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Newsletter

Here in the archdiocesan offices, we recently re-aligned our services and created the “[Office of Evangelization & Catechesis](#).” In doing so, we aim to be more coordinated in accompanying you as you accompany those you serve. As part of this, we will coordinate our communications with you. Early in the month, Jennifer and I will continue to send you an e-newsletter, renamed “Let the Children Come” to indicate a focus on catechesis for children and their parents. Other offices relevant to your particular areas of ministry may also send you a monthly email. Later in the

month, you will receive an Evangelization and Catechesis newsletter, a shared communication from Pete Burds and the whole team.

Affirming Parents

Back on Catechetical Sunday, Dr. Kathie Amidei wrote a column to parents in the St Anthony on the Lake Parish bulletin. In her message, she encourages parents and shares research on the irreplaceable role that parents play in the faith life of their children. She ends by reminding parents they are not alone: “Know that we — your Church, school, faith formation, catechists, teachers, pastor — are cheering you on and supporting you in any way we can.”

[Dr. Kathie’s letter was reprinted online by the Catholic Herald.](#)

Perhaps her words can serve as inspiration for some of your communications with parents.

Upcoming Events

Family Perspectives

Friday Oct 29, 2021

9am - 3pm

Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, Milwaukee

We all know how important family is to the faith development of our young people. But what can we do about it? Family Perspectives offers a Training Day and Individual Parish Consultation to help you enhance your ministry with families in your parish.

This is more than a workshop. Yes, there is a day of training. But it does not end there. After the training, each parish will receive follow-up consultation – with you, your staff, your committee, or your parents – so that you can put in place plans to better engage the families in your specific setting. To find out more and to register, [click here](#).

Office of Evangelization & Catechesis News

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus offers a week-long, parish-based summer youth mission for students in grades 1-12. Four college-age missionaries teach and facilitate a program of catechesis, prayer, and fun for parish youth. The program is split into two parts: a day program for children in grades 1-6 and an

evening program for teens in grades 7-12. Totus Tuus places a particular emphasis on Marian devotion and devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist. In addition to fun skits, songs, and games, Totus Tuus also features daily Mass and Reconciliation for the day program, and Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and Night Prayer for the teen program.

Parish requests for hosting a Totus Tuus team in summer 2022 are currently being accepted! Learn more by downloading the Parish Guide and Parish Request form at <https://www.archmil.org/totustuus>. Forms for priority scheduling are due with deposits by October 22.

GalileeU

GalileeU is an opportunity for you (and/or for you to invite others) to dive deeper in how to know, live, and share the Catholic faith. GalileeU provides tools and training for ordinary Catholics who are seeking to live an extraordinary faith and to share Christ's love with those around them. [Learn More](#)

Archdiocese News

Coordinating Volunteers – Virtual Training

The Dignity of the Human Person office offers **virtual trainings on volunteer coordinating and managing** featuring Jessica Brandt, Volunteer Coordinator for Catholic Charities and Vice President of the Association of Volunteer Managers chapter in the Milwaukee metro area. Jessica will be leading three online sessions, each lasting one hour:

Wednesday October 13 at 11 a.m. Central

Session 1: Intro, Recruiting (includes applications and data management best practices)

Wednesday October 27 at 11 a.m. Central

Session 2: Training and Onboarding

Wednesday November 10 at 11 a.m. Central

Session 3: Recognition, Retention & Tracking success (delegating tasks/ “promoting” volunteers)

Online registration is available here <https://archmil.regfox.com/volunteer-management-training>

Questions? Contact Rob Shelledy, *Director Dignity of the Human Person and Coordinator Social Justice Ministry* shelledyr@archmil.org

Did you know?

As a parish employee – if your parish participates in the St Raphael Health Plan – you have access to the OPTUM **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**. You are eligible, even if you yourself do not have insurance through the St. Raphael Plan. The EAP offers help with stress, anxiety, depression, parenting and family needs, workplace concerns, sleep issues, substance abuse, financial and legal advice, and more. You are eligible for up to three visits per plan year (i.e., July 1 through June 30) at no cost to you.

Access to the OPTUM EAP Program is easy, confidential, and available 24 hours a day. Call **866-248-4094** or log on to **liveandworkwell.com**. The access code is **straphael**.

