





## AROUND OUR PARISHES & COMMUNITY

### OCIA Beginning Soon!

#### at Blessed Sacrament

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW SEARCHING FOR...

- A deeper relationship with God?
- A sense of belonging in a faith community?
- A greater understanding of your mission in life?

HAVE YOU BEEN CURIOUS...

- What Catholics actually believe?
- Why Catholics do what we do at Mass?

ALREADY CATHOLIC...?

- Invite someone you know who may be interested and accompany them on their journey.

Get answers to all of your questions about the Catholic faith; Our "no strings" inquiry program is starting soon. Contact the office for more information.

#### at Roncalli Newman

Have you or do you know someone that has wondered why we do what we do as Roman Catholics? Why the Holy Water? What are the Seven Sacraments and how are they effective? How does bread become the Body of Christ, wine the Blood of Christ?

Come and See at Roncalli Newman Parish! The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) has two Come and See gatherings: 11 or 18 September, from 7pm until 8pm. Our first OCIA Class will be 25 September. We meet every Wednesday from 7pm until 8:30pm through 16 April following the UWL Class Schedule. No UWL classes, no OCIA. Questions? Please call Deacon Dave Belland at 608-769-4423 or email him at [dbelland@newmanlc.org](mailto:dbelland@newmanlc.org).

#### Families with 2nd Graders Preparing to Receive the Sacraments

All families with 2nd graders who attend Public School, Private School or who Home School should have been contacted by Kristin Johnson in regards to the Sacramental Preparation Program. If were not contacted via email or regular mail please contact Kristin at [kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org) or 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

4:30pm BSP +Kevin Ritter

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9am BSP +Mike Schuh

11am RNC +Jack Niedfeldt

8:30pm RNC

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8am BSP +Dr Mark Connely

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

NO 8AM MASS AT BSP

5:15pm RNC +Fr. Evans

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8am BSP +Janet Duffy (SCHOOL MASS)

NO NOON MASS AT RNC

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8am BSP +60th Wedding Anniversary of Florence and Lloyd Koenig

7pm RNC Souls in Purgatory

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8am BSP +Mary Sue Finn

NO NOON MASS AT RNC

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

4:30pm BSP Deceased Members of the Richard & Sheila Steele Family

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9am BSP For the Intention of Barb Swieciak (40th Anniversary of Consecration)

11am RNC +Eleanor Gebhart

8:30pm RNC

#### In need of Catechists for Family Faith Formation

Our K-5th program needs the following volunteers for the upcoming year:

1st Grade Teacher

3rd Grade Teacher and Assistant

4th Grade Assistant

5th Grade Assistant

Commitment is two times/month on Wednesday evenings from approximately 5:00 pm-7:00 pm as well as some outside classroom time to prepare for the lessons and additional Catechist meetings throughout the year. Almost all materials and lesson plans are provided with plenty of support from the Director, Kristin.

What to help? Have questions? Contact Kristin at [kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org) or 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

#### Have you ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to be a priest?

Have you ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to be a priest? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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#### Stewardship of Treasure 08/25

BSP \$9,012 | RNC \$2,044

Thank you for your support!



## AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

### Voting as Catholics

What is a Catholic perspective on politics and voting? For resources, including materials from the bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) and the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCCB), visit [diolc.org/faithful-citizenship](http://diolc.org/faithful-citizenship) or scan the QR code to the right.



### Birthright Regional Conference | Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall | September 14

Our La Crosse Birthright chapter is hosting the annual Birthright Regional Conference, which includes the Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa chapters, on September 14, 2024, in La Crosse at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall.

We are inviting all who would like to join us for our Saturday program, which will feature three dynamic and life-affirming speakers. The conference is free. We will be serving lunch, for which we ask \$10 to cover that cost. Registrations are due by September 1, 2024. We hope you can join us!

### Come to Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 AM-2 PM | Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock:

Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it.

### Pro Life Wisconsin 2024 Love for Life Gala

Come out to Pro-Life Wisconsin's 2024 Love for Life Gala at the Brookfield Conference Center on Saturday September 14th we raise the funds to protect all human life! The gala will feature keynote speaker Seth Dillon, CEO of the Babylon Bee. Doors open at 5:00pm, cocktail hour with open bar, games, and raffle from 5:30-6:30pm, and 6:30pm dinner program followed by live auction and keynote. Register by Monday August 26th at [ProLifeWI.org/gala](http://ProLifeWI.org/gala) or call our office at 262-796-1111.



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married Couples

Marriage is a journey! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. The next weekends in our area are September 27-29 in Dubuque and Nov. 8-10 in Holstein. Call (563)920-9419 for more information or sign up at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

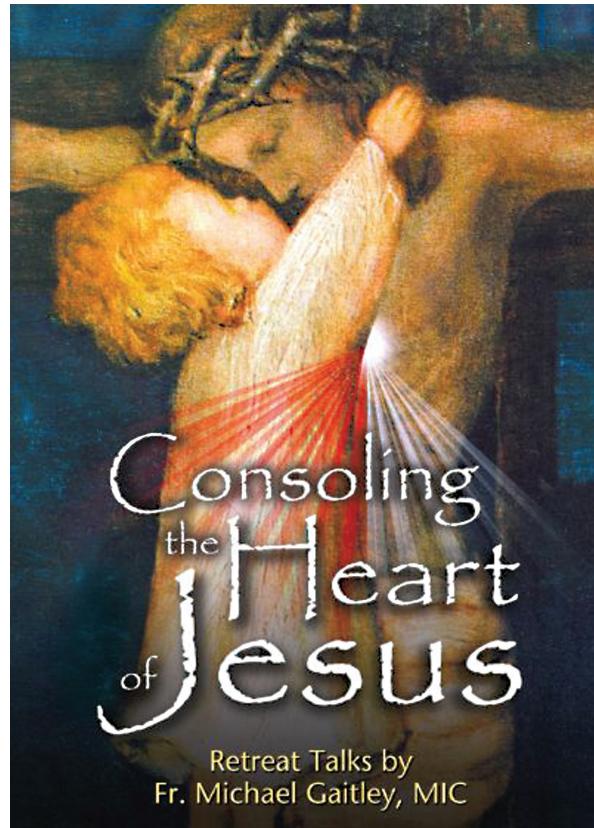
Join us for this Fall's  
10-week Religious Education  
Series Choice!

