

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – November 24
 3:30-4:00pm Confessions
 4:30 pm Jeffrey Cross

Sunday – November 25
 7:30 am Robert Schlise
 10:30 am People of Corpus Christi

Monday – November 26
 *8:00 am Joe & Betty Challe

Tuesday – November 27
 *5:05 pm No Mass

Wednesday – November 28
 *8:20 am Bill Price

Thursday – November 29
 *5:05 pm No Mass

Friday – November 30
 *8:20 am Jacqueline Kohlbeck

Saturday – December 1
 3:30-4:00pm Confessions
 4:30 pm People of Corpus Christi

Sunday – December 2
 7:30 am Deceased Members of K. Tess Family
 10:30 am Thomas DeNell
 5:00 pm Jovita DeWitt
 *The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before Mass.

Scripture Readings: Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday Daniel 7:13-14, Psalm 93:1,1-2,5, Revelation 1:5-8, John 18:33B-37
Monday Revelation 14:1-3,4B-5, Ps. 24:1BC-2,3-4AB,5-6, Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday Revelation 14:14-19, Psalm 96:10,11-12,13, Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday Revelation 15:1-4, Psalm 98:1,2-3AB,7-8,9, Luke 21:12-19
Thursday Revelation 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9A, Psalm 100:1B-2,3,4,5, Luke 21:20-28
Friday Romans 10:6-18, Psalm 19:8,9,10,11, Matthew 4:18-22
Saturday Revelation 22:1-7, Psalm 95:1-2,3-5,6-7AB, Luke 21:34-36

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PARISH NEWS

Advent Books

Advent is approaching fast! The little blue Advent Books are available in the main church entrance. A suggested donation of \$1.00. New this year, "The Word Among Us", advent book also.

Advent Wreaths & Candles

This weekend and next weekend only, we will have Advent Wreaths for \$7.00 and Advent Candles for \$5.00 available to purchase in the main church entrance too!



Habitat Fruitcakes

Next weekend Habitat for Humanity will be here in the main church entrance selling their delicious fruitcakes for only \$15.00. Great time to stock up for the holidays for your guests to enjoy at your home-or-a gift for someone!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday – November 25
 6-8pm No Life Teen Night @ Corpus Christi

Monday – November 26
 3-7pm SJB Basketball Practice

Tuesday – November 27
 3-7pm SJB Basketball Practice

Wednesday – November 28
 12-1pm Parish Planning Meeting/parish center
 5:45-7pm Genesis at St. Joe's
 6-7:15pm Edge at Corpus

Thursday – November 29
 3-7pm SJB Basketball Practice
 7pm Choir Rehearsal/Church

Sunday – December 2
 9-10:15am "You and Me" project/social hall
 6-8pm Life Teen Night @ Corpus Christi

PARISH REPORT

Deposited this week: Nov. 12-Nov. 18(21)

Parish Support.....	\$3,432.00
Offertory Collection.....	\$369.61
Votive Candles.....	\$30.25
Technology & Capital	\$260.00
Donations	\$1,295.00
Perpet. Care/Garden.....	\$10.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$5,396.86
Budgeted Expenses for the Week.....	\$10,419.96
Weekly Shortage	(\$5,023.10)
Disaster Relief Collection.....	\$1,993.00

\$CRIP REPORT

11/12-11/18/18 Sales: \$5,079.73 Profit: \$231.89
 Scrip can be purchased before and after all weekend Masses and on Thurs. 11:30-1pm in the parish center.
 *Lower denomination gift cards available for stocking stuffers (like Starbucks \$5.00 and Taco Bell \$5.00)!

PARISH NEWS

Mass Time Change on Monday

Please note that Mon. Nov. 26th Mass time will be at 8am due to priests attending a service at St. Norbert Abbey.

Hands Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help change the missal and music books on Friday Nov. 30th following the 8:20am Mass (about 8:45am). Please call the parish office if you are available to help at 743-4716 or just show up!

Our Lady of Guadalupe: Sunday Dec. 9th

Join us here at Corpus Christi for Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration. Starting with a rosary at noon-12:20pm procession outside of church; 12:45pm Tonantzin Dancers in the church; 1pm Mass with Mariachi Band; 2-5pm celebration in the social hall with food, cultural dance presentation & DJ & music.

