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CHANCERY NEWS

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL - AUGUST ADORATION OPPORTUNITIES

As part of the Eucharistic Revival, adoration will be offered each Wednesday night at a parish in the Diocese of Superior. Please consider attending an opportunity near you and inviting others to join in prayer as a diocese!

August 3, 2022:
Holy Family, Woodruff
Parish Website

August 10, 2022:
Holy Trinity, Haugen
Parish Website

August 17, 2022:
Immaculate Conception, Butternut
Parish Website

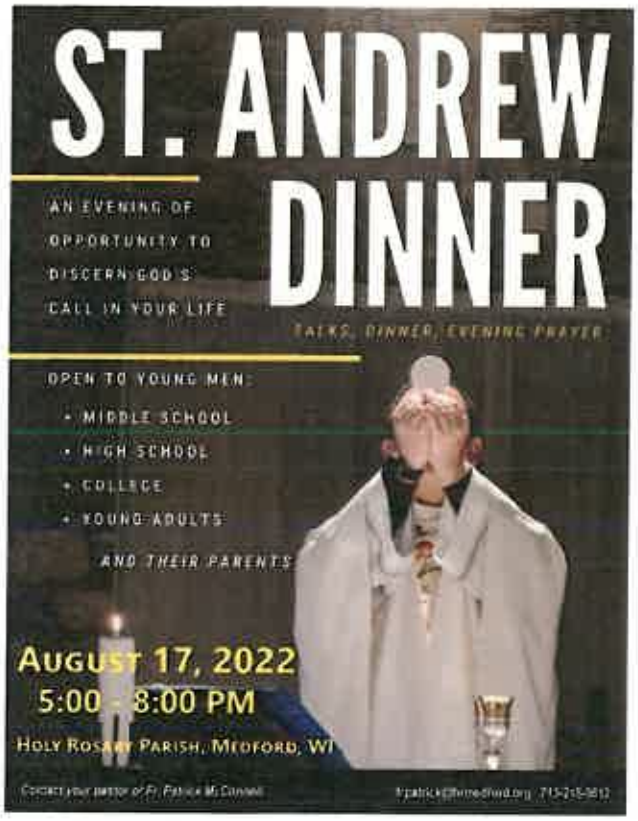
August 24, 2022:
Immaculate Conception, Grantsburg
Parish Bulletin

August 31, 2022:
Immaculate Conception,
New Richmond
Parish Website

SAVE THE DATE! ST. ANDREW DINNER

Wednesday, August 17, 2022
5:30-8:00 p.m.
Holy Rosary, Medford

The vocations team of the Diocese of Superior would like to invite any young men in middle school, and high school, and any young adult who are open to a discussion on God's will for you, to join us on August 17th at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Medford, WI for our St. Andrew Dinner. We also encourage parents to join their sons for this event. The night will include socializing and discussion with priests and seminarians of the diocese, vocations team members, and parents of priests and seminarians as well as a delicious meal, breakout sessions, and a panel discussion. Contact your pastor or Fr. Patrick McConnell at frpatrick@hrmedford.org or 715-218-9812 with any questions or to sign up. Know of our prayers for all discerners for an openness to the will of God. We look forward to seeing you there.



CHANCERY NEWS

THE VATICAN UNVEILED: AN EXPLORATION OF LEGACIES
Largest Private Collection of Papal Artifacts Outside of Rome - Father Richard Kunst, Curator

August 19-21, 2022
Duluth DECC- City Side Convention Center

General Exhibit hours are:
Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m

Early bird tickets available now at:
www.VaticanUnveiled.com
or call 218-724-6201.
$20/person, $18/senior, $50 family
Group discounts are also available.

