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## A Lenten Mailbox for Catechists A Lenten Mailbox for Catechists

By Kate Ristow

Our hard-working editor at CATECHIST, Kass Dotterweich, takes great care to reply directly to the countless questions we get annually from our readers about teaching and helping students live the Catholic faith. Every year, many of the questions we receive focus on different aspects of Lent—everything from the history of the season to the practices and customs we observe.

*Our parish has a Mardi Gras the weekend before Ash Wednesday. People eat, drink, and play games. What's the purpose?*

Mardi Gras comes from the French words for "fat" (gras) and "Tuesday" (Mardi). It is a pre-Lenten day of feasting, originally celebrated on the day before Ash Wednesday. It was often associated with carnival, which is taken from a Latin word that means "removal of meat."

In ancient times, on the day before Lent began, people cleared their larders of foods that were forbidden during Lent due to the very strict fasting regulations. Some of these foods included meat, fish, eggs, and other dairy products. Today that meaning of carnival has been almost completely lost.

Inevitably, in the week before Ash Wednesday, television stations air film of the raucous carnivals in New Orleans. In fact, the carnival season begins on January 6, the Twelfth Night of Christmas and the date on which Catholics originally celebrated the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Your parish celebrates Mardi Gras on the weekend before Ash Wednesday for a practical reason. Very few people would participate in a big community party on a work/school night.



*I heard the term "Shrove Tuesday" in one of our catechetical meetings but was too embarrassed to ask what it is and when. So I'll ask you: What is Shrove Tuesday? When is it? Do we celebrate it?*

Never be embarrassed! Shrove Tuesday is another term that describes the day before Ash Wednesday. The word shrove is derived from a Latin word that means "confession." In ancient times, people prepared for Lent by going to confession. Since the penitential nature of the Lenten season is a major focus of our preparation for Easter, this custom has not been observed for hundreds of years, yet the name persists.

*Lent is longer than 40 days. Why do we say "the 40 days of Lent"?*

Pull up a calendar and let's walk through this. The 40 days of Lent are counted from the First Sunday of Lent to Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of that same week are considered something of a prelude to when we begin counting the days: a time to reflect on how we will spend the next 40 days preparing to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection.

Lent ends at sunset on Holy Thursday and the celebration of the sacred Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. The official Latin title of Lent is Quadragesima or "Forty Days."

Before the liturgical reforms following the Second Vatican Council, Ash Wednesday was the first day of Lent. Sundays were not

considered Lenten days because the regulations regarding fasting were lifted on Sundays. In those days, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday were counted as Lent, even though the season officially ended at noon on Holy Saturday. Some adults still remember waiting anxiously when they were kids for the noon siren to blow on Saturday so they could eat their first candy egg of Easter.



*Why is Easter celebrated on a different date every year and how is the date of Ash Wednesday determined?*

The dating of Easter was settled definitely at the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. Prior to Nicea, some Church leaders believed that Easter should be celebrated on the actual anniversary of Jesus' Passover.



According to calculations, that would be the fourteenth of Nisan, the seventh month of the Jewish calendar. Since the Jewish calendar rotates, Easter would have fallen on a different day of the week each year, although on the same date.

Many Church leaders felt strongly that Easter must be observed on a Sunday, to commemorate the day of Jesus' Resurrection. So the decision was made to celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (the time of year when the number of daylight hours and night hours are approximately the same all over the earth) or the first day of spring.

Kids love to calculate all this! Have them work in small groups and give each group a calendar or calendar pages that show the phases of the moon. Before you distribute the calendars, be sure to “white out” any references to Ash Wednesday, Passion Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Slowly explain the formula in the previous paragraph and ask students to calculate when Easter will occur. You’ll be a bit amazed at how quickly they can do this. Have them calculate the date for Ash Wednesday by counting back six weeks from the Sunday before Easter (Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion). Ash Wednesday is in the middle of that week. (For a more detailed explanation of this activity and calendar pages for February, March, and April of this year, see the website reference at the end of this article.)



*I used to hear about the Easter Obligation. What is that? And didn't we used to call it something else?*

Yes, we called this obligation, based on the Precepts of the Church, “Easter Duty.” It requires all Catholics to receive the Body and Blood of Christ at some time during the Easter season, which in the United States extends from the First Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday” (*United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, page 334).

The three Precepts of the Church that are the underpinnings of our Easter Duty are:

- \* Participate in Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from unnecessary work.
- \* Confess sins at least once a year.
- \* Receive Holy Communion at least during the

Easter season. When we teach about Easter Duty, it is important for students to understand that it assumes that all Catholics participate in the Mass every week even if they do not receive Communion. We also need to emphasize that, although only mortal sins must be confessed, participating in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation helps us by continuing the process of conversion that began at our Baptism. Finally, kids today can hardly imagine going to Mass without receiving the Eucharist. It may be helpful to point out to them that there was a time in our Church when almost no one received Holy Communion. The reason? People didn't feel worthy enough or it was drummed into them that confession was required before receiving the Eucharist.

Remind students that the Eucharist helps us become better followers of Christ if we are open to Jesus’ presence and grace within us.

One last point: While First Reconciliation is normally received before First Eucharist, we are not required to participate in Reconciliation prior to every reception of the Eucharist.

*What is the difference between a “candidate” and a “catechumen” in RCIA?*

Good question! A candidate is someone who has been previously baptized in another Christian faith. At the Easter Vigil, candidates will not be baptized since Baptism marks us with an indelible character. In other words, we may be baptized only once. Instead, candidates make a profession of faith, are confirmed, and receive the Eucharist.



Catechumens are those individuals who have never been officially initiated into a church community prior to their entrance into the Catholic Church. At the Easter Vigil, catechumens celebrate all three Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Another way we state this is to say that catechumens are seeking full communion with the Church.

### *What is Laetare Sunday?*

Laetare Sunday is celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. The origin of the name comes from the first words of the Latin Entrance Antiphon at Mass: Laetare, Jerusalem which mean "Rejoice, O Jerusalem." Traditionally, Laetare Sunday is a day of rejoicing within this solemn penitential season.

It's hard to miss the visual sign of the celebration: The priest wears rose-colored vestments (although Lenten purple is still permitted).

The reason for this joyful observance was explained in a homily by Pope Innocent III in 1216: "On this Sunday, which marks the middle of Lent, a measure of consoling relaxation is provided, so that the faithful may not break down under the severe strain of Lenten fast but may continue to bear the restrictions with a refreshed and easier heart."

This is a great quote to use with older kids. You can point out that perhaps some of them have been merely coasting through Lent and are not in need of "consoling relaxation." You can remind them that it is not too late to use the remaining two weeks of Lent fruitfully so that they are prepared to truly celebrate the Lord's Resurrection on Easter.

### *What are the Scrutinies?*

The Scrutinies are rites of purification and strengthening celebrated with RCIA catechumens in preparation for their Baptism. They are celebrated only with the unbaptized—with catechumens, not candidates, although there is a rite that may be celebrated with the candidates at another time. The Scrutinies are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent.



### *What are the fasting and abstinence obligations during Lent? Might they vary from diocese to diocese?*

The Church regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent are found below. They apply to all Catholics within the United States. While it certainly is possible that an individual bishop may grant a blanket dispensation for some extraordinary reason, it is very unlikely. Lent is a six-week timeout from life as usual.

It's about sacrifice. The Lenten regulations are:  
 \* **Abstinence during Lent:** Catholics 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

\* **Fasting during Lent:** Catholics who are 18 years of age or older are to fast on Ash Wednesday, and are encouraged to do



penance throughout the Lenten season. Catholics who have reached 59 years of age are exempt from the rules of fasting. Those who

are required to fast may take only one full meal on a fast day. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain one's strength, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted while fasting.

**\*The Paschal Triduum:** The special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

Note: This means that the rules of both fasting and abstaining apply to Good Friday.

It is important that these regulations are clearly explained, especially to junior high students. We can encourage all of our students (whether or not they are "of age") to observe the spirit of the fasting and abstinence requirements, if not the exact letter of the law.

For example, students can abstain from candy, pizza, soda, or some other favorite food or beverage during this season. Missing these foods is part of the process and helps us focus on Christ's sacrifice for us. Students can also abstain from quarreling with siblings, selfish actions, going to movies, listening to their iPods, texting, or any other activity that involves a personal sacrifice.

Each time you gather with your class, ask students to report on their progress in keeping their Lenten promises.

Remember that Lent is a very long season and that kids need our encouragement and support to maintain their focus.



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Website:

[http://www.catechist.com/archive/articles\\_view.php?article\\_id=2468](http://www.catechist.com/archive/articles_view.php?article_id=2468)

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# Involving Parents

## Communicate Well in Writing

Virtually everyone gives each piece of written material a one-to two-second "triage" scan, quickly trashing it if they're not interested.

Of those interested enough to start reading immediately...

- Almost 80% will spend less than 30 seconds "reading" it.
- Around 20% will spend up to three minutes carefully reading some short articles.
- Less than 1% will spend up to 30 minutes reading an entire long publication.

The question: Can you get your critical points across in less than 30 seconds to accommodate the time most parents will take to read your publication? To this...

- **Write strong, attention-getting headlines**
- **Add an illustration** or photo that clarifies or emphasizes your message.
- **Include a related sidebar box** near your main article containing a related point or example.



Use these tips to boost readership...

- **Limit a newsletter to one sheet** of paper. Front and back is okay. Even an 11" x 17" sheet folded can work.
- **Keep articles short:** 75-150 words, 250 max.
- **Use simple, plain language** – fourth to sixth grade reading level.

*Over 90% of parents agree that parental involvement is important, but 80% of those parents say they need more information about how to help their child(ren) at home.*

## Why Parents Say They Are Not Involved

Often parents will say:

**I Don't Have Time:** Supporting children in their education and religious programs is tough for parents whose work schedules are extensive and demanding. Nontraditional hours deprive parents, especially single parents, of opportunities at school and at home.

**I Don't Know What to Do or I Don't Feel its Important:** Many parents are unsure of what is expected of them or don't

feel they are knowledgeable enough to help their child. In a recent survey of the Parent Institute parents view their highest priority with their children as **talking with their child and paying attention to what their child says to them**. In this same survey, school teachers responded as the parents number one priority is to **read to their child every day and have their child read to them**. There is a disconnect on expectations and importance.

*From the birth to the time a child graduates from High School, they spend about 15% of that "learning time" at school and the rest somewhere else, primarily with their parents.*

## What You Need to Know about Today's Parents

- They have grown up hearing about "failing schools".
- They're skeptical problem solvers who **thrive on collaboration**.
- They're more **family-oriented**.
- They **don't trust institutions** to automatically do what's right; they don't trust that their children are safe.
- They expect to **communicate instantly** with you.
- They expect you to have a first-class website with **information on ways they can help their child(ren) succeed**.
- They expect to **hear about problems immediately** – along with what is being done about them.
- They **value their time** very highly and don't want it to be wasted with activities that don't directly help them or their child.

*Parent Involvement is all about the children and making sure they receive the kind of education they deserve and must have.*

## How Do We Involve Parents?

- Give them the knowledge and tools to work with.
- Provide regular and **open communication**.
- **Be sensitive** to family time and needs.
- **Provide support groups**.
- **Show respect**.
- Provide a program parents can have **trust, faith and confidence** in.

# Lent & Easter Resources

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Available from the Diocese of Superior, Media Center (call Donna @ 234-5044 or email [dpieper@catholicdos.org](mailto:dpieper@catholicdos.org))

**Please contact your designated parish resource person to order. There is a fee for parishes that do not have a subscription.**

Ages recommended for: ps=preschool, p=primary, i=intermediate, jh=jr high, sh=senior high, a=adult

Refer to the Media Catalog or go to Media Center at <http://www.catholicdos.org> for descriptions/details