PARISH NEWS**PARISH & OTHER NEWS****Special Events Planning Committee Meeting**

Review meeting concerning the recent "Salute to Veteran's" dinner at Corpus Christi parish center on Wed. Nov. 29th at noon. Details on the dinner, donations and other information. Hope to see you there!

You and Me

Start a new tradition this Christmas Season. Team up with your child to make a crèche for your family! There are two sessions, one for making and one for painting. The first session is Sun. Dec. 2nd 9-10:15am and the 2nd Sat. Dec. 15th 3-4:15pm in the social hall. Space is limited. Call by Nov. 25th to Terie 262-945-7150-cost is \$10.00.

St. Ann's News

Ladies, did you hear? It's time to enjoy some holiday cheer! The fun will be on Tuesday Dec. 4th with a social at 5:30pm, dinner at 6pm.

The festivities will be at the White Birch Inn. RSVP before Nov. 26 to Linda (495-5715) or Kay (495-7802).

'Waiting in Hope' Retreat for Women - Sat. Dec. 1st

Advent is a time of preparation. To help women pre-prepare for the season, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross are offering an Advent Day of Reflection. Attendees will find inspiration from the lives of Mary and the women in the genealogy of Jesus. How did they wait? How did they prepare? How will you? St. Francis Convent is at 3110 Nicolet Drive in Green Bay. The event is free, but registration is required. Register at gbfranciscans.org.

Christ Child Society

The D.C. Chapter of the Christ Child Society will celebrate their Shower

of Love along with the school children of St. John Bosco on Wed. Dec. 5th at the 8:20am Mass at Corpus Christi. We encourage everyone to bring a newborn baby item. Especially needed this year are onesies, fitted crib sheets, and diapers. These gifts will help them provide a layette of essential items for newborns in need. Following Mass, they will gather for a 10am brunch at Samuelson's Creek Pub and Grill (formerly the White Birch Inn). Cost of the brunch including coffee, tax and tip is \$1300. Please call Kathy at 495-5857 with questions or if you have a donation you would like to make but are unable to attend.

Edge and Life Teen**Middle & High School Religious Education and Youth Ministry**

Parents of former students: can you send us your son/daughter's college address? We want to send them a care package around finals, but need their address! We are asking for a donation of \$10 to help us with the cost of shipping the care packages. We need all addresses by December 3rd. Please e-mail Sarah with the addresses at stgavin25@gmail.com

Your poinsettia orders are due no later than Monday, November 26th to Corpus Christi. Pick up is on Monday, December 10th from 4:30-7pm at Corpus Christi (entrance of church). You may also drop your order off in the collection basket at any Mass. Please make sure to mark the envelope: Youth Ministry Poinsettia Sale

Check out the insert this weekend to read all about our annual Giving Tree service project! This has been going on in our parishes for over 10 years and it's always a hit! Your gift truly will make Christmas a little brighter for someone.

There is NO Life Teen Mass or Life Night this Sunday (November 25th)

Edge this week (Nov. 28th) at Corpus Christi: 6-7:15pm

NO Confirmation class this week!

Registration to our June 16-23rd mission trip to St. Louis is officially open! We have a strong feeling that our spots will sell quickly-so get your form and deposit in ASAP. See Sarah if you need more information. We have already started fundraising (Poinsettia sale).

PARISH & OTHER NEWS**Genesis...the beginning
Elementary Religious Education**

St. Joseph Campus

5:45-7pm Classes: Nov. 28

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Fundraiser

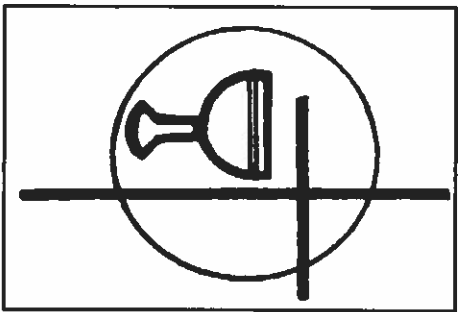
Come see, taste and socialize at the Pampered Chef tasting party Open House! Benefits St. John Bosco School and the Free Dental Clinic in D.C. On Thurs. Nov. 29th 5-7pm at St. Joseph Church social hall. For more info. call Jean at 920-743-6773.

