

In This Issue

- Event Calendar
- Season of Mercy
- Comings and Goings
- Archdiocesan Youth Events
- Online Resources
- Confirmation 2010
- Youth Opportunities
- Programs for DREs & DYMs
- Catechist Formation
- Catholic VBS Programs
- District Meetings

Archdiocesan Events

- Feb 19 Introduction to Theology of the Body
- Mar 20 Catholic Boy Scout Emblem Counselor Training
- Apr 10 'Lord Have Mercy' Conference
- Apr 29 Spring Gathering of DREs and DYMs
- May 14 & 15 Faith-a-Thon at TYME OUT

Other Events

- March 3 Connect, Awaken, Share Mareda Gathering
- March 9 Youth Minister Gathering, Oconomowoc
- March 27 Wisconsin Catholic Youth Conference
- April 15 Wisconsin Adult Faith Formation leader Day, Green Bay
- Apr 19-22 NCCL Conference, Las Vegas

Office of Catechesis & Youth Ministry Newsletter

February 19, 2010

Season of Mercy

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee began its observance of a Season of Mercy with the beginning of Lent. This is a time to reflect on the love and mercy of God and to renew our appreciation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For events and resource links visit page 2.

Archbishop Listecki

Archbishop Jerome Listecki was installed as Archbishop of Milwaukee last month on January 4. Since then, he has been getting to know the people and ministries of the archdiocese through diverse events and several regional Masses. During Lent, as he continues to become familiar with the local church, he will preside at 15 district Reconciliation Services.

Archbishop Listecki will meet with catechetical leaders at the Spring Gathering for DREs/DYMs on Thursday, April 29, 2010. Youth ministers and DREs, mark your calendar and watch for details.

Prayer for Haiti

We continue to pray for the people of Haiti since the earthquake devastated their land on January 12. Aid efforts continue. For information about Archdiocese of Milwaukee efforts, visit: <http://www.archmil.org/offices/world-mission.htm>

*For the Haitian people, that help comes quickly
and comfort comes to those who hurt...*

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the lost, that they are found and reunited with their loved ones...

Lord, hear our prayer

*For relief workers, that they have the tools they need,
and the courage and strength to respond fully.*

Lord, hear our prayer.

*For the families in Haiti and in the United States
who are waiting to hear from loved ones...*

Lord, hear our prayer

*For those who have perished, may their souls rest with you, O Lord,
where they will find eternal love. Amen.*

- Apostleship of Prayer

For other online prayer resources for Haiti, see page 3.

Archdiocesan Events & Resources

Season of Mercy

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is observing a Season of Mercy during Lent 2010, a time to reflect on the love and mercy of God and to renew our appreciation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For event information and resources, visit: <http://www.johnpaul2center.org> and click on the Season of Mercy logo.



You will find **resources in English and Spanish:**

Christ Have Mercy Parish Retreat developed by Bill Huebsch for the Archdiocese to use during the Season of Mercy or any other time of the year. All materials available online.

Faith Formation Resources include:

- Prayer Cards
- 7 FAQs about Children and the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Examination of Conscience for High School Teens
- Examinations of Conscience for children and for parents
- Links to Church documents on Penance and Reconciliation
- Online videos showing "How to celebrate the Sacrament"
- And more...

Visit: <http://www.johnpaul2center.org/LayFormation/SeasonofMercy/SeasonofMercyFaithFormationRes.htm>

Season of Mercy Events include:

“Lord Have Mercy” Conference – Saturday, April 10, 2010 at St. Jerome Parish, Oconomowoc
Featured presenters: Dr. Scott Hahn and Matthew Kelly – this one day conference following Easter will help people reflect on how they can continue to integrate forgiveness, reconciliation, and mercy in their lives even beyond the *Season of Mercy*.

District Reconciliation Services – all 15 districts of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are offering a Reconciliation Service which will be led by Archbishop Jerome Listecky.

