

NEW EVANGELIZATION NEWSLETTER

Missionary Discipleship and Story Telling

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each of our parish communities is a place filled with many gifts, talents and stories. As Catholics, we need to tell our own story and the story of our faith more and more often. We also need to assist others in sharing their story of faith.

Initiatives like Alpha provide a place for people to tell their story but this needs to become more of a regular feature of parish life.

An initiative of the Department of New Evangelization, we have created a place for people in our parishes to share their stories. These stories could be shared in your parish faith formation programs, schools, ministries or at a parish staff meeting. If you are interested in leading others through a small faith sharing experience focused on the story of Jesus and the story of others from our community please visit www.shareonestory.com

Each month I will highlight a different story. This month's feature is the story of Janet and Ed Weiss from Oshkosh who lived a remarkable life of discipleship through their marriage. You can view Janet and Ed's story by [clicking here](#). Please feel free to share these stories with others in your family, parish, school and others!

Lastly, if you are thinking about signing up for Catholic Evangelization Studies- Courses II and III, we urge you to get your registration information to us as soon as possible. The dates are in the email below. Note that the courses are not designed to be taken chronologically but sequentially. All information including the application form for our courses can be found online [by clicking here](#)



Blessings,

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Director of New Evangelization

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CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION STUDIES COURSE

FORMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

What is the Catholic Evangelization Studies Course?

Established by Bishop David Ricken, the four-part Catholic Evangelization Studies Course (CES) is a partnership between the Department of New Evangelization of the Diocese of Green Bay, Silver Lake College of the Holy Family, and Holy Resurrection Monastery to provide spiritual, theological and pastoral formation in the New Evangelization:

- Phase I: Formation in Prayer
- Phase II: Formation in Discipleship
- Phase III: Formation in Worship
- Phase IV: Formation in Mission

Participants will leave the seminars with tools that will enable them to craft deep habits of prayer, articulate the evangelical and ecclesial foundations for evangelization and implement a mission-centered vision for their parishes. The course is perfect for those who wish to deepen their own understanding of the New Evangelization and embrace of Christ's call to discipleship.

2018 Dates:

- **CES I** - July 30-August 1
- **CES II** - May 14-16
- **CES III** - May 7-9
- **CES IV** - Coming in 2019!

Please visit: www.gbdioc.org/catholic-evangelization-studies

for more information including registration information and seminar outlines.

The Four Seminar Phases:

- **CES I** - focuses on the kerygma and the need for the Catholic Church to recover this basic message in our work of evangelization.
- **CES II** - will focus the anthropological and spiritual dimensions of evangelization.
- **CES III** - will focus on the ecclesial, sacramental/liturgical, and aesthetic aspects of evangelization.
- **CES IV** - will focus on mission and the mission-oriented tasks of the New Evangelization.

Location for All Courses:

Silver Lake College of the Holy Family
2406 South Alverno Road
Manitowac, WI 54220

Cost: \$175 per seminar phase

Details: Contact Julianne Stanz, Director of New Evangelization at (920) 272 8270 or email jstanz@gbdioc.org

Registration: Contact Maria Garcia at (920) 272 8276 or email mgarcia@gbdioc.org



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ROLLING OUT ALPHA:

ENGAGED PARISHIONERS | SCHOOL TEACHERS | CATECHISTS

ALPHA FOR PARISH LEADERSHIP

Timing:

Ideally, the Alpha course among parish leadership should be completed by summer; this, so that parishes can adequately prepare for the Alpha rollout with engaged parishioners and catechists in the fall of 2018.

Potential Leaders:

During the Alpha sessions for parish leaders, ask yourself this question: Who among your team has demonstrated an interest or a passion for Alpha? Are there people on your parish team who have a heart for accompanying people from discovering (or re-discovering) Jesus to an intentional decision to follow him? If so, invite these parish leaders to be a part of the the "Alpha team" that will be responsible for rolling out Alpha for engaged parishioners and catechists this fall.

