Welcome to
April 25, 2021

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

DAILY PRAYER FOR **VOCATIONS**

Heavenly Father, you are the Lord of the call. Your Son Jesus told us to ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.

We turn to you now and ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to awaken the hearts of those whom you are calling to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Green Bay. May they hear your call and respond with a profound "yes," just as Mary did when she was asked to become the mother of your son, Jesus.

Keep these your sons and daughters always close to you in the Eucharist and protect them from all evil. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diocese of Green Bay

DAILY PRAYER FOR
OUR PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS

Almighty Father, we thank you for those who have answered your call to serve as priests and religious men and women in the Diocese of Green Bay. We are grateful for the call you placed within their hearts, and we are grateful for their "yes."

We ask for an outpouring of your Holy Spirit upon them. May you strengthen them in their service to your holy people and sustain them in prayer. May the word of God and the most holy Eucharist always be the source of their strength and their defense against all evil and temptation.

We ask that Mary wrap her mantle around them and bring them close to her Immaculate Heart and the most Sacred Heart of her son, Jesus. Amen.

Please see pages 3-4 of this bulletin for more information about The Fiat Society and fostering vocations through prayer.

A note from Fr. Doug...

Dear Parishioners,

I need a volunteer. Please stand on the chair. I decided to make my station in the church search the most fun. The 2nd graders were touring through the different areas of the church, and I was in the vesting sacristy in charge of the station talking, which I turned into showing them what priests wear.

Now what color would you like to put on? We have red, white, green, and purple. Why that color? It was show and tell time! I was talking about the different seasons of the church year and what color vestments priests wore for the various seasons. Contrary to popular belief, a priest doesn't wear just any color he wants to, he coordinates with the season and the celebration. We are in the Easter season now so we wear white (or gold) vestments.

I would put the alb on the young man as he was standing on the chair. Then, we tie a rope around him, the cincture. Then we put on a stole (the stole matches the color of the vestment), and then we put on the chasuble. With the volunteer standing on the chair, I would vest him. The vestment would extend to the floor, and when I had him hold out his arms, like a priest, I would comment that he may have to grow into these clothes.

At the end of the session, I would always ask how everyone thought the young man looked in his vestments. Then I would ask if everyone thought he could be a priest? I would say something like "these vestments are a little big on you, but I think you could grow into them. I want everyone to think about being a priest, when you get big."

This was one of many ways I try to encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I hoped to plant the seed in the minds of the youth to have them consider the possibility. To try on the clothes and to dream about the possibility.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we are asked to focus on the call to priesthood and religious life. To plant and nurture the seeds of vocations in the minds and the hearts of all. We believe that the Good Shepherd, Jesus, calls us to follow Him more closely in life. When it comes to vocations, we are all called to follow Him as priest, religious sisters or brothers, married or single. I believe the challenge is to hear the call and to graciously and trustingly respond. When it comes to priesthood and religious life this weekend, we all want to be praying and talking about the possibility that God may be calling someone we know to.

TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. Today the Holy Father has asked all Catholics to intercede for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests (both living and dead) who have ministered to you throughout your life.
- Keep our parish priests and deacons in prayer throughout the week.
- Encourage your children or grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary that more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call. Consider joining the Fiat Prayer Society (information on pages 3 & 4 of this bulletin) and pray for vocations everyday.

I still await the day, when a newly ordained priest shows up with the story that as a second grader he "tried on" priesthood.

Fr. Doug

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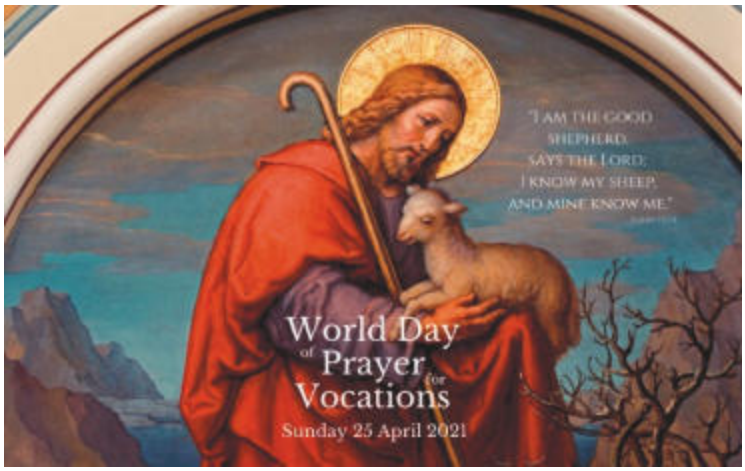