40 Days in the Desert – a Lenten speaker series for young adults, married and single in their 20’s and 30’s throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Mass of Healing for Separated & Divorced with Bishop Sklba – Saturday, February 27 – 7:00 pm at St. Mary Parish, Hales Corners

COMINGS & GOINGS

We continue to share news of new catechetical leaders in parishes of the archdiocese.

Sr. Judene Studer, SSND has been serving as Director of Lifelong Christian Formation at Blessed Savior Parish, Milwaukee, since last summer.

Mary Sue Reutebuch is the new Faith Formation Director at St. Patrick Parish in Whitewater.



**May your souls be nourished and your efforts bear fruit
as you serve God's people in your new ministries.**

Online Resources

Lenten Resources

See our links to Lent Resources at <http://www.johnpaul2center.org/Catechesis/Links/Lent.htm>

Prayer Resources for Haiti

Catholic Relief Services offers several prayer services:

Prayer Service: A New Heaven and New Earth (Leader's Guide)

<http://education.crs.org/resources/haiti-leader-guide.pdf>

Prayer Service: A New Heaven and New Earth (Handout)

<http://education.crs.org/resources/haiti-handout.pdf>

Lesson Plan for Middle and High School: Challenges and Hope in Haiti

<http://education.crs.org/resources/haiti-lesson-plan.pdf>

The Daughters of St. Paul offer a FREE e-prayerbook: A World on Its Knees: Praying for and with our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Visit <http://www.pauline.org/> and click on the "World on its Knees" graphic to download the PDF.

NFCYM offers youth resources for donations to and prayer for Haiti. Visit <http://www.nfcym.org/> for news items, prayer services, a lesson plan, and links.

Archdiocesan Youth Programs

FAITH-A-THON

The **TYME OUT Youth Ministry Center** and the archdiocesan **Office of Catechesis & Youth Ministry** invite your **6th, 7th and 8th grade youth** to take part in the 2010 Faith-A-Thon.

Friday May 14, 2010
8:30am – 2:00pm

or **Saturday May 15, 2010**
8:30am – 2:00pm

This is a great opportunity for young people learn the basic 'facts' of their faith in a fun and engaging way. The FAITH-A-THON consists of a series of games on the commandments, sacraments, scripture, doctrine, church history, saints, popes, etc. with questions based on the curriculum of the various religion textbooks used in archdiocesan schools and religious education programs. Teams will rotate to different games every twenty minutes, competing for the most points that day.

Details and registration: <http://www.tymeout.org/docs/faith-a-thon.pdf>

For more information about this great event contact Marc Puechner, Faith-A-Thon Coordinator, at 262-966-1800 or youth@tymeout.org.

FAITH-A-THON Scholarships Available

The Office of Catechesis and Youth Ministry offers financial assistance to help parishes or schools participate in FAITH-A-THON. Just ask! This covers the registration fee for a parish/school who could not participate without assistance. Contact Gary Pokorny at (414)758-2242 or pokornyg@archmil.org.

Reach Out Reach In July 25-30, 2010

Reach Out Reach In is an archdiocesan program that invites high school youth to a week of transformation and conversion as they serve and experience solidarity with those in need through simple living. We hope that you will consider offering this opportunity to the youth of your parish, and you (or another adult) are welcome to join your youth for this week of service, prayer and solidarity. Flyer and registration information can be found at:

<http://www.johnpaul2center.org/Catechesis/YouthMinistry/RORI.htm>.



Confirmation 2010



2010 Confirmation Schedule for Parishes

The schedule of confirmations is now available on the new website at:

<http://www.archmil.org/News/2010-Confirmation-Schedule.htm>

Confirmation Liturgy Planning

The packet for planning for Confirmation with a Bishop is available at:

<http://www.archmil.org/Resources/ConfirmationPacketforLiturgywithaBishop.htm>

Adult Confirmation

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for adults at: Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist at 2:00 PM on May 16, 2010.

If your parish has adult candidates and is interested in celebrating at the Cathedral, please visit <http://www.archmil.org/Archdiocese-Events/Rite-of-Confirmation-Liturgy-Adults.htm>.