Keep in mind that "engaged parishioners" (our target audience for this fall) includes a wide spectrum of Catholics ranging from the beginning stages of discipleship to the latter stages of mature discipleship. In other words, even though a parishioner has developed the good habit of attending Mass every weekend, this doesn't necessarily mean that they enjoy a personal relationship with Jesus Christ during the week. On the other hand, an "engaged parishioner" may have already developed a personal relationship with Christ through good discipleship or spiritual habits (including weekly Mass attendance), but they may have forgotten what the beginning stages of the discipleship process looks like. As such, in order for these engaged Catholics to become missionary disciples, they may need to be reintroduced to how people come to know Jesus Christ in everyday life.

In the May NE Newsletter, I will be addressing best Alpha practices in terms of:

1. Promoting Alpha
2. Sponsoring meals
3. Sustaining Alpha throughout the year
4. Venues for Alpha such as sacramental-prep

The following podcast by the Divine Renovation Ministry addresses, among other topics, the need for parishes to keep "priming the pump". In other words, once the parish moves people through the discipleship process with some success, pre-evangelization and evangelization can never be abandoned or left behind. An onramp to discovering Jesus needs to find a permanent home in parish life. To learn more, click here: [Divine Renovation Podcast 'Passion in Your Heart' 2018](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ALPHA COURSE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STAFF

This Q & A document is prepared to answer common questions about Alpha. Each school location needs to prepare a plan to incorporate Alpha into its school plans for 2018-2019. Each school/system will determine the best format and schedule for its needs. The Alpha-Day-Away is recommended as a retreat day. One suggestion is that DASA groups conduct the retreat days together for their schools.

Using a monthly meeting Alpha schedule, the retreat day should come about February. The continuation of the monthly Alpha meetings would carry you to the end of the year.

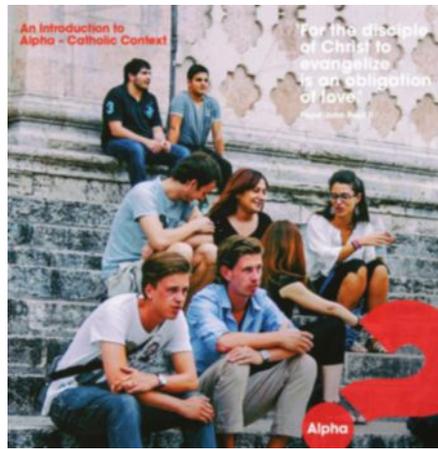
Note that the Discipleship Seminar in August and the Alpha workshops throughout 2018-2019 fulfill the contractual catechetical course for everyone for 2018-2019.

To download this Q & A document, click [here](#).

ALPHA TRAININGS CONTINUE!

ALPHA TRAININGS FOR LEADERS

What are these Alpha trainings about? Alpha small group leaders who have been chosen by the pastoral leadership or Catholic school principal are welcome to attend any one of the Alpha trainings being offered by the Diocese of Green Bay. Alpha trainings will instruct parish leaders and Catholic school personnel on how the Alpha course fits into the discipleship process. With this, participants will be introduced to Alpha principles, session structure, small group dynamics, shared prayer, promotional tips and more.



Below is an updated Alpha training schedule, three frequently asked questions regarding the Alpha trainings, the training session agenda and registration information. Please note that the admission fee is \$15.00 to cover Alpha training material and lunch.

NEW COMPANION RESOURCE TO THE ALPHA TRAININGS:

Programs, resources and tools used in any of the four steps of the discipleship process are helpful in making disciples; but only to the extent that leaders are disciplined in prayer, God's Word and a daily mindfulness of God's presence. A spiritual foundation for a fruitful roll out of the Alpha courses and the discipleship process is important.

"The LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect." (I Samuel 3:19) What was said of Samuel can be said of every parish leader. The following PowerPoint slides are designed for all who aspire to make disciples so that the Lord will not permit any of their words to be without effect: [Companion Slides to the Alpha Training](#)

ALPHA TRAINING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 1 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM
-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

Tuesday, July 31 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM
-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

Saturday, August 11 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM
-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

Thursday, August 16 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM
-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

Monday, August 20 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM
-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

Tuesday, August 28 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM
-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

Thursday, September 6 2018- 9AM - 3:30PM
-Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall (Room 13)

TRAINING SESSION AGENDA

TIMEFRAME

8:30-9:00AM: Arrival Time

10:30AM: Break

12:30PM: Lunch

2:15PM: Break

3:30PM: Dismal

TOPICS COVERED

Binder Material

The Why and What of Alpha

Alpha Session One: Is there more to life than this?

