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**TO
THE NEWBORN KING**



Merry Christmas

& Happy New Year

from Bishop James Powers
& the Staff at the Diocese of Superior

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Mission Statement:

The Catholic Diocese of Superior is a people of diverse ethnic and cultural traditions called in unity by the love of Christ to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and give witness through joyful lives of prayer and service in Northern Wisconsin and throughout the world.

SDCCW ADVENT RETREAT DECEMBER 2, 2017

The Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all ladies to attend an Advent Retreat led by renowned Catholic Speaker Kelly Wahlquist called **"Let the Peace of Christ Control Your Hearts."** The retreat will take place at St. John the Baptist in Webster on Saturday, Dec 2. The cost is \$30. Contact Lynn Neck: howard@pctcnet.net; 715-339-3991. **CLICK TITLE.**

28TH ANNUAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE DECEMBER 8-9, 2017

*Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
with the Feast of St. Juan Diego*

All parishes are encouraged to join in praying on this holy occasion. During the HOUR OF UNITY, 12 Midnight - 1am EST., everyone will be united in churches across the country in prayer to end abortion and to restore God's blessings of Life and Religious Liberty in America. The National Night of Prayer for Life is a prayer service consisting of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the holy Rosary, prayer to St. Michael, silent prayer and hymns. **CLICK TITLES.**

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY DECEMBER 8, 2017

In 2017, the Solemnity falls on a Friday and is a Holy Day of Obligation. *Note:* Unlike many other holy days of obligation in the dioceses of the United States, when December 8 falls on a Saturday or a Monday it is always observed as a holy day of obligation, unless the date of the celebration has been transferred from December 8 to December 9.

HIGH SCHOOL DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND DECEMBER 8-10, 2017

All high school students' grades 9th -12th are encouraged to attend a high school discipleship weekend. The next weekend will be Friday, December 8 through Sunday, December 10, at Crosswoods Camp, Mason. Another weekend is planned for April in Rhinelander. This is a great opportunity for youth from around the diocese to grow in fellowship with peers who share the Catholic faith. The theme is "Restless". Contact Grace Busse: gbusse@catholicdos.org; 715-234-5044. **CLICK TITLES.**

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE MATERIALS

The Office of Worship is again providing Advent Communal Penance Service materials for parish use. The format includes a leader's booklet intended for use by the priest celebrant and any assisting ministers and a separate one-page worship aid for assembly use. The materials are available on the "Worship" portion of the diocesan website. For printed copies, contact Paul Birch: pbirch@catholicdos.org; 715-394-0233.

2017 ADVENT DAYS OF REFLECTION December 15 & 16, 2017

This year two new locations are hosting the Advent Day of Reflection from 9am-3pm. **Joe Tremblay**, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator in the Diocese of Green Bay will be speaking. Please come and "*Prepare the way of the Lord*". Locations include:

- St. Anne Church, Somerset: Dec. 15, 2017
- St. Mary Church, Tomahawk: Dec. 16, 2017

Contact Grace Busse: gbusse@catholicdos.org; 715-234-5044. **CLICK TITLE.**

DIOCESAN OFFICES CLOSED

- Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 for Christmas
- Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2 for the New Year

ORDINATION

Rev. Thomas Thompson, Director of Vocations, is pleased to announce that **Mr. Richard Rhinehart**, a seminarian for the Diocese of Superior, will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate by Bishop James Powers on **Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017, at 2 pm** at St. Peter the Fisherman Parish, Eagle River. Please keep Richard in your prayers as he prepares for this important step toward priestly ordination.

PLEASE NOTE: The date for Mr. Rhinehart's ordination to the priesthood has been set for **Sunday, Jun. 24, 2018, at 4 pm** at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior.

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS FALL ON CONSECUTIVE DAYS IN 2017

When a Sunday and another holy day of obligation occur on two successive days, assistance at a single evening Mass on the first of the days does not fulfill the dual obligation. Two distinct Masses must be attended within the two respective 24 hour periods, or separately anticipated.

In 2017, Dec. 25 (Christmas) falls on a Monday and is a holy day of obligation. Unlike Jan. 1 (The Solemnity of Mary), Aug. 15 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and Nov. 1 (All Saints) where our obligation to attend Mass is lifted if they occur on a Saturday or Monday - this allowance for convenience is not true for Christmas. Catholics also have the obligation to attend Mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent (either on that day or anticipated the evening before, as usual). One Mass cannot fulfill both obligations. Back-to-back days of obligation may challenge our ability to provide the number of Masses usually expected. Eliminating opportunities for Mass attendance on either day is problematic. Hopefully though, cooperative dialog between clustered parishes will consider the health and well-being of priests as well as the needs and expectations of parishioners. Contact Paul Birch: pbirch@catholicdos.org; 715-394-0233.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1, 2018

The Solemnity falls on a Monday this year, therefore our obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

