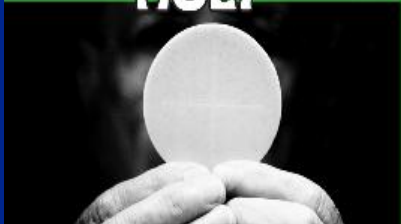




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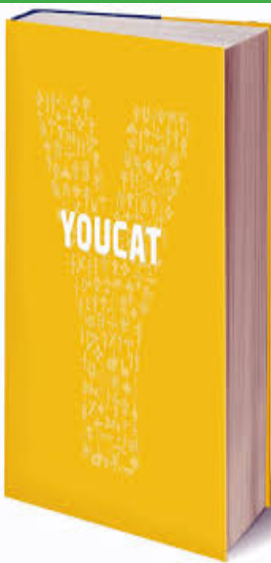


August 2013

Masses at the Diocese

Did you know the Diocese has Mass on its campus Tue-Friday? If you are in Green Bay, please join us! Click here for a complete August Mass schedule.

Want to Order Youth Catechisms for this year?



Contact Ann Hocking at On this Rock Bookstore for a bulk price. Click here for the online information!

August Update



Praise the Lord! Returning from a Steubenville Youth Conference last month reminded me of a reality I often glance over as insignificant in youth ministry - the ministry of presence. There is constant talk about building relationships with teens, but what happens when we reevaluate our programming, scheduling, and emailing and find that extra hour available to present with our teens? Yes, truly present - simply talking about their lives, struggles, and joys. How often do we get lost in trip planning, logistics, team meetings, and planning (all good and necessary things in their right order), but we forget the true purpose of our jobs - to get ourselves and our families and friends to heaven, to truly radiate Christ in our leisure and our joy. The things that often frustrate us the most are those that are often insignificant or fruitless (although we try to convince ourselves that it is worth our time). Let us put into practice what we preach. If we are here for souls, let us live like it. Let us radiate joy, stop complaining, and just be still. "Be still and know that I am God." We had 90 teens detached from their phones for 5 days and it proved to be incredibly liberating. The teens themselves couldn't wait to give up their phones. Why? They wanted to be authentically human! Ultimately, the Incarnation points to our beauty as human beings. Human beings matter - let's live like it! Let us be present like Mary at the feet of Jesus and find those small moments where we can be more authentically human. It begins with our relationship with Jesus Christ and resonates from that. If you are ready to take the leap, join us for the **Strength in Silence Retreat** held at Camp Tekakwitha on August 27th!

**All for God's Greater Glory,
Maria DeMeuse
Office of Youth Ministry**

Calendar of Events

August 7

Diocesan Offices 4pm-7pm Certification to be a Foundational Catechetical Trainer

August 14

Administrator's Day (all in parish positions are encouraged to attend!) Sherry Weddell, author of *Forming Intentional Disciples* will be the main speaker. YM will have a table present!

August 15

Solemnity of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation)

August 27

Retreat for RE and Youth Ministers at Camp Tekawitha from 9-3pm. Includes prayer, speaker, and sacraments! Come be filled before a new school year!

November 3

Middle School (6-8th Grade) Youth Jam at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, De Pere

November 5-6

Jason Evert Talks - St. Bernadette's Parish, Appleton

November 21-23

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

January 17-23, 2013

High School March for Life Pilgrimage (More details and registration is to come!)

Administrator's Day - RE, YM, Parish Team

Mass with Bishop Ricken followed by Sherry Weddell, author of *Forming Intentional Disciples* as the main presenter.

Click [HERE](#) to get more information and to register!
August 14th, 2014 at the Tundra Lodge

Strength in Silence Retreat - AUG 27

Youth Ministry and RE Retreat

Strength in Silence

Facilitated by Fr. James Walling

Remember, you cannot give what you don't have.
Register today!

[Click here for more information and to register!](#)

NCYC - November 21 - 24



SIGNED.SEALED.DELIVERED.
2013 NCYC™

NCYC

National Catholic Youth Conference

Indianapolis, IN

\$450 per Teen

How do I Sign Up as a Parish Group?

