



2017 - 2018
Diocese of Saginaw
Enrichment Opportunities,
Gatherings and Retreats

ABOUT THE COVER

This new statue of Mary of the Assumption, patroness of the Diocese of Saginaw, stands to the right of the altar in the recently renovated Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption. At Vatican II, the Church made it clear that Mary is not someone Christians should downplay or push to the side. Rather, she is an icon of our own destiny whom we should often gaze upon, and a loving Mother that we should be in a prayerful and tender relationship with:

In her we contemplate what the Church already is in her mystery on her own “pilgrimage of faith,” and what she will be in the homeland at the end of her journey. There, “in the glory of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity,” “in the communion of all the saints,” the Church is awaited by the one she venerates as Mother of her Lord and as her own mother. In the meantime the Mother of Jesus, in the glory which she possesses in body and soul in heaven, is the image and beginning of the Church as it is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise she shines forth on earth until the day of the Lord shall come, a sign of certain hope and comfort to the pilgrim People of God. (Cf. *Lumen Gentium* 68-69)

The divinely revealed dogma of the Assumption of Mary is an ancient Catholic teaching that was formally proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: “Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death.’ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians...” (CCC 966).

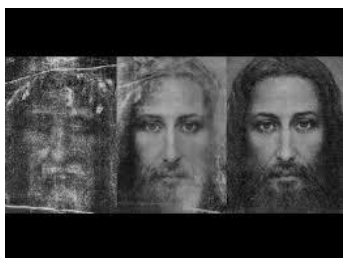
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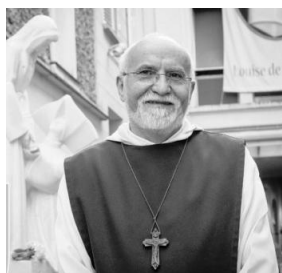
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2017-2018 DIOCESAN ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES, GATHERINGS & RETREATS

In 2017-2018, the Diocese of Saginaw will offer a rich variety of enrichment opportunities, liturgies, workshops, training sessions, and retreats to help all those in our parishes and schools grow as disciples of the Lord and sharers of the Good News. Many of these offerings take place at the diocesan Center for Ministry located at 5802 Weiss Street in Saginaw Township. The Center for Ministry also extends hospitality to diocesan, parish, and other non-profit groups who are looking for a place to host meetings, staff days, prayer days, and other events. **To register for many of the diocesan offerings, see the registration form on page 30.**

Online Enrichment Opportunities

The Diocese of Saginaw has a partnership with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) which allows residents of the diocese to take online courses and seminars at a discount of more than 50 percent. The VLCFF offers a wide variety of offerings via the internet. The VLCFF is not only ideal for those who lead Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Programs or who teach in Catholic Schools, but it is helpful for anyone who wants to go deeper in their understanding of Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Individuals from a partnering diocese pay only \$50.00 per course. For information visit: vlc.udayton.edu (without typing "www" at the beginning).

August Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone

Date: **Thursday, August 10, 2017**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Anne Church, Edenville



Since January 2012, the Most Rev. Joseph R. Cistone, Bishop of Saginaw, has traveled to different churches throughout the diocese to lead Holy Hours before the Blessed Sacrament. The faithful are invited to join him in praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we strive to do God's will in our local Church.

Basic Catechist Certification: Mission and Methods

Date: **Monday, August 14, 2017**

Presenter: Peg McEvoy

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)

To register: Contact Pat Preston at 989.797.6654 or ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Registration deadline: Wednesday, August 9, 2017

For Information: Contact Peg McEvoy at pmcevoy@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6608



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VIRTUS Training Session

Date: **Monday, August 14, 2017**

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: St. Cyril Parish, Bannister

For information: Contact Kris Pullman at 989.862.5270

VIRTUS sessions provide participants with safe environment training for the protection of youth and children. If you would like a VIRTUS session to be held in your parish or Vicariate, please contact Sr. Janet Fulgenzi at 989.797.6682 or jfulgenzi@dioceseofsaginaw.org with suggested times and dates convenient to you, and a VIRTUS session can be arranged.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Date: **Monday, August 15, 2017**

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw

Bishop Cistone will celebrate Mass at 12:00 noon at the Cathedral. Mary of the Assumption is the patroness of the Diocese of Saginaw. All are welcome!

