Diocese of
Green BayDepartment Of Education:
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Looking ahead . . .

March is ACRE Assessment Month. . .

- Do you know where your assessment booklets are?
- How about blank answer sheets?
- Sharpened pencils?


[Get More Information on ACRE](#)

Please Note:

February's Leadership Retreat Postponed

Originally schedule at Camp Tek for Feb. 10-12. Please watch future Updates for future updates!

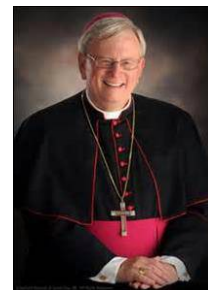
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Bishop Requests You to Save a Date

Discipleship Seminar

Bishop Ricken, in a [letter](#) dated January 24th to Catholic school system presidents, administrators, principals as well as directors and coordinators of religious education, and youth ministers, throughout the Diocese, requests them to come together for a day and a half of discipleship formation specific to their particular area of ministry.



There are two options offered, and everyone in one of the leadership roles mentioned above is expected to choose one of the following:

- July 31-August 1, 2017 at Silver Lake College of the Holy Family, Manitowoc
- October 24 at Green Bay Leadership Convocation Day (plus a half day TBD)

More information will be forthcoming. [Read Bishop's Letter.](#)

Office hours

Non-holidays:
 Mon-Thurs: 7:45am-5pm
 Friday: 7:45am-12:15pm



Calendar

Consolidated list of RE-YM Dates to Remember (Link).

Feb 2: Hebrews 10:25 professional development event

Feb 9: RE Advisory Committee Meeting

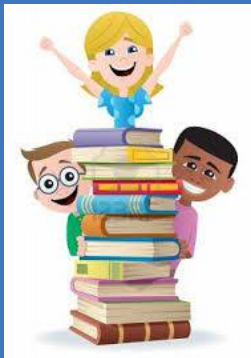
Feb 10: Diocesan Offices Closed

Feb 16: YM Advisory Committee Meeting

Mar 8: 1st Session of CREED at Notre Dame MS, De Pere*

*visit www.gbdioc.org/fcc for complete schedule and registration instructions.

RESOURCES



(Much more at our [weebly](#) and our [facebook page](#) and our [youtube channel](#))

Catholic Word offers materials appropriate for Lent including *7 Secrets of Confession* and *Seven Deadly Sins; Seven Lively Virtues*. Also, discounts on Word on Fire products.

The USCCB offers Lenten resources, including *Reflections for Lent and Easter; Cultivating the Gift of Self*.

Ascension Press has released *The Great Adventure Storybook*, a children's book using the same color-coding and chronological approach as the adult *Great Adventure Bible Timeline*. More [info](#) and [preview](#) available

"It is in our friendship with Jesus that you will find a richness that will sustain you in your areas of ministry and service. Open wide the door of your heart to Christ!"
--Bishop David L. Ricken

FCC* Classes: PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY Added!

*Foundational Catechetical Certification

Please use these links to register for online classes. You will immediately receive instructions about logging on and beginning the class.

PLEASE NOTE: Proper registration via googledocs (use links below) is required. Getting the course passwords via word of mouth does NOT suffice!



[PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY](#)

[CREED](#)

[SACRAMENTS & LITURGY](#)

[MORALITY](#)

Find current schedules of live, classroom sessions [HERE](#).

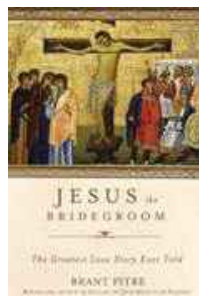


Stay tuned: our **Summer 2017 Schedule of FCC and Ongoing Formation Classes** will be released later this month!

Questions? Please e-mail: cfountain@gbdioc.org.

Lenten Ongoing Formation Opportunity

Jesus the Bridegroom



Jesus, the Bridegroom will consist of five, 2-hour sessions for Ongoing Formation (Catechetical Certification) or simply for enriching your faith life this Lent.

In *Jesus the Bridegroom*, author Brant Pitre shows the key to unlocking the mystery of the "bridegroom" that is found throughout

St. Mary Press has revised the [Catholic Youth Bible Interactive Edition](#) by including interactive Sunday Gospel Readings with questions, personal reflection and group conversations.

[Discovery Mission VBS](#), a new vocations-themed summer program for kids ages 4-12. God is Good VBS mission: to provide authentically Catholic catechesis. Teamed up with Vianney Vocations, a company with expertise in vocation ministry. Director's Kit \$229; order by January 20 and receive 15% off. Call 952-290-0483

God is Good publishes Catholic vacation bible school curricula.

