

MICAH 6:8

Live justly. Love tenderly. Walk humbly with your God.



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A Note from the Director

This past weekend, a good friend of mine who lives in Guyana, South America, came for a visit. She has been living in a small village near the Guyanese/Brazilian border for almost four years now working as a teacher at the elementary school. When I asked her what she wanted to do while in town, she immediately responded, "I need to go to Target and pick up school supplies." Having graduated years ago and not having any children of my own, I forgot that this time of year is full of 'Back to School' lists and shopping for school supplies.

While we walked through the aisles full of brightly colored pencils, crayons and scissors, I started to think about how excited most children are to start a new school year. A new year brings a fresh start, and maybe even a new pair of shoes! But for many children around the globe, a new school year may not be on their radar. Think of the thousands more who are afraid to go to school because it may be bombed.

Education is critical in order to build a more just world, but it is important to think of how many children will fall behind in their studies because of the unfortunate circumstances they are currently living in. As the summer is drawing to a close and another school year is about to start, please pray for all children, guardians and educators, that the Holy Spirit will inspire them this year.

May God bless each and every one of you and your families!
Catherine

Food for Thought

Over the past several months, the Department of Living Justice had a book discussion on How to Defend the Faith without Raising Your Voice. In this section, we will be sharing with you some of the questions that spurred our conversation. Because



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Save the Date!
Saturday, September 13, 2014
**"Family Day at Camp:
Called to Be"**

A day for families to enjoy beautiful
Camp Tekakwitha in Shawano.

This is a time for families of all

we are nearing the Feast of the Assumption, it is only fitting to look at the role of women and the church (Chapter 9):

1. How did the opportunities change for women shortly after Jesus' death and resurrection?
2. How did Luke's narrative in the Gospel show the equal worth and dignity of women in God's eyes?

Legislative Advocacy

The Congressional Recess has started, meaning that legislators are in their districts through the first week of September. Call your legislator's office, and set up a face to face meeting, if possible. Otherwise, you can simply say, "I am a Catholic constituent in your district, and I care about the unaccompanied children at the border."

Click [here](#) for more information

As Catholics, What Are We Doing?

"I will also pray in a special way for our brothers and sisters, men, women and children who have died of thirst, hunger or from the exhaustion on the journey to find a better life. In recent days we have seen those terrible images of the desert in the newspapers. Let us all pray in silence for these brothers and sisters of ours."
- Pope Francis

A question that has been asked several times over the past few weeks is "What are we doing as Catholics about the unaccompanied minors crossing our border and the situation of violence in the Holy Land?" Yet, another question often asked is what can our parish do?

This month we will be looking at the unaccompanied minors entering the United States. (An unaccompanied minor is the legal term for a child 18 or under who enters the United States without a parent or guardian.)

Click [here](#) for the full article.

The Mission of Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. CRS is motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching as they act to:

sizes and ages to be together with other families who enjoy the outdoors as well as a time to play and pray.

Click [here](#) to register.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

15th - Feast of the Assumption

SEPTEMBER

3rd @ 4 p.m. - Devotion to St. Joseph at St. Joseph's Parish in Green Bay

13th @ 10:30 a.m. - Family Day at Camp Tek

13th @ 8 a.m. - Eucharistic Procession for Life at St. Pius X followed by a procession to Grand Chute Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic

OCTOBER

13th - [Chad Justice](#) @ St. Bernard's Parish in Green Bay

14th - [Chad Justice](#) @ St. Bernadette Parish in Appleton

Prayer Resources

[Pope Francis' Top 10 Secrets to Happiness](#)
[A Prayer for Migrant Children](#)
[Prayer for the Immaculate Queen of Peace](#)

Database Updates

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

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*Promote human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies; and

*Serve Catholics in the United States as they live their faith in solidarity with their brothers and sisters around the world.

As part of the universal mission of the Catholic Church, CRS works with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality.

The Catholic Values of CRS

[Catholic Relief Services](#) is a pro-life organization dedicated to preserving the sacredness and dignity of human life from conception to natural death. Catholic Relief Services is a manifestation of love for our brothers and sisters around the globe by the Catholic community of the United States. CRS protects, defends and advances human life around the world by directly meeting basic needs and advocating solutions to injustice.