The Great Basilicas of Rome

Presenter: Rev. José Cabrera

Date: **Monday, August 21, 2017**

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$10

To register: See registration form inside back cover or call 989.797.6607

Registration deadline: Thursday, August 17, 2017



Join Father José Cabrera for an engaging exploration of St. Peter's Basilica, the Basilica of St. Paul outside the Walls, and other great basilicas of Rome. This will be a multi-media presentation with videos, blueprints, and photographs of the most sacred shrines of the eternal city. Father José lived in Rome for three years while earning his Licentiate in Biblical Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He currently serves as the pastor of All Saints Parish in Bay City.

Gathering for New and Nearly-New Parish Faith Formation Leaders and Youth Ministers

Presenters/Facilitators: Peg McEvoy and Mark Graveline

Date: **Wednesday, August 23, 2017**

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (lunch also included)

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: None

To register: Contact Pat Preston at 989.797.6654 or ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Registration Deadline: Thursday, August 17, 2017

For information: Visit www.saginaw.org/catechesis/office-of-catechesis.html or contact Peg McEvoy at pmcevoy@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989.797.6608

This will be a morning gathering for parish faith formation leaders and youth ministers who are new to their positions and for those who are nearly-new (in the position for three years or less, and who did not attend previously). Those attending will be offered an orientation to the important elements of their positions, the resources available in the Formation Offices of the Diocese of Saginaw, as well as other collaborating diocesan offices. Peg McEvoy is the diocesan Coordinator of Faith Formation

Kick-Off Event for Faith Formation Leaders and Youth Ministers

Date: **Wednesday, August 23, 2017**

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: None (registration required)

Lunch: An optional lunch is available for \$10

To register: Contact Pat Preston at 989.797.6654 or ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Registration Deadline: Thursday, August 17, 2017

For information: Contact Peg McEvoy at pmcevoy@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989.797.6608

It's "off to the races"! All Faith Formation Leaders and Youth Ministers are invited to join us for an afternoon to celebrate the beginning of the program year. Take time to pray and huddle with your counterparts. Learn the game plan for the upcoming year from the Formation Office and other diocesan offices.

Marriage Preparation Workshop

Date: **Saturday, August 26, 2017** (also offered on October 21, 2017, March 3, 2018, and August 25, 2018)

Presenters: Marriage Preparation Team

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$80

Registration deadline: Wednesday, August 16, 2017

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation Workshop is a one-day workshop to prepare engaged couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Registration and General Information materials are available at the diocesan website: <http://www.saginaw.org/marriage-family/marriage-preparation.html> or you may contact Linda Milco in the Office of Christian Service at lmilco@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989.797.6660.

VIRTUS Training Session

Date: **Sunday, August 27, 2017**

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Sacred Heart Academy, Mt. Pleasant (school entrance on Michigan Avenue)

For information: Contact Dan Haggart at 989.772.1457 or dhaggart@sha.net

For description: See Monday, August 14 entry

VIRTUS Training Session

Date: **Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: St. Brigid of Kildare Parish, Midland

For information: Contact Maureen Becker at 989.835.9481

For description: See Monday, August 14 entry

VIRTUS Training Session

Date: **Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: All Saints Parish, Bay City Langley Hall (St. James site)

For information: Contact Tina Yacks at 989.893.4693 or allsaintsparishbaycity@gmail.com

For description: See Monday, August 14 entry

VIRTUS Training Session

Date: **Wednesday, August 30, 2017**

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss Street, Saginaw

For information: Contact Sr. Janet Fulgenzi at 989.797.6682 or jfulgenzi@dioceseofsaginaw.org

For description: See Monday, August 14 entry

Grief Recovery Series Facilitator Training

Date: **Each Wednesday from September 6 – October 11, 2017**

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Presenter: Lori Becker, Respect Life Coordinator

Location: Diocesan Center Offices (Cardinal Hickey Conference Room)



This training is for individuals who are interested in leading the Catholic Grief Recovery Series in their parish. Important characteristics of a grief facilitator are: mature faith, effective communication skills, understanding of basic group dynamics, empathy. A letter of recommendation from your pastor is required. If you would like more information or to register for the training, please contact Lori Becker at lbecker@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6652

VIRTUS Training Session

Date: **Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: St. Christopher Parish, Caro

For information: Contact Tina Diaz at 989.673.2276

For description: See Monday, August 14 entry

VIRTUS Training Session

Date: **Monday, September 11, 2017**

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Consolata Parish, St. Agatha Church, Gagetown

For information: Contact Jill Susalla at 989.670.7533

For description: See Monday, August 14 entry

VIRTUS Training Session

Date: **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Blessed Sacrament Parish, Midland

For information: Contact Kathe Annelin at 989.835.6777 ext. 241

For description: See Monday, August 14 entry

September Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone

Date: **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Elizabeth Church, Marlette



Since January 2012, the Most Rev. Joseph R. Cistone, Bishop of Saginaw, has traveled to different churches throughout the diocese to lead Holy Hours before the Blessed Sacrament. The faithful are invited to join him in praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we strive to do God's will in our local Church.

