

Since parish communities are not the same, the vocation teams work in conjunction with the local pastor or pastoral coordinator to plan and adopt activities which best fit the community and its needs.

On page 5 of this newsletter is a listing of some of the activities and events these vocation teams have already undertaken in the last few months. As these teams begin to build throughout the diocese so will the diversity of activities. Ultimately, it is God who calls; we are asked to listen faithfully and respond generously. The goal of the vocation teams is to help facilitate this process in any way they can. If you wish to become involved in your local vocation team, speak with your pastor, or contact us and we will put you in touch with your parish coordinator. Contact: Sr. Mary Ann Foggin at 517-342-2506 or [mfoggin@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:mfoggin@dioceseoflansing.org).



## VOCATION PROMOTION CAMPAIGN PHASE II

***Goal 4.4: Promote and support vocations to priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and the call to ecclesial lay ministry.***

The department of formation has begun Phase II of its vocation promotion campaign - Catholic Identity and Mission. Phase I consisted of setting aside eight weekends throughout the year to promote different vocations within the Church. Focus was given to the specified vocations through preaching, feature style bulletin inserts and general information provided by the formation department.

Phase II seeks to continue developing the “Vocations” theme of Catholic Identity and Mission by designating two weekends for the promotion of vocations. During Phase II we will be focusing on the missionary vocation, the weekend of Oct. 21-22, 2006. We will focus on priesthood the weekend of Jan. 13-14, 2007.



The major emphasis of Phase II, however, has been our work to establish a vocation team in each parish. The vocation team's first commitment is to pray for vocations 20 minutes to an hour each week. The individual teams are also asked to plan events or opportunities to increase parishioners' awareness of vocation and/or prayer for vocations.

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**PEN PAL MINISTRY**  
**Goal 5, Strategy A: Make the needs and independence of the poor and vulnerable a priority.**

The Restorative Justice Ministry is seeking individuals who are interested in writing to prisoners confined in the state prisons. This ministry involves writing a letter once a month to a prisoner who has expressed an interest in writing to someone outside of the prison. Before an inmate is allowed to write to a Pen Pal, they are asked to read and sign guidelines which ask them to pray daily and to commit to conducting their correspondence as a Christian friend. The letters are screened and sent through the Catholic Charities Office. Last names or addresses of the Pen Pals are not given to inmates. The Pen Pals are also given guidelines to follow. Currently, there are eleven prisoners waiting for a Pen Pal. The mission of the program is to provide spiritual and psychological support as well as friendship to men and women behind prison walls. Volunteers are encouraged to include some spiritual direction, counsel or inspiration in their letters as well as thoughts of friendship. Contact: Tim Metts, Office of Restorative Justice at 517-342-2495 or [tmetts@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:tmetts@dioceseoflansing.org).

**HOUSE BILL #4455:  
FAMILY-FRIENDLY  
JURY DUTY LEGISLATION**  
Michigan House Bill 4455 would permit parents and guardians who care for their children under the age of 4, at least 20 hours per week, during normal business hours, the right to postpone state court jury duty. Under current law in Michigan, mothers who breastfeed their children are not able to have an exemption or postponement to serve jury duty. Call: Pam Pilch at 313-271-1076 to find out how you can help this bill pass the Michigan House and Senate.

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES



## **CHRISTIANS CONCERNED ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS (CCMI) RETREAT DAY**

**Goal 1.1, Strategy B: Ensure every person will have a specific experience of being invited, welcomed and nurtured into the parish community.**

CCMI 2nd Annual Retreat will be held Wednesday, June 14, 2006 from 9:30am - 3:00pm at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Father Tom McDevitt will open with a presentation on "I Am With You Always". The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) group, "In Our Own Voice" will have a panel presentation and Q&A. Partial funding is from the Catholic Charities "Family Mini-Grant Program". RSVP by contacting: Joann Davis at 517-342-2497 or [jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org).