CLASSES BEGIN  
THE WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

Registration is required

The cost for the book and workbook is ~~\$30.00~~ \$20.00

Please Note: A generous donor has helped us  
to provide the class materials at reduced cost!



## An Ignatian Retreat Experience From the Comfort of Your Home

Join us as Fr. Gaitley helps to bring our relationship with Jesus from the head to the heart. We have spent a lot of time on programs that focus on "head knowledge" to help us confirm our belief in what the Catholic Church teaches. With Consoling the Heart of Jesus, we learn ways of living the Catholic faith on a daily basis and forming a relationship with Jesus, i.e. "heart knowledge". Based on the 14 rules of St. Ignatius, this program is an Ignatian retreat experience from the comfort of your home. Small group meetings allow you to connect with others and grow in faith and community. It is a life-changing program that is sure to be one of your all-time favorites.

Everyone is invited to join us!

In order to make this program more accessible, this class will be offered in multiple parishes. Each week you can go to the class that best fits your schedule.

You can sign up for this program

- at any of the participating parish offices
- after weekend Masses at many of the participating parishes
- online registration is available at [www.stpatsonalaska.com](http://www.stpatsonalaska.com)
- by contacting Amy Capelli at (608)783-0847 or [amy\\_capelli@charter.net](mailto:amy_capelli@charter.net)

RETURN LOWER PORTION (fill blanks and check boxes that apply)

- I need the class materials – Cash \_\_\_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
 I received the class materials at time of sign-up  
 I already have the class materials therefore no cost

Class materials will be available at the time of sign-up.

Or, when selecting your session preference please know this is where your *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* class materials will be for the first session. If you need your class materials at another location please let Amy Capelli know (608) 783-0847 or [amy\\_capelli@charter.net](mailto:amy_capelli@charter.net)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

### Classes Available to Attend:

<input type="checkbox"/> Mondays	6:30- 8:00 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament parish hall
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesdays	8:15- 9:45 a.m.	Mary, Mother of the Church parish hall
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesdays	9:00-10:30 a.m.	St. James the Less Murphy Hall (basement)
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesdays	6:30- 8:00 p.m.	St. Patrick's Onalaska church basement
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesdays	1:00- 2:30 p.m.	Holy Trinity Leo Hall
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursdays	9:15-10:45 a.m.	St. Patrick's Onalaska church basement
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursdays	6:00- 7:30 p.m.	Mary, Mother of the Church parish hall
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursdays	6:30- 8:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Holmen
<input type="checkbox"/> Fridays	10:30- Noon	Cathedral Undercroft (basement)
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturdays	9:00- 10:30 a.m.	Roncalli Newman basement
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Study Option		

Make checks payable to St. Patrick's Parish.

Submit registration and payment to any participating parish or to: St. Patrick's Parish, 1031 Main St. Onalaska, WI 54650, or contact Amy Capelli at (608) 783-0847 e-mail [amy\\_capelli@charter.net](mailto:amy_capelli@charter.net)

You are invited to:

2024 Fall Birthright Regional Conference

# Every Life Is Precious

Hosted by Birthright of La Crosse, Wisconsin

## SPEAKERS:

- **Vlad Mamaradlo**, Ontario, Canada, keynote speaker: Culture of Encounter.
- **Tracy Trussoni**, Director of Development for Safe Families: Serving Others.
- **Marie Allen and Jennifer Fisk**: Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

## CONFERENCE EVENTS: Saturday, Sept. 14

- Place: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Msgr. Anthony P. Wagener Parish Center, 130 Losey Blvd. South, La Crosse, WI.

10 a.m.–3:20 p.m. Speakers and Program

(Lunch will be served. Cost is \$10.) Check if having lunch

## REGISTRATION FOR SATURDAY PROGRAM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(If a group, please provide a registration form for each person in your group.)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks for lunch are payable to Birthright of La Crosse. Mail or email registrations by Sept. 1 to: Julie Dietz, 239 Elm St., La Crosse, WI 54603, julie.dietz@gmail.com, 608-797-0553. Questions? Contact Julie Dietz or Mona Craig at 608-799-9667, rccraig.8260@gmail.com.



**"WE WALK  
WITH OUR  
NEIGHBORS  
TO END HUNGER"**



## **Coulee Region Hunger Walk/Run/Bike**

*In-Person & Virtual*

Form teams or participate as individuals.

**In-Person:** Sunday, October 13, 1:30 PM at Myrick Park Main Shelter

**Virtual:** October 6-13: Submit your individual or team name  
to register at:  
[couleeregionhungerwalk.org](http://couleeregionhungerwalk.org)

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You might want to participate in person on October 13 & also virtually October 6-13.

*Proceeds to Hunger Task Force & WAFER Food Pantry & other non-profit food agencies,  
listed on website: [couleeregionhungerwalk.org](http://couleeregionhungerwalk.org)*

*Pledge Sheet: Call 608-385-5422, or website, [couleeregionhungerwalk.org](http://couleeregionhungerwalk.org)  
or email: [couleeregionhungerwalk@gmail.com](mailto:couleeregionhungerwalk@gmail.com)*