How Alpha Works

Alpha Builder Training Videos

Small Group Facilitation

Introducing Prayer

Alpha Roll Out- Where do we go from here?

Promotional Tips

Alpha Pilot Parishes

THE ALPHA WEBSITE PAGE

To access the Alpha page on the Diocese of Green Bay website, click [here](#). There, you will find the following links for:

- Registration for Alpha Trainings
- Alpha Training Schedule
- Alpha Schedule Training Flyer
- Frequently Asked Questions and Answers About the Alpha Process

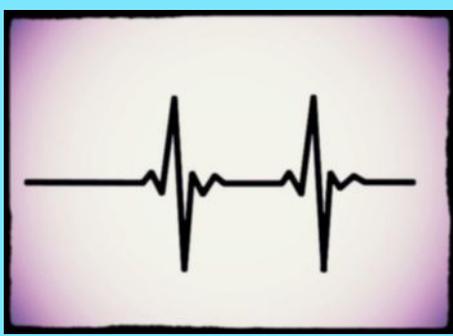
LINKS TO ALPHA RESOURCES INCLUDE

- Alpha Tool Box
- Alpha in a Catholic Context
- View Alpha Videos
- Alpha USA Store
- Alpha Training Videos

If you should have questions about the roll out of Alpha, please contact me, Joe Tremblay, at (920) 272-8313 or email me at jtremblay@gbdioc.org.



END OF LIFE!



What you need to know about your
medical care!

Don't be caught off guard!

April 10th 6:00pm-7:30pm

St. Mary Church
528 2nd St
Menasha, WI 54956
Call to register: 920-725-7714

-Speakers-

Dr. Robin Goldsmith
Founder of the Gianna Molla Guild
sgmgnew.com

Joe Tremblay
Adult Faith Formation Coordinator
Diocese of Green Bay

Atty. Greg Vanevenhoven
Davidson Law Office, LLP
The Estate Planning Group, LLC

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Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

A sneak peek at what April Impact Brings:

WE HAVE ALL BEEN THERE

Confused. Angry. Fearful. Grief-stricken.

Disappointed. Hopeless.

We know the fatigue, emptiness, and darkness that accompanies moments of

extreme turmoil. The women who came to Jesus' tomb were likely filled with all of these emotions, and more.

They had found love in Jesus' eyes, acceptance, and value. They had believed that he was the long-awaited Messiah, and when they were with him, they found themselves imagining, "what if?" What if Jesus was sent by God to bring justice and freedom from oppression? What if the healings, feedings, and teaching were only a glimpse of the reign of God? What if all they experienced in Jesus' presence could be known and spread throughout the world? What if they were to be part of making it so?

Un poco de lo que incluye Impacto en Abril: TODOS HEMOS ESTADO AHÍ

*Confuso. Enojado. Temeroso.
Afligido. Decepcionado. Sin esperanza.*

Conocemos la fatiga, el vacío y la oscuridad que acompañan los momentos de extrema agitación. Las mujeres que llegaron a la tumba de Jesús probablemente estaban llenas de todas estas emociones, y más.

Habían encontrado en los amorosos ojos de Jesús aceptación y valía. Habían creído que él era el Mesías largamente esperado, y cuando estuvieron con él, se encontraron imaginando, "¿y si?" ¿Y si Jesús fue enviado por Dios para traer justicia y libertad ante la opresión? ¿Y si las sanaciones, el dar de comer, y las enseñanzas fueran sólo un atisbo del reino de Dios? ¿Y si todo lo que experimentaron en la presencia de Jesús pudiera ser conocido y difundido por todo el mundo? ¿Y si ellas fueran parte de llevar a cabo esto?

What is Impact?

Impact, is a dynamic, monthly resource to form people as disciples and good stewards who share their gifts and faith, making an impact in their lives and the life of the world.