## **REGIONAL CAREGIVER/DISABILITY RETREAT DAY**

Regional Parish Advocates with Persons with disabilities and Ministry with Persons with disabilities will host a retreat day at St. John the Baptist Parish, Ypsilanti on Saturday, May 20, 2006 beginning at 2:00pm and ending with Mass at 5:00pm. RSVP by contacting: Joann Davis at 517-342-2497 or [jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org).

## **RELIGIOUS SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK**

**Goal 1.1, Strategy A: Form parish communities that welcome all persons into the social, educational and liturgical life of the community.**

This intensive program is designed for priests, deacons, seminarians, qualified working interpreters and Deaf lectors who read at Sunday liturgies. Participants will have an opportunity to learn how to convey religious concepts in American Sign Language. The instructors are among the country's best: Msgr. Glenn Nelson, Deacon Pat Graybill, Deacon Dave Sommers and Pam Sommers CI/CT. The program will be held at DeSales Center in Brooklyn, MI from July 23-28, 2006. Total cost is \$350. Contact: Rose Smith at 517-342-2532 or [smithroj@cablespeed.com](mailto:smithroj@cablespeed.com).

## **TOO HARD OF HEARING TO PARTICIPATE?**

**Goal 1.1, Strategy B: Ensure every person will have a specific experience of being invited, welcomed and nurtured into the parish community.**

Some people in our parishes experience hearing loss beyond what can be compensated by a hearing aid. Because our environment is becoming more noisy and people live longer, the number of people with significant hearing loss is on the rise. For many, an assistive listening device (ALD) is needed to allow them to participate. In a church, a permanently installed ALD works best. At meetings and smaller gatherings, a portable device may be adequate. Call: [Rose Smith](mailto:Rose Smith) at 517-342-2532.

## **NFP CLASSES IN THE SYMPTO-THERMAL METHOD**

**Goal 5, Strategy B: Offer educational tools that will assist individuals and families to integrate the principles of Catholic Social Teaching into their daily lives.**

- St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ann Arbor - 9:00am, beginning June 24 by Scott and Kasia Wright. Call: Mary Perrydore at 734-429-4530 to register.
  - St. John the Evangelist Parish in Davison - 10:00am, beginning June 24 by Frank and Lisa Kudwa. Call: the Kudwas at 810-653-8303 to register.
- Pre-registration is REQUIRED.

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES



## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

- Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 7:00pm, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Jackson
  - Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 7:00pm, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, East Lansing
  - Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 7:00pm, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Hamburg
  - Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at 7:00pm, St. Mary Parish, Westphalia
- Pre-registration is required. Contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or [nfp@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:nfp@dioceseoflansing.org).

## WANTED: TEACHERS & FACILITATORS

**Goal 5, Strategy B: Offer educational tools that will assist individuals and families to integrate the principles of Catholic Social Teaching into their daily lives.**

The Natural Family Planning Program offers a ministry opportunity for married couples who would like to learn how to teach NFP or become facilitators for an introductory course. Contact: NFP Program at 517-342-2587 or [nfp@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:nfp@dioceseoflansing.org).

## ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

St. Vincent Catholic Charities is happy to announce the **Thrive Club Program**. Board member and youth mentor, Colleen Reid, was the catalyst for securing funding through a grant from the Reid Family Foundation. Additional funding has been secured from the Capitol Region Community Foundation Youth Action Committee Fund.

The Thrive Club will assist teenage youth who are either residing at St. Vincent Home for Children or who are in their foster care program. Its goal is to help children learn how to seek out opportunities for themselves and to maximize their potential by effectively responding to opportunities they encounter each day. The youth will be encouraged to think independently about their lives and to gain the confidence of knowing they can achieve their goals by doing for themselves. Each participant will be given practical assignments to produce tools they can use once they age out of the foster care system. Approximately 40 teenage youth will be impacted by this program during 2006.