VATICAN UNVEILED

What began as a hobby collecting presidential autographs while working for the U.S. Senate, turned into a papal passion for Duluth native, Father Richard Kunst. Through the years, his love of his faith propelled him to build what is believed to be the largest collection of Papal artifacts outside of Rome. The full collection is staggering and includes rarities connected to the papacy, canonized saints and notable individuals in history–including Napoleon. Colleagues encouraged him to share his substantial collection of signi icant artifacts through a public viewing. The first viewing was held in 2004 in Duluth, commemorating the end of Pope John Paul II's Jubilee Year. "My mission is to educate people about the Church, to help grow an appreciation for the papacy and share the beauty of our faith." states, Father Richard Kunst, curator. "For many people, this is the closest they will ever get to a Pope, or the Vatican; it's my belief that you cannot love what you know little about". Father Kunst goes on to share that the collection is historically important, even for those who are not Catholic. "The history of the Catholic Church has been influential in the formation of our world today". A prime example is the influence of Pope John Paul II. He was a leader whose religious convictions defined a new approach to world politics—and changed the course of history. As even his critics conceded, Pope John Paul II played a crucial role in some of the most momentous events of our time, including the collapse of European communism, the quest for peace in the Middle East, and the democratic transformation of Latin America.

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CHANCERY NEWS

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The Vatican Collection has been viewed by the likes of George Weigel, a leading Catholic theologian, and Crux editor, John Allen Jr. The Papacy: A Living History, (a series about the Collection and hosted by Fr. Kunst) aired for two seasons on EWTN and was part of numerous media outlets covering stories about the Collection over the past many years. The collection has grown immeasurably since 2004 and now includes:

- Cross from Mother Teresa's Habit (on loan from Bishop Brom)
- Relics of the True Cross owned by Pope Clement XI
- Many notable items from the life of Pope John Paul II
- Signed letter from Napoleon Bonaparte discussing his strategy for managing Pope Pius VII during his assault on the Papal States
- Items from Pope Francis to Pope St. Victor I (189-199)
- A relic from the original chair of St. Peter himself
- Rare treasures from historic Conclaves and Swiss Guard

The event is ticketed and open to the public. It will include over 150 artifacts, presentations by Father Kunst, a Vatican store, a sponsors' gala dinner at the Kitchi Gammi Club, and VIP Evening at the DECC hosted by Mark Hall Patton, of the famed TV show, Pawn Stars. Interviews and an early look at the artifacts will be available by contacting Monica Hendrickson, Vatican Unveiled Committee Chair, at 218-348-2268. You can also email us at: hello@vaticanunveiled.com. More information can be found on the event website: https://vaticanunveiled.com.

Formal VIP events including a private tour are also planned for Friday evening at the DECC with Mark Hall-Patton from the TV Show, Pawn Stars and Saturday at the Kitchi Gammi Club for sponsors. **If you are interested in supporting the event in some way, please send us an email at: hello@vaticanunveiled.com.**

SAVE THE DATE! GATHERING FOR LIFE | OCTOBER 22, 2022

St. Patrick's, Hudson

October is Respect Life Month. Held every October, Gathering For Life is an annual diocesan wide event open to everyone that highlights different aspects of Respect for Life. Respect for life is all encompassing. One misconception about respecting life is that it only applies to the unborn. Certainly, much of our work is devoted to protecting the most innocent lives from abortion, but our respect for life doesn't stop with them. Watch for more information about this event on our website here: Respect Life, or contact Bonnie Thom: bthom@catholicdos.org

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CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD | SEPTEMBER - MARCH

The Diocese is pleased to announce that St. Pius X is offering another round of training in Level I of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). Participants who attend the entire training will be certified by the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This training is for Level 1, Part 1, which is for children ages 3-6 years old. Both parts of Level 1 must be completed prior to an individual serving as the main catechist in a CGS atrium.

What: CGS Level 1, Part 1
Where: St. Pius X Church, Solon Springs
When: Sep. 10, 2022; Oct. 1, 2022; Nov. 5, 2022; Jan. 7, 2023; Feb. 3, 2023; Mar. 4 2023
Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $185
Prerequisite: None

CGS is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program where children can grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement in Scripture and liturgy. You can find more information about this program ONLINE as well as in a registration brochure.

NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION | AUGUST 22, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | St. Joseph Church, Rice Lake

This event is for all new Catholic school teachers in the Diocese of Superior and will cover the unique aspects of teaching within a Catholic school.

Please RSVP by August 15 to 715-234-5044 or ggeisler@catholicdos.org

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PARISH CATECHETICAL LEADER CONFERENCE | AUGUST 28-30, 2022

This event is open to all who are leaders in Catholic Formation in the Diocese of Superior.