51ST WORLD DAY OF PEACE

JANUARY 1, 2018

The theme for Pope Francis' annual World Day of Peace message for 2018 is: "**Migrants and refugees: Men and Women in search of peace.**" In his 2018 Message for the World Day of Peace, Pope Francis states, "*In a spirit of compassion, let us embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands.*"

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20171113_messaggio-51giornatamondiale-pace2018.html

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK

JANUARY 7-13, 2018

Justice for Immigrants

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the US has celebrated *National Migration Week*, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. With respect to migrants, too often this contemporary culture fails to encounter them as persons, and instead look at them as others. Some do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious of their intentions. For additional information, including petitions, homily suggestions, pulpit announcements visit: <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week/index.cfm>.

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GRACE BEFORE MEALS

JANUARY 17, 2018

Fr. Leo Patalinghug is a Catholic priest, TV and Radio host, and acclaimed cookbook author from Baltimore, Maryland. His talk "*Saints in the Making & Spiritual Combat*", will be paired with creating a delicious dessert on Wednesday January 17 from 6:15-7:45pm at St. Joseph School Gym, Rice Lake. There will also be an opportunity to meet Fr. Leo, who will be available for book signing and photo ops. Contact St. Joseph's CRE/Youth Minister, Laura Schissel, 715-790-7201. Click Title.



2018 SPRING CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

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INFLUENZA & THE LITURGY



See the Office of Worship page on our diocesan website for information regarding best practices for both reducing transmission of the flu virus and for temporary modifications of liturgical practices when the flu is present in our communities. County health department personnel are to be used as a resource in order to make informed decisions in this regard.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

JANUARY 23 & APRIL 24, 2018

The Office of Ecclesial Ministry & Diocesan Consultation is providing opportunities for Pastors, and all parish leaders to learn and grow together. The subsequent topics include:

- *Sabbath Time: A Spirituality of Time and Rest for Ministers*
- *Serve, Lead, Motivate*



Sessions are at St. Joseph's Parish Center, Hayward. Take advantage of these opportunities by attending as an entire parish leadership team. Contact Chris Newkirk: 715-394-0204; cnewkirk@catholicdos.org. **CLICK TITLE.**

DIocese of Superior - 12TH ANNUAL MUSIC MINISTRY CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 2-3, 2018

NEW LOCATION: Holy Family Church, Woodruff.

Janét Sullivan Whitaker, has titled her presentations "*Word, Sacrament and Mission: The Gift and the Joyful Challenge of Singing our Faith*" for the 12th Annual Music Ministry Conference. Friday night includes dinner and Night Prayer, while Saturday includes Morning Prayer, lunch and a choral music reading session. New this year is involvement with the Saturday parish Mass to be followed by a light supper and a concert by our presenter. Registration flyers are available online and will be mailed to past attendees. Contact Paul Birch: pbirch@catholicdos.org; 715-394-0233. **CLICK TITLE.**

2018 DIOCESAN MEN'S RETREAT FEBRUARY 16-18, 2018

"Called Out", a weekend retreat for men, ages 25-55 featuring renowned speaker David Rinaldi, Mass with Bishop Powers, adoration, confession and

spiritual direction will be held Feb. 16-18, 2018 at Crosswoods camp in Mason, WI. The retreat begins at 8pm Friday and finishes up at noon Sunday. All men are encouraged to share in fellowship with other men seeking to deeply live out their Catholic Faith. The cost is \$40. Register by Feb. 1st. Contact Grace Busse: gbusse@catholicdos.org; 715-234-5044. **CLICK TITLE.**

LITURGY TRAINING PUBLICATIONS

All (LTP) Liturgy Training Publications can be purchased with a discount of up to **40% off** when ordered through the Office of Worship. Please order before the 15th of each month. During Natasha Deneau's maternity leave, contact Paul Birch: pbirch@catholicdos.org; 715-394-0233. **CLICK TITLE.**

WISCONSIN LIFE LICENSE PLATES



Choose Life license plates are now available. All money invested in these plates will be made available to pregnancy resource centers in Wisconsin via a simple grant request. The only addition to an annual registration fee is a \$25 tax-deductible donation for original issuance of the Choose Life license plates and then again each year at renewal. **CLICK TITLE.**

DEACON ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY
Dec 16 Deacon Harvey Drost

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY
Dec 20 Fr. Jerome D'Souza, CMF

PRIEST DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
Dec 5 Fr. Robert Koszarek
Dec 15 Fr. Joseph Kleinheinz
Dec 17 Fr. David Neuschwander
Dec 20 Fr. Michael Tupa
Dec 27 Fr. Dennis Mullen

DEACON DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
Dec 7 Deacon Gregg Miller
Dec 8 Deacon Chet Ball
Dec 18 Deacon Richard Meier
Dec 28 Deacon James Celba

