



Diocese of  
Green Bay



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## Human Dignity and Life

June 17, 2025

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27

Dear friends,

Peace be with you. This coming Sunday, June 22, is the feast of St. Thomas More, who famously said, "I die the King's good servant, and God's first." As we seek to be advocates for life and justice, may we take this saying to heart and look to St. Thomas More as an example for how to truly live a life that places all of our earthly activity first and foremost at the service of God.

In this quarterly newsletter, you will find latest happenings in the diocese, resources to read, watch and/or share, and upcoming events you can participate in.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with a friend. By doing so, you can help promote the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death.

In Christ,  
Lucas Holt

## Latest Happenings in the Diocese

### Adoration Against Trafficking

During the three days of the NFL Draft (April 24–26), Catholics from across the diocese gathered at Resurrection Catholic Parish in Allouez to pray for an end to human trafficking. Thank you to all who participated and stood in solidarity through prayer for this

### FIGHT TRAFFICKING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

If you are a victim of human trafficking or part of the commercial sex industry, there is help!



#### IN GREEN BAY

Contact Awaken, a faith-based nonprofit on a mission to eradicate commercial sexual exploitation, at (920) 333-1701.

NATIONAL HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING HOTLINE:  
CALL (888) 373-7888  
TEXT INFO TO 233733



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### SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA,

as a child, you were sold as a slave and had to spend untold difficulties and suffering.

Once freed from your physical slavery, you found the true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

Oh, St. Bakhita, help those who are trapped in slavery; intercede on their behalf before God so that they are freed from the chains of captivity.

May God free anyone who has been enslaved by man.

Provide relief to those who survive slavery and allow them to see Him as a model of faith and hope. Help all survivors to find healing for their wounds.

We beg you to pray and intercede for those who are enslaved among us. Amen.



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important cause!

Human trafficking is a year-round issue—not just something that happens during major events. If you would like a St. Josephine Bakhita prayer card (as pictured above), or if you'd like multiple copies to share with others, please contact Lucas Holt at 920-272-8321.

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## Legislative Advocacy

Catholic Charities' human dignity and life advocate, Lucas Holt, attended a public hearing hosted by the state legislature's Joint Committee on Finance as it seeks to put together a budget for FY 2025-27. Holt testified in support of expanding postpartum care for women on Medicaid from 2 months to 12 months; and for returning 17 year-olds to the juvenile justice system.



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## Rural Life Mass

On May 15, the feast of St. Isidore the Farmer, the diocese held its 70th annual Rural Life Mass. Thank you Prince of Peace Catholic Community for hosting!

Special shoutout to Bishop Ricken for blessing the tractors, and to Fr. Mark Mleziva for being our keynote speaker.



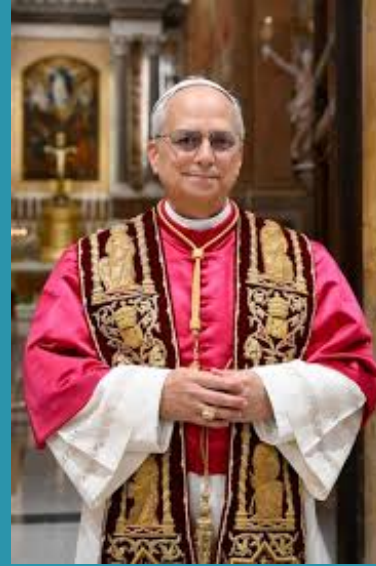
## Media Resources

### Artificial Intelligence: Principles and Priorities

On June 9, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a letter to members of Congress on artificial intelligence. The letter highlights that AI must serve humanity, and not the other way around.

You can read the letter here: [Artificial Intelligence: Principles and Priorities](#)

Pope Leo XIV has also stressed the importance of placing humanity at the center of discussions surrounding the use of AI. In his first formal address as the Successor of St. Peter, he explained to the college of cardinals one of his reasons for choosing the name 'Leo': "There are different reasons for this, but mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic Encyclical *Rerum Novarum* addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defence of human dignity, justice and labour."



## Racism; IVF; and Caring for Creation

Check out the latest episodes from the Diocese of Green Bay's Sharing the Truth in Love podcast:



Watch Episode 4: [Racism](#)

Watch Episode 5: [IVF & Surrogacy](#)

Watch Episode 6: [Protecting the Environment](#)

## Post-Abortion Flyers, Pregnancy Resource Centers + Services Flyer

A Diocese of Green Bay post-abortion resource flyer is available along with scholarships to attend a Rachel's Vineyard retreat in Madison:

English: [Post-Abortion Resources](#)

Español: [Recursos Post-Aborto](#)

[Pregnancy Support Flyer](#)

### PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS + SERVICES AVAILABLE

WE ARE THERE.

	Appleton	Green Bay	Manitowish	Marinette	Oshkosh	Waupaca	Wausau
	Alexandrina Pregnancy Resource Center	Vida Medical Clinic	The Crossing of Manitowish County	Bay Area Pregnancy Services	Vida Medical Clinic	Agape Help Center	Hope Life Center
Pregnancy testing/ Ultrasound exam	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maternity housing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
STD/STI testing & treatment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pregnancy support services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Material support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Abortion information	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Post Abortion support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Resource coaching	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Parenting education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

There are services, support, and material help for women who are pregnant and families in need!

AGAPE HELP CENTER  
agapehelpcenter.com  
715 942-8288  
217 N. Main Street  
Waupaca, WI 54981

ALEXANDRINA PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER  
greenbaypregnancyhelp.com  
(920) 435-4191  
1600 Shawano Avenue, Suite #106  
Green Bay, WI 54303

VIDA MEDICAL CLINIC  
vidamedicalclinic.org  
(920) 731-4354  
Coming soon to Green Bay

BAY AREA PREGNANCY SERVICES  
bayareapregnancyservices.com  
(715) 732-4305  
2042 Maple Avenue, Suite A  
Marinette, WI 54143

VIDA MEDICAL CLINIC  
vidamedicalclinic.org  
(920) 231-6006  
1484 W. South Park Avenue  
Oshkosh, WI 54902

HOPE LIFE CENTER  
hope4u.org  
(715) 842-4673  
605 S. 24th Avenue, Suite #20  
Wausau, WI 54401

THE CROSSING OF MANITOWOC COUNTY  
crossingmanitowoc.org  
(920) 973-4357  
501 N. 10th Street  
Manitowoc, WI 54220

VIDA MEDICAL CLINIC  
vidamedicalclinic.org  
(920) 731-4354  
720 W. Association Drive  
Appleton, WI 54914

There are resources available for you, your family, and those you care about! Reach out today and contact one of the centers to learn more.



Letter to Young People for the 10th Anniversary of *Laudato Si*





Archbishop Borys Gudziak, Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Bishop Elias Zaidan, Chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace, co-wrote a letter to young people on the impact they can make, and their important role, in caring for creation. You can read the letter [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

### Respect Life Mass

Catholic Charities is excited to partner with St. Norbert College to celebrate Respect Life Month.

**Featured Speaker:** Dr. Abby Johnson

**Vendor fair:** meet and connect with local pro-life ministries to learn more about opportunities to serve and get involved.

**When:** Saturday, October 25, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Follow the Diocese of Green Bay for updates, including when registration opens on Facebook ([Diocese of Green Bay Facebook Page](#)) and Instagram ([Diocese of Green Bay Instagram](#)).

**CELEBRATE RESPECT LIFE MONTH**  
with *Catholic Charities* and *St. Norbert College*

All are welcome for this morning of prayer, witness, and fellowship as we affirm the God-given dignity of every human person — from conception to natural death.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25**  
9 A.M. | Holy Mass concelebrated by Bishop David Ricken and Abbot Dane Radecki, O.Praem.  
OLD ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, DE PERE

**JOIN US**

**BISHOP RICKEN** **ABBOT RADECKI** **DR. ABBY JOHNSON**

**VENDOR FAIR**  
Meet Catholic and pro-life ministries

**SPEAKER**  
Dr. Abby Johnson, Catholic convert, national pro-life leader, and founder of *And Then There Were None*

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### March for Life Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Catholic Conference, Wisconsin Family Council, Wisconsin Right to Life, and Pro Life Wisconsin will be jointly hosting a March for Life in Madison on July 26, 2025.

For more information and details on registering, visit the march's website by clicking [here](#).

**MARCH FOR LIFE WISCONSIN**

has been

**RESCHEDULED**

**NEW DATE:**  
Saturday, July 26, 2025 • 2-4pm  
Wisconsin State Capitol

## Access Awareness Mass

Join Fr. Mark Vander Steeg for the second annual Access Awareness Mass, which seeks to raise awareness about the importance of parishes incorporating persons with disabilities in the life of the Church.



This Mass is coordinated in partnership with the leaders of the Green Bay, Fox Valley, and Oshkosh Special Religious Education programs.

For those who are deaf or hard of hearing, an interpreter will be at Mass.

**Date:** Saturday, October 11, 2025

**Time:** 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Holy Spirit Parish, Kimberly

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## 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](mailto:marriageministries@gbdioc.org) | (920) 272-8283

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## St. Thomas More, pray for us!

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