Each month, Impact includes a one-page full color or grayscale PDF resource, which may be used as a bulletin insert, copied and distributed at parish gatherings, and/or used as part of an on-going adult faith formation initiative.

How can I get Impact?

The Diocese of Green Bay offers Impact to you at no cost. Impact will be distributed in the following ways:

- Parish Pages
- Department newsletters

[Follow these links to download materials each month!](#)

- Impact - English: [Click here.](#) **PASSWORD:** Impact201718
- Impacto - Spanish: [Click here.](#) **PASSWORD:** Impacto201718
- General Information: [Click here.](#)

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***SHARE THE JOURNEY From Green Bay to New Mexico, Spring Break
with the Norbertines***

By Rachel Koepke

Vice President of UWGB-Newman Club

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico - Students from the Catholic Campus Ministry/Newman Club at UW-Green Bay spent their spring break with the Norbertine Community in New Mexico. The group of seven spent their week learning and experiencing the culture of the Southwest while serving alongside the Norbertine community.



"My big takeaway was how much people don't know about immigration and all the problems people have to deal with being immigrants and refugees," said Megan Schuelke, a sophomore at UW-Green Bay. "The diversity in New Mexico is so much different t

han it is here and there are different problems they have to deal with being so close to Mexico, so close to the border."

The trip was split between learning about the area and serving the people. They visited Catholic Charities, the Good Shepherd homeless shelter and soup kitchen, several Native American reservations, and took a day trip to Santa Fe to meet with a group called Somos un Pueblo Unido. They spent one day on pilgrimage to Chimayo, a sacred site in the mountains north of Santa Fe.

The Norbertine Abbey in Albuquerque, Santa Maria de la Vid, hosts pilgrims and visitors in their retreat house and hermitages. All visitors are invited to join the Norbertines for daily Mass, lauds, and vespers. Many of the Norbertines said the UW-Green Bay students were unlike other groups they've hosted in the past. "As our Abbey community was founded from Wisconsin, in some ways it felt as though we were welcoming long-lost friends," said Fr. Graham Golden, O. Praem. "Their openness and willingness to share in things new and unexpected while also sharing

their own life and personal histories made for a creative exchange that was spiritually, socially, and intellectually enriching."

Community prayer was one of the top experiences for many of the students. "I really enjoyed going to Mass with (the Norbertines) and doing morning and evening prayer with them," Schuelke said. "It was really cool to see their community and how they live in community and can pray together."

Katie Wanek, a junior at UW-Green Bay, said her favorite parts were praying with the Norbertines and serving at the Good Shepherd homeless shelter. "I've never been in an environment like that, being able to interact with people, really see God in the place that we were at," she said.

Wanek gave the trip a ten out of ten and highly recommended the group to go back in the future. "I liked the landscape, the scenery, being in the desert, praying morning and evening prayer with the Norbertines, and learning about different cultures."

"Taking students out of their comfort zone is always a risk. These students from UWGB Catholic Campus ministry opened themselves to the face of God in many circumstances. They were a blessing to be with." Sr Laura Zelten, OSF

"I found the experience of journeying with the UWGB students refreshing and inspiring." Fr. Golden said. "They came authentically seeking God, and left having uncovered a bit more of the movement of the Spirit in the rest of us."



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Titan Catholics Reorganization



Dear friends,

At the end of the previous school year, we realized that our student organization, Titan Catholics, was not serving the needs of the Newman Center. This has led to an overhaul in both organization and language.

In the area of language, we were talking about four different entities that made up Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh - Newman Center, Newman Student House, Titan Catholics and FOCUS. This year whenever we talk about campus ministry we use Titan Catholics. This has allowed us to be much more united in our efforts and has led to less confusion.

In the area of organization, we realized that our bylaws were not set up well for a Christian organization. Through the fall, the bylaws were updated using as models the bylaws of other Christian organizations at the University. This has led to new bylaws being approved in the spring.

Some of the features of these new bylaws are the following:

- Setting the Catholic faith as the doctrinal foundation of the organization
- Making requirements for leadership more difficult
- Creating a larger leadership team in addition to the University mandated executive board.
- Putting in place accountability systems.
- Creating job descriptions for each position with the expectation that the most work any one person will do for their position is 5 hours a week.=

Our positions are the following:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Public Relations/Communications Chair
- OSA Representative
- Spirituality Chair
- Service Chair
- Women's Ministry Chair
- Men's Ministry Chair
- Social Chair
- Head Sacristan

This is a new beginning. There will be bumps along the way. Luckily, the new bylaws have enough flexibility to allow us to face challenges in the future.

Thank God, we have already had enough people to apply for all the positions. We are hoping for a few more before the deadline so we can have assistances.

Sincerely though Jesus,

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adult News

This time of the year, especially **this** year with all the snow and the lateness of spring arriving - the word anticipation comes to mind. I have been looking each day for signs that the seasons have changed - daffodils springing up, the apple orchard near my house budding and the cherry trees blossoming - but everything has been slow and this waiting has a striking resemblance to my life and faith at times. We have some new additions to our family coming this spring - and nine months have never felt so long. I pray for them - a set of twin boys and a little girl each day. They are hope for the continuation of the legacy of life and faith and love. A gift to the world already - just because they are created in God's image.

This was each of us at one time - a sign of new life and hope for the world. My faith journey has been twisty and a bit bumpy at times - but God has found ways to take my life and make something beautiful of it - my faith has let me trust that He knows what's best - He knows what will make me into the person I was meant to be - and we are never done!

So you - what has your faith journey been like so far? have you been challenged - surprised? Who has accompanied you? Where as the journey taken you? Where are you headed? What do you offer the world? Take time the rest of this season to do a little reflection and see where you might anticipate a new direction - to continue to grow into the amazing person God created you to be.

"Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with another." Thomas Merton

Blessings,
Jane

Some ways to grow in faith, have fun and meet new people...

1. April 20 Pub Trivia Competition - This awesome event is open for all and any young adults who love trivia - form a team and be part of this first annual event!
Green Bay Distillery - 835 Mike McCarthy Way, Ashwaubenon, WI 54304

2. April 30 Millennium Church Conference - You won't want to miss this! The conference is perfect for millennials and all those who live work and serve alongside them. It will be a day of learning, community building, fabulous food and hospitality and a chance to get to know others to connect with. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

If you are interested in helping with the conference, contact Jane Angha at 920-272-8304 or email jangha@gbdioc.org.

Date: April 30, 2018

Time: 9:00 am- 4:00 pm

Place: St. Bernard Parish - 1617 W. Pine St. Appleton, WI 54914

Cost \$30.00 - call for a parish team discount! Includes breakfast bar, lunch, snacks and resources.

3. July 22-Jubilee Mass for Young Adults at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral - brunch and fun to follow the 11:00 mass.

4. August 2 - 10th Annual Spirituality and Sushi- for sushi lovers and haters. There is something amazing for everyone! Look for details on that later. Just set the date aside!

Regional Young Adult Ministry

We have some really great things happening around the Diocese for Young Adults! If you want to find something to do on any given week - take a look at our regional young adult ministry on social media or email your Regional Coordinator.

- **Titletown Catholic** - Sarah Bradford, sbrandford@gbdioc.org (find on facebook)
- **Oshkosh Catholic** - Kayla Gruse , kayla.gruse@raphael.org (find on facebook)
- **Fox Valley Young Adults** - Emily, Jenks, Emily.jenks@gmail.com (find on facebook)
- **DC Disciples** Nick Dolezal ,(Door County) dolezal05@hotmail.com (find on facebook)
- **ACE** Tracey Minish,(Antigo area young adults) antigoff@gmail.com
- **Lakeshore Catholic Young Adults**, Rachel Cohen, gretrm02@gmail.com (find on facebook)
- **Hispanic Young Adult Outreach** Jaime Pineda, jimmyssalon@gmail.com
- **Shawano Young Adults**, Todd Raether, traether@sacredheartshawano.org

Open Mic nights, wine and canvas nights, dinners, brewery tours, campfires, DIY things, seasonal fun, board games nights, prayer, liturgy, adoration and Bible studies - **there is something for everyone!** Get in touch with these incredible young adult leaders and find out how to get involved, share some ideas and keep them in prayer.