#	Title	Ages	#	Title	Ages
2755	3 EASTER CLASSICS	ps,p	2617	LAST DAYS OF JESUS, THE	jh,sh,a
1647	A PASSOVER SEDER	i,jh,sh,a	2958	LAST DAYS OF JESUS, THE	a
1726	AGONY IN THE GARDEN	p,i	1816	LAST STONE, THE	ps,p,i
0721	ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!	ps,p	1975	LAST SUPPER & BIBLICAL CUISINE	a
2547	AN EASTER CAROL: VEGGIETALES	ps,p	1377	LAST SUPPER, THE	jh,sh,a
1367	ANGEL'S LENTEN LESSON	p,i	1725	LAST SUPPER, THE	p,i
2971	ASHES TO GLORY DEVOTIONAL	jh,sh,a	2398	LAST SUPPER, THE	sh,a
2722	BARABBAS (1961)	jh,sh,a	0703	LENT	p,i
1947	BETRAYAL	i,jh,sh	0313	LENT: TIME FOR RENEWAL	p,i
1317	BREAD OF SACRIFICE, THE	sh,a	2232	LENT: CELEBRATING THE SEASON	i,jh
0829	CATECHUMENATE FOR CHILDREN	a	2527	LENT & EASTER	sh,a
2744	CROSSING, THE	jh,sh,a	2312-15	LENTEN JOURNEY Fr. Michael Himes	a
0171-2	DATLINE JERUSALEM	jh,sh,a	0708	LENTEN LANE	p
2067-68	DEATH & RESURRECTION OF MESSIAH	a	2970	LITLLEST ANGEL'S EASTER, THE	ps,p,i
0697	DONKEY'S TALE, THE	p,i	0782	MAGIC BOY'S EASTER	p,i,jh
0480	EASTER (Sacred Heart Kids Club)	p	1737	MEDITATION OF THE PASSOVER	jh,sh,a
0704	EASTER	p,i	2683	NARNIA	i,jh,sh,a
1308	EASTER	a	0783	PARABLE	jh,sh,a
0545	EASTER CATERPILLAR, THE	p	2581	PASSION OF THE CHRIST	sh,a
0544	EASTER IS	p,i	1514-15	PASSION RESURRECTION NARRATIVES	a
2003	EASTER PARTY!!	p	1647	PASSOVER SEDER, A	i,jh,sh,a
2459	EASTER PROMISE, THE	i	0792	PASSOVER, THE	jh,sh,a
0691	EASTER STORY, THE	p,i,jh	2410	PASSOVER POTLUCK!	ps, p
2546	EASTER STORY KEEPERS	p,i	2779	PEOPLE WHO MET JESUS #2	jh,sh,a
0546	EASTER TODAY EASTER FOREVER	p,i	0925	PROUD TREE, THE	ps,p,i
2756	EASTER TRIDUUM	a	1988	RESURRECTION	i,jh,sh,a
2029	EASTER VIGIL	jh,sh,a	1729	RESURRECTION OF JESUS	p,i
1588	EXECUTION OF JESUS	jh,sh,a	1648-49	REVOLUTIONARY, THE	jh,sh,a
1215	FINAL DAYS, THE	jh,sh,a	1318	RIPPLES OF DARKNESS...LIGHT	sh,a
0979	FIRST EASTER, THE	p,i,jh	0797	ROLLING BACK THE STONE	sh,a
0112	FROM ASHES TO EASTER	a	1868	SHARI'S PASSOVER SURPRISE	ps,p
2028	GOOD FRIDAY	p,i,jh,sh,a	1877	SHARING THE PASSION	sh,a
2359	HE IS RISEN	p,i	0720	SPRINGING OUT	ps,p
2027	HOLY THURSDAY	p,i,jh,sh,a	1580	STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHDRN	p,i
0613	HOLY WEEK	p,i,jh	1579	STATIONS OF THE CROSS, THE	jh,sh,a
0709	HOLY WEEK CROSSING	p,i	2757	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	a
2784	HOW CAN I CELEBRATE PASSOVER?	ps,p	1811	STORY BEHIND THE CROSS	p,i,jh
1332	HOW JESUS DIED: FINAL 18 HRS	sh,a	2545	STORY OF EASTER, THE	p,i
0397	IN REMEMBRANCE	sh,a	2161&62	TALES FROM MADHOUSE	sh,a
2088	JEREMY'S EGG	i	1396	TRIAL, THE	i,jh,sh,a
1178	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	jh,sh,a	1727	TRIAL OF JESUS, THE	p,i
1728	JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS	p,i	2969	TRIALS OF JESUS, THE	ps,p
0614-16	JESUS OF NAZARETH	jh,sh,a	1724	TRIUMPHANT ENTRY	p,i
2173	JESUS PROMISES	p,i	2548	TRUE EASTER STORY, THE	jh,sh,a
0771	JESUS' SUFFERING, DEATH, RSRCTN	p,i	1770	WALKING WITH JESUS	p,i
2615-16	JESUS: THE MINISERIES	jh,sh,a	1981	WALL, THE	jh,sh,a
0281	JESUS, THE REDEEMER	jh,sh,a	0061	WAY OF THE CROSS	sh,a
0444	JOURNEY TO EASTER	i,jh,sh,a	1691	WAY OF THE CROSS, THE	sh,a
1934	JUDAS PROJECT, THE	jh,sh,a	1376	WERE YOU THERE?	i,jh,sh,a

## Applying for Catechetical Certification - *It's Not as Bad as It Looks*



can be a little intimidating. But I can let you in on a little secret - *it's not as bad as it looks*.

My work with catechetical certification over the past eight years has been both rewarding and frustrating. The rewarding part is that each year more and more people are participating in the process. In 2002 about 150 applications were received. Each year the number has grown. Last year we processed 504 applications - 147 were from new participants! The *most* rewarding part is sending out new certificates. This past year new certification levels were earned by 160 individuals - and the other 344 people made great progress towards their next level.

The frustrating part for me is that people often short-change themselves. They miss out on points in a variety of ways: information is omitted; critical documents (*e.g., college transcripts*) are not provided; and some folks don't respond to requests for more information.

So, let's get back to the application form and why it's not as bad as it looks. The form was designed (and tweaked each year) to help us give you all the points we can. Page one identifies you and where you live and serve. Pages two and three are lists of items that can earn points. Very little writing is involved. Just circle yes or no and supply a date when needed. Page four can take more time as that is where you tell us about the training and experiences that don't show up on pages two and three. This is where you need to be *very* specific because general terms just don't work. Here's my list of how to help yourself get all the "page 4" points you have earned:

- **Date** - be sure to include at least the month and year, especially if it is an annual event.
- **Speaker** - We like to identify the presenter on your transcript so it's important to use full names as much as possible. Did you know that among our priests we have ten named Jim and six named Mike? It's tough to identify which one you mean when just "Fr. Jim" or "Fr. Mike" is written.
- **Topic and/or Title of Presentation** - Give us as much information as you can. If the title isn't descriptive, add a few words to tell us what the presentation was about. I looked back into my reference lists of past diocesan

- events and found two great examples. The title "Thirty Things Teens Want to Learn in Religion Class" tells us this is about catechizing teens. "Chocolates for Breakfast" is a delicious idea but it doesn't tell us much about the topic.
- **Sponsor** - It is easier to assess points if the group that developed and coordinated the event is known. It helps to know who to contact to get additional information if needed.
- **Length of Presentation** - The entries in this column should be in hours and minutes. General terms like "all day," "various," or "Monday-Thursday" are not specific enough. "All day" could mean 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or it could mean 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you are participating in a series such as a Bible study, indicate how many sessions you attended and the length of the sessions.
- **Category** - This is sometimes difficult to determine. Promotional materials for events sponsored by the Diocese of Superior will note the category and number of certification points that can be earned. If you are not sure about an event, send in a copy of the flyer, agenda, or schedule for the day and we will determine the category for you.

If you really get stuck on any part of the certification application, you can always contact me. My phone, fax, and email is listed in the form. I love to hear from you and don't ever think you are being a bother. The more I can help you complete your application, the easier my job becomes.

One last thought - whether we know each other personally or not, I know that you are a very dedicated, faith-filled individual who cares tremendously about our church. This shows in the energy and creativity put into our schools and religious education programs. Being able to recognize you and your gifts through the certification process is most humbling. You are Christ's treasure and I know you are being held in His heart.

Peace & Blessings,

Kathy Drinkwine

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# Calendar

Visit our website @ [www.catholicdos.org](http://www.catholicdos.org)

## March 2010

March 6 – 7

SCRIPTURE V: The Gospel of Luke  
Presenter: Steven Ostovich  
Location: St Joseph, Rice Lake  
Contact: Dcn Tim Kuehn  
[tkuehn@catholicdos.org](mailto:tkuehn@catholicdos.org) 715 394 0217

March 11

BASE Training  
Time: 6:30  
Locations: St Anthony @ Superior  
St Bridget @ River Falls  
Contact: Kathy Drinkwine  
[kdrinkwine@catholicdos.org](mailto:kdrinkwine@catholicdos.org) 715 394 0216

March 15

BASE Training  
Time: 6:30  
Locations: St Mary @ Tomahawk  
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary @ Medford  
Contact: Kathy Drinkwine  
[kdrinkwine@catholicdos.org](mailto:kdrinkwine@catholicdos.org) 715 394 0216

March 16

Base Training  
Time: 6:30  
Location: Our Lady of the Lake @ Ashland  
Contact: Kathy Drinkwine  
[kdrinkwine@catholicdos.org](mailto:kdrinkwine@catholicdos.org) 715 394 0216