FIAT PRAYER SOCIETY

FOSTERING VOCATIONS THROUGH PRAYER

Dear Friend in Christ,

With the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** coming up on April 25, 2021, we thought this would be the perfect time to share some exciting news!

If there's one thing we've learned in the Office of Vocations, it's the importance of having prayer as the foundation of all that we do. If something is not supported through the prayers of the faithful, it has little to no hope of bearing fruit.

In our effort to continue to help young people hear and answer a call to a religious vocation, we know it takes the prayers of many people in order to do that. Though not all are called to this particular vocation, all are encouraged to pray so that the ones whom the Lord is calling hear and say "yes!"

The **Fiat Prayer Society** is meant to help with this. Our goal is to have more and more of the faithful assist in our vocation efforts through their prayers and sacrifices to help bring forth more "yeses." This is where the name of the society came from. "Fiat" is the Latin word for Mary's response to the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation. Fiat means "let it be done" and because of her "yes," Jesus came into the world. Who better to imitate in following God's will than the Blessed Mother?

By deciding to be a part of this society, there are no dues and no meetings, simply your promise to join our efforts in praying. This is meant to aid other groups in the Diocese of Green Bay that also faithfully pray for more vocations.

If you would like to learn more, access additional resources, become a member, or promote in your parish, please visit **www.gbvocations.org** or contact the Office of Vocations. Need anything else to help get the word out and share in your communities? Let us know, and we'll make more support materials available on our website.

We thank you for your willingness to help in this important task. Please know of our prayers for you as well, and God bless you!

In Christ,

The Office of Vocations
(920) 272-8293
vocations@gbdioc.org

Diocese of Green Bay

WHY THIS? WHY NOW?

The Diocese of Green Bay is in dire need of priests. Our diocese currently has 59 diocesan priests for 157 parishes. Thankfully, we have 24 international priests, 11 priests from religious orders, and 15 pastoral leaders to help us lead our parishes. But according to Georgetown University's Center for Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), the Green Bay Diocese has the worst ratio of diocesan priests to parishes in the entire country — nearly three parishes for every diocesan priest.

THE NEED FOR 30 BY '25

Our goal as a diocese is to call forth and form 30 seminarians to be missionary leaders in the priesthood by the year 2025. We currently have just twelve men in seminary formation, and seminary formation takes seven to nine years of study. The goal then is to almost triple the number of men in formation just so that we may begin to see three ordinations per year.

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP

God will provide for our needs, but he wants us to cooperate in his work. We need everyone to take on the mission of promoting vocations and inviting young people to see if God is calling them to the priesthood or religious life. "*The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest*" (Luke 10:2).

In the 16 counties of our diocese, there are some 324,000 Catholics and 1.2 million total population. These numbers mean that we have only one priest for every 5,500 Catholics. Just one priest to provide baptisms, first communions, marriages, and last rites for 5,000+ people. Many of our hometowns are without a shepherd.

The Vocations goal to call forth and form 30 seminarians by 2025 is not just another initiative — it's a critical effort to ensure the future of our parish communities and the spiritual care of the faithful in the Diocese of Green Bay.

The Fiat Prayer Society is meant to get more people in our diocese engaged in praying for and encouraging vocations from our parishes. This isn't just the role of the Vocations Office, but of every person and faith community in our diocese. We invite you to partner with us in this effort and help foster vocations through prayer!

Photos courtesy of Sam Lucero, The Compass.

A note from Fr. Jason...

We are all called to be saints. A saint is a person that lived in friendship with God here on Earth and who has died and is with God in Heaven.