Catholic Scouts

Religious Emblems Counselor Training

Would you like to help scouts deepen their faith and explore vocations in the church? The Roman Catholic religious emblems program is designed to help scouts do both. If you are interested, we are offering counselor training.

Saturday, March 20, 2010
Milwaukee County Council, BSA
330 South 84 Street, Milwaukee, WI 53214-1468

Registration at 8:45 a.m. / Class from 9:00 to 12:00 noon

There is no cost for the training. Advanced registration preferred so trainers can plan accordingly.

To sign up for the training contact Mike Moegenburg at mccos@charter.net.

Opportunities for Youth

Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally

March 27, 2010
9:45 am - 9:00 pm

Mount Mary College
2900 N. Menomonee River Pkwy
Milwaukee, WI 53222



The WCYR is a powerful, prayerful, day-long worship experience with Catholic youth from all over Wisconsin and the Midwest.

Open to all 9th - 12th grade students and adult leaders
(Must be registered with at least one adult, 21 years or older.)
Register now! \$25/person – includes 2 meals by March 15th
\$30 March 16th - 26th - \$35 at the door

For More Info visit: www.wyreministries.org

World Youth Day 2011

The next World Youth Day will held August 15-21, 2011 in Madrid, Spain.

The John Paul II Center is beginning to plan a Young Adult (college age thru age 39) trip to World Youth Day 2011. For more info:

<http://www.livingourfaith.net/home/WorldYouthDay2011.htm>.

TYME OUT Youth Ministry Center (www.tymeout.org) will coordinate a **trip for high school aged youth**. Please contact Margie Lang for more information 262-966-1800 or margie@tymeout.org.



Alternate Confirmation Retreat



Sometimes a confirmation candidate is not able to attend their own parish's confirmation retreat. The TYME OUT Youth Ministry Center wants these youth to have a good retreat experience, either with another parish, or on one of their special retreats. The Center offers retreats especially for these individual retreatants: April 16-18, 2010

To make arrangements, contact Margie Lang at (262) 966-1800 or youth@tymeout.org.



NCYC Downloads

Youth ministry leaders and NCYC participants can view portions of conference sessions or purchase full downloads of sessions and music at My Catholic Voice.

Visit: <http://www.mycatholicvoice.com/search?query=ncyc2009gensessionvid>

National Catholic Youth Choir

The National Catholic Youth Choir is seeking singers for summer 2010.

Who: Catholics entering grades 10, 11, and 12

Where: Saint John's Abbey and University, Collegeville, MN

When: Camp and Tour — June 15-29, 2010

Cost: \$900, scholarships available

Application/Audition Materials due March 8, 2010

Application/audition materials online: www.CatholicYouthChoir.org



Programs for Ministry Leaders

Mareda Events

Connect, Awaken, Share: Help Parents Pass On a Living Faith

With Tom McGrath and Joellyn Cicciarelli, Loyola Press

Wednesday March 3, 2010

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

St. Mary Parish, Waukesha

This two-hour professional development event will model innovative ideas and experiences that will energize parents and help them become active participants in their children's faith formation. Lunch is included and will immediately follow our meeting.

Non-Members \$10

Registration at www.mareda.org

Playing with Your Ministry

with Dennis Kurtz, St. Mary's Press

Monday, April 12, 2010

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

St. James Parish, Franklin

Having problems getting your youth excited about the Catholic faith? Dennis will demonstrate the many different ways we can reach the youth of our Faith Formation programs and still have LOTS of fun doing it!

Non-Members only \$10

Registration at www.mareda.org

Gatherings for Youth Ministers

WYRE Minsitries continues to host monthly gatherings for prayer and mutual support. The next gathering will be March 9th from 10-12 at the Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc. The group will share prayer and fellowship, and a free lunch after for anyone who can stay. If you are interested, please RSVP to Dave Braun at dbraunym@hotmail.com.