1. Complete and deliver the NCYC Liability Youth Form/ NCYC Adult Form, the [Green Bay Office of Youth Ministry Liability Form](#), and \$450 per person to the Diocese of Green Bay Office of Youth Ministry by **September 23rd.**
2. The Parish Youth Minister completes the online NCYC registration under the delegation of the Diocese of Green Bay by September 23rd. [See these instructions for online registration.](#)

St. John Bosco Youth Day - October 5



St. John Bosco Youth Day

Fire on the Hill

Holy Hill Basilica

Saturday, October 5 from
9am-6pm

There will be a Diocesan Bus going to the event!
Cost is \$15 per student (the only cost is

**Pope Francis
Corner**

**Next World Youth
Day - Krakow,
Poland in 2016!**



"Do you know what
the best tool is for
evangelizing the
young? Another
young person."
- Pope Francis at
WYD, Brazil

Looking for ways to
develop a
**core team of
adults and teens**
in your parish? Want
to energize your youth
ministry or simply get
it off the ground? Give
us a call. We'd love to
zero in on your
individual parish and
come up with a youth
ministry execution
plan to discover the
best tool for
evangelizing to young
people - holy
witnesses!

**Pope Francis' General
intention for August:**
That parents and
teachers may help the

transportation! We will pack our own lunches).

The following **3** items must be submitted by
Wednesday, September 26th if you are planning to
ride the diocesan bus!

Send the following three things to Maria at
PO Box 23825, Green Bay, WI 54305 by Sept 26!

- 1. Holy Hill Registration Form (I will send them all
into Holy Hill as a Diocesan pack)**
- 2. Diocesan Liability Form**
- 3. \$15 per person made out to Diocese of Green
Bay - Office of Youth Ministry**

Jason Evert - November 5 and 6



**High School Evangelization Night
with Jason Evert - Theology of the Body**

**Tuesday, November 5 - Parent Night
Wednesday, November 6 - Teen Night**
Teen spots still available from 5:45-7pm
Spots are full from 7:30-8:45pm
(nearly 900 teens registered!)

[Click HERE for the Flier](#)
[Click HERE for the Registration Form](#)

[Want to learn more about Jason Evert?](#)
[Check out his chastity materials on YouTube!](#)

Contact Peter Gagnon for more Information
St. Bernadette Parish
2331 E. Lourdes Drive, Appleton
pgagnon@saint-bernadette.org

**Youth Jam - November 3rd
Our Lady of Lourdes, De Pere**

**Featuring Righteous B with a concluding
Mass with Bishop Ricken**

Open to all those in 6th-8th Grade
\$15 which includes lunch
Registration will close October 28th
Parish and individual registrations
are to come!



new generation to
grow in upright
conscience and life.

Contact Peter Leitermann
for more Information
(920) 738-7413
peter@inter-parish.org

Looking for a Retreat?

Try one of these
retreats from Holy
Resurrection
Monastery!

Faith Factor

Thanks to all of those
who helped with the
Fox Valley's Faith
Factor! What a
beautiful witness it was
to be present and see
so many youth serving
and receiving some
great formation and
fellowship!

March for Life - January 17-23



March for Life High School Pilgrimage

How do we actively live and support a culture of life?

*Put the dates on the calendar! As tradition, we will be bringing a group of diocesan pilgrims to the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. More information is to come. **Begin fundraising if you are able...cost will range from \$400 (bus leaving on Jan 17th and returning Jan 23rd) to \$500 (flight participants leaving on Jan 18 and returning on Jan 22).***

WI Catholic Youth Rally - March 29 and 30

RADIATING
Christ

An Appeal to Roman Catholics



From the French of Rector Plus, S.J.



Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally

March 29 - High School
March 30 - Middle School

There will be a Diocesan Bus going to the event! More info coming on the overall cost!

[Click HERE for More Information](#)

Have a great group of teens ready to go deeper? Purchase *Radiating Christ* and it will help them delve deeper into a great relationship with Christ!