Can I become a saint? The answer is yes. Though when we think of saints we tend to think about those recognized by the Church such as St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. There are many more people in heaven than those who have been officially recognized by the Church. Again, anyone who is in Heaven is a saint. In fact, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1 in recognition of all those souls that are in Heaven today.

How do I become a saint? Be holy! That seems like a simple answer. What does that mean? Every Christian has been called to be holy. We call this the universal call to holiness. The Second Vatican Council speaks of it in the document *Lumen gentium. It states in paragraph 40, "The Lord Jesus, the divine Teacher and Model of all perfection, preached holiness of life to each and everyone of His disciples of every condition…Indeed He sent the Holy Spirit upon all men that He might move them inwardly to love God with their whole heart and their whole soul, and with their mind and all their strength and that they might love each other as Christ loves them (Lumen gentium, 40). Holiness consists in the great commandment to love God and love our neighbor. Holiness is for everyone. "All the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to perfection of charity" (Lumen gentium, 40).*

What are the commonalities of the holy life? What holds true for each person, regardless of position in life? Holiness looks like frequenting the sacraments. A saint is baptized, should be confirmed, and goes to Eucharist and Reconciliation regularly, if they are capable of doing so. Holiness happens through prayer. A saint talks with the Lord on a daily basis. Through sacraments and prayer, we love God. Holiness happens through love and service of our neighbor. This might be a spouse, a sibling, a child, a grandchild, a coworker, a classmate, or someone else.

After the basics that apply to everyone, how do we live this holiness? It depends on the person. The holiness of a mother is going to look different than the holiness of a nun. The holiness of a lawyer is going look different than that of a priest. The Church is a beautiful and diverse garden of holiness.

We dare to be saints here on Earth today so that we become saints in Heaven tomorrow!

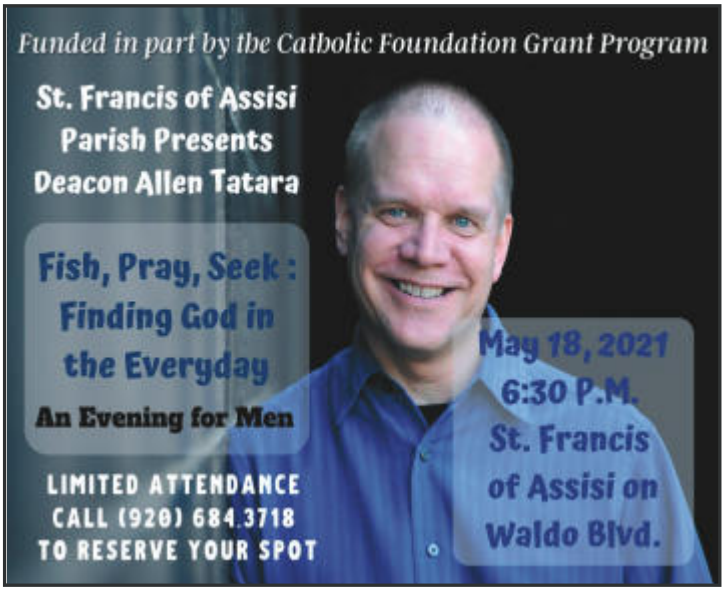
Father Jason

Fr. Jason Blahnik

PARISH SUPPORT

Received Week of **4/18/21**

Envelopes	$24,043
Loose Offering	$ 1,223
Loose Offering	$14,237
Total This Week:	$39,503
Support Required/Week:	$39,031
Difference this Week:	$472
Year-to-Date Required	$1,544,688
Year-to-Date Support	$1,528,286
Difference this Year:	-$16,402
Last Year-To-Date Support:	$1,561,002



we're almost there

We Rise Again 2021 Bishop's Appeal

Because of your generosity we have raised

$159,443

toward our

$165,494

assessment

Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 24th - 4thSunday of Easter
4:00 PM G †Joan Koppa
4:00 PM W †JoAnn Hodas, & Joe & Violet Brockhoff

Sunday, April 25th - 4th Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM W †Calvin Yanda
8:00 AM G †L/D Mbrs. Kosakoski Family
9:00 AM M †Sophie Rugowski
9:30 AM W †For the Parish
10:30 AM G †Jack & Gary Laurent
6:30 PM W †Troy Junk