Sunday, August 28th, 6:00 p.m. - Tuesday, August 30th, 12:00 pm.
Econolodge Hotel, Rice Lake (Formerly Amerivu)

Speaker: Ryan O'Hara
Theme: Kerygma, the proclamation of the Gospel

Please remember to bring your tax exempt form with you when you check in.

Please RSVP to 715-234-5044 or ggeisler@catholicdos.org.

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HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE | SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
St. Joseph's, Rice Lake

Who: For ALL homeschoolers and those discerning homeschooling!

Cost: $25 per person
Box lunch provided
Childcare provided (please register online ASAP if you need this)

Contact: Loree Nauertz at lnauertz@catholicdos.org

REGISTER ONLINE AT: https://catholicdos.org/events/homeschool-conference

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TOTUS TUUS | SUMMER 2023

Reminder that parish Totus Tuus registration is now open for summer 2023! A registration form was sent out, you can also request this form from the BHC.

2022-2023 CALENDAR - NOW AVAILABLE

The Offices of Catholic Formation and Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship are happy to share the calendar for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year! Please find a downloadable copy here: https://catholicdos.org/faith-formation-events

Be sure to add these dates to your calendar!

MEET JULIEANNE JOHNSON

Hello everyone! My name is JulieAnne and I am starting as the new Administrative Assistant at the BHC. I am from Cumberland and grew up attending Our Lady of Lourdes in Dobie. I am currently working as CNA/activities assistant at Cumberland Care & Rehab, but will be starting fulltime here at the BHC on September 1st. I am super excited to serve the Diocese of Superior as I have received so much love and formation from them throughout my life!

OFFICE OF ECCLESIAL MINISTRIES | Chris Newkirk

PERMANENT DIACONATE ORDINATON

Sunday, August 14, 2022
4:00 p.m.
Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese of Superior joyfully invites you to attend the Ordination to the Sacred Office of Orders to the Permanent Diaconate of Roderick Alan Knight, Jeffery Mark Mason, Patrick Franklin Haines and Daniel Richard Kohler, conferred by His Excellency The Most Rev. James Patrick Powers, On Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at Cathedral of Christ the King, 1410 Baxter Ave., Superior, WI 54880. There will be a simple reception immediately following the Mass downstairs in Kress Hall. Please RSVP if you plan on attending so that final plans may be made: 715-394-0204; cnewkirk@catholidos.org

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SCHOOL OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP

August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March and April.

Fridays | 6:00-9:00p.m.
Saturdays | 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Parish Hall, Tony

Participants in the School of Servant Leadership will gain a deeper understanding and lived experience of discipleship as developed through the lens of servant leadership; broaden sense of Catholic identity; opportunity to enhance and practice leadership knowledge and skills for ministry or in the work place; each course is approved for 10 hours of Forming Effective Disciples (FED) continuing formation; networking with other servant leaders.
For School of Servant Leadership details: https://catholicdos.org/school-of-servant-leadership . Contact Chris Newkirk at: 715-394-0204; cnewkirk@catholidos.org.

OFFICE OF WORSHIP | Paul Birch

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022

Because the Solemnity of the Assumption falls on a Monday this year, for the convenience of the faithful the obligation to attend Mass on this day is abrogated.

LABOR DAY | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

Labor Day is one of the four special days of prayer in the Diocese of Superior. The focus for this particular day is the promotion of human rights and equality. The Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor may be used (Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, section II, number 26), along with readings found at Lectionary numbers 907-911. USCCB resources for the celebration of Labor Day are found here: https://www.usccb.org/committees/domestic-justice-and-human-development/labor-and-employment

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2022 INITIAL INFORMATION FOR DIOCESAN-CERTIFIED LAY LEADERS OF PRAYER

Friday and Saturday, September 16-17 and October 28-29
St. Peter the Fisherman Church, Eagle River

The two required formation sessions for those seeking initial diocesan certification as lay leaders of prayer are September 16-17 and October 28-29. Attendance at both sessions is required. The sessions will take place at St. Peter the Fisherman Church, Eagle River. Both sessions begin Friday evening and conclude late Saturday afternoon. Each applicant must:
1.) register and
2.) must also be specifically selected and recommended by their pastor, parish director or parish life coordinator via the completed Application Form.

All lay people who lead Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest or Weekday Communion Services in their parish church buildings should be recipients of this certification.

For further information, click on the following link:
https://catholicdos.org/formation-workshops-for-lay-leaders-of-prayer.

