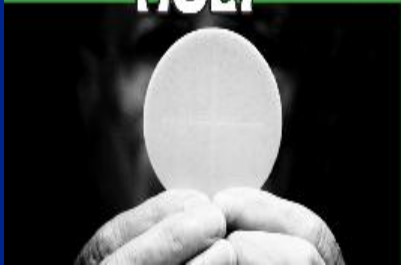




Youth Ministry

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July 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 July Mass schedule.](#)

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

Introduction



Praise the Lord! Blessings to every one of you who is receiving this newsletter - whether you are a youth minister, DRE, parent, or principal we are happy you are receiving this! Growing up in a close household, my siblings and I were as tight as they came. Now, as my brother was married this month, I am truly appreciating my family on a different level. This beautiful family event in my own life reminds me of our own apostolate of youth ministry here in the diocese. As a family, **communication** is key. As a family, **prayer** is central and everyone has a part. As a family, we are **sacramentally rooted** and **Christ centered**.

Furthermore, our Catholic family doesn't simply include those on earth, but also thousands of those in our heavenly family - the Communion of Saints. What a beautiful family we belong to with thousands of witnesses who have gone before us showing us the path of true joy and fulfillment. Let us invite our youth to love Christ with everything that they are, to embrace the Church as their home, and dare to be different - holy, engaged, and alive. I'm ready to hear your ideas and receive your input, to collaborate, support, and pray for and with all of you in your ministry. Let us identify challenges and problems, evaluate how we can be better, and what we can do to cultivate authentic holiness and joy throughout our diocesan youth. For in Christ, "all things are possible" (Mt 19:26). If we have yet to meet, feel free to contact me and let's make it happen! Otherwise, be assured that you will hear from me soon!

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

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, DePere

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!)

Jason Evert



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
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Pope Francis Corner



Pope Francis spoke in March that the three words we should keep in mind are

1. JOY
2. CROSS
3. YOUTH

What JOY in knowing that the more we become like Christ and accept our crosses, the more authentically human and youthful we become!

Resources



Articles:

[Why the World Doesn't Take Catholicism Seriously](#)
[The Secret to Living Life to the Full](#)
[Y Disciple: Transforming Youth Ministry for the New Evangelization](#)
[Surviving the Curve in Youth Ministry - Take Care of Yourself!](#)

Videos

[Bible in a Minute](#)
[A Vocation Story - Seminarians Dancing to Modern Songs](#)
[Prayer - Mark Hart](#)
[Theology of the Body - Great visuals to use from Christopher West!](#)
[The Calling - Vocation Stories from our Priests!](#)

There is No
Holiness in
Sadness - Pope
Francis
Address

**Pope Francis'
General intention
for July:**

"That World Youth
Day in Brazil may
encourage all young
Christians to
become disciples
and missionaries of
the Gospel."

Looking for a Retreat?

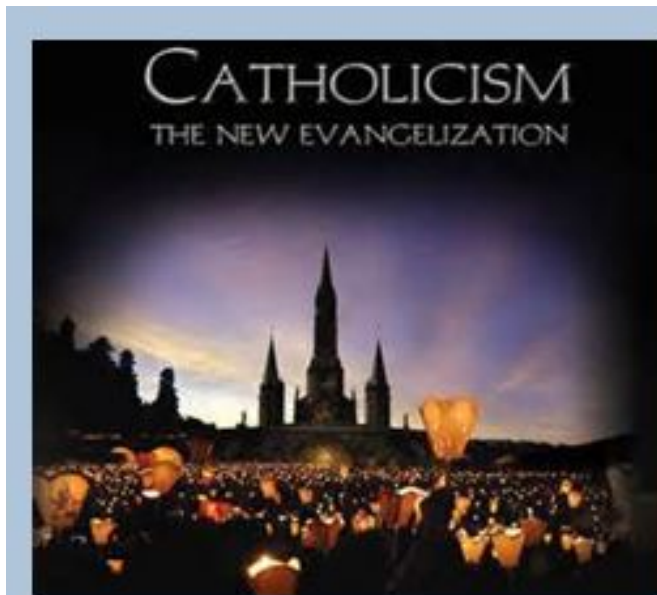
Try one of these
retreats from Holy
Resurrection
Monastery!



**Things that Youth
Ministers Do:**

Check out this flower
box planted by our
own Sarah Heimerl
who is the youth
minister at St. Clare
Parish in Wrightstown,
Greenleaf,
and Askeaton. Have
good shots of projects
you never thought you
would do when you
signed on to be a
youth minister? Send
them in!

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.

Extreme Faith Camp

**Extreme Faith Camp
Middle School Camp June 10-14, 2013**

Extreme Faith Camp is about Jesus Christ using dynamic speakers, praise and worship music, dramas, small groups, daily Mass, reconciliation, and adoration to bring middle schoolers closer to him! Thanks to all who helped organize and plan this especially Becky VanKauwenberg (Quad Parishes, Green Bay) and all the volunteers!

RADIATING Christ

An Appeal to Roman Catholics



From the French of René Plus, S.J.

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!



CatholicFest



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CatholicFest 2013

Praise the Lord! Catholic Youth Expeditions is happy to announce CatholicFest 2013! We'll be spending the 4th of July weekend celebrating the "GOOD, TRUE, and BEAUTIFUL" in music, film, literature, and art! We're bringing in artists from all over the country to share their talents and celebrate Catholic culture. We're inviting all of you to join in the celebration! Come with a friend or bring the whole family — young or old, married or religious — all are invited! We're hosting a big party because of the gift of being Catholic and the joy found in Christ, Jesus!

Throughout this four-day event there will be Mass, concerts, talks by movie directors, actors and visual artists, workshops, free time to swim in Kangaroo Lake, perpetual adoration, outdoor adventure, and lots more! We invite you to come, park a camper or pitch a tent, and spend time recharging in Catholic Christian community. Hope to see you there!

CatholicFest 2013 July 4-7th

Celebrating the True, Good, and Beautiful

Special thanks to Fr. Quinn and the CYE staff who put on a beautiful event. Families, teens, young adults, and adults enjoyed a weekend full of what draws us closer to God as human beings - what is true, good, and beautiful! PRAISE GOD FOREVER!

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!



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