March 23

Chrim Mass  
Cathedral of Christ the King

## April 2010

April 6 – 8

NCEA (National Catholic Education Association)  
Convention – Minneapolis, MN

April 14

Diocesan Youth Rally  
Time: 6:30 – 9:00 Woodruff  
Contact: Megan Noll  
[mnoll@catholicdos.org](mailto:mnoll@catholicdos.org) 715 234 5044

April 16

Spring Theology Day  
Presenter: Leisa Anslinger  
Location: WITC Rice Lake  
Contact: Roger Cadotte  
[rcadotte@catholicdos.org](mailto:rcadotte@catholicdos.org) 715 234 5044

April 18 – 22

NCCL (National Conference for Catechetical  
Leadership) Convention – Las Vegas, NV

April 20

East & North Regions Principal Meeting  
Time: 10:00a – 2:00p  
Location: Park Falls  
Contact: Peggy Schoenfuss  
[pschoenfuss@catholicdos.org](mailto:pschoenfuss@catholicdos.org) 715 234 5044

April 21

Central & West Regions Principal Meeting  
Time: 1:00 – 4:00p  
Location: New Richmond  
Contact: Peggy Schoenfuss  
[pschoenfuss@catholicdos.org](mailto:pschoenfuss@catholicdos.org) 715 234 5044

April 24 – 25

ECCLESIOLOGY II: Models of the Church  
Presenter: Rev. John Gerritts  
Location: Nativity of Our Lord, Rhinelander (north  
bldg.)  
Contact: Dcn Tim Kuehn  
[tkuehn@catholicdos.org](mailto:tkuehn@catholicdos.org) 715 394 0217

April 29

Professional Development Day for all Catechetical  
Leaders  
“Peace Making & Conflict Resolution”  
Time: 10:00 – 3:00  
Location: St. Joseph Parish Center  
Hayward  
Contact: Chris Newkirk  
[cnewkirk@catholicdos.org](mailto:cnewkirk@catholicdos.org) 715 394 0204

## May 2010

May 3

BASE Training  
Time: 6:30  
Location: St Anne @ Somerset  
Contact: Kathy Drinkwine  
[kdrinkwine@catholicdos.org](mailto:kdrinkwine@catholicdos.org) 715 394 0216

May 4

BASE Training  
Time: 6:30  
Locations: Our Lady of the Lake @ Ashland  
St Anthony de Padua @ Tony  
Contact: Kathy Drinkwine  
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May 6

BASE Training  
Time: 6:30  
Locations: Cathedral @ Superior  
Nativity of Our Lord @ Rhinelander  
Contact: Kathy Drinkwine  
[kdrinkwine@catholicdos.org](mailto:kdrinkwine@catholicdos.org) 715 394 0216

May 11

SUMMIT  
Time: 9:30a – 3:00p  
Holy Family - Woodruff  
Contact: Larry Huiras  
[lhuiras@stpatrickeducenter.org](mailto:lhuiras@stpatrickeducenter.org) 386 9209, ext 208

May 22 – 23

PASTORAL THEOLOGY IV: Church Management  
Presenter: Rev Dennis Mullen  
Location: St Peter, Cameron  
Contact: Dcn Tim Kuehn  
[tkuehn@catholicdos.org](mailto:tkuehn@catholicdos.org) 715 394 0217

### June 2010

June 15-18

Discipleship Week 2010 (Teens Ages 13-18)  
Location: St. Scholastica, Duluth  
Contact: Ben Frost, NET Ministries  
[benfrost2@gmail.org](mailto:benfrost2@gmail.org) 218 728 6985 ext 2

June 21-25

Just 5 Days (Middle School Youth)  
Location: Appleton, WI  
Contact: Megan Noll 715 234 5044  
[www.Just5Days.org](http://www.Just5Days.org) 253 853 5422

June 26 – 27

SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY III: Spiritualities in the Life of the Church  
Presenter: Ms Pat Pintens  
Location: Nativity of Our Lord, Rhinelander (north bldg.)  
Contact: Dcn Tim Kuehn  
[tkuehn@catholicdos.org](mailto:tkuehn@catholicdos.org) 715 394 0217

### July 2010

July 10 – 11

SCRIPTURE II: Intro to Old Testament: Pre-Exilic Israel  
Presenter: Mr. Stanley Birnbaum  
Location: St Joseph, Osceola  
Contact: Dcn Tim Kuehn  
[tkuehn@catholicdos.org](mailto:tkuehn@catholicdos.org) 715 394 0217

July 13-14 (TBA)

Youth Serve  
Rhinelander  
Contact: Megan Noll  
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### August 2010

August 13

HARVEST Retreat (Adult Youth Workers)  
Location: Our Lady of Lourdes, Dobie  
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August 17

New & Next to New Leadership Orientation  
Location: Holy Trinity Hall, Haugen  
Contact: Peggy Schoenfuss or Roger Cadotte  
715 234 5044

August 18

Principal Meeting  
Location & Time: TBA  
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August 19

Teacher In-Service  
Location & Time: TBA  
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August 24

Catechetical Leadership Days  
Time: 12:30 – 1:00p registration  
1:00 – 3:30p Holy Family, Woodruff  
Contact: Roger Cadotte  
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August 24

Catechetical Leadership Day  
Time 6:00 – 6:30p registration  
6:30 – 9:00p Holy Family, Woodruff  
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August 25

Catechetical Leadership Day  
Time: 6:00 – 6:30 registration  
6:30 – 9:00p  
St Peter – Cameron  
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August 26

Catechetical Leadership Day  
Time: 9:30 – 10:00a registration  
10:00a – 12:30p  
St Peter – Cameron  
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### September 2010

September 8

Fall Regional Workshop  
Time 6:30p registration  
Our Lady of the Lake, Ashland  
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September 10 – 12

**DIACONATE RETREAT**

Location: St Anthony Retreat Center, Marathon

Contact: Dcn Tim Kuehn

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**October 2010**

October (TBA)

Theology on Tap

Location: Lehman's Supper Club, Rice Lake

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October 13

48<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference

Location: St Joseph, Rice Lake

October 23 – 24

PASTORAL THEOLOGY II: Listening Techniques A

Presenter: Dr. Ronald Zaffrann

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes, Dobie

Contact: Dcn Tim Kuehn

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**November 2010**

November 6 – 7

SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY History of the Sacraments

Presenter: Mr. Stanley Birnbaum

Location: St Joseph, Osceola

Contact: Dcn Tim Kuehn

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**December 2010**

December 4 – 5

PASTORAL THEOLOGY III: Listening Techniques B

Presenter: Rev Dennis Mullen

Location: St Joseph, Rice Lake

Contact: Dcn Tim Kuehn

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**August 2011**

August 9 – 22

World Youth Days

Madrid – Spain

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## Navigating Young Adulthood

By Megan Noll, Associate Director of Youth & Young Adults

Being a young adult can be a difficult road to navigate. We are moving, starting new jobs, leaving old friends, getting married, going to school, having children...



With all these changes, we are in ever greater need of support and encouragement of our faith lives.

Young adults want to feel accepted and welcomed. We desire to serve but do not always know where to begin. These years may be the first time we truly explore our Catholic faith. We may have grown up going to Church, but now question religion. We are seeking truth and yet we do not know it. We are attracted to those who not only talk the talk but walk the walk.

### So, how does the parish community reach out to young adults?

- 1) **Locate the young adults in your community.** Young adults are between the ages of 18-39 years. They may be single, dating, engaged, married with or without kids, or young single parents.
- 2) **Get to know the young adults by name.** When you see them, say hello or welcome them to your community. If it has been months or years of you seeing them, approach them anyway and tell them you are glad they are at church. Even if they seem surprised, deep down they are glad you care.
- 3) **Invite young adults to attend different events** and activities such as joining you for coffee and donuts, singing in the choir, attending your bible study, or prayer group. Don't be afraid to ask more than once!
- 4) **Help them discover their gifts by encouraging them to serve and to be an active member of your parish community.** Ideas may include: ushering, lecturing, signing up for Adoration, teaching religion classes, partaking in the hospitality team to name a few.
- 5) **Inspire young adults with your witness.** What does this mean? It means that you need to take your faith out to the community. When you go to the store, do you act charitably? Do you speak kindly to others? Do you forgive those who hurt you? Your ability to live the gospel will speak loudly.

These five steps are simple and concrete ways for you to support and encourage young adults in your community. May God bless you and your outreach to them!

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## *Great Expectations: Partnering with Parents in Teaching Religion*



**Friday, April 16, 2010**  
WITC Rice Lake

9:30a– 10:00a registration  
10:00a – 12 noon First Session  
12 noon – 1:00p lunch  
1:00p – 3:00p Second Session

Presenter: **Leisa Anslinger,**  
Director of Growing Up Catholic

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