowoc (Waldo Site).

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[Click here for more dates/locations, as well as full details](#)

Note: We will be offering free babysitting (pre-registration is required).

Please contact Celia McKee (920-272-8271; cmckee@gbdioc.org) to register for babysitting or with any questions you have.

End of Life: Church Teachings & Health Care Documents

Hear what the Catholic Church teaches about death and dying. Learn what our Wisconsin Bishops say about which documents Catholics should use and why others, such as POLST, carry risks of euthanasia and may conflict with your beliefs. Understand how to communicate your end-of-life wishes with your family. Receive Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care documents and learn how to complete them.

Presentations in September:

Saturday, September 21 at Resurrection in Green Bay at 9AM
Tuesday, September 24 at St. Paul in Combined Locks at 12PM
Saturday, September 28 at St. Joseph in Wautoma at 10AM

If you would like more information about these presentations, please contact Celia McKee (272-8271; cmckee@gbdioc.org).

Pope Francis: "Open Your Hearts to Life!"

The Respect Life Packets from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) are in. The theme is beautiful and simple: "Open Your Hearts to Life!"

We invite everyone to view the material! Incorporate the intercessions into your Masses and religion classes, offer the novena for parishioners to pray, open the church for a Holy Hour for Life,...

[See Respect Life Packet Info Here](#)

Each parish and Catholic school will receive one Respect Life packet. We began passing the packets out to parish leaders who were present at Diocesan gatherings (pastors, deacons, pastoral associates, catechetical leaders...) The Diocesan staff will be delivering remaining packets to their own parish and surrounding communities in the next 2 weeks. What is left will be mailed to the parishes around Labor Day.

If you are a Respect Life Rep and you do not see the packet by the second week in September, please ask your parish staff first. If they do not have it, be sure to contact us for a copy. We do have a few extra ones available.

Conference: "Just Live, Love & Walk: Fully Engaged, Fully Alive!"

The Living Justice Department in planning a conference based on the 7 Catholic Social Teachings. It will be held **March 21-22, 2014 at Silver Lake College, Manitowoc.**

-Conference is for every age group! Families are encouraged to come together!

-Come Friday night, or Saturday all day, or BOTH days!

-Bishop Ricken will preside at our Closing Mass on Saturday!

This Month's Highlighted Conference Speaker: Chad Judice

Author of *Waiting For Eli: A Father's Journey from Fear to Faith...* the story of his young son, Eli, who was born with spina bifida. A story of faith, hope and the power of prayer.

"In *Waiting for Eli*, Chad Judice chronicles his spiritual journey from fear of one's personal limitation to self-abandonment to the divine mercy of God's providence. The story of his spiritual progression, as he prepares for the birth of his son Eli, functions as a profound testimony to the Gospel of Life and to

the underlying truth that faith is perfected through trial and suffering.

The author takes the universal pro-life message of the sanctity of human life and uses it to illustrate how the life of one child can sanctify the lives of the community of believers who witness to the power of prayer."

---- Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, Chair of Committee for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2009-2012
(<http://www.cmgboking.com/speakers/534-chad-judice>)

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