Holy Land Pilgrimage: March 11-21

Why not take a Lenten journey with us to the Holy Land! Don't delay-register now! Please check out the bulletin board for more information or stop or call the parish office to receive a detailed brochure.

December 2018

Corpus Christi Catholic Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Parish Office Hours Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 am-4:30 pm Friday 8:00 am-1:00 pm Closed Mon.-Thurs. 1:30-2pm	*Rosary is said 20 minutes before weekday Masses	Please check the weekly bulletin or our website for any changes.	Sun. Dec. 9th Our Lady of Guadalupe: 12:20pm Outside Procession 12:45pm Dancers 1pm Mass social to follow	Merry Christmas & A Blessed New Year!		Confessions 3:30-4:00 pm Mass 4:30pm
2 Mass 7:30 & 10:30 am 5:00 pm 1st Sunday in Advent Craft Project 9-10:15am In Social Hall Life Night 6-8pm @ CC	3 Mass 5:05pm	4 No Mass 5:45-7pm Parish Council Meeting St. Ann's Society Christmas Party White Birch Inn Social 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm	5 Mass 8:20 am 5:45-7pm Genesis @ St. Joe's 6-7:15pm Edge @ Corpus Christi Confirmation Class 7:30-9pm @ Corpus	6 No Mass	7 First Friday 7:50 am Confessions Mass 8:20 am Immaculate Conception Blessed Virgin Mary-Holy Day of Obligation 7pm Mass @ Holy Name of Mary	8 Retirement Collection Immaculate Conception Blessed Virgin Mary: 9am Mass Confessions 3:30-4:00 pm Mass 4:30pm Retirement Collection
9 Mass 7:30 & 10:30 am 1pm-Lady of Guadalupe Mass 2nd Sunday in Advent Retirement Collection	10 Mass 5:05pm	11 No Mass 6:30pm Worship Committee Meeting	12 Mass 8:20 am 5:45-7pm Genesis @ St. Joe's 6-7:15pm Edge @ Corpus Christi Confirmation Class 7:30-9pm @ Corpus	13 No Mass	14 Mass 8:20 am	15 Confessions 3:30-4:00 pm Mass 4:30pm Craft Project 3-4:15pm In the Social Hall
16 Mass 7:30 & 10:30 am 5:00 pm 3rd Sunday in Advent	17 Mass 5:05pm	18 No Mass	19 Mass 8:20 am Ministerial Association Lunch noon / Parish 5:45-7pm Genesis @ St. Joe's 6-7:15pm Edge @ Corpus Christi	20 No Mass St. John Bosco Christmas Concert 6:30 pm @ St. Joe's	21 Communion Service 8:20 am	22 Confessions 3:30-4:00 pm Mass 4:30pm
23 Mass 7:30 & 10:30 am 4th Sunday in Advent No 5pm Mass No Life Night	24 Mass 4:30pm Mass 8pm Christmas Eve 4pm Mass @Holy Name of Mary Parish Office Closed	25 Mass 10:30am The Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Day Parish Office Closed	26 Mass 8:20 am NO Genesis NO Edge	27 No Mass	28 Communion Service 8:20 am	29 Confessions 3:30-4:00 pm Mass 4:30pm
30 Mass 7:30 & 10:30 am The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph No 5pm Mass No Life Night	31 Vigil Mass 5:05pm New Year's Eve Parish Office Closed	1 Holy Day of Obligation- The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- Mass 10:30am 9am Mass @Holy Name of Mary Parish Office Closed	St. John Bosco School Christmas Break December 24-Jan. 1st			

Parish Office
 920-743-4716
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 Website: www.ccparish.net



Corpus Christi Parish
 25 N. Elgin Avenue
 Sturgeon Bay, WI 54285

Saturday: Confessions 3:30-4:00 pm
 Saturday Mass: 4:30 pm
 Sunday Mass: 7:30 & 10:30 am & 5:00 pm



The Giving Tree

Corpus Christi, St. Joseph, and Ss. Peter and Paul will be celebrating Christmas with our annual Giving Tree! This is a wonderful service project for our local community!