Monday, April 26th - Weekday
6:45 AM G †John Doolan
9:00 AM W †Marshall F. Hein

Tuesday, April 27th - Weekday
6:45 AM G †Judeen Koeper
9:00 AM W †Jerry Zinkel
6:30 PM G †Ann (Anna) Mueller

Wednesday, April 28th- Weekday
6:45 AM G †Florence & Albert Junk
9:00 AM W †Patricia Dueno

Thursday, April 29th - Weekday
6:45 AM G †Matthew Heilman
9:00 AM W †Blanche & Fabian Junion

Friday, April 30th - Weekday
6:45 AM G †Peter Dembski
9:00 AM W †Paul Foreyt

Saturday, May 1st - 5th Sunday of Easter
4:00 PM G †Austin Eichorst
4:00 PM W †Betty Vogel

Sunday, May 2nd - 5th Sunday of Easter
7:30 AM W †Sue Karrmann
8:00 AM G †Ed & Grace Gosz
9:00 AM M †Paul Kohlman
9:30 AM W †For the Parish
10:30 AM G †Generose Bartels
6:30 PM W †Barbara Benter

Eternal Rest to Our Loved Ones

We extend our sympathy to the families & friends of:

Ervin Dassey

May all the faithful departed rest in peace.

In Memory of...

For the week of April 25th, 2021

Sanctuary Candle is for:
Leona Heinz
at the Grand Site

Altar Candle is for:
Q. Swetlik Jr.
at the Grand Site

Sanctuary Candle is for:
Sophie Rugowski
at the Marshall Site

Sanctuary Candle is for:
Rita Frank
at the Waldo Site

Tabernacle Candle is for:
Polly Kinate
at the Adoration Chapel

THE EQUALITY ACT

Bishop David L. Ricken encourages everyone in the diocese to educate themselves and defend the faith by weighing in on proposed legislation, especially "The Equality Act." The following information from the USCCB website, links and resources can assist in developing a well-formed conscience and advocating for justice.

Human dignity is central to what we believe as Catholics. Every person is made in the image of God and should be treated accordingly, with respect and compassion. That means we need to honor every person's right to be free of unjust discrimination.

The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from unjust discrimination. Although this is a worthy purpose, the Equality Act does not serve it. And instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act discriminates against people of faith precisely because of those beliefs. In the process, the Equality Act codifies the new ideology of "gender" in federal law, dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting "gender" as only a social construct.

The Equality Act:

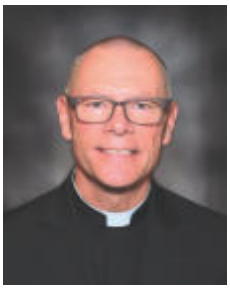
- Exempts itself from the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, in an explicit and unprecedented departure from one of America's founding principles, thereby infringing on religious freedom and making it more difficult for individuals to live out their faith
- Forces religiously operated spaces and establishments, such as church halls, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their communities
- Requires women to compete against men and boys in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower facilities with men and boys
- Forces faith-based charities that serve all people to violate their religious beliefs, and threatens the welfare of thousands of beneficiaries of charitable services such as shelters and foster care agencies, by forcing a multitude of them to be shut down
- Jeopardizes existing prohibitions on the use of federal taxpayer funds for abortion, likely pressuring or even mandating the performance of abortions by health care providers in violation of their consciences, and ultimately ending more human lives
- Hinders quality health care, by forcing health care professionals, against their best medical judgment, to support treatments and procedures associated with "gender transition."
- The Catholic Church is the largest nongovernmental provider of human services in the United States, helping millions of Americans in need through its parishes, schools, hospitals, shelters, legal clinics, food banks, and charities. Our core beliefs about the dignity of the 4 human person and the wisdom of God's design motivate both our positions on marriage, life, and sexuality, and our call to serve those most in need and the common good. By running roughshod over religious liberty, the Equality Act directly undermines the Church's ability to fulfill that call.

Take Action: The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith and threatens unborn life.
Links:

- Visit the USCCB page on the Equality Act at: https://www.usccb.org/equality-act
- Read the background to the Equality Act at: https://www.usccb.org/equalityact#tab--backgrounders

(Source: Diocese of Green Bay, CHANCERY BULLETIN # 397 March – April 2021)

Clothing Drive & Brat Fry ~ May 8th & 9th



Clothing drive for migrant workers in the Wautoma area. All items collected will go for distribution to St. Joseph Parish in Wautoma. (This is Father Bill Evans' new parish! See The Compass article below for more details.)

What is needed? New or gently used clothing and shoes for men.

When should I bring it? On Saturday, May 8th to the Grand site parking lot, or bring to any of our weekend Masses at all three worship sites on Saturday, May 8th or Sunday, May 9th. Look for the collection bins in the main entrances.

Knights of Columbus Brat Fry

Saturday, May 8th

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Serving brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages.

Sponsored by: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 710

WAUTOMA PARISH COLLECTS CLOTHING,
OTHER ITEMS FOR AREA'S MIGRANT POPULATION

WAUTOMA — Lupe Cervantes, Hispanic ministry coordinator for St. Joseph Parish in Wautoma, accepts donations year-round for people in need in Waushara County. But this Lenten season, he had a specific mission.

Enlisting the help of the Diocese of Green Bay and working with Sr. Martha Escobar and Erin Guerrero in the Office of Hispanic and Multicultural Ministry, Cervantes requested warm clothing for farmworkers and migrants.

"We do a couple drives a year," he said. "We did one for blankets and one for towels. This is our first time collecting coats and shoes."

Donations from parishioners included work boots, gloves, long pants, socks and heavy jackets, all especially helpful for workers who arrive in early spring and find themselves struggling with the cold weather, transportation issues and financial resources. This time of 2/2 year, they're seeding, taking care of plants in the greenhouses and getting ready for the outside work of transplanting pickles, peppers, squash, sweet corn and flowers later in the season.

According to Cervantes, who has been a member of St. Joseph Parish since 1992 and the Hispanic ministry coordinator there since 2018, most migrants in the Wautoma area are single men from Mexico coming to Wisconsin on work visas.

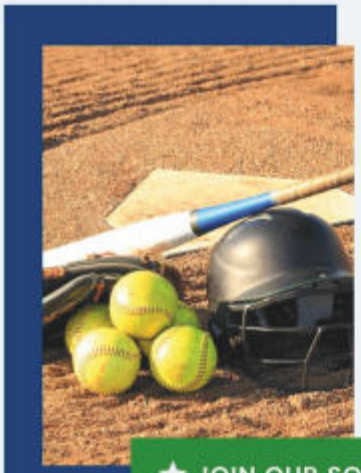
"Obviously, down in Mexico, it's warm 24/7, 365 days, so they left their home probably without even a sweater," he said. "After they get paid, they can buy stuff. But I want to help them through the rough spot. Because myself, I was a migrant back in the '90s for 10 years, and there wasn't this kind of help around – or if there was, I didn't know about it. We used the two sets of clothes that we brought up here, for months. Wash one and then use the other one; then wash that one and use the other."

Cervantes travels to area farms, camps and workplaces to find out what is needed, and then provides those essentials through funds from the diocese, some private monetary gifts and donated items. "Through the warm hearts of parishioners, I not only have clothing and shoes, I have shampoo, toothpaste, household stuff (mugs), books and toys for the kids," he said. "This is for people in need, not just Hispanics. Anyone can come and look and if they see something they like or need, they can take it free of charge."

Donations are accepted year-round and housed in a storage facility at the church. By June, about 75% of the winter items will be gone and anything that isn't used will be taken to the County Cupboard, a nonprofit thrift store in Wautoma.

Any new or gently-used items are always welcome. To schedule a donation drop-off, contact St. Joseph Parish at (920) 787-3848.

(Source: The Compass News, March 16, 2021)



Join us in putting together a parish softball team for the city's Recreation Department Coed League.

Teams play Monday nights starting May 17th and will run through early August.

Open to those 16+
Sign up on our parish website or Facebook page.

