



Diocese of
Green Bay



Catholic
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of the Diocese of Green Bay



Human Dignity and Life

March 19, 2025
Solemnity of Saint Joseph

"Go to Joseph and do what he tells you." Genesis 41:55

Dear friends,

Happy Solemnity of Saint Joseph! I pray you are having a good Lent and are filled with hope as we look forward to Easter and the resurrection of Our Lord.

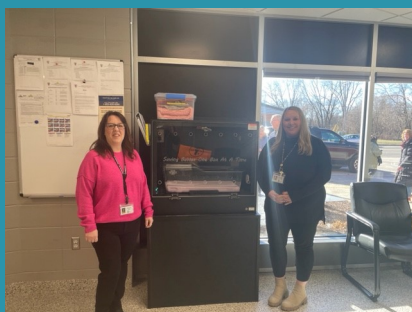
This new quarterly newsletter is a cross-collaborative effort between the diocese and Catholic Charities to keep people informed and engaged in the defense of human life, from conception to natural death.

Each newsletter will feature things happening in the diocese, relevant resources to read, watch and/or share, and upcoming events that you can participate in.

May the peace of Christ fill your hearts as you seek to know Him and make Him known to others.

In Christ,
Lucas Holt

Latest Happenings in the Diocese



**Bishop Ricken Blesses Safe Haven
Baby Box at Howard Fire
Department** [Read more here](#)

McKenzie VanLanen and Stephanie Ritter, case managers with Catholic Charities' Adoption and Pregnancy Support Services, were at the dedication.

Supporting Anti-Trafficking Efforts

On March 7, volunteers from local parishes, St. Norbert Abbey, and diocesan staff partnered with

Awaken WI to canvass Green Bay ahead of the NFL Draft. Posters with indicators of trafficking and how to report it were distributed to businesses, gas stations, hotels and more throughout the city.

WFRV Local 5 covered the event Watch here:
[Diocese of Green Bay partners with Awaken to raise awareness about human trafficking ahead of NFL Draft](#)



Advocacy on Capitol Hill

Catholic Charities' human dignity and life advocate, Lucas Holt, attended the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington, D.C., where he joined members from the Madison St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Climate Covenant, and the Wisconsin Catholic Conference to advocate for low-income families, international humanitarian aid, and refugees.

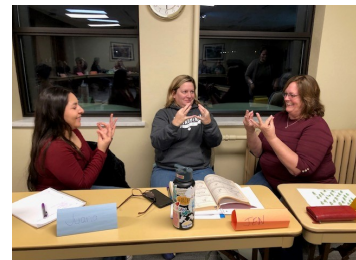


Find your state legislators [here](#)

Find your congressional representative [here](#)

American Sign Language Classes

Catholic Charities is excited to be hosting ASL classes! Thank you to Tracy Dworak for instructing these classes, and to the 23 participants who are working hard to learn ASL in order to better reach those who are deaf or hard of hearing.



This class was made possible by the Marie D. and Denis J. Garot Grant from the Catholic Foundation. For information on grant opportunities you can apply for, click [here](#)

Media, Resources



Wisconsin Catholic bishops' letter, and letter by Pope Francis, on immigration

The Wisconsin Catholic bishops released a statement on immigration. The statement provides pastoral language as we accompany our brothers and sisters in these challenging times.

In addition to the letter from the bishops of Wisconsin, Pope Francis has also shared a letter to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

addressing the current challenges of immigration facing our country. All statements are included below for your reference. We pray these letters provide clarity, encouragement, and support as we carry forth our mission.

**WCC Letter on Immigration _
Spanish**

**WCC Letter on Immigration _
English**

**Letter of Pope Francis to the Bishops of the
US**

New Podcast: Sharing the Truth in Love

Fr. John Girotti, vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Diocese of Green Bay, and Lucas Holt, human dignity and life advocate at Catholic Charities, discuss difficult topics with the hope to foster dialogue and share our faith with clarity and charity.



Watch Episode 1: **End of Life Issues**

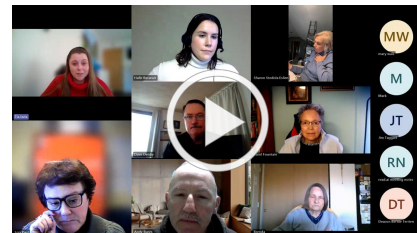
Watch Episode 2: **Abortion & the Dignity of Human Life**

Watch Episode 3: **Divorce and Remarriage**

Future episodes will include conversations on **racism, IVF, protection of the environment**, and more.

Webinar on WI Bishops' Pastoral Letter *Now and at the Hour of Our Death*

Tia Izzia from the Wisconsin Catholic Conference joined Care Ministers to discuss the WI Catholic Bishops' most recent edition of the pastoral letter *Now and at the Hour of Our Death*. Watch here:



Upcoming Events

Adoration Against Trafficking

During the three days of the NFL Draft, April 24 - April 26, perpetual adoration will be taking place at Resurrection Parish in Allouez to pray for victims and perpetrators of human trafficking.

Sign Up for Adoration Against Trafficking

ADORATION AGAINST TRAFFICKING

**Thursday, April 24, 4 p.m. -
Saturday, April 26, 4 p.m.**

Resurrection Parish
333 Hilltop Dr., Green Bay, WI 54301

The 2025 draft, hosted in Green Bay, will bring football, excitement, and visitors to our area. Along with the fun, large events like this often coincide with an increase in human trafficking.

To support local organizations raising awareness about trafficking, you are invited to join us for 24/7 Eucharistic adoration during the three-day draft to pray for victims, perpetrators, and those involved in anti-trafficking work. Please consider joining us — our goal is to have two people present for each hour.



To learn more about the current reality of human trafficking in our area, become familiar with the signs of trafficking, or get involved with local anti-trafficking organizations: catholiccharitiesgb.org/human-trafficking



LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW!
CatholicCharitiesGB.org/Events



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of the Holy Cross

whatsoever
you do

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Rural Life Day

Prince of Peace Catholic Community will host the annual diocesan Rural Life Day.

Date: May 15, 2025

Time: 10:00am | Mass with Bishop David Ricken and blessing

11:30 a.m. | Lunch and after-lunch speaker

Location: 3425 Willow Rd., Green Bay

Purchase tickets here: [2025 Rural Life Day](#)



March for Life Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Wisconsin Family Council, Pro Life WI, and WI Right to Life are joining forces to hold a March for Life.

Date: June 14, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Wisconsin State Capitol

Visit the website for more information: [March for Life Wisconsin](#)

Save the Date!

**MARCH FOR LIFE
WISCONSIN**

Saturday, June 14, 2025 • 2pm
Wisconsin State Capitol

*A joyful and peaceful march
to protect every human life.*

ProLife
LOVE FOR LIFE WI

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FAMILY
COUNCIL

Life
WISCONSIN
RIGHT TO LIFE

Retreat for Grieving Parents

The diocesan office of Marriage and Family Life, Fox Valley Respect Life Team, and Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents are

organizing a retreat day for grieving parents.

Date: October 25, 2025

For more information or to register, call or e-mail: marriageministries@gbdioc.org | (920) 272-8283



Saint Joseph, pray for us!

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