From Our Friends



Mareda, the association of Catholic Catechetical Leaders in the archdiocese, invites you to join. Read [letter](#) from Taylor Baar. [Membership Page](#)

Upcoming Events:

A New General Directory for Catechesis (Presented By Dr. Joseph White)

Wednesday, November 10th at 9am

2020 brought us a new document to guide catechesis in the universal Church. This session will explore why catechetical documents are important, and will discuss some key points from the new general directory, encouraging participants to reflect on how the new document can help to shape our ministry now and in the future. This event is free to current Mareda members. Cost for non-members is \$10. [Register Now](#)

An Advent Vietnamese Encounter

Wednesday, December 10, 2021
St Martin of Tours Parish, Franklin

Join us for a cultural Advent experience and learn about the traditions of the Vietnamese parishioners of St. Martin of Tours. We are invited to begin the sessions with the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours with the 8:30am Daily Mass. This event is free to current Mareda members. Cost for non-members is \$10. [Register Now](#)

Resources

Textbook and Material Exchange

At this time of year, some parishes change resources in their programs, and so have leftovers they would like to pass on to another parish. To help make connections, we will include a section in the next few newsletters where catechetical leaders can briefly post materials (only current resources please). If interested, just contact the individual listed. If you have something to pass on to others, please email [Jennifer](#).

Finding God (Loyola Press, 2013 Edition)

A LOT of catechist manuals and a few workbooks.

Contact: Jeanette Lambrecht, jlambrecht@stme.church, 414-964-8780 x128
St Eugene, Whitefish Bay and St Monica,

Encounter Christ for First Reconciliation and First Communion (Our Sunday Visitor)

Mostly parent guides and a few student workbooks.

Contact: Julie Braun, jbrown@wbparishes.org, 262-338-2366 ext 114
Saint Frances Cabrini and Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception, West Bend

We Believe (Sadlier)

Many different grade levels & editions of student workbooks and catechist guides.

Contact: Carol Daun, cdaun@stmattoc.org, 414-762-4200 ext. 13
St. Matthew Parish, Oak Creek

Blest Are We (Sadlier)

Grade 1 & 3 Student workbooks & Catechist Guides

Contact: Carol Daun, cdaun@stmattoc.org, 414-762-4200 ext. 13
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Eucharist & Reconciliations Books (RCL Benzinger)

Student work books & Catechist Guides

Contact: Carol Daun, cdaun@stmattoc.org, 414-762-4200 ext. 13
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Formation Resources

Discover free-of-charge resources to supplement or enhance your lessons. Videos, lesson plans and other resources have been vetted by our review team, and are listed by general topic and by age group. Visit: <https://www.archmil.org/Catechesis/Technology/Formation-Resources.htm>

Do you have a favorite resource to share? Send us your suggestions under "Submit a Resource."

Save the Date

Family Perspectives II – Launching & Strengthening a Family Faith Formation Program

Tuesday Nov 30, 2021 (10am-2pm)

Practical guidance on beginning or improving a family faith formation program, designing the four key components and integrating them in an effective program.

Family Focus: Preparing for the Triduum

Thursday Jan 6, 2022 (10am-12pm)

Practical workshop to help a parish design a family program to introduce children and parents to the Triduum, the explore the symbols and central teachings of the faith, and to encourage them to attend the Triduum liturgies.

Family Focus: Making Intergenerational Sessions Work

Tuesday Feb 24, 2022 (10am - 11:30am)

Workshop on an essential but challenging component of family faith formation, the intergenerational activity.

Family Focus: Scripture and Catholic Families

Tuesday March 8, 2022 (1pm-2:30pm)

Presentation of familiarizing parents and kids with the Bible, strategies to help them read and encounter the Scriptures, and family-friendly resources.

Family Focus: Ministry with Young Families

Thursday May 5, 2022 (10am-11:30 am)

Explore how to connect with parents of children from baptism to school age. Strategies include baptism follow-up, serving toddler's families, non-gathered connections, pre-school ministry, inviting young families to Mass, and parenting resources.

Deanery & District Meetings

- **Racine County (RADRE)** - Tuesday, October 19, 11:30am at St. Rita, Racine
- **Milwaukee SW/SE** - Tuesday, October 19, 10:30am at St. Matthias, Milwaukee
- **Washington County (district 6)** - Thursday, October 21, 1pm at Holy Angels, West Bend
- **Sheboygan County / SCORE** – Tuesday, November 2, 10am at Ss Cyril & Methodius, Sheboygan.
- **Dodge County (District 7)** – Thursday, November 18, 3:30pm at Shepherd of the Hills, Eden

Job Openings

Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry - St. Charles Borromeo, Milwaukee

Coordinator of Child and Family Ministry Pre-K - Grade 5 - St. Joseph, Big Bend

To see all job listings in the Archdiocese,
visit the **[Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Career Page](#)**.

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