★ JOIN OUR SOFTBALL TEAM! ★

HOLY TRINIY COLUMBARIUM

Our newest addition is now complete and ready for you and your family. Located in our Sanctuary of Hope, this new columbarium offers space for both individual and companion urns.

Featuring quality materials and craftsmanship to ensure durability and reliability, this columbarium has distinguished splendor with luxurious bronze trim and soft, alluring LED lighting.

Contact us at (920) 684-3646 to arrange your personal showing of this new addition to your mausoleum.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES GALA
Inspired to Act

MAY 27, 2021 • 8-9:00 PM
WHEREVER YOU ARE!

Join **Bishop David Ricken** for a virtual night of inspiration and hope while exploring the important work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay. After a year of so many challenges, come hear **stories of impact** and how Catholic Charities continues to change lives in northeast Wisconsin.

Be *inspired to act* through the **Catholic Charities service auction** by generously giving to the services that most inspire you!

Learn more about this year's Gala, register for the event, read FAQs about how to tune in, and more on our event website:

HTTPS://CCINSPIRED.GIVESMART.COM

Calvary Chapel Mausoleum Now Open!

Our mausoleum buildings are now open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We ask that you continue to wear face coverings such as a mask and if you have a cough, fever or if you are experiencing shortness of breath, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE MAUSOLEUM!

Unfortunately, we are still not gathering to pray the Rosary on the First Friday or to celebrate the First Saturday Mass. Please stay safe!

If you have any questions or concerns, our office staff is on site Monday through Friday from 9:00 until 4:00 to assist you (920) 684-3646.

CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY
& CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM

Faith Formation Topics For This Week:

Dead Theologians Society:
St. Pedro Calungsod

Edge: "Passing the Baton":
The Sacrament of Holy Orders

Life Teen: "Signs of Life":
Signs and Wonders of Life in the Holy Spirit

LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST

RONCALLI CATHOLIC SCHOOLS has a full-time opening for a Library Media Specialist at the High School Campus, 2000 Mirro Drive, Manitowoc, WI, 54220

Requirements:
- Valid school library media licensure, preferred
- Diocesan religion certification (completed, actively in progress, or willing to work towards)
- Submission to a legal background check
- Demonstration of faith commitment

Desired Qualifications:
- Ability to successfully interact with student and staff from various disciplines and with differing skill levels.
- Knowledge of basic technology, including computer operation, productivity software, online catalog, Smart and/or Mimio technology and basic network knowledge. • Knowledge of grade level reading abilities and appropriateness in evaluating and selecting print and digital resources.
- Willingness to instruct students and staff in information and technology literacy skills, including the research process.
- Communication skills, including the ability to proactively collaborate with students and teachers.

Interested candidates should apply to wecan.education.wisc.edu/ #105595

Confirmation Coordinator & High School Discipleship Assistant Job Opening

St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Manitowoc, is seeking a part-time Confirmation Coordinator & High School Discipleship Assistant.

General Responsibilities Include:
- Oversee Youth Confirmation Program
- Act as a member of the Life Teen Core Team
- Act as a member of the Dead Theologians Society Team
- Assist with administrative tasks related to youth discipleship
- Other duties as assigned by Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Required:
- Knowledge of Catholic teaching and actively practicing Catholic faith.
- Knowledge of the Church Catechesis and Evangelization (especially Youth Ministry).
- Understanding of adolescent spiritual, emotional, physical, and cognitive development.

Qualified Candidates:
Please send resume and cover letter to:

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Attention: Human Resources
601 N 8th Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220
or by email to: hr@sfamanitowoc.org by the **deadline of: Monday, May 3, 2021.**

OPEN HEARTS AND OPEN DOORS: WELCOMING A GLOBAL OUTREACH CATHOLIC EXCHANGE STUDENT

Hosting an exchange student is an amazing experience for you and for the exchange student. Roncalli High School would like to welcome a Global Outreach exchange student for the 2021-2022 academic year. Global Outreach is a Catholic exchange program with the mission of building a civilization of love by forming young dynamic Catholic servant leaders for the 21st century. Students come from six countries in east-central Europe (Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, and Ukraine) and study in Catholic high schools in Wisconsin and eastern Nebraska for one year. Hosting opportunities are available to both families and individual host parents. Placement of students becomes a reality when a household opens the door to their heart and home and says "yes" to hosting a student. Currently, the program has a student who is waiting for her "Good News! We have a host family for you" letter. She is a girl from Ukraine.