This is how it works: Pick an ornament off the tree. Each ornament has a gift request for someone in need in our community. Purchase the gift/gift card that is on the ornament. Please do not lose the ornament! In fact, we are **encouraging everyone to take a picture of it just in case you lose it, you will have the number and gift request!**



Each child has 2 ornaments: a clothing request and a fun/toy request. So, if you pick out a clothing ornament, rest assured, another ornament will have a fun gift request 😊

THIS WEEKEND (November 24-25th) Ornaments will be put on the trees. Parishioners are encouraged to take an ornament or two.

Sunday, December 9th by noon—all gift/gift cards are due back (wrapped) to the Giving Tree **with the original ornament attached.** We ask that all gift cards come back in an envelope.

NO LATE GIFTS PLEASE. We organize and deliver right away so the gifts get to the children in time for Christmas. We go purchase the gifts that aren't returned on time since we are committed to making sure all the children on the tree receive their gifts. So, we really really really need you to return your gift by the 9th at noon! Thank you 😊

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS WONDERFUL CAUSE!

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Gavin
at stgavin25@gmail.com or 743-4716

Listening sessions: Responding to questions, part three

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WHAT HAPPENS TO CLERGY WHO HAVE BEEN REMOVED? DOES THE DIOCESE STILL PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THEM?

In part two of this series, I provided information about what happens when we receive an allegation of clergy sex abuse. Towards the end of that response, I mentioned that even in cases where clergy do not face civil or criminal penalties, they are still subject to penalties under canon law, which is the law of the church. In answering this question, I want to provide a bit more information about these penalties, also known as canonical penalties.



Bishop David Ricken

Any priest found guilty under canon law of sexually abusing a minor is barred from public ministry for life. There is a zero tolerance policy for sexual abuse of a minor, one case and that priest can no

longer serve in public ministry. When this occurs, the priest receives one of two penalties: he is either assigned to a life of prayer and penance or he is dismissed from the clerical state.

Being assigned to a life of prayer and penance is the lesser of the two penalties, but it still carries significant consequences. These priests cannot publically present themselves as priests, can have no interaction with young people, and are subject to regular monitoring by the Diocesan Victim Assistance coordinator. This includes drop-in monitoring. These men remain priests whose job is to pray and do penance. They receive a reduced salary from the diocese up until official retirement age. Then they are legally entitled to whatever retirement benefits they have accrued, but, once retired, no longer receive a salary from the diocese.

The more serious penalty is to dismiss a priest from the clerical state. When clergy are dismissed from the clerical state, they are no longer priests, which is why this is sometimes referred to as being "laicized." Laicized men no longer receive a salary from the diocese.

The penalty that the guilty party receives depends on the seriousness of their offense, just as would be the case in a civil court. Of course, all abuse of a minor is extremely serious, but some cases warrant greater consequences than others. Initial decisions for the penalty of "formal dismissal of the priesthood" are made locally, but ultimately that decision must be approved by the Holy See.

I want to reiterate that penalties within the church are independent of the penalties someone faces from the civil authorities. We support whatever penalties civil authorities determine are appropriate, but the priest is still subject to canonical penalties regardless of the civil and criminal penalties they face.

CAN CLERGY CONFESS A SIN OF ABUSE IN THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND RECEIVE ABSOLUTION AND AVOID TRANSPARENCY?

Clergy, like all Catholics, can and should confess serious sins in the sacrament of reconciliation. We have a loving and merciful God, who gave his life for us despite our sinfulness. God can forgive any sin including the terrible sin of sexual abuse of a minor.

While the priest who hears this confession can never reveal what he has heard in the confessional, any evidence of the sexual abuse of a minor received outside of the sacrament of reconciliation must be turned over to the civil authorities immediately.

In terms of pastoral practice, a priest hearing a confession from someone who has committed a serious crime such as abuse, whether the person confessing is a priest or a lay person, should tell the person confessing that he/she has a responsibility to confess the crime to the authorities. However, he cannot compel the person to do so and cannot reveal what has been shared in the sacrament.

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT CURRENT CLERGY ARE NOT ABUSING MINORS? HOW ARE SEMINARIANS BEING SCREENED?

As I said in last week's issue, because we take allegations of abuse seriously, there are currently no priests in ministry in the Diocese of Green Bay who are known to have abused minors.

