

Into the LIGHT

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"While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of the light." John 12:36

News for and from Young Adults



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THE FINE PRINT: Please note that in the spirit of networking among area young adults, the Diocese of Green Bay helps circulate area events without assuming specific endorsement or sponsorship of said events, unless specified. Our best effort is made to promote Catholic, faith-filled activities applicable to young adults. To **submit an event** for the newsletter, please contact Julianne Donlon (Jdonlon@gbdioc.org) by the 15th of each month with the following info: title of event, date, time, location, brief description, cost, registration/due date (if applicable), who to contact, and sponsored by. To **unsubscribe** to this newsletter, please [reply to sender](#).

Coming Soon:

TUESDAY Jan 31: Tri-Parish Communities of Sherwood/Hilbert/Stockbridge invite you to St. Mary's Hilbert (108 S 6th St) at 7:00 PM for "**When your loved ones don't come to Mass and don't miss it: Hope for Inactive Catholics.**" Dr. Kristina DeNeve addresses the concern of loved ones who have left the faith and how to reach them. The 1-hr talk will be followed by Q&A.

Ongoing Events:

St. John the Baptist (Howard) ongoing events

Young Adult Family Nights: An evening of fun, fellowship, and faith - 6-7:30 PM in the Ministry Center. Take a "time out" to play and learn with our children - parents can meet other parents and kids have night of new friends and fun. Designed for ages 1-6 years, but big kids will have fun too! RSVP to Rebecca (434-2417 x210 or RTappen@sjbh.org). *March 23, May 18.*

Date Night for Couples: Going on a date is a good way to encourage a healthy marriage. Couples are invited for a speaker (6:30-7 PM) who will provide insights designed to infuse your date with new vitality. Afterwards, couples are invited to spend the rest of the night out at their favorite place for a date. Free childcare is provided from 6-10 PM. To register for childcare contact Rebecca (434-2417 x210 or RTappen@sjbh.org). *Feb 17, April 20, June 15.*

Crazy for Craftin': Fridays (5PM-12AM) in the School-Commons. If scrapbooking, stamping, knitting or sewing is your thing, this night offers an evening away without interruptions and plenty of room to spread out. You choose the craft and bring it along. \$10.00 at the door. *Feb. 10, March 2, May 4.* Please contact Ian Pfeiffer (434-1844 or p2ian@new.rr.com) with questions.

TUESDAYS Sept-May: St. Thomas More Parish in Appleton hosts **STM Mom's Group/Little Saints Play Group**, which meets weekly 9:30-11 AM in the school for snacks, stories, songs, crafts & faith-related activities. Find us on Facebook for online discussions and upcoming events. **ALSO**, please join our **monthly Discussion Group**, a group of moms who share faith, support one another, & learn about a chosen topic. Starting in January, we'll be using Nicole Johnson's book, "A Fresh Brewed Life". Please contact Anna Donnermeyer at anna@stmccath.org for more info.

Jan-Oct: Free Movie Nights* at St. Mary's Greenville! Fr. Robert Barron leads us into the heart of the Catholic faith in this DVD series. Sun, Mon, or Thurs nights 6:30-8 PM, or Tues mornings 9-11 AM. No registration necessary, but study groups are available (materials \$30). Contact Chris (cwert@stmarygreenville.org) or Luke (lgietman@stmarygreenville.org) for dates and all other details or visit <http://stmarygreenville.org/Upcoming-Events/catholicism.html>.

Catholic Women of Conscience series

"Divas of the Bible" A Saturday Women's Morning of Reflection (9:00 AM-12:00 PM) to learn about the lives and virtues of Biblical women.

Feb. 4, 2012 -- St. Anthony Parish, Tigerton

Cost: Free, but pre-registration is recommended (*see below for link*).

"Defiant Daughters-Women of Christian Conscience"

A 3-pt Book Club discussion from 7-8:30 PM, reflecting on the women of faith who represent the qualities of daring, determination, and dedication.

March 12, 19, 26, 2012: St. Joseph, Sturgeon Bay

Cost: Free, but pre-registration is recommended (*see below for link*).

Books - provided to host parish and can be picked up 2 weeks in advance.

Books are on loan, but can be purchased (\$15) at end of the series.

"Girlfriends in God" Join women from across the region at the Bishop Wycislo Ctr (8:30 AM-1:00 PM) for a Day of Reflection - worship, inspiration and opportunities for virtuous action perfect for all ages and walks of life.

March 31, 2012: St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Green Bay (Cost: \$20)

For info / flyers visit: www.gbdioc.org/education-portal/adult-faith-formation/events/womens-spirituality-our-history.html. **To register, contact Shelia:** sschaut@gbdioc.org or 1-877-500-3580 (x8276).

Save the Date:

TUESDAYS in March: *Life in the Holy Spirit: A Journey of Self-Discovery* will be presented by Rev. John Doerfler at St. Mary Parish, Greenville on March 8, 15, 22, & 29 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Refreshments provided and topics include (3/8) "The Good, The Bad, The Beautiful" (An Intro to Catholic Moral Principles); (3/15) "A Marriage Made in Heaven" (The Sacrament of Marriage); (3/22) "Where Do Babies Come From?" (Sexual Morality and the Morality of Procreation); (3/29) "Same Sex Attraction, the Bible, the Church and Love of Neighbor."