Learn a little more about the experience of a Global Outreach student by listening to a witness talk given by one of the Global Outreach alumni. Along with that talk, you can listen to a talk given by a past host couple as they share their experience of hosting three students. Then, ask yourself whether God is calling you to help Vika's dream come true. Your decision to host will change her lives—and yours forever.

Following are links to witness talks:

https://web.vscht.cz/~svobodcd/Daniel_Svoboda-witness_talk-2021.mp4

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1priQ7gqCQFiAr24fSebWiRodhTKbhTup/view?usp=sharing_eil&ts=6012d20a

For further information, please contact:
Barbara Tota-Boryczka barbara.tota-boryczka@globaloutreachprogram.com (920) 540-3085
or Fr. Larry Seidl ljseidl1949@gmail.com (920) 412-0320

ATTENTION: PRAYER SHAWL MINISTERS!

It has been over a year since we have been able to gather and work on our prayer shawls together. I miss all of you and know that you also miss sharing our special ministry. In an attempt to reconnect, I have a couple of ideas.

1) Please send me your email address so that I can create a Prayer Shawl list to keep us all up to date on the parish COVID rules, and share patterns, ideas and personal news. My email address is below.

2) Send me suggestions as to how we might share our ministry despite isolation. There are a large number of shawls available, so please let others know and take them as you see a need. They are at the parish office in the library. If you would prefer that some are brought to you for delivery or want a shawl delivered to someone, let me know and I will do so.

If you might be interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry, contact any member or me, Laurale Stern, coordinator, for more information at: lauralestern1@gmail.com or (920)683-3966.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult,
please contact:
Office of Safe Environment
Diocese of Green Bay
920-272-8174
or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

YOU MATTER TO US – THERE IS HOPE!

Diocese of Green Bay

Readings for the Week

April 25, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
	St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58
Next Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

St. Clare Corner:

Dear Holy Ladies,

Alleluia! Alleluia!! Alleluia!! This is the joyful Easter message I have in big letters on our garage door! I don't know how excited our neighbors are by my enthusiasm, but so far, no pelted eggs or tomatoes!! Hope all of you had an interesting experience accompanying Mary Magdalene. She must have been very thrilled by her Lord during these days between the Resurrection and the Ascension! She was surely filled with the Holy Spirit on Pentecost; but that's still to come.

In St. Clare news, your officers and I are planning an **IN-PERSON MEETING** on **Tuesday, May 11 at 2 p.m. at the Grand site Church**. In speaking with Fr. Doug, the church would give us plenty of room to social distance, with a good speaker system and our masks in place. Please come and bring any interested new members. We will not have refreshments (sad!!). We will install our new vice-president and get your thoughts on the rest of us officers continuing for next year. Hopefully, you will approve us.

This will be our only meeting until September when we prayerfully plan to meet regularly again. Bring any concerns or ideas you wish to share, as well as any updates needed for the yearbooks.

Feel free to call or email me,
~ Vicki
(920) 860-9150 or lenaertsgv@yahoo.com.

Please continue our TLC (Tuesdays Linking Clares) projects: reaching out to each other and praying the Rosary on Tuesdays for our membership. Send up a little prayer to St. Catherine of Siena (feast day, this week Thursday) to help us in our life of service to our church and to each other.

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Today's reading from John: "Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

Keep up the Prayers! Sadly even at 7 ½ months of life, abortion is still legal. Remember, if you or someone you know needs post-abortive help, please contact Project Rachel by calling 800.5WE.CARE or by visiting them online at http://hopeafterabortion.com/.

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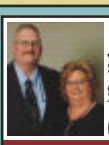

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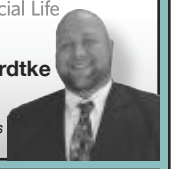

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