Priests and seminarians are part of the family of the church. Families must hold each other accountable. For priests and seminarians, this means not only being accountable to their superiors, namely the bishop and the Vicar for Priests, but to all members of the Body of Christ, both priests and laity. So if you are aware of clergy who have or are abusing others, we want you to report the abuse to civil authorities and to the diocese. The only way we can address the problem is if it is known.

At the same time, we work hard to adequately screen any man who would like to join the seminary. The process begins with conversations to get to know the person better. We discuss his vocation story and family history to try to get a better picture of the prospective candidate. If, after consultation with me and others, we feel that this man has an authentic call to the priesthood in our diocese, we will begin the formal application process. Today, the application is 19 pages long and asks everything from the applicants' educational background to their work background to their physical health to their legal background to their spiritual journey.

Knowing that this alone is not exhaustive, seminarian candidates also complete a full psychological evaluation. They meet with an independent psychologist who thoroughly evaluates the mental health of the applicant and offers their opinion on whether or not this person would be a good candidate for seminary. In the midst of this process, we also contact their parish priest, as well as a diverse group of references. Applicants also undergo a mandatory background check.

Finally, we ensure that every applicant is trained through the VIRTUS

program, which is our safe environment training. The program identifies best practices to promote safe and appropriate interactions between adults and children within our diocese, and every seminarian must read and complete the monthly bulletins that VIRTUS writes and sends to all those trained. If all goes well, the candidate will be accepted as a seminarian and begin studies.

SO DO YOU FEEL THAT THIS IS A HOMOSEXUAL ISSUE? ARE HOMOSEXUALS ALLOWED TO BECOME PRIESTS? ARE HOMOSEXUALS ALLOWED TO BECOME SEMINARIANS?

First of all, I think it is important to point out the distinction between homosexuality and sexual abuse. Although a majority of the people abused have been male, it is not accurate to equate homosexuality with abuse of children. We must be careful not to seek simplistic answers to complex issues.

In terms of homosexuals being seminarians or priests, what we are really discussing here is a matter of lack of fidelity to the promise of celibacy. All priests of the diocese make a solemn promise of celibacy, that is a commitment to refrain from sexual activity, whether heterosexual or homosexual.

Those who experience same sex attraction have been and continue to be part of the Body of Christ, the church. Throughout the history of the church, there have been priests who have experienced homosexual attractions and who nevertheless remained true to celibate chastity and their promises and vows. At the same time, sadly there are a few priests who have sinfully lived a double life and engaged in violations of celibacy either heterosexually or homosexually. Those who have broken their solemn promises represent a minority within the clergy.

A man who has "deep-seated homosexual tendencies" is not admitted to the seminary or ordained because of the likely danger of violations of celibacy. However, a man who has experienced same sex attraction and has an established pattern of living chastely can be considered for admission to the seminary.

Making this determination is part of the discernment process for a seminarian and those of us within the diocese responsible for the seminarians, in particular the vocations director and me. While fully recognizing the difficult discernment that comes with this, we as a church have a duty and obligation to ensure anyone admitted for Holy Orders has reached a level of emotional maturity necessary to carry out his ministry in our parishes.

IS CELIBACY PART OF THE PROBLEM? WHAT ABOUT ALLOWING MARRIED PRIESTS?

I think we must be careful in assuming that celibacy is somehow a root cause of sexual abuse. There are married men who sexually abuse minors. Allowing priests to marry would not prevent the possibility of clergy sexual abuse of a minor. This is evidenced by the fact that there are instances of clergy sexual abuse of a minor in denominations and religious faiths that have a married clergy.

Mandatory celibacy for priests is an ancient discipline in the Western Church, with deep spiritual and ecclesial roots. There is no direct connection between celibacy for priests and sexual abuse of children. The practice of celibacy has resulted in many good and holy priests who, because of their commitment to making this sacrifice, have been more available to love and care for the people of God.

ARE SACRAMENTS INVALID IF PERFORMED BY A PRIEST WHO HAS ABUSED?

A sacrament received by a priest who has seriously sinned (such as in the case of sexually abusing a minor) is valid. Sacraments work because of God's grace working through the human instrument of a priest, and the priest's sinfulness cannot prevent God from working. The heresy of Donatism was rejected by the church 1,500 years ago, which taught that only perfect priests could confer the sacraments. The effectiveness and validity of the sacraments comes from God, not from humans. We should all be grateful for that.