COR Project (*Theology of the Body*) Coming to Fond du Lac February 25



The COR Project, whose mission is to *equip men and women to learn, live, and share the beauty of the divine plan for human life, love, and sexuality in a new evangelization*, is holding a seminar on Saturday, Feb 25 @ Sacred Heart Church in Fond du lac from 8:30-3:30. Tickets are \$15 a piece if purchased online before hand, and if you buy 4 you get one free. Michelle Wagnitz, Middle School Religion Teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, De Pere, is planning on attending, and would welcome anyone who would like to join her.

Read more about the [COR Project](#)

Contact [Michelle Wagnitz](#)

Scripture from Mount Sinai to Mount Calvary; the divine love story of God and Israel, and Christ and his bride.

The book *Jesus the Bridegroom* (by Brant Pitre, copyright 2014, 199 pages) is required reading for this course (completely or at least partially, prior to first session, please).

Presenters: Sr. Jacqueline Spaniola, OSF and Rev. James Massart.

Tuesdays: 4:30-6:30 pm
March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4
Diocesan Campus, Green Bay

No fee to attend, but registration required; please e-mail: cfountain@gbdioc.org.

Host an Ongoing Formation Class in 2017

Suitable as Parish Adult Faith Formation, too!



Integrating Science and Christianity is a course to assist in understanding and teaching the fullness of both science and Christianity. Our pursuit of truth will bring together both the objective truths of nature discovered by science and the spiritual truths taught by Jesus.

Topics include: problems with making science a religion; limits of science, physics, cosmology, evolution; human origin; purpose; beauty; and errors arguing for a conflict between science and Christianity. The instructor, Warren Johnson, has a PhD in Biochemistry and many years experience teaching university science courses. The textbook for this course is: Baglow, Christopher T., *Faith Science & Reason*, Midwest Theological Forum, Woodridge, IL, 2012.

The course is conducted over five, 2-hour sessions, and Dr. Johnson is willing to come to your location at no cost to lead the course.

[Ask Questions/Request Dates](#)

Note: Another option is to host an abbreviated, single 1-hour presentation (plus 30 minutes for questions) of *Science & Christianity*. No books or handouts required. Suitable for students in grades 6 and up as well as adults. Use button above to ask about scheduling this option.

Scheduled so far (contact host parish for details):

5 Sessions	St. Therese	Stangelville	3/13-4/10/17
5 Sessions	St. Thomas	Luxemburg	9/28-10/26/17
Single Presentation	Prince of Peace	Green Bay	2/1/17; 7pm
Single Presentation	St. Isidore	Tisch Mills	2/8/17; 7pm
Single	St. Nicholas	Freedom	3/15/17;

Lenten Resources from Catholic Foundation



Our faith calls us to build a culture of missionary disciples. We hear this call clearly throughout the Gospel and we see it reflected in Pope Francis' daily example.

CRS Rice Bowl provides free resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families and school communities, while continuing to connect Catholics in our Diocese with our brothers and sisters in need around the world.

Read [Letter with Links](#) to these free-of-charge materials (available in English and Spanish).

For more information, contact
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Presentation			6:30pm
Single Presentation	St. Joseph	Green Bay	3/29/17; 5:30pm

Open Confirmation Retreats

One Option Remains



Sunday, March 19th
9am-5pm
\$34 per person - includes lunch

Visit www.spiritusministries.org

Catechetical Leadership Day in March: RE Accreditation Informational Meeting

What does a great Religious Education program look like? The accreditation process uses a team of people from within the Diocese to affirm, encourage, and challenge parishes to **evangelize with enthusiasm, pray with intentionality, and catechize with truth and charity** according to the Diocesan Quality



St. Isidore the Farmer Parish Rel. Educ. program, Tisch Mills, was accredited in 2015.

Indicators. The Diocesan Quality Indicators highlight 12 general areas and corresponding sub-points which outline what a great program looks like. The accreditation members visit the parish and affirm and challenge them using the Diocesan Quality Indicators as a basic rubric.

Come to this informational meeting to learn the benefits and the process of accreditation. This meeting is the **required first step** in the accreditation process. All interested parties are invited (Pastors, DRE's, Board Members, RE support staff). This meeting will be repeated in November 2017 and then once again in March of 2018.

Thursday, March 16, 2017; 9am-11:30am
Bona Hall, Diocesan Campus

No fee to attend, but [registration](#) required.

Wondering Who to Contact within the Education Department?

Click [HERE](#) for a handy chart of staff responsibilities, and direct your next question precisely to the person who can

answer it for you!



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