Contact Paul Birch: 715-394-0233; pbirch@catholicdos.org.

OFFICE OF WORSHIP | Paul Birch

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL RESOURCES | 2022 - 2025

Mission: To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Vision: A movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission "for the life of the world."

A new formation resource for priests is now available. The McGrath Institute for Church Life has prepared this free bilingual Program in Priestly Renewal: Eucharistic Revival to provide intellectual, pastoral, and practical content for priests during the first year of the Revival featuring Bishop Daniel Flores.

An informational flyer published by the USCCB's Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis may be found here:
https://www.usccb.org/resources/Revival%20Web%20Intro%20PDF%20FINAL.pdf

Diocesan resources are posted on our website here: https://catholicdos.org/eucharistic-revival.
You may also visit the National Eucharistic Revival website: https://www.eucharisticrevival.org

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THE REVISED ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS | NO COST WEBINAR SERIES | SEPTEMBER 2022 – FEBRUARY 2023

Registration is OPEN for the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commission's fall series on the REVISED Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Twenty Webinars are offered in both English (Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m Eastern), and Spanish (Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (Eastern). One may participate live at those times. Also, all webinars will be archived to view at your convenience if you cannot view them live. All registered persons will receive a link approximately one hour after the live version has ended. (You must be registered for access to archived webinars.)

Please note: This is a two-part registration process. The first ten webinars are of a general nature and important to parish life, e.g., vision of the OCIA, history, preaching, discernment, canonical issues, music, etc. The NEXT ten are about the rites and steps. Register for the first set of ten via the links below: (You will be notified to register for the next set of 10 as they are available closer to November.) Remember, registration is free!
Main webinar page: www.fdlc.org/ociawebinars
English: www.fdlc.org/ocia/webinars and Spanish: www.fdlc.org/rica/seminariosweb

OFFICE OF WORSHIP | Paul Birch

PARISHES OFFER FREE HYMNALS AND ACCOMPANIMENT BOOKS!

Holy Family Church in Woodruff is donating the following resources for any parish in the Diocese of Superior (for pick-up only):

- 1180 copies of OCP's Journey Songs assembly hymnals (3rd edition, ©2012) with readings
- 30 choir/cantor editions of this hymnal
- 3 keyboard accompaniment books
- 2 guitar accompaniment books
- 1 instrument book

Contact: Matt Reichert, OCP Content and Programs Manager, mattr@ocp.org.

St. Augustine Church in Harrison is donating approximately 100 One In Faith hymnals. Published by World Library Publications, Inc. in 2014, these hymnals contain the readings for Sundays and holy days, and are in like-new condition -- the parish decided to return to a missalette system shortly after they were purchased. The recipient would be responsible for shipping or somehow making arrangements with parish staff regarding the procurement of the donated books. Contact: Deacon Dan Towle: dtowle55@gmail.com, or Kathy Voermans (Parish Secretary): kathy.staugustinechurch@yahoo.com.

LITURGY TRAINING PUBLICATIONS MATERIALS NOW AVAILABLE AT A 35% DISCOUNT

Materials published by LTP are available at a 35% discount when ordered via our diocesan website. (This has recently been lowered from the original 40% discount.) Upon receipt of the LTP invoice, parishes should reimburse LTP directly. LTP shipping charges are 10% of order value or actual cost, whichever is higher, plus a fee of $6.00 per drop-ship delivery address. The Minimum shipping amount is $7. Orders for electronic items do not qualify for the discount. Contact Amy Little: alittle@catholicdos.org for more information.

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SUBMITTED EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE! | RETROUVAILLE OPPORTUNITIES NEAR DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR

August 5-7, 2022 Twin Cities, MN and August 19-21, 2022 Wausau, WI

Retrouvaille is a lifeline program for married couples to heal and renew hurting marriages. All calls are confidential. Go to: https://helpourmarriage.org/ and https://helpourmarriage.org/calendar/#

ONLINE DISCERNMENT RETREAT

September 23-25, 2022

Called to Be Franciscan Online Retreat: Do you sense the Lord wanting to be closer to you? Is a simple life lived for the Lord attractive to you? Franciscan Sister Sister Anne Marie Lom leads this Francisca values centered retreat. She will also offer individual direction at a convenient time for each participant. There is no cost for retreats but registration is required. Visit https://fscc-calledtobe.org/vocation-discernment-events/

NET CONFIRMATION RETREAT

September 24-25, 2022
Sugar Camp Elementary School
Approximate times: 2:00 p.m. Saturday ending 5:00 p.m. Sunday
Contact: Jen Metzger at Jen@northernlakescatholics.org

ALL High School kids are welcome. We are working hard to build a retreat culture. This retreat will contain all requirements for Confirmation, but are geared toward everyone in high school, and all are encouraged to attend. $50 per student for anyone outside of Eagle River cluster.