In next week's issue, we will have part four of this series.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

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WE ARE TIRED OF HEARING WORDS, WE WANT ACTION! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT THIS? WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT SO THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN?

I hear your frustration! I want to make sure this never happens again, too.

That's why in early September I outlined our action steps for accountability. This was my promise to the people of this diocese that we would take action to address this problem. We are making progress in this regard and I want to share some updates.



Bishop David Ricken

■ I promised that I would listen to you, both through planned listening sessions in the parishes, but also by reading your letters and correspondence. We held seven listening sessions in Sep-

tember and early October, and over the past four weeks in The Compass, I have done my best to address the questions and suggestions that have come forward, including this question.

■ We have opened our clergy files for review, not only by our Independent Review Board, but by an outside firm, Defenbaugh and Associates, Inc. The leader of this review has over 33 years of experience with the FBI. This review will be concluded in the coming weeks and we will follow up with a report on the findings of the review.

■ We continue to encourage people to come forward if they are aware of abuse that is occurring at the hands of clergy or other employees of the church. We regularly provide contact information for people who wish to report abuse. In particular, we shared this contact information at our listening sessions as well as in this Compass series the past few weeks.

■ I have asked leadership at Catholic Charities to invite experts to our diocese who can provide further training in trauma recovery to therapists, social workers, school counselors and pastoral care ministers. The purpose of this training is to continue to increase our community's understanding of this

very important issue and enhance our efforts in accompanying victims of sexual abuse in their journey towards healing.

While we are making progress on these action steps and doing our best to learn the new lessons from the current cases of sexual abuse in the news, we remain committed to the policies in place as a result of the passage of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in 2002. Key actions that directly resulted from the Charter include:

■ We are committed to full transparency with all allegations of clergy sexual abuse of a minor.

■ All first-person allegations of sexual abuse by any representative of the church are reported to the appropriate civil authorities.

■ We cooperate fully with civil authorities in any investigation they deem necessary.

■ We immediately remove from public ministry anyone in the church accused of sexual abuse of a minor, pending the results of any criminal and/or internal investigation.

■ The positions of Victim Assistance coordinator and Safe Environment coordinator were established and staffed to ensure resources would be available to receive allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by anyone in the church, and to accompany victims on their own path towards physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.

■ All clergy, lay employees and volunteers who work with children or individuals at risk must submit to an initial criminal background check; the background check is refreshed every four years.

■ All clergy, lay employees and volunteers who work with children or individuals at risk must attend Safe Environment Awareness education.

■ All children in our Catholic schools and faith formation programs receive age-appropriate Safe Environment Awareness education to enable them to better protect themselves. This training also teaches students how to share any concerns that they may have that someone may wish to abuse them.

■ We have an Independent Review Board consisting mainly of laypersons with professional experience in health care, counseling, law, and law enforcement. They provide me counsel and guidance concerning investigations of clergy abuse allegations and enforcing our sexual misconduct policies.

WHY IS THE EXTERNAL REVIEW ONLY LOOKING INTO PRIESTS/DEACONS? WHY NOT LAY MINISTERS? DOES THE DIOCESE HAVE ANY RECORD OF LAY MINISTERS BEING ACCUSED OF ABUSE?

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What prompted the outside review were the recent accounts of clergy sexual abuse that stemmed from the grand jury report from Pennsylvania's two year investigation. Since this report looked specifically at clergy, our review does likewise. We do not have plans at this time to review lay ministers.

Having said that, the question about abuse by lay ministers is a fair one, so I want to address it. There are currently no known lay ministers in the Diocese of Green Bay who have abused minors. As I mentioned with respect to clergy in part three last week, the only way we can address abuse is if we know about it. So if you are aware of lay ministers who have or are abusing others, we want you to report the abuse to civil authorities and to the diocese.

I can further assure you that we take allegations of abuse committed by a lay person just as seriously as we do allegations of abuse committed by clergy. Our policies are the same in both cases, which I have already outlined.

WHEN WILL WOMEN BE ALLOWED A ROLE IN LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH? IT'S TIME FOR WOMEN PRIESTS.