NCCL 2010 Annual Conference

April 18-22, 2010



The annual conference for the National Conference of Catechetical Leadership will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 19-22. This is a professional development conference for catechetical leaders. This year's theme: "An Oasis amidst Diversity." While it can appear there is a desert of values around us, catechetical leaders know that the doctrines and traditions of the Catholic Church, shaped by diverse cultures, are an oasis

that can quench the thirst of those seeking conversion. Program and registration information available at: <http://www.nccl.us/>.

Vibrant Faith

"Vibrant Faith" is a day-long training event designed to invigorate and enliven your parish ministry. Hosted by catechetical leaders and parishes in the Green Bay area, it will take place:

Thursday, February 25, 2010

9:00am-4:00pm

Norbertine Center for Spirituality

St. Norbert Abbey 1016 N. Broadway,

De Pere, WI 54115

This event will feature Dr. Paul Hill of Vibrant Faith Ministries (VibrantFaith.org); and John Roberto, director of Lifelong Faith Associates (lifelongfaith.com).

Statewide Adult Faith Formation Leadership Day

"Drink to the Thirsty" is the theme for the gathering of adult formation professionals and volunteers from around the state of Wisconsin. It is sponsored by the Diocese of Green Bay and adult faith formation leaders statewide.

Thursday, April 15

8:30 a.m. (Mass -- First session 9:30) to 3:30 p.m

Bishop Wycislo Center (St. Francis Xavier Cathedral), 139 S. Madison St., Green Bay

Cost: \$20 (includes refreshments, lunch, and all materials)

Details and registration at:

<http://www.gbdioc.org/adult-faith-formation/drink-to-the-thirsty-leadership-day.html>.

Catechist Formation Opportunities

Dist 3 - Walworth & Western Racine, Kenosha Counties BASIC Religious Education Certification Program

St. Alphonsus, New Munster
2nd Saturday of the Month
8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

For more information, contact: **Sandi Schmitt** at schmitts@archmil.org

* * * * *

District 12 – NW Milwaukee County Forming the Catechetical Spirit BASIC Religious Education Certification Program

2nd Saturday of the Month (mostly!) 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

*August & April 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., lunch included

St. Therese Parish

9525 W. Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee

Contact: **Liz Kuhn, (414) 258-2604 x33**, kuhl@christkingparish.org

* * * * *

Theology by the Lake, Winter 2010

Siena Center, 5635 Erie, Racine, WI 53402

Course: Faith for Our Lives and Times

Thursdays every other week, 6:30-8:30, plus closing Integrating Retreat. Remaining sessions:

Mar 4 Contemplation: Encounter with the Living God "Lord, teach us to pray."

Mar 18 Compassion: Extravagant Mercy "Jesus wept."

Apr 8 Commission: Preaching the Good News "Go to all nations"

April 17 Retreat day - Commitment: "Lord, you know that I love you."

20 clock hours, Theology, B/I/A – more advanced levels include additional application assignment.

Half funding from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for those who work with children or teens.

Cost: \$180 per course (\$90 with an Archdiocesan form from DRE).

Registration: S. Rita Lui 262-639-4100 x 1230 About the class: S. Miriam Brown, x 1244

* * * * *

Pentecost Mission

Sponsored by the St. Clare Center, the Pentecost Mission is a basic religious education program for adults. It provides excellent classes in Scripture and Theology, appropriate for catechist formation (3 clock hours per session). Classes are held on Saturday mornings, and are offered in English and in Spanish. For schedule, topics and registration, download a flyer:

<http://www.johnpaul2center.org/LayFormation/PentecostMission.htm>

CATHOLIC SUMMER VBS

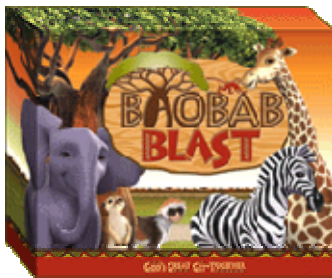
During the cool months of the year, parishes are planning activities for the warmest months – summer Vacation Bible School or Catholic Kids Camps. It is good to see that there are several publishers who offer Catholic programs or Catholic supplements to their VBS programs. Here are a few:

Growing with the Saints offers four Catholic Kids Camp programs :

***Parade Around the Our Father,
Set Sail with the Holy Three!,
Parachute with the Angels!
Around the World in 5 Days!***



Visit www.growingwiththesaints.com.



Our Sunday Visitor offers ***Baobab Blast*** an invitation to be a part of God's Great Get-Together. Produced in cooperation with Augsburg Fortress. Visit <http://www.thecatholicvbsplace.org/>

Liguori Publications presents ***SonQuest Rainforest***

Visit: <http://www.liguori.org/vbs/>



Harcourt Religion Publishers teams up with Group to offer a Catholic version of the new ***High Seas Expedition***. Take a look at: <http://your.harcourtreligion.com/vbs/index.html>

They still support ***Crocodile Rock***



District DRE/DYM Meetings:

Directors of Religious Education and Youth Ministry are strongly encouraged to attend their respective District DRE/DYM meetings that take place monthly throughout the Archdiocese. Important: If your district has scheduled meetings beyond those printed below, please contact Bonnie Bresnahan at (414) 758-2240, or bresnahanb@archmil.org so they can be included in subsequent newsletters. Thank you for your cooperation! (Updated: 2/19/2010)

<p>District 1 (Kenosha County)</p> <p>K.A.R.E. Group Contact: Colleen Reddy (262) 656-7362 or delaneyj@archmil.org</p>	<p>District 8 (Fond du Lac County)</p> <p>Tuesday, March 16, 1:15 p.m. at Holy Cross, Mount Calvary Contact Person: Terese Markl (920) 324-5400 ext. 25 or childfam@stjoeschurch.org</p>
<p>District 2 RADRE (Racine County)</p> <p>Monday, March 15, 9:00 a.m. at St. Patrick, Racine Contact Person: Susan Gehrig (262) 633-9005 or gehrigs@archmil.org</p>	<p>District 9 (Sheboygan County)</p> <p>Contact Person: Barb Leonhardt (920) 452-2759 or leonhardt@archmil.org</p>
<p>District 3 (Walworth County)</p> <p>Thursday, March 18, 10:00 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine, Union Grove Contact Person: Anne Trautner (262) 248-8526 or rep@stfrancislg.com</p>	<p>District 10 (Ozaukee County)</p> <p>Tuesday, March 9, 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph, Grafton Contact Person: Terry Mahler (920) 994-8033 or mahlert@archmil.org</p>
<p>Districts 4/5 (Waukesha County)</p> <p>DREs: Thursday, March 18, 9:30 a.m. at St. Luke, Brookfield DYMs: Monday, February 22, 9:30 a.m. at St. William, Waukesha <i>DRE Contact Person:</i> Kay Hokans (262) 547-2763 ext. 206 or khokans.cf@tds.net <i>DYM Contact Person:</i> Deb Olla (262) 783-4248 or debbie.olla@stdominic.net</p>	<p>District 12 (Milwaukee County North, Northwest, West)</p> <p>Contact Person: Liz Kuhn (414) 258-2604 ext. 33 or kuhn@christkingparish.org</p>
<p>District 6 (Washington County)</p> <p>Contact Person: Maureen Mitchell (262) 628-1141 or mmitchell@sgabrielp.org</p>	<p>District 13 (Milwaukee County East, Central, North Shore)</p> <p>Contact Person: Rita Capriolo (414) 918-1131 or capriolor@archmil.org</p>
<p>District 7 (Dodge County)</p> <p>Thursday, April 22, 9:00 a.m., District 7 & 8 Day of Reflection in Fond du Lac Contact Person: Bill Thimm (920) 485-0694 or wjtsheart@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>Districts 14/15/16 (Milwaukee County South, Southwest)</p> <p>DRES: DYMs: DRE Contact Person: Jim Beuscher (414) 425-3101 or beuscherj@stmaryhc.org DYM Contact Person: Carol Fischer (414) 421-0690 or carol@st-alphonsus.org</p>