CATHOLIC RESOURCES FOR FORMATION

Online Catholic Learning Resources has a great selection of Catholic Resources. Consider checking out a few of them to help supplement for formation opportunities.

Resources available here!

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CLERGY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

08.03 FR. SARE SAGAR RAJESH
08.04 DCN. BERNARD J. LYNGDAL
08.05 DCN. THOMAS P. RAUSCH
08.06 DCN. GREGORY J. RICCI
08.09 FR. JAMES R. HORATH
08.13 DCN. JOSEPH F. ROE
08.15 FR. JAMES F. TOBOLSKI
08.15 FR. MARIADAS VALLABHANENI
08.18 FR. BARG G. (ANDY) ANDERSON
08.19 FR. LOUIS REDDY MARAM REDDY
08.20 DCN. DOUGLAS L. SORENSON
08.23 FR. MICHAEL L. CRISP
08.23 FR. FRANCIS ADOBOLI
08.24 DCN. ROGER L. CADOTTE
08.25 DCN. JOHN J. BARDOS
08.26 DCN. DAVID C. BABLICK

ORDINATIONS

08.03 DCN. WILLIAM J. HOLZHAEUSER
08.08 DCN. DAVID B. DISERA
08.08 DCN. ROBERT L. SCHIENEBECK
08.09 FR. JAMES J. BRINKMAN
08.09 DCN. OWEN T. GORMAN
08.09 DCN. HOWARD W. CAMERON
08.09 DCN. RUSSELL E. CABAK
08.09 DCN. KEVIN L. FEIND
08.09 DCN. PATRICK GIERL
08.09 DCN. ROBIN MAJOR
08.09 DCN. TIMOTHY MIKA
08.09 DCN. DOUGLAS L. SORENSON
08.09 DCN. STEVE WELTER
08.10 DCN. JAMES ARNDT
08.10 DCN. JAMES STROEDE
08.10 DCN. EDWARD COLOSKY
08.12 DCN. ALBERT A. GOODRICH
08.12 DCN. STEVEN G. LINTON
08.12 DCN. CARMELO (MEL)RIEL
08.14 DCN. CLARENCE L. CAMPBELL
08.14 DCN. PATRICK F. HAINES
08.14 DCN. RODERICK A. KNIGHT
08.14 DCN. DANIEL R.KOHLER
08.14 DCN. JEFFERY MARK MASON
08.20 DCN. RICHARD J. MEIER
08.22 DCN. ROGER L. CADOTTE
08.26 DCN. JOSEPH J. WESLEY
08.26 DCN. THOMAS KROLL
08.31 DCN. CLIFFORD F. EGGETT

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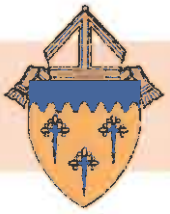