## ONE DIOCESE ONE BOOK

The Life Justice Office is sponsoring a diocesan-wide book club and anyone can be a member! As part of our immigration educational campaign we are reading a relevant book, **Enrique's Journey**. The story covers the trials of a 17-year old Honduran boy who attempts to reconnect with the mother who left him behind 11 years before, seeking a better life in the States. This book is a real page turner. There is a message board available for anyone in the book club to post their thoughts on each chapter. The club will continue throughout the summer until August 2006. The \$27.00 book is available for only \$10.00 to anyone in the diocese! Lansing Catholic High School has picked **Enrique's Journey** as their summer book and we hope to hear from the students. Contact: Colleen at 517-342-2560 or [candrews@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:candrews@dioceseoflansing.org).

## NFP CLASSES IN THE BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD

**Goal 5, Strategy B: Offer educational tools that will assist individuals and families to integrate the principles of Catholic Social Teaching into their daily lives.**

Maria Ansett will teach a four-part series course in the Billings Ovulation Method of NFP, beginning Thursday, May 18, 2006, 7:00pm at St. Anthony in Hillsdale. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Contact: Natural Family Planning Program at 517-342-2587 or [nfp@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:nfp@dioceseoflansing.org).

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES DAY

On Thursday, May 4, 2006, Bishop Carl Mengeling and the Department of Catholic Charities held the first annual diocesan Catholic Charities Day. Over 90 people including diocesan Charities staff, agency directors, agency board members and others were in attendance. The day began with Mass at 9:00am in St. Mary Cathedral. Bishop Mengeling celebrated the Mass and was joined by Fr. Larry Snyder (President of Catholic Charities USA), Msgr. Steven Raica, Msgr. Robert Lunsford and Msgr. George Michalek. Attendees spent the day in Madonna Hall listening to presentations related to the Church's mission and charitable works. Bishop Mengeling explored Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Deus Caritas Est (God is Love)*. Michael Andrews, Director of Catechesis, walked participants through the history of charitable works in the Church. Father Snyder provided the history and mission of Catholic Charities USA, including the response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Monsignor Lunsford used the afternoon to talk about the theological foundation of Catholic Charities, articulating what makes Catholic Charities different from other service providers.

# FORMATION

## ONGOING FORMATION DAY

May 12, 2006, with Father Robert S. Rivers, at Saint Agnes, Fowlerville, **has been cancelled**. Refunds have been sent to those who had paid registrations. Father Rivers suffered a stroke and is in physical therapy. Your prayers for his complete recovery are appreciated.

## SOCIAL FOR SENIOR PRIESTS

May 23 is the date for this annual social, sponsored by the Priestly Life and Ministry Committee, to be held at Bethany House, DeWitt. It is not too late to register!!! There is no fee for this event but you do need to pre-register so that proper arrangements can be made. Contact: Arlene at 517-342-2510 or [awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:awoelfel@dioceseoflansing.org). All priests are invited to attend as we honor our Senior priests and support each other in our ministry. The day will begin with Mass at 10:30am with Bishop Mengeling as celebrant. Priests are invited to bring their alb and stole to celebrate. At 11:30am, appetizers will be served followed by lunch at 12:15pm.

## GATHERING FOR NEWLY ORDAINED

On May 23 the Priestly Life and Ministry Committee is sponsoring a gathering for newly ordained (last 5 years) at Bethany House, DeWitt from 2:00 - 7:00pm.

Personal invitations and agenda for the time together will be sent to the 19 priests in this group. If you have questions regarding this event, contact: Father Karl Pung at 517-342-2509 or [kpung@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:kpung@dioceseoflansing.org).

# PASTORAL PLANNING

## SHARING THE WEALTH...

### “Wee Believers...”— A Big Deal for Little Ones

(Editor’s Note: In the diocesan planning process, parishes have been introducing initiatives or giving renewed emphasis to existing programs that have proven effective in achieving parish objectives. These activities usually come to light through the parish progress reports to the Pastoral Planning Office and constitute a wealth of good ideas that may be useful to other parishes. In each issue of *Voices Alive* we highlight one of these efforts and through a link on the diocesan website, give readers an idea how the program works plus a guide to additional information. The website will also contain descriptions of all the other programs since we introduced this feature. If you know of a program that merits inclusion here, call: Pastoral Planning Office at 517-342-2502. We can take it from there.)