Summer Steubenville Youth Conferences

St. Louis Youth Pilgrimage - July 18-22 Steubenville Youth Conference

Ninety Students from St. Clare Parish in Wrightstown, Greenleaf, and Askeaton, St. Mary Parish in Greenville, St. John Parish in Little Chute, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Parish in Green Bay, St. Joseph Parish in Champion, and many others joined us for a pilgrimage to a Eucharistic conference filled with the Liturgy of the hours, rosaries, fellowship, stops at Mundelein Seminary, the Carmelite Convent in St. Louis, Kenrick - Glennon Seminary, Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, St. Louis Arch, and



[Looking for a Middle School Bible Study? Click Here for more information!](#)

Our Lady of the Snows Retreat Center. Be looking for more info to partner for next year's longer summer Eucharistic pilgrimage! Let us learn how the Eucharist is the source of our everything we are and everything we do in service to one another! Here is the video of the trip:



St. Paul, MN Youth Pilgrimage - July 26-28 Steubenville Youth Conference

Eighty students from the Quad Parishes in Green Bay, Nativity Parish in Green Bay, Holy Family Parish in Marinette, St. Anthony Parish in Oconto Falls, Holy Trinity Parish in Oconto, St. Patrick Parish in Stiles, and Sacred Heart in Shawano traveled to the University of St. Thomas for a Steubenville Youth Conference under the direction of some wonderful youth ministers and priests! It opened with a sending forth Mass with Bishop Ricken and concluded with a tour of the St. Paul Cathedral in MN. Be looking for more info to come concerning next year's trip!

Resources



Articles:

[5 Things I Expect from Youth Leaders](#)
(Eric Gallagher)

[A Lesson in Prayer \(Peter Kreeft\)](#)

[A Piece of Chalk \(G.K. Chesterton\)](#)

[I Thirst for You \(Mother Teresa\)](#)

[Pope Francis' Closing Homily of World Youth Day](#)

Videos

[We are Catholic](#)

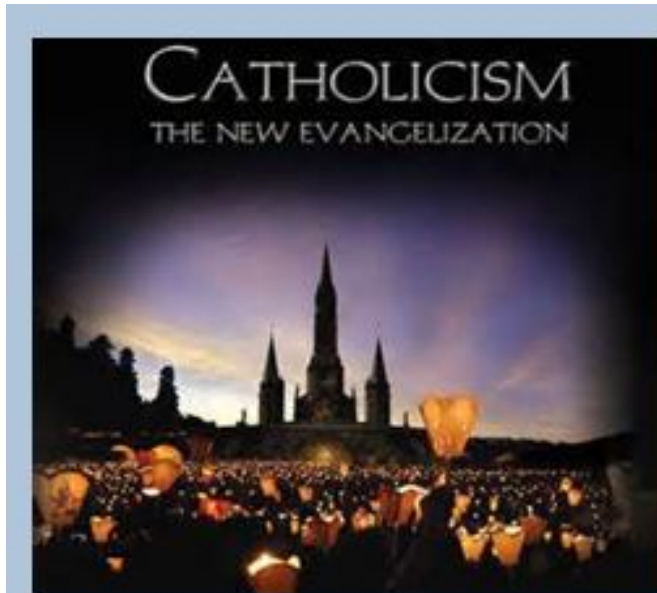
[Why do I Pray? \(4 minutes by Chris Stefanick\)](#)

[Delores Hart - Elvis' First Kiss is now a Cloistered Nun!](#)

[Quarterback Tom Brady "There's Got to be More than This"](#)

[How do I know that the Bible is True? \(Young Catholic Minute\)](#)

Study to do with Teens on New Evangelization - only \$25!



The Department of New Evangelization received a generous grant from the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Green Bay and will be offering Fr. Robert Barron's "Catholicism: The New Evangelization" series for ONLY \$25 to individual parishes. This is recommended for mature teens, as well as young adults and adults, so if you are interested, please talk with your parish and contact Sheila at (920) 272-8270 or via email sschaut@gbdioc.org. Kit includes a DVD set, the leader's guide, lessons, answer key, and a set of prayer cards.

Communication

Please feel free to send any announcements, opportunities, or events that we can put in our newsletters and announcements! This is important also for those who desire to share resources or materials. If you just finished a Bible study, Theology of the Body study, or retreat that used resources and you are willing to lend it out to another parish, please let me know! Please recommend materials that are good to use!



Contact Us!



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mdemeuse@gbdioc.org