CLERGY PRAYER CALENDAR

WORD OF LIFE

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

OFFICE OF RESPECT FOR LIFE | Bonita Thom

IMPACT

OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT | Steve Tarnowski

HANDBOOK CHANGES

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR | Debra Lieberg

August 2022

Diocese of Superior, WI—Days of Prayer for Clergy, Religious & Lay Leaders

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Rev. Mariadas Vallabhaneni	2 Rev. Gerard Willger	3 Rev. Anthoni Reddy Yannam	4 Rev. Papi Reddy Yeruva	5 All Diocesan Deacons	6 All Women Religious
7 All Seminarians & for an increase in vocations	8 All DOS & parish staff	9 All Deceased Clergy & Rel. Order men & women who served in	10 Bishop James Powers	11 Rev. Frances Adoboli	12 Rev. Joseph Raj Alluri	13 Rev. Barg (Andy) Anderson
14 Rev. Edwin Anderson	15 Rev. John Anderson	16 Very Rev. Aloysius Royan Anthony	17 Rev. James Bartelme	18 Rev. Joji Reddy Boyapati	19 Rev. William Brenna	20 Rev. James Brinkman
21 Rev. Frederick Brost	22 Rev. Dean T. Buttrick	23 Rev. Michael L. Crisp	24 Rev. Daniel Dahlberg	25 Rev. Aaron Devett	26 Rev. John Drummy	27 Rev. Jerome D'Souza
28 Rev. Chandra Ery	29 Rev. Kevin Farrell	30 Rev. Leon Flaherty, CPPS	31 Very Rev. John Gerritts			

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Eternal Father, Thank you for all the clergy, seminarians, religious women, staff and lay leaders in our Diocese. I lift them all up to you, but especially, (name) today. Sanctify him. Heal and guide him. Continue to mold him into the likeness and holiness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May his life be pleasing to You. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen

September 2022

DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR, WI—DAYS OF PRAYER FOR CLERGY, RELIGIOUS & LAY LEADERS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Rev. Bill Green	2 Rev. Gerald Hagen	3 Rev. Patrick J. Hardy
4 Rev. Gerald Harris	5 Rev. Michael Hayden	6 Rev. Virgil Heinen	7 Rev. James Hoffman	8 Very Rev. Gregory Hopefl	9 Rev. James Horath	10 Rev. Philip Juza
11 Rev. Don Kania	12 Rev. Jayanna Kanna	13 Rev. Madanu Karunakar	14 Very Rev. Christopher Kemp	15 Rev. Sangmoon Kim	16 Rev. James Kinney	17 Rev. Maria Joseph Kodiganti
18 Rev. Bob Koszarek	19 Rev. Adam Laski	20 Rev. Ron Levra	21 Rev. John Long	22 Rev. David Lusson	23 Rev. Vijay Kumar Madani	24 Rev. Lourduraju Madanu
25 Rev. Jojappa Madanu	26 Rev. Patrick McConnell	27 Rev. Dennis Meulemans	28 Rev. Dennis Mullen	29 Rev. Eugene Murphy	30 Rev. David Neuschwander	

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WORD OF LIFE: AUGUST 2022

Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!

FEATURED THIS MONTH…

Reflection on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2022

The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. The *Catechism* explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974).

Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ'" (CCC, 1025 citing St. Ambrose, *In Luc.*,10,121:PL 15 1834A.).

We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of unborn children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid.

Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. Are we open to God's precious gift of new life? How do we support expectant mothers and parents of young children? Do we prioritize showing our love and care for loved ones who are ill or aging?

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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Need a photo to go with this reflection?

Many works of art are believed to be in the common domain and are available to download from museum websites.

The Assumption of the Virgin, Bergognone

Credit: Bergognone, "The Assumption of the Virgin," Oil and Gold on Wood, ca. 1453-1523, Fletcher Fund, 1926, courtesy of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY.

The Assumption, Laurent de La Hyre

Credit: De La Hyrc, Laurent, "The Assumption," oil on canvas, ca. 1653, The Ciechanowiecki Collection, Gift of The Ahmanson Foundation, courtesy of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

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WORD OF LIFE – AUGUST 2022

Intercessions for Life

August 7th
May the Lord generously provide
for the needs of all mothers
as they dedicate themselves
to caring for their children;
We pray to the Lord:

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14th
For those grieving after a miscarriage:
May they be comforted by God's everlasting love
and His presence amidst their sorrow;
We pray to the Lord:

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 15th
For those who are gravely ill or dying:
May our Blessed Mother ease their pain and fears,
and by her glorious Assumption,
console them with the hope of eternal life;
We pray to the Lord:

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 21st
For all Catholics:
That we may steadfastly proclaim and uphold
the dignity of all human life,
in all stages and circumstances;
We pray to the Lord:

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28th
For those who are imprisoned,
especially those facing the death penalty:
May they be treated with the respect due
to every human person;
We pray to the Lord:

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Bulletin Quotes

August 7th

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (*EV* 86).