Do you have an idea for young adult ministry? Would you like to grow in your leadership and be a part of planning, dreaming and designing young adult ministry? Get in touch with our regional coordinator and set up a coffee date to meet and chat!

Some things you can do that aren't formal, but might be the seeds of starting young adult ministry:

1. Ask a new friend out for coffee and get to know them.
2. Find a few people to go do something together - a movie, dinner, board games, a service project ...just an informal gathering, but include conversation on what they might like to do to make a place for young adults.
3. See what things are happening at parishes near you- even if they aren't young adult specific - they might be things young adults would like to do in a group. (parish picnic, farmers market, spring clean up ...)

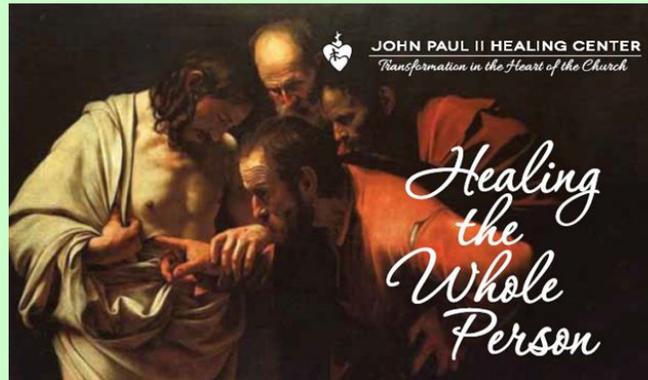
If you need a few ideas - just call or email jane at jangha@gbdioc.org 920-272-8304

You can do this! If you need ideas, support or help, just contact a regional coordinator near you or call Jane at 920-272-8304

Blessings,



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Healing the Whole Person Retreat

As leaders in the Catholic community we accompany others who struggle with anxiety, depression, anger, addiction, illness, or patterns of sin they can't seem to break.

As we grow in relationship with our Lord, He also shows us our own brokenness. Do you know how to help others (and yourself) bring these wounds to God and receive His gifts of healing and peace?

In Healing the Whole Person, **Dr. Bob Schuchts** (author of *Be Healed*) and **Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT**, will help us to understand and receive the healing our Lord longs to give through the sacraments and prayer in the heart of the Catholic Church.

When: April 26 6pm-9:30pm
April 27 6pm-9:30pm
April 28 9:00am-4:30pm

Location: The Cousins Center

****Partial Scholarships are available for those who serve in leadership in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee**

**** Early Bird Registration Discount Ends February 19**

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

If you are coming from out of town, we have had good experience getting hotel rooms at

the [Hyatt Place](#) near the airport just a short drive from the Cousins Center.



The newly restored St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay will host 12 liturgical celebrations throughout the jubilee year of the Diocese of Green Bay.

Due to limited seating, complimentary tickets are required and available at www.gbdioc.org/jubilee2018.

Each liturgy will be followed by a special reception and gift for all participants.

- **May 20, 2018 at Noon** - Pentecost Jubilee Mass Confirmation Celebration
- **June 17, 2018 at 4 PM** - Jubilee Mass for Parish Staff, Volunteers, & Ministers
- **July 29, 2018 at 11 AM** - Jubilee Mass for Young Adults & Young Adult Ministers
- **August 5, 2018 at 4 PM** - Jubilee Mass for Couples Celebrating their 50th Anniversary of Marriage & their Families
- **September 16, 2018 at 4 PM** - Jubilee Mass for Catechists & RCIA Leaders
- **October 7, 2018 at 11 AM** - Jubilee Mass for Catholic Educators (Public, Parochial, & Homeschool)
- **November 18, 2018 at 4 PM** - Jubilee Mass for the Homeless
- **December 9, 2018 at 4 PM** - Jubilee for Religious Women & Men (Vespers)

For more information visit: <http://www.gbdioc.org/jubilee2018>



Do you have an event at your parish or organization that you would like to promote?

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