TUESDAYS in March: Breathing with Both Lungs – An Introduction to the Byzantine Catholic Church will be presented at Generose Ctr of Silver Lake College, Manitowoc, 6:30-8:00 PM. Guided by Fr. Brian Belongia & Dr. Joseph Bond, you'll be led on a journey through the sacred art, liturgy and theology of the Byzantine Church. In 1995 and 2001, JPPII encouraged all who belong to the Western/Roman Catholic Church to become familiar with their Eastern Catholic brethren, so that by acknowledging and accepting them, the universal Catholic Church can be whole and breathe with both lungs. Schedule below:

March 6	Eastern Catholic Churches: An Overview
March 13	Icons: Windows into Heaven
March 20	The Call To Holiness in the Byzantine Tradition
March 27	The Divine Liturgy & Byzantine Spirituality

BOTH of the above "save the Date" Events are **FREE**; however, pre-registration is required; contact Shelia Schaut, sschaut@gbdioc.org or 920-272-8276 (toll free 877-500-3580, ext. 8276) for either series.

Road Trip:

Summer Family Field Trips! St. John Sacred Heart, Sherwood invites all families to join on a trip to the **Grand Canyon** next summer from June 27 - July 8, 2012. This is an independent family field trip at LOW family prices thanks to a generous sponsor! No driving, tolls, gas or parking costs! For details visit <http://www.stjohnsacredheart.org/IPA-Grand-Canyon-Trip.cfm>.

OR, a little closer to home...Last summer about 17 families (69 people) went to Chicago for the 1st IPA Summer Family Field Trip. Next summer, we'll again offer a Chicago trip (June 27-28). Explore Chicago's many attractions on a summer family field trip organized by the Involved Parents Association (IPA). Enjoy hassle free riding via train and bus with round-trip transportation from/near your school to Chicago's Union Station for only \$40/person. Families travel independently according to their own interests with the exception of a few *optional* group add-ons. For details visit <http://www.stjohnsacredheart.org/ipa-chicago.cfm>.



Shedding LIGHT On...

Apologetics 101: Old School Becomes New Cool

In the Catholic Church, it's true that everything old can be new again, and Pope Benedict XVI wants one of those things to be the art of "apologetics," dusted off and updated to respond to new challenges, including those posed by militant atheists.

The term "apologetics" literally means "to answer, account for or defend." Father John Girotti's "Know Your Faith" series, continually presented at various parishes across the diocese, is based on apologetics.

While there have been scattered attempts since Vatican II to train Catholics to explain their faith to others, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has asked for a more widespread effort to get apologetic material into the hands of Catholics in preparation for the Year of Faith beginning in October 2012. Addressing national bishops' conferences, the congregation said, "It would be useful to arrange for the preparation of pamphlets and leaflets of an apologetic nature" so that every Catholic could "respond better to the questions which arise in difficult contexts" from sects to moral relativism and from secularism to science and technology.

First Letter of Peter: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope."

Community:



Catholic Youth Expeditions: Join other young adults and camp, pray, hike! Check the website for upcoming expedition schedules. Base Camp coffee shop (on Wisconsin Ave in Appleton) is open 7 days a week from 5-10 PM Sunday thru Thursday, and until 11 PM on Friday and Saturday! Check out www.cyexpeditions.org for more.

St. Mary/St. Joseph Young Adult Planning Committee in Appleton is open to single and married folks in their 20s and 30s who plan social, service, & spiritual activities that meet the needs of young adults. Visit www.stmaryparish.org/youngadultmin.html.

Nazareth Young Adults (Fond du Lac): Join Father Luke Strand and other Catholic young adults (ages 18-35) every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM for social, speaker/video, and Eucharistic Adoration (see current program under "Road Trip" section). Like Jesus, who went forth from Nazareth to spread the Gospel, so Nazareth Young Adults come together to be formed in their faith and embrace the call to evangelize! *Questions?* E-mail nazaretheyoungadults@gmail.com.

St. Peter the Fisherman Young Adults is a Two Rivers group that meets at St. Peter the Fisherman Parish, geared primarily toward young adults in their 20's and 30's who are growing in the Catholic faith and want to share the joy of Christ with others. Visit <http://sites.google.com/site/stpeterthefisherman/> for more.



Catholics in Action is a Menasha young adults group at St. Mary/St. John parishes. We organize four events per year to promote community and raise money for our parishes and for charity. For more info, visit www.menashacatholicparishes.org.

SPIRITUS is a team of Catholic Youth Evangelizers. We give nine months of our lives inspiring youth to grow closer to Jesus and our faith. We want to tell you about this amazing ministry and how it is turning thousands of youth to Christ. Click [here](#) to join the email list and receive monthly Spiritus updates!



IRELAND PILGRIMAGE

Experience a 12-Day Pilgrimage to
DUBLIN, KILLARNEY, GALWAY,
CASTLEBAR, and KNOCK

With Fr. David McElroy, O. Praem.
& Julianne Donlon-Stanz

JUNE 15-26, 2012

The event coincides with the 50th
International Eucharistic Congress being
held in Dublin June 10-17, 2012.

During the pilgrimage you'll see St. Mary's
Cathedral in Killarney, Cathedral of Our Lady
Assumed into Heaven and St. Nicholas in
Galway, Cliffs of Moher, Knock and more!

*To request a brochure,
contact Amy Kawula at 920-272-8212
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