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August 14th

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"

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August 15th

"Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope… While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to 'remain' at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple *remained* at the foot of the Cross."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

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August 21st

"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Build a Culture of Life"

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August 28th

"No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Death Penalty: Catholic Q&A"

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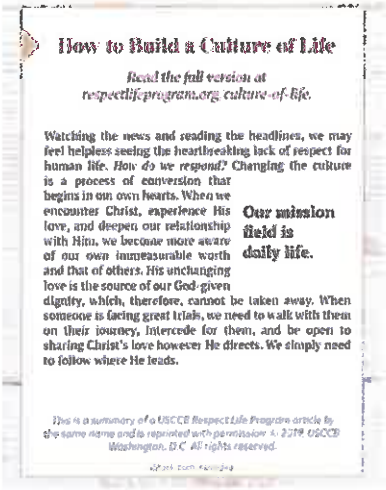

How to Build a Culture of Life

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Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. *How do we respond?* Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

Our mission field is daily life.

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Walking with Moms in Need | Pray for Moms

INTERCEDE

PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

In *Evangelium vitae*, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that, "A mother welcomes and carries in herself another human being, enabling it to grow inside her, giving it room, respecting it in its otherness" (EV 99). Often the first and most basic way that a mother welcomes and cares for her child is by attending to her own health. In doing so, she ultimately contributes to the wellbeing of her child, as the health of mother and child are inextricably connected. After her child is born, a mother's devoted care continues as she nurtures this new life and attends to her child's every need.

As healthcare costs continue to rise, obtaining access to adequate medical care can be challenging, particularly for single women in poverty. According to 2014 statistics, 75 percent of women who chose abortion were low income. The financial strain of medical care can often place significant burdens on both pregnant and parenting mothers. Data from 2016 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention revealed that 15 percent of women in the United States received inadequate prenatal care. As we walk with mothers in need, we pray that our efforts will help mothers and their children gain access to quality, life-affirming medical care and address this fundamental need.

ACT *(choose one)*

- Seek the Blessed Mother's intercession for mothers and children by offering a Rosary (bit.ly/how-to-pray-rosary) for the featured intention.
- Give up sleeping on your pillow one night. Offer this small sacrifice for mothers and children who have difficulty accessing adequate medical care.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

St. Monica (bit.ly/about-st-monica), mother of St. Augustine, spent much of her life as a single, widowed mother, dedicated to caring for her children. May we seek her intercession for all mothers facing difficulties.

Impact this Month

Reflect on your life and faith this month:

- **Open your mind and heart** to God's loving presence and ask the Lord to guide you in this time of reflection.
- **Look for evidence of God's love and presence** in your life, the Eucharist, Sacrament of Reconciliation, relationships, and the beauty of creation.
- **Consider the place God has in your life.** While we can never fully grasp God's incredible love for us, our faith and trust in God often ebbs and flows with the ups and downs of daily life. What most challenges your faith? Who or what helps your faith to be strengthened and grow?
- **Bring faith to life.** Look for new ways to nurture faith. Let the influence of faith shape your daily decisions, the way you use your time, serve others, and share your many gifts.
- **Find life in faith.** Be attentive to the ways faith makes a difference in your life. Share this good news with others.
- **Thank God for the gift of faith!**

Do you ever pause to think about faith? It is not uncommon for friends to advise us in moments of trial, "You just have to have faith," as though saying this will make it so. Yet faith is not something we possess, nor is it to be taken for granted. Having faith in difficult times – and the ordinary moments of life for that matter – requires us to trust that God is real and desires a deep, intimate relationship with us. Not only this: we have the promise of the Holy Spirit, who fills our hearts with the truth of God's infinite love.

Faith is a gift. It is a response to the grace of God, who created us with an inborn hunger to know him. When we respond to this grace, we come to believe in God and give God a meaningful place in our lives.

"Faith is to believe what you do not yet see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."
–St. Augustine

Many people see faith as a denial of reason. Yet, faith and reason stand together. It is God who created everything that exists; God who is revealed through scientific exploration and in the beauty of the world around us, and God who is present in the mystery of Christ's love, poured out in word and sacrament, available for us to receive with humble hearts.

Assured that God is always present, let us be prepared to take a "leap of faith!" May we live and grow as God's grace-filled people, ready to share the infinite love of God and the many blessings of our lives, including the gift of faith, as good and faithful stewards. We will not be disappointed!

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