While women are already in many leadership roles in the church, it is not possible for them to be ordained as priests. The ordination of men as priests is deeply rooted in the example of Jesus who chose 12 men as his first apostles. In their role as priests, men fulfill the role of Christ as bridegroom in service to his bride, the church. Following the example of our Savior, the church has limited Christ in only ordaining men as priests.

Yet women have a role in the leadership in the church. All Christians are called to holiness, to lovingly follow Jesus as his disciples, and to share the Good News of salvation with the world. Today, as the role of women has expanded in our society, so has their role expanded in the leadership of the church.

Dedicated and faithful women comprise the majority of members of parish and school staffs and also

fulfill many of the leadership roles at the diocesan offices. Women also serve critical roles on various boards and councils within the diocese, including our Diocesan Pastoral Council, Independent Review Board, and Catholic Foundation board, among many others. The experience, commitment, and wisdom that these women bring to our church has blessed the Diocese of Green Bay in countless ways.

Despite the greater presence of women in these leadership roles, I think we need to continue to identify ways to ensure that women's voices are never marginalized in the church. As long as some women feel ignored by church leaders, the Body of Christ will not be healthy. As your bishop, I am committed to ensuring that the voices of all the faithful are welcomed and affirmed.

I want to again thank you for the questions you have posed. I have done my best to answer them clearly and I hope my responses have been of some help to you. I have taken all your questions and suggestions to heart, and I will be sharing with my brother bishops what I have learned from you when we gather for our annual meetings next week. In addition, I will continue to provide updates to you on the steps we are taking to protect all people in the Diocese of Green Bay.

I continue to ask for your prayers, first and foremost, for all who have suffered as a result of clergy sex abuse. Please also pray for me, as I continue to discern how the Holy Spirit is calling me to promote healing for all people of the Diocese of Green Bay. I thank you for your prayers and will hold each of you in my prayers as well!

Part four is the last part of this series. However, there are additional questions that may be addressed in subsequent issues of The Compass. Some of these questions relate to issues that can only be addressed and responded to after the November meetings of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), which Bishop Ricken will attend, as well the completion of the external review.

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Saint's daughter visits Green Bay

Dr. Gianna Molla attends fourth annual St. Gianna Clinic Gala

BY PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

GREEN BAY — When your mother is a canonized saint, people ask you several things. One is to request your prayers. Others want to share their stories of need and healing.

What is it like to be the daughter of a saint?"

That's the experience of Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla, 56, daughter of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, who was canonized in 2004.

Gianna Emanuela was in Green Bay to speak at the fourth annual Gala Nov. 6 for St. Gianna Clinic, which is aligned with HSHS St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center. The clinic is named after St. Gianna Molla, who was a pediatrician. The gala was in collaboration with the Green Bay Diocesan Office of Marriage, Family Life and Pro-Life.

In response to this question, the saint's daughter replied, "First of all, I say that I thank the Lord for this grace, this so very special, a very singular grace. Then I say, 'It's a great joy, a great honor and also a great responsibility.'"

Since 2010, Gianna Emanuela has devoted her life to the "Saint



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Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla, left, is pictured with Dr. Robin Goldsmith, president and CEO of St. Gianna Clinic in Green Bay. Dr. Molla, a geriatrician and daughter of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, was in Green Bay to speak at the fourth annual St. Gianna Clinic Gala Nov. 6.

Gianna Foundation," founded in Milan in 1999 by her father, Pietro Molla, and her uncle, Fr. Giuseppe Beretta.

St. Gianna Molla is the patron of mothers, physicians, wives, families and unborn children. Gianna Emanuela is her fourth child. After her conception, a large fibroma was discovered in St. Gianna's uterus.

Surgery was a success, but risks remained. St. Gianna made it clear, as the delivery date approached, that the child's life was to be saved — even at the price of her own life. Gianna Emanuela was born by C-section on April 21, 1962.

Our full story appears in the Nov. 16 issue.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

While humanity takes pains to have more, God redeems it by becoming poor: that Crucified Man paid an incalculable ransom for everyone, on the part of God the Father, "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4; cf. Jas 5:11). What makes us rich is not goods but love. So often we have heard what the People of God say: "The devil enters through the pockets." It starts with a love of money, a hunger for possessions; then comes vanity: "Ah, I am rich and brag about it," and, in the end, pride and arrogance. This is the devil's way of acting in us. But the entrance is through the pocket.