2017 Bishop's Charity Golf Classic and Dinner for Seminarian Education

Date: **Wednesday, September 13, 2017** (Golf)

Thursday, September 14, 2017 (Dinner)

Locations: Swan Valley Golf Course, Saginaw (Golf, Sept. 13, 2017)

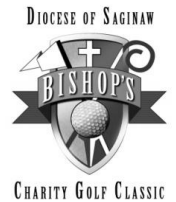
Saginaw Valley State University, Curtiss Hall (Dinner, Sept. 14, 2017)

Cost: \$100 (Golf) and \$65 (Dinner)

To register online: Visit <http://www.saginaw.org/development/bishops-charity-golf-classic.html>

(or you may contact Patti Suppes at psupes@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6693)

For information: Visit <http://www.saginaw.org/development/bishops-charity-golf-classic.html>



All are invited to join Bishop Cistone for these two fun fall events that celebrate vocations to the priesthood and raise funds for the education of future priests. Golfers tee off on September 13 with morning or afternoon golf scrambles at the Swan Valley Golf Course in Saginaw. In addition to game prizes, golf tournament awards will be given to flight winners, the top Knights of Columbus team and the top co-ed team. Celebration of priestly vocations continues on the evening of September 14 with the Dinner Banquet & Silent Auction in Curtiss Hall on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University. Register online at [Saginaw.org](http://www.saginaw.org) by clicking on the Golf logo and then the "Register Here" button.

To Welcome and to Witness: A Vision and Strategies for Catholic Marriage

Date: **Thursday, September 14, 2017**

Presenter: Dr. James Healy

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry



Dr. James Healy is the director of the Center for Family Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet, Illinois. He will discuss foundational issues regarding marriage preparation. What can we accomplish at the time of marriage preparation? What should our attitude be towards the engaged couple? How do we address issues of cohabitation and "spiritual, but not religious" couples? This seminar is designed for pastors, pastoral leaders and any involved in marriage preparation. For more information or to register please contact Linda Milco at lmilco@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989.797.6660.

EVENSONG 2017: "There is a Time for Everything under the Heavens"

Date: **Friday, September 15, 2017**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Holy Spirit Church, Shields

Cost: None

Priests of the Diocese of Saginaw will take us through a journey of song and poetry from Sacred Scripture. All are welcome to this special evening celebration!

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Presenter: Peg McEvoy

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)

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Registration deadline: Thursday, September 7, 2017

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Catechetical Sunday

Date: **Sunday, September 17, 2017**

The 2017 theme for Catechetical Sunday is "Living as Missionary Disciples." On this day, in parishes throughout the U.S., catechists are called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is also an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to the mission of sharing the Gospel. For information: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/>

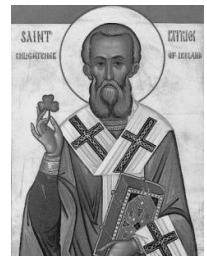
Information Meeting on "Ireland Pilgrimage with Bishop Cistone"

Date: **Sunday, September 17, 2017**

Location: Center for Ministry

Time: 2:00 p.m.

For information or to receive a brochure: Please leave a message for Annette O'Brien at 989.797.6696 or e-mail aobrien@dioceseofsaginaw.org.



All are welcome to attend an information meeting about Bishop Joseph Cistone's Pilgrimage to Ireland. **The pilgrimage will take place from September 25 through October 4, 2018.** The pilgrimage includes daily Mass at a variety of sites, including Cathedrals, abbeys, and small village churches. The itinerary includes visits to Dublin, Galway, Limerick, Killarney, and the villages of Adare and Sneem, as well as sites such as the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, St. Patrick's Well, Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry, Dingle Bay, Shannon River, Blarney Castle (and the Blarney Stone), Rock of Cashel, Trinity College, and much, much more. Space is limited! If you are curious about this unique pilgrimage, please consider attending the September 17, 2017 information meeting.

