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**Blessings on you and your ministry during this Advent and Christmas Season!**  
**Office of Evangelization & Catechesis!**



## Upcoming Events

### **Family Focus Sessions:**

#### **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**

Thursday 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.

## Office of Evangelization & Catechesis News

### Co-Workers in Transition

Back in August, we had announced people who were beginning in new positions as parish catechetical leaders. Below are others who have started in new roles since then. As we all know, there can be challenges in starting out, but also great excitement and expectation. Transition times can be spiritually rich, as the Lord continues to remake us for his service. For all those who have begun a new role this year, we pray and we plead our support and companionship along the way.

- Sr. Lucy Marindany, LSOSF, Director of Religious Education, Basilica of St. Josaphat - Milwaukee
- Trevor Beach, Director of Evangelization, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist - Milwaukee
- Dawn Doll, Director of Religious Education, Shepherd of the Hills – Eden
- Sharon Warsh, Director of Religious Education St. Matthew - Campbellsport
- Ben Janssen, Co-coordinator of Religious Ed, High School, St. Benedict - Fontana
- Frank Bucaro, Co-coordinator of Religious Ed, K-8, St. Benedict - Fontana
- Beth Pirkey, Youth Ministry Intern, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - New Berlin
- John Knetzger, Associate Director of Formation, St. Joseph - Grafton
- Sheri Hanson, Pastoral Associate, St. Joseph - Grafton
- Kathleen McGovern, Faith Formation Coordinator, St. Mary, St. Andrew & St. Theresa - LeRoy/Mayville/Theresa
- Stephanie McDermot, Director of Child and Youth Ministry, St. Joseph - Wauwatosa
- Mary Schum, Director of Religious Education, Holy Assumption - West Allis

### 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

## Staff Mission Days

The Office of Evangelization & Catechesis would like to invite you to a new opportunity for all of us to gather around our common mission of proclaiming Christ and making disciples. As mentioned at this year's Catechetical Conference, this February our Office will be hosting multiple "Staff Mission Days" throughout the Archdiocese for you to choose one to attend. This time together will offer an opportunity to re-anchor ourselves in Christ's missionary call, share vision and priorities, to communicate new developments, and to benefit from in-person support, prayer together, and networking. We will be providing the same program each of the three days, so you are able to choose the most convenient day for you depending on your location/schedule, and lunch will be provided.

### *When and where?*

- Option #1 - Tuesday, February 8th from 9am-2pm at St. Michael in Kewaskum, WI
- Option #2 - Wednesday, February 9th from 9am-2pm at Good Shepherd in Menomonee Falls
- Option #3 - Thursday, February 10th from 9am-2pm at St. Joseph in Lyons, WI

### *What will we be doing?*

- Hearing presentations & having discussion with others on "Evangelization and the Sunday Mass"
- Sharing parish efforts and identifying obstacles
- Having time for fellowship and prayer together
- Updates on our three Archdiocesan Priorities, related policies, and resources available.

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## Archdiocese News

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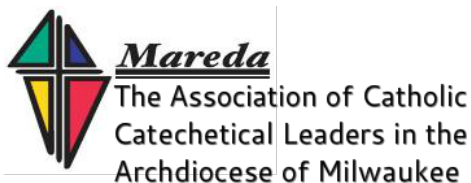
### **Did you know?**

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:**

#### **An Advent Vietnamese Encounter**

Wednesday, December 15, 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](#)

#### **Beyond the Technology to Learning and Formation in Faith and Discipleship**

Thursday January 13, 2022 at 1pm  
Every church has had a crash course on the use of digital technology (platforms, tools, methods, and media) over the past two years. We now have to envision the future of church and faith formation in an age completely transformed by digital technologies. I believe the future is not about the latest digital technologies, it's about learning and formation in faith and discipleship in a digital age. What innovations in faith formation are now possible because of the digital technologies? This presentation will explore innovations that have the potential of reshaping the way churches do faith formation with all ages and generations.

This event is free to current Mareda members. Cost for non-members is \$10.

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**Offer this Essay Contest to your Students Grades 3-8!**

Here is a national contest for kids in your faith formation program. The Communication Center - a distributor of Catholic resources - is inviting all children in grades 3 through 8 who are enrolled in a parish religious education program, or a Catholic school, to participate in the *Christ Is Alive! National Essay Contest*.

Share it with your students and their families. This might not appeal to everyone, but there may be a young person who will just love this opportunity!

Essays are due March 31, 2022, so there is plenty of time to promote this after the holidays.

Visit the [Christ Is Alive webpage](#) for details and everything you need to promote the contest. You will find ready-made announcement, student info sheet, and contest rules.



“Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!  
He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you.”  
– Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*

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## Resources

### **Projector**

Sister Kieran Sawyer owns a small Casio Data Projector that she purchased in 2009 for \$800.00. She would like to gift it to any catechetical program that can make good use of it. If you are interested, please call her at 414-659-8428.

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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."

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### **Christmas Resources**

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. As you

begin this season, please visit our [Advent Resource page](#) for blessings, both general and catechist resources, online advent calendars, Whole-Community Catechesis for Advent ideas and more.

## **District/Deanery Meetings**

- Walworth County
  - Thursday, December 16, 11am Lunch at Someplace Else, Elkhorn.
- Washington County
  - Thursday, December 16, 1:00pm at St. Kilian, Hartford.
- Milwaukee County Southeast/Southwest
  - Tuesday, December 21, 10:30am meeting followed by lunch, St. Mary's by the Lake, Caledonia.

## **Job Openings**

### **Mission Trip & Youth Activities Coordinator - St. Agnes, Butler**

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

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