As a part of the Universal Church, Catholic institutions are the partners of preference in the work of Catholic Relief Services. To reach all those who need help, they also participate in humanitarian initiatives undertaken by a wide range of groups, such as governments, other faith communities and secular institutions. Although some positions and practices of these institutions are not always consistent with the full range of Catholic teaching, CRS' association with them is always and only focused on activities that are fully consistent with Catholic teaching. Furthermore, CRS neither facilitates, endorses nor enables any violation of those teachings. CRS and its board of bishops and laypersons have a careful review system to ensure fidelity to Catholic moral teaching and to ensure that all funds under CRS' direct control are used only for purposes complying with that teaching.

Click [here](#) for additional information on advocacy and news related updates from Catholic Relief Services.

Family Planning the Catholic Way - We Use NFP!

"Marriage Prep Introduces Couples to the Catholic Vision of Marriage"

(The following article was written by Nicole Hall who, with her husband, Sam, teach NFP classes in the Diocese of Green Bay. The Hall's are also part of the diocesan team who teach the engaged couples about Natural Family Planning as part of the marriage preparation program called, "A Marriage in the Lord." Sam and Nicole are married 18 years and have seven children. They are members of

should be on file for Living Justice newsletters.

Thank you for your help!

Website for Parishes



[Click here to visit the diocesan website for parishes.](#) At this website, you can read Bishop Ricken's pastoral letter, "*Parishes: Called to be Holy, Fully Engaged and Fully Alive,*" and find other parish-building resources.

Feel free to check out the best practices in the Dignity of Human Life Focus Area on the Parishes website: [Click here.](#)

Also, check out the best practices for Youth, Young Adults and Family under Pastoral Resources, on the Parishes website. Please click [here.](#)

Diocesan Website and Social Media Links

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All Saints Parish in Denmark.)

"It's important to ask yourself if it is possible to love each other 'forever'. This is a question that must be asked: is it possible to love 'forever'? ...As the love of God is stable and forever, so too, should we want the love on which a family is based to be stable and forever."

(Pope Francis, addressing engaged couples, February 14, 2014)

When we decided to embrace the Natural Family Planning lifestyle as a young married couple, we didn't know exactly what God would give us. We began our marriage open to life, and had our first baby within a year. After two or three kids, we both realized the vocation of marriage and parenthood was harder than we'd imagined. Then we really brought God into the conversation. I share this witness with engaged couples and my husband adds some humor, "If they all would have climbed out of a 12-passenger van when we were newlyweds, we might have glanced at each other and run." Thankfully, they came one at a time. And as sweet little babies, too. Now with seven children and more than eighteen years of marriage, we continue to discern God's plan for our family.

Click [here](#) for the full article.

Feeding Tubes

When talking about end of life decisions, the number one thing I hear is "I do not want a feeding tube."

The Catholic Church teaches that feeding tubes and hydration IVs are usually required as methods of delivering basic care (food and liquids). Temporary use can be beneficial and lifesaving. For example, if you are in a car accident and a coma, but expected to recover, or if you have a life-threatening case of the flu or pneumonia and need fluids and antibiotics.

We recently experienced a loved one who now has a feeding tube in her stomach because she was unable to swallow following a stroke. She is fortunate to be alive given the location of the stroke and the percentage of blockage in two main arteries. We are grateful that she was open to a feeding tube because she is healing and able to do more independent activities as she progresses through therapy. She has recently transitioned into real foods again.

I am finding that many are not aware of what a feeding tube actually is and what it can do for a person. I want to share a brief video that shows children who are dependent on feeding tubes. They are lifesaving indeed! Click [here](#) to watch the video.

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First Wednesday Devotion to St. Joseph

In an effort to bring even more men to an understanding of their roles as fathers, brothers, sons and spouses, a First Wednesday devotion to St. Joseph in the Green Bay area has begun. The first evening was held on August 6 at St. Joseph, Champion.

The schedule each month:

- 4pm-5pm: Eucharistic Adoration.
- {Confession will be available during this time}
- 5pm-5:30pm: Holy Rosary followed by the Litany to St. Joseph
- 5:30: Informal gathering locally for food/beverage (optional)

The next Devotion will be held on September 3rd at St. Joseph Church, Green Bay (on 9th Street and 12th Avenue).

More locations are currently being scheduled.

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