VIRTUS Training Session

Date: **Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: St. Brigid of Kildare Parish, Midland

For information: Contact Anne Marie Graham at 989.835.8835 ext. 53

For description: See Monday, August 14 entry

VIRTUS Training Session

Date: **Thursday, September 21, 2017**

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: St. Elizabeth School, Reese

For information: Contact Gabbie Marguery at 989.868.4108

For description: See Monday, August 14 entry

Listening: “What Sometimes Happens Least in Communication”

Date: **Saturday, September 23, 2017**

Presenter: Tom Conklin, Executive Director, Catholic Family Service

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$10 without lunch or \$20 with lunch

To register: See registration form inside back cover or call 989.797.6607

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 14, 2017

For information: Call 989.797.6607



Learn about the importance of listening in the communication process and ways to sharpen and increase your listening skills. Tom Conklin serves as the Executive Director of Catholic Family Service.

VIRTUS Training Session

Date: **Thursday, September 28, 2017**

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss Street, Saginaw

For information: Contact Sr. Janet Fulgenzi at 989.797.6682 or jfulgenzi@dioceseofsaginaw.org

For description: See Monday, August 14 entry

***The Sultan and the Saint* Film Premiere**

Date: **Thursday, September 28, 2017**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: The Temple Theatre, 203 N Washington Ave, Saginaw

Cost: General admission tickets are \$4.00 each

For tickets: Visit <http://templetheatre.com/event/the-sultan-and-the-saint/> or call 877.754.7469



The Catholic Diocese of Saginaw, in conjunction with the Dr. Raana Akbar Memorial Lecture Series and Saginaw Valley State University, invites you to the Unity Productions Foundation Saginaw premiere of the docudrama *The Sultan and The Saint*. The film, narrated by Academy Award-winning actor Jeremy Irons, focuses on an event that took place in the year 1219. St. Francis of Assisi risked his life by walking across enemy lines to meet the Sultan of Egypt, the Muslim ruler and scholar Malik al-Kamil. This remarkable encounter between Christian preacher and Muslim ruler forged new hope for peace. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to benefit a local charity.

Veneration of the Relics of Saint Padre Pio

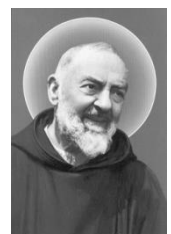
Date: **Friday, September 29, 2017**

Location: Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw

Time: Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by veneration of relics; doors close at 8:30 p.m.

Cost: None

For information: Contact Tammy Heinlein at 989.797.6611



The relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (popularly known as “Padre Pio”), the saintly Franciscan priest, confessor and stigmatist of the 20th century, are coming to Saginaw! Among the relics which pilgrims may venerate are the saint’s glove and cotton gauze with blood stains from his stigmata. (The stigmata, which is a mystical participation in the wounds of Christ, has been experienced by several saints in the history of the Catholic Church such as St. Francis of Assisi.) As part of this special day, Bishop Cistone will celebrate Mass at 8:30 a.m. Please note that St. Pio’s bodily remains are not part of this tour of his relics. Also keep in mind that large crowds are expected from around the Midwest for this event. Special access for the elderly and those with disabilities will be provided.

Misa Hispana (Hispanic Mass)

Date: **Saturday, September 30, 2017**

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw, MI

This Mass will celebrate the rich traditions of the Hispanic community! Bishop Cistone will preside. Mass parts will be in Spanish, with the homily in English. The Mass will be followed by a reception. We will be recognizing the Guadalupanas from St. Joseph Parish on their 90th anniversary. For information: Contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at hispanicministry@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6646

Respect Life Mass

Date: **Sunday, October 1, 2017**

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Presided by: Bishop Joseph Cistone

Location: Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw

Bishop Joseph Cistone will celebrate this special Mass which celebrates life from the moment of conception to natural death. This is also an opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the efforts of those committed to the protection and respect of human life and dignity. All are welcome! If you would like more information please contact Lori Becker at lbecker@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6652

Monthly Catholic Women’s Fellowship

Date of first meeting: **Thursday, October 5, 2017**

Presenter: Father Bill Rutkowski

Topic: "Reflections of a Pilgrim": On the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima

Note: Meetings continue the first Thursday of each month through April
(**The Dec. 7 meeting will take place at St. Joseph Parish, Saginaw.**)

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: Freewill offering

For more information: Visit: www.womensfellowship.org



All women from around the diocese are invited to gather once a month at the Center for Ministry for prayer, faith formation, guest presenters, discussion, and fellowship. No registration needed...just come! Here is the full calendar for 2017-2018: October 5, 2017; November 2, 2017; December 7, 2017 (at St. Joseph Parish, Saginaw); January 4, 2018; February 1, 2018; March 1, 2018; and April 5, 2018.