This month, we turn the spotlight on “**Wee Believers**,” a lectionary-based formation experience for kindergarten and pre-K children, age four, now in its second year at the Catholic Community of St. Jude in DeWitt. The program blends the wee ones in with first to third-grade children for *Liturgy of the Word* and when the older children rejoin the Mass, there is a specially-designed activity related to the message of the readings. The “Wee Believers” return to the Worship Space in time to join the end of the Communion line and go forward to receive a blessing from the celebrant. The children, their parents and the rest of the congregation all benefit significantly for a fairly modest investment.

For more information, check out the [“Sharing the wealth...”](#) feature for this month on the diocesan website.

# CEMETERY & PROPERTIES

## ASBESTOS AWARENESS RE-CERTIFICATION

The Cemetery and Property Management Office announces a 2-hour asbestos awareness training to be held at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt on July 18th, 2006. This is for school personnel who are not currently certified for asbestos awareness or whose certification has expired.

Federal AHERA regulations require maintenance personnel working in school facilities that have asbestos be properly trained through mandatory yearly certification. A copy of the certification is a mandatory inclusion of each school’s asbestos management plan. Past events in our diocese indicate the value and need for asbestos training. Some facilities have incurred significant fines for non-compliance.

This training is appropriate for school custodial, maintenance personnel and their supervisors and is a DSA sponsored event.

## ASBESTOS INSPECTION

Time to conduct a semi-annual AHERA inspection as required by federal regulations. The documentation of the twice yearly inspections of the asbestos materials must be placed in the school’s Management Plan and be available for public inspection. You can find the inspection forms in your Wonder Makers August 2003 inspection report.

# FORMATION

2006

- June 10** Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood  
Saint Mary Cathedral - 10:30am  
(We do not have any Priesthood Ordinations this year.)
- July 21** LUGNUTS GAME - family night for vocations
- July 26** Priests' Summer Day  
Bethany House, DeWitt - 10:30am - 10:00pm  
Facilitator/Leader: Fr. Steven C. Boguslawski, O.P.  
Theme: How Can I Love My Brother, If I Do Not Know Him?
- July 26** Priest Book Club - 7:00pm at Summer Day for Priests  
Title: *The End of the Affair* by Graham Green
- August 10** Rite of Candidacy - deacons (20 men)  
7:00pm Mass in Cathedral  
Reception following in Parish Hall
- August 17-20** Seminarian Retreat  
Bethany House, DeWitt
- August 19** Conversations in Ministry  
Saint Mary Cathedral Parish Hall - 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Presenter: Dr. Janet Smith  
Theme: Theology of the Body
- August 22** Diocesan Gathering of Parish Vocation Representatives  
Christ the King Church, Ann Arbor - 7:00 - 9:00pm
- August 24** Institution to Acolyte - deacons (12 men)  
7:00pm Mass in Cathedral  
Reception following in Madonna Hall
- September 14** Ongoing Formation Day  
Saint Mary Magdalen, Brighton  
Presenter: Rev. Tad Pacholczyk  
Theme: *Stem Cell Research*
- Sept. 29-  
October 1** Permanent Deacon Community Annual Convocation  
Shanty Creek Resort & Club, Bellaire, MI  
Presenter: Fr. Richard Hogan  
Theme: Theology of the Body
- October 2-5** 28th Annual Presbyteral Convocation  
Shanty Creek Resort & Club, Bellaire, MI  
Presenter: Fr. Richard Hogan  
Theme: Theology of the Body
- October 27** Lay Ministry Convocation  
Diocesan Center - 9:00am - 3:00pm  
Presenter: Dr. Mary Dumm

## VOCATIONS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2006

### Happenings around the Diocese

**Parish Vocation Teams** are raising awareness to support and promote religious Vocations. Some parishes are sponsoring holy hours with adoration and benediction. Others are circulating "Vocations Kits", which travel from family to family and include a sacred object and prayers for a faithful response to vocational callings. Other efforts include a regular *vocations column* in the weekly bulletin and a *vocations display and info center* in the gathering space. Regularly scheduled "prayers for vocations" include: weekly petitions at the Sunday Prayer of the Faithful; beginning classes/meetings with a vocations rosary and a Rosary for Vocations before all weekend Masses.

### Some parishes have sponsored special events such as:

- St. Martha, Okemos featured a *Vocations Bulletin Board* for the month of February.
- IHM, Lansing sponsored a *Life Teen Vocation Night* in April. A barbecue in May and discernment meetings with Sr. Mary Ann Foggin, Fr. Mike O'Brien and seminarian Jason Paszynski, will follow.
- St. Augustan, Deerfield is developing an *Adopt a Priest Program* to cultivate personal and prayer support for one of our seminarians. He will be introduced at all weekend masses in May.
- St. Mary, Manchester held an event which included a panel representing diocesan and religious order priests, women's cloistered/apostolic communities and separate vocations awareness activities for the children.

The **Department of Formation, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus**, will be sponsoring a *Vocation's Night*, Friday, July 21, with the Lugnuts at Oldsmobile Park in Lansing.

## DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT SERVICE TRIP

**Goal 7.1, Strategy A: Develop ways to evangelize youth, college students and young adults that will sustain them in the Church.**

The Livingston/Washtenaw region is sponsoring a service trip to the Gulf Coast for young adults, with the National Relief Network, a relief organization that travels throughout the country to help those in need who have been the victims of a natural disaster. They are trying to put together a trip for June. The cost is \$450 per person, including: all meals - except during travel, lodging and t-shirt. They are scheduled to leave Friday, June 9 and return Tuesday, June 13, 2006. We need at least 35 people to make a trip. Right now we are scheduled for Charlmotte, LA to help people gut out their homes so everything can be aired out and dried. The destination could change as we await this years tornado season. Call: Margaret Callaghan at 810-229-8624 by mid-May.



## DIOCESAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

**Goal 7.4: Nurture & develop the leadership potential of youth & young adults.**

Please pray for our high school teens who will be at Bethany House for leadership camp June 18-23. Their training is vital to the growth of ministry with youth in our parishes.

## EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

### CAFÉ



**Goal 3.1: Create comprehensive continuing adult education and formation opportunities.**

1) May 19 is the release date for the movie, *The Da Vinci Code*. In the weeks that follow, parishes might want to either do some programming around the questions raised by this film or include some resource information in the bulletin or parish newsletter. Refer to the mailing sent to all parish adult education leaders April 19 for various resources, or contact: Pete Ries at 517-342-2486 or [pries@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:pries@dioceseoflansing.org).

2) This might be a good time of year to consider recruiting or enhancing the membership of your parish adult education committee. Try to include young adults and seniors. Include someone from evangelization, RCIA, marriage preparation and baptismal preparation. Schedule a couple of organizational gatherings in a relaxed summer setting. Purchase copies of *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us* as initial discussion materials to begin building a common vision and purpose. Call: Pete Ries at 517-342-2486 to discuss approaches to building/enhancing your committee and to schedule in-parish formation for your committee.

### THANKS AND FAREWELL

The following are leaving their current places of ministry. Some are moving on to new parishes, others are beginning different endeavors. Best wishes and thanks for all you have done in service to God's people.

- Megan Belford, DRE/CYM, St. Mary, Flint
- Peggy Caputo, DRE, St. Mary, Jackson
- Mary Dalla, Principal, Immaculate Heart of Mary/St. Casimir, Lansing
- Bro. Edward Fox, Gr. 6-12 DRE/CYM, St. Elizabeth, Tecumseh and St. Dominic, Clinton
- Jerry Hockman, DRE, St. Paul, Owosso
- Susan Kachel, DRE, Holy Redeemer, Burton
- Roger Lessa, DRE/CYM, SS. Cornelius & Cyprian, Leslie
- Michael Liberato, Director of Student Faith Formation, St. John Student Parish, East Lansing
- Miriam Lynch, CYM, SS. Charles & Helena, Clio
- Dawn McGinn, CYM, St. Mary, Jackson
- Marti Maier, Principal, Most Holy Trinity, Fowler
- Ron Nedziewicki, Principal, Jackson Catholic Middle School, Jackson
- Diana Repichowski, Principal, Church of the Resurrection, Lansing
- Fr. Thomas Rieden, OSFS, Principal, Lumen Christi High School, Jackson
- Susanna Thomasefski, Gr. 6-12 DRE/CYM, St. Elizabeth, Tecumseh and St. Dominic, Clinton
- Matt Vokoun, Principal, Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson

# EDUCATION AND CATECHESIS

## YOUNG ADULT PICNIC & FAMILY MASS AND CONCERT

**Goal 7.1, Strategy A: Develop ways to evangelize youth, college students and young adults that will sustain them in the Church.**

Sunday, July 9, will be our annual young adult picnic at Holy Redeemer Church in Burton. We begin at noon. There will be volleyball, softball and plenty of field space for other activities. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverage along with table setting. We'll provide hotdogs and condiments.

Following the picnic will be a family Mass with musical accompaniment from Steve Angrisano. Family concert with Steve will follow Mass. RSVP by June 28 at 517-342-2484.

## BASIC YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING RETREAT

**Goal 7.4: Nurture & develop the leadership potential of youth & young adults.**

The retreat will be at Bethany House, July 20 & 21, 2006, beginning at 1:00pm, Thursday and concluding at 3:00pm, Friday. The cost is \$80.00 per person, youth and adults. This includes overnight at Bethany House, three meals and all material and presenter costs. This is a wonderful opportunity to come as a group for an overnight experience that will include the four workshops for basic training, reflection time and an opportunity to plan and celebrate liturgy as a community of youth ministry volunteers.

## NUTS & BOLTS CONFERENCE FOR ADULTS IN YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Goal 7.4: Nurture & develop the leadership potential of youth & young adults.**

Leaders who work with youth & young adults will gather for training and ministry formation. We will be at the Weber Inn in Ann Arbor August 25-27. Our theme will be *Prayer & Worship* with youth & young adults. Tom Tomasek from OCP will be our keynote. Workshop track along the theme will be presented by Tom Tomasek and Rita Thiron. Joan Weber from the Center for Ministry Development will do a track on basic training in young adult ministry. There will be a catechist formation track and basic youth ministry track along with meaningful prayer, liturgy, fellowship, food and fun. This conference is for adult catechists, DRE's, CYM's, religion teachers in our schools, youth ministry and young adult ministry team leaders. Check with your parish for registration materials.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS

**Goal 3.2, Strategy B: Ensure that all program directors, catechists and pastoral workers in the religious education program are faithful witnesses to Christ and the teachings of His Church.**

Principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Directors: send in your 2005-2006 Administrative Reviews by June 30, 2006. 2006-2007 contracts should be in by September 1, 2006.

## NEW PARISH STAFF

**Goal 4: Nurture ministers and leaders in the life of the Spirit and the vision of the Church to use their gifts to serve the needs of all.**

Orientation for new Pastors/Priests, Deacons, Principals, DREs, CYMs, Directors of Adult Faith formation, RCIA Directors and Pastoral Ministers is at the Diocesan Center Wednesday, August 9, from 9:00am - 3:30pm. Call: Department of Education and Catechesis or the Department of Formation so we may also extend an invitation.

## CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

**Common Strategy 3: Assist every parish to develop a plan to improve communication.**

All new employees must have a verified criminal background check before a contract can be signed.

Call: [Sr. Dorita Wotiska](mailto:Sr. Dorita Wotiska) at 517-342-2481.



## DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTER

A large collection of faith formation materials for adults, teens and children are on display for your review.

Hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm. Evening or weekend hours can be arranged by calling: [Pete RIES](mailto:Pete RIES) at 517-342-2486. Program leaders, catechists and committee members are welcome to review this large collection of program resources.

## DIOCESAN CALENDAR

### MAY - JULY 2006

5/15-19	Michigan Bishops' Retreat	6/11	Most Holy Trinity
5/15	6:30pm Young Adult Council Meeting - Diocesan Center	6/14	9:30am - 3:00pm CCMI Retreat Day, St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt
5/16-19	National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers Region VI Meeting - TBA	6/15	1:00pm - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council - St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Brighton
	5:00 - 9:00pm Sight Impaired/Blind Retreat, St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt	6/17	5:00pm Bishop at 50th Anniversary Mass of Parish - St. Mary, Manitou Beach
5/17	9:00am - 5:00pm Sight Impaired/Blind Retreat, St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt	6/18-23	Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp - Bethany House, DeWitt
5/18	9:00am - 1:00pm Sight Impaired/Blind Retreat, St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt	6/18	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
	1:00 - 4:00pm Diocesan Pastoral Council - St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Brighton		11:00am Confirmation - St. Andrew Dung Lac, Lansing
5/20	5:45pm Confirmation of St. John, Jackson & SS. Cyprian & Cornelius, Leslie - St. John, Jackson	6/19-22	9:30am - 3:30pm Diocesan Curriculum Institute - Diocesan Center
5/21	2:00pm Confirmation - St. John the Evangelist, Davison	6/20-27	Smart Marriage National Conference and Training Sessions - TBA
5/22	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Manchester	6/23	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
5/23	Social for Senior Priests - Bethany House, DeWitt	6/24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
	8:00am Family Life Advisory Board Subcommittee Meetings - Diocesan Center		4:30pm Bishop at 125th Anniversary Mass of Parish - Most Holy Trinity, Fowler
	7:00pm Confirmation St. Agnes, Fowlerville	6/25	1:00pm Bishop at 50th Anniversary Mass of Center - SFRC, DeWitt
5/24	7:00pm St. John, Holy Trinity, St. Joseph, Transfiguration Confirmation - St. John, Ypsilanti	6/28	Diocesan Cedar Point Day - Sandusky, OH
5/25	7:00pm Confirmation - Holy Rosary, Flint	7/4	Independence Day
5/28	Solemnity of the Ascension - Dioceses of Michigan and Ohio	7/9	12:30 - 5:00pm Young Adult Picnic - Holy Redeemer, Burton
5/29	Memorial Day - Central Services Closed		5:00 - 7:00pm Family Mass/Concert - Holy Redeemer, Burton
	Mass ~ check with the parish for time - Parish Cemetery	7/12-15	North American Institute for Catholic Evangelization - Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH
	10:00am Mass - New Calvary Cemetery, Flint	7/20	1:00pm - 12:00am Youth Ministry Basic Training Overnight - Bethany House, DeWitt
	10:00am Mass - St. Joseph Cemetery, Lansing	7/21	12:00am - 4:00pm Youth Ministry Basic Training Overnight - Bethany House, DeWitt
5/31	Visitation of the BVM		6:00pm Lugnuts Game - Family Night for Vocations - Oldsmobile Park, Lansing
	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Ann, Bellevue	7/23-27	Liturgy Summer Camp - St. John Youth and Family Center, Plymouth, MI
6/3	5:30pm Confirmation - St. Andrew, Saline	7/23	2:00pm Liturgy Summer Camp - St. John Youth and Family Center, Plymouth, MI
6/4	Pentecost		
	3:00pm Confirmation - Holy Spirit, Hamburg		
6/7	7:00pm Confirmation - St. Mary, Pinckney		
6/8-11	National Youth Encuentro - South Bend, IN		
	7:00pm Confirmation - Christ the King, Ann Arbor		

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