Dear brothers and sisters, once again Jesus Christ reveals to us the full meaning of Scripture. "You shall not steal" means: love with your goods, make use of your means to love as best you can. Then your life becomes good and your property truly becomes a gift. Because life is not the time for possessing but for loving. Thank you.

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The Heavenly Host

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1 Angels, like those at Bethlehem, are traditionally grouped in ranks called "choirs." While the number of choirs has varied from seven and 11 over the years, most commonly, the church honors nine choirs.

2 These nine choirs are grouped in threes (triads): seraphim, cherubim and thrones; dominions, powers and virtues; principalities, archangels and angels.

3 The first two triads are the "angels of presence" and "angels of governance." The last triad — principalities, archangels and angels — traditionally interact with humans.

4 The word "angel" comes from the Greek *aggelos* which, in turn, comes from a Hebrew word (*mal'akhi*), meaning "one who is sent" or "a messenger."

5 We don't know the names of angels, except for the archangels: Michael, Raphael and Gabriel.

'Discover Jesus': Discipleship Formation Seminar

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Back in September I wrote a couple of columns providing an update on our efforts within the diocese to live as missionary disciples.



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Those columns were part of what will be a year-long series meant to highlight the progress we are making, while also calling all of us to grow in our friendship with Christ. In November and December, I will focus on our Discipleship Formation Seminars that have taken place over the past two years.

Building on the work of recent popes, Pope Francis has called us to be "missionary disciples" who witness to the Gospel in our homes, communities and the wider world. One of the church's newest saints, Pope St. Paul VI, said the church "exists in order to evangelize," that is to introduce others to our best friend, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This has always been our mission and it is now more necessary than ever that we embrace this mission. In particular, I think one of the lessons from the sexual abuse crisis is that all of us must find ways to continually deepen our friendship with Jesus Christ.

But this can be difficult and sometimes we need a little help to know how to meet Jesus and grow in friendship with him. That

is why we began our process with a series of Discipleship Formation Seminars which take place over the course of some years.

Each of the Discipleship Formation Seminars moves us more deeply into the discipleship formation process by focusing on a specific theme:

- Discover Jesus
- Follow Jesus
- Worship Jesus
- Share Jesus

The first seminar is called "Discover Jesus," which helps us to understand the challenges and opportunities in placing Jesus at the center of our lives, and how to present the core Gospel message anew in our homes, parishes, schools and communities.

To grow in the elements of discipleship formation, priests and other leaders in our parishes, schools and diocesan offices entered into "Disciples on the Way" by attending "Discover Jesus" seminars and by participating in a small faith-sharing process called "Alpha." I will share more information about Alpha in an upcoming column.

Participants were challenged to discover (or rediscover) Jesus and consider what Jesus means for their life. The central focus of the seminar is the kerygma, a Greek word meaning to herald or proclaim. Specifically, the kerygma is the proclamation of the good news of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

The entire column appears in our Nov. 9 issue.

'Christmas Stars' is set for 26th year of performances

BY AMANDA LAUER | FOR THE COMPASS

APPLETON — The curtain rose for "Christmas Stars" for the first time in 1993. This year, the Fox Valley holiday tradition — billed as a "spectacular, holiday-themed extravaganza" — celebrates its 25th anniversary of entertainment.

Since 1993, there have been nearly 200 performances of Christmas Stars, with 1,628 cast members and more than 150,000 audience members. The show has raised in excess of \$1.5 million to fund and promote fine arts for the St. Francis Xavier School System.

There are nine people who have been part of the production since day one: Sue Hahn, the production coordinator, and Craig Rueden, who plays the role of St. Nicholas and Santa Claus, came on board in year two.

Our full story appears in the Nov. 9 issue.

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Students and teachers from Sacred Heart Catholic School in Shawano visited the Shawano Civic Center on Nov. 8 to make turkeys with guests of the center. They enjoyed not only creating the turkeys, but also visiting and talking with the guests. Pictured are Evelyn Ross, left, Addyson Fowler-Doxtator and Corbyn Wassenberg.