Diocesan Encuentro

Date: **Saturday, October 7, 2017**

Presenter: Bishop Arturo Cepeda

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry



Please join us for an opportunity to gather with all those who have participated at the parish level Encuentro process along with community members with ties to the Hispanic community to reflect on the different social, cultural and pastoral realities experienced by Hispanics living in the United States. Mass will also be celebrated. For information: Contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at hispanicministry@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6646

October Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone

Date: **Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Martin de Porres Church, Perrinton

For description: See Tuesday, September 12, 2017 entry



The Red Mass

Date: **Thursday, October 12, 2017**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw

The Red Mass is a long standing tradition in the Diocese of Saginaw, in collaboration with the St. Thomas More Society. Bishop Cistone will celebrate Mass for the lawyers, judges and other members of the legal profession throughout the diocese. All are welcome!

Scripture and the Good News: Turning the World Upside-Down and the Church Inside-Out

Date: **Saturday, October 14, 2017**

Presenter: Dr. Mary Healy

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$35 (includes lunch)

To register: See registration form inside back cover or call 989.797.6607

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 5, 2017

For information: Call 989.797.6607



Pope Francis made history by appointing the first three women ever to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission -- and one of them is coming to Saginaw! Scripture expert Dr. Mary Healy will offer an inspiring day exploring Sacred Scripture and the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. **Note: this offering is expected to fill up quickly, so please register early to reserve your space.**

Feed the Fire Mass with Bishop Cistone

Date: **Saturday, October 14, 2017**

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: St. James Church, Bay City

For information: Contact Pat Preston at ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org

or call 989.797.6654



Feed the Fire Masses feature praise and worship music with visiting musicians. While these Masses focus on bringing young people together for Eucharist with our Bishop, **families and people of all ages**

are very welcome to enjoy these evenings. Mass is followed by dinner, and then Bishop Cistone leads those attending in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Lay Ministry Commissioning Mass

Date: **Sunday, October 15, 2017**
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw



Bishop Cistone will preside at this annual liturgy when lay ministry candidates are commissioned and missioned—and lay ministers renew their commitments or obtain permanent status. All are welcome!

“Let the Little Children Come to Me”: Mass of Remembrance for the Unborn

Date: **Thursday, October 19, 2017**
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Presided by: Bishop Joseph Cistone
Location: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Midland

Bishop Cistone will celebrate a special Mass and candle lighting ceremony, in remembrance of babies who have died in their mother’s womb. All parents and families that have suffered the pain of miscarriage and stillbirth, whether the loss was very recent or occurred many years ago, are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Lori Becker at lbecker@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6652

Marriage Preparation Workshop

Date: **Saturday, October 21, 2017** (also offered on March 3, 2018 and August 25, 2018)
Presenter: Marriage Preparation Team
Time: Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Location: Center for Ministry
Cost: \$80

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation Workshop is a one-day workshop to prepare engaged couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Registration and General Information materials are available at the diocesan website: <http://www.saginaw.org/marriage-family/marriage-preparation.html> or you may contact Linda Milco in the Office of Christian Service at lmilco@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989.797.6660.

Seminar on Assisted Suicide

Date: **Wednesday, October 25, 2017**
Presenter: Dr. Cherie Sammis, DBc RN NP; Director Ethics Integration Ascension Michigan
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Location: Center for Ministry
Cost: \$20 per person (includes lunch)



This seminar will address the moral and ethical aspects of assisted suicide and the ongoing campaign to legalize doctor-prescribed suicide in states throughout our nation. This threat to human dignity is fueled by the fear many people have about the dying process, pain and suffering, and the worry of being abandoned or becoming a burden on others. As people of faith, we believe that our society should embrace what Pope John Paul II called “the way of love and true mercy” – a readiness to surround patients with love, support, and companionship, providing the assistance needed to ease their physical,

emotional, and spiritual suffering. For more information please contact Terri Grierson at tgrierson@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989.797.6650.

