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## Message from Jennifer

**Anthony Edward Murphy**

**Born July 29, 2019**

Thank you to everyone for all your prayers and well-wishes. We are over the moon with our little bundle of joy!

~ Jennifer ~



## **Office of Catechesis News**

### **Co-Workers in Transition:**

Continuing our updates on new directors of religious education or faith formation, we welcome:

- Jeremy Fischer - St. Josaphat Basilica - Director of Religious Education
- Jessica Derks - Holy Family, Fond du Lac - Elementary/Middle School Coordinator

For all those beginning a new role this year, let us pray, and let us pledge our support and companionship along the way.

If you know of someone new to a position that we have not listed, please let us know. You can find the lists of other transitions in past [newsletters](#).

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### **Please Update your Catechist Information for the Archdiocese**

We ask each parish annually to update your catechist names and email addresses in the archdiocesan database so that we can ensure catechists are able to receive occasional information about training opportunities and relevant resources. As a Catechetical Leader at your parish, you may or may not be involved in updating this database on your own. If not, someone else in your parish will be able to update this list for you. It may be an administrative assistant, parish secretary or business manager. There are [PDF instructions](#) for Editing Names. All catechists should be included in the database and tagged as a catechist, which is found under Religious Education Tags. If you need your own login credentials or if you have any questions about the process of editing, transferring or adding individuals, email [Dale Klein](#) or call 414-769-3440.

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### **Catechetical Conference - Save the Date**

**August 28-29, 2020**

Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, Milwaukee.

Save the Date for the 2020 Catechetical Conference. The theme for the conference will be: ***Encounter Christ***. This conference will offer presentations for catechists, catechetical leaders, and others who pass on the faith. Please mark your calendar for yourself, your catechists and friends.

## Seeking Workshop Presenters for the Catechetical Conference

We are now accepting proposals to present at the conference during workshop sessions. This conference is intended for catechetical leaders, catechists, and others who pass on the faith. Friday's sessions will focus on topics pertinent to Catechetical Leaders while Saturday will offer sessions for both Catechetical leaders & Catechists.

The theme ***Encounter Christ*** should somehow be incorporated into your talk. When proposing a workshop, please be sure to consider how this workshop will help attendees encounter Christ or how it will help them to help others encounter Christ. For more information regarding presenting or if you are interested in presenting at the 2020 Catechetical Conference, please [click here](#).

## Upcoming Events

[Download](#) the Office of Catechesis Calendar to stay up to date on events.



### 2019-20 Catechetical Calendar

<b>November 2019</b>	<b>March 2020</b>
19 New Directors Institute 9:30 @ MMCP	3 New Directors Institute 9:30 @ MMCP
28-29 Thanksgiving - Office Closed	24 Family Perspectives Take Two: Families and Scripture 10:00 @ MMCP
<b>December 2019</b>	26 New Directors Institute 9:30 @ MMCP
12 New Directors Institute 9:30 @ MMCP	<b>April 2020</b>
24-25 Christmas Eve Day - Office Closed	19 Good Friday - Office Closed
31 New Year's Eve - Office Closed	12 Easter Day
<b>January 2020</b>	18 Celebration of Catholic Scouting
1 New Year's Day - Office Closed	4:00 @ MMCP
9 Gigs, Gobs and Gobs 9:00 @ Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	28 Family Perspectives (NEW DATE) 9:00 @ MMCP
21 New Directors Institute 9:30 @ MMCP	<b>May 2020</b>
30 Family Perspectives 9:00 @ MMCP	12 Fifth Line
<b>February 2020</b>	25 Memorial Day - Office Closed
11 Family Focus-Holy Habits 1:00 @ MMCP	<b>August 2020</b>
13 New Directors Institute 9:30 @ MMCP	28-29 Catechetical Conference
26 Ash Wednesday	

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## Family Perspectives

January 30, 2020 OR April 28, 2020 **(NEW DATE)**

9:00am - 2:30pm

Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, Milwaukee

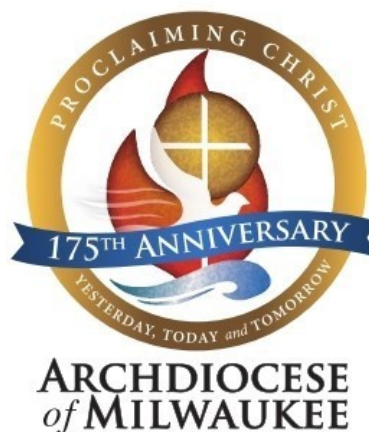
Family Perspectives is a comprehensive approach to support your efforts to integrate family ministry in your parish! After you attend the one day workshop to review the latest research and Church teaching on ministering to and engaging families in faith, there will be an individualized follow-up for your parish. Parishes that participate will receive 4 to 6 hours of on-site support to offer guidance and resources to make your family ministry come alive and be more meaningful in your community. To find out more and to register, [click here](#)

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## **Archdiocese News**

### **175th Anniversary Closing Mass - Nov 24, 2019 at 11am**

All are welcome to join us at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee to celebrate the closing of our 175th anniversary year. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Atrium directly after Mass.



Questions can be directed to Jenni Oliva, [olivaj@archmil.org](mailto:olivaj@archmil.org), (414) 769-3585.

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### **Salzmann Library Fall Lecture**

Tuesday, December 3rd at 7pm  
Inner Commons of Henni Hall, Saint Francis de Sales Seminary.

Father John Burns will speak about “**Good Passion: the Theology of Emotion.**” Father Burns is a priest for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. This summer he successfully defended his doctoral dissertation in Rome, and he is a celebrated retreat director and speaker.

## **From our Friends**

### **Join Mareda**

Each year, Mareda provide programs that will help you in your ministry, your own spirituality

and even a bit of social time with other ministers. [Read a letter from Mareda Chairperson, Denise Murre.](#)



Anyone involved with catechetical ministry is invited to become a member; DREs, Youth Ministers, full time or part time, you are all welcome. Becoming a member is easy. Simply go to [www.mareda.org](http://www.mareda.org) to register.

You can also download flyers for upcoming events, register for events and even see minutes of past meetings. See the [calendar](#) for this year's programs.

## Resources

### **Technology Competence:**

What knowledge and abilities should today's catechetical leader have or acquire? See our list of [Technology Competencies for Parish Catechetical Leaders](#) in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. We know that individuals have varying backgrounds – for example, some of us are digital natives, having grown up along with new technologies, and some are digital immigrants, having learned as adults. We also have different styles, different preferences, different habits. But as leaders, we sometimes need to stretch ourselves for the benefit of our ministries and those we serve. We try to be aware of the opportunities that technology presents, but also the challenges.

Being competent is not just about knowing HOW-TO use devices and programs. It also involves understanding the impact of technology on our culture, and therefore on our parishioners and students. Competence includes understanding dangers and safe practices, learning styles and effective methods, and the relation of virtual and face-to-face encounters. This list of competencies reflects national standards, local experience and discussions, and the input of leaders right here in the archdiocese.

In order to use the Tech Competencies for your own self-assessment, planning, and parish conversations, our Technology in Faith Formation Committee has developed a NEW [Technology Competencies Assessment Form](#). It is a fillable PDF that can be completed on a device, or can be printed. Use it yourself, or share it with your staff and discuss your individual assessments together.

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## Vocation Resources

At the beginning of October, **DRE's, youth ministers and principals received a packet of materials from the archdiocesan Vocation Office.** These can be a great resources for your formation programs.

One particular resource is the [Vocation Lessons](#) from Vianney Vocations. Our Vocations office has purchased these lessons for the whole Archdiocese. Lessons focus on teaching students about vocations to marriage, holy orders and religious life. This curriculum helps students listen for God's call in their lives. There are no textbooks; the content is 100% online. However, you have an option for printing out PDFs of the lessons and worksheets. Follow the [link](#) and use these codes:

Teacher Access Code: MilwaukeeVocations414

Student Access Code: StJohn414

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## Mission Resources

Mission Curriculum Materials are available in a monthly email from the **Missionary Childhood Association.** It has resources to incorporate global mission into your own classroom. To receive the MCA materials, [register here](#).

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## 175th Anniversary Patches are still available

Here's a great way to get kids connected with our Archdiocese's history. Archdiocese of Milwaukee is offering a patch commemorating our 175th Anniversary. Patch can be earned by young people in grades 1st - 12th by completing the activities that help them learn about the history of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. This is a great activity for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, youth groups, classes, families or any young Catholics. Adults who assist youth with requirements and activities are eligible to earn the patch as well. When requirements are complete, patches are purchased online through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. [Learn more about the 175th Anniversary patch and download activities.](#)

Looking for other 175th Anniversary resources, visit the [Archdiocese's 175th Website Page](#).

## Save the Date



Gigs, Geeks & God



January 9, 2020

Our Lady of Lourdes, Milwaukee

This conference on technology, faith formation and parish ministries will feature a keynote speaker, workshops, exhibitors, and ample time for sharing ideas with experts and colleagues.

## National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) Convocation

Mark your calendar for THE professional development conference for catechetical leaders - just across the river!

**MAY 17-21, 2020**

**GRAND RIVER CENTER**

**Dubuque, Iowa**

Just a 2 ½ to 3 ½ hour drive from anywhere in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.



## Job Openings

**Child Ministry Coordinator** - St. Eugene, *Fox Point*

**Director of Youth Formation** - St. Francis Borgia, Cedarburg

**Child Minister Leader** - St. Mary of the Hill, *Hubertus*

**Youth Minister** - St. Thomas Aquinas, *Waterford*

**Youth Activities Coordinator** - St. James, *Mukwonago*

\*\*\* To have your job openings included in the newsletter, please send information with a link to: [catechesis@archmil.org](mailto:catechesis@archmil.org)

## District Meetings

**District 6 - Washington County**

November 14 @ 9:30am - Holy Angels - West Bend

**District 7 - Dodge County**

November 21 @ 12:00 noon - St. Mary - Mayville

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