Monthly Catholic Women's Fellowship

Date: **Thursday, November 2, 2017**

Topic: "Ask, Offer, Accept": Video presentation of Fr. Mike Schmitz with a Panel Presentation on Prayer

Note: Meetings continue on the first Thursday of each month through April

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: Freewill offering

For more information: Visit: www.womensfellowship.org



All women from around the diocese are invited to gather once a month at the Center for Ministry for prayer, faith formation, guest presenters, discussion, and fellowship. No registration needed...just come!

Catechist Enrichment Event: Enkindling Prayer – Deepening Communion with God and Others

Dates: **Friday, Nov. 3** from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at St. Christopher Parish, Sacred Heart Church, Caro, or

Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. at All Saints Parish, St. James Church, Bay City, or

Saturday, Nov. 4 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Parish, St. Agnes Church, Sanford

Presenter: Elizabeth Gengle

Cost: \$15 (includes snack)

To register: Visit www.saginaw.org/catechesis/office-of-catechesis.html or contact Pat

Preston at 989.797.6654 or ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Registration deadline: One week before

For Information: Contact Peg McEvoy at pmcevoy@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6608



This year's Catechist Enrichment event, offered three times in different regions of the Diocese of Saginaw, is primarily for parish catechists and will explore the beautiful Examen prayer given to us from St. Ignatius of Loyola. Participants will focus on the Examen's potential to enrich the catechetical experience, while learning to be attentive to the voice of God in their own hearts. Elizabeth Gengle is the founder of "Movements of the Heart" Retreat Ministry which is dedicated to the mission of teaching individuals how to understand the various movements of the human heart through the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola and St. John Paul II.

Treasures of Catholic Spirituality

Date: **Saturday, November 4, 2017**

Presenters: Dr. Dan and Mrs. LeAnne Osborn

Location: Center for Ministry

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35 (includes lunch)

To register: See registration form inside back cover or call 989.797.6607

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 26, 2017

For information: Call 989.797.6607



"To live a life of deep intimacy with the Lord"...this is God's plan for each of us. Join Dr. Dan Osborn and Mrs. LeAnne Osborn for a lively, interactive exploration of the treasures of Catholic Spirituality. What does a "happiness-based" approach to the spiritual life look like? Ample time will also be given for a variety of prayer experiences, drawing on the nearly 2000 years of the Church's "ways of praying." LeAnne Osborn holds a degree in systematic theology from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Dr. Osborn

serves as the Director of the Center for Ministry.

Prepare/Enrich Seminar

Date: **Saturday, November 4, 2017** (also offered March 24, 2018 and June 9, 2018)

Presenter: Linda Milco

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$75 per couple (includes online assessment and lunch)



This seminar helps married, engaged or dating couples identify strength and growth areas of their relationship, explore personality traits, strengthen communication skills, resolve conflicts and reduce stress. This seminar may be used as part of the marriage preparation process for engaged couples, but is also appropriate for couples who are dating and considering engagement or married couples seeking enrichment. Registration and General Information materials are available at the diocesan website: <http://www.saginaw.org/marriage-family/marriage-preparation.html> or you may contact Linda Milco in the Office of Christian Service at lmilco@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989.797.6660.

Annual Lay Ministry Meeting

Date: **Sunday, November 5, 2017**

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Lay ministers and lay ministry candidates will gather with Kellie Deming, Coordinator of Lay Ministry, for their annual meeting. The Lay Ministry Program offers deep spiritual, theological, human and pastoral formation for lay people so that they may be even more effective in carrying out the lay apostolate and evangelization. Lay ministry formation involves four years of learning, spiritual formation and pastoral practice before each candidate is commissioned by the bishop for parish-based ministry or missioned by him as a “Christian in the World”. Those interested in learning more about the Lay Ministry Program may call Kellie Deming at 989.797.6609.



National Vocation Awareness Week

Dates: **November 5 – November 11, 2017**

This is an ideal time to teach about vocations in schools, as well as in parish faith formation and youth ministry. Find lesson plans that can be used throughout the year at www.vocationlessons.com.

Passwords for this website (for both teachers and families) are available by contacting Pat Preston at 989.797.6654 or ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org.

Finding New Wineskins: An Afternoon of Dialogue and Sharing with Parish Leaders and Staff

Date: **Thursday, November 9, 2017**

Presenters: Various priests and parish lay leaders, as well as diocesan staff members

Sponsored by: The Offices of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Location: Center for Ministry

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: None (cookies and coffee will be provided)

To register: Contact Pat Preston at ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6654

For information: Contact Dr. Dan Osborn at dosborn@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6662

When it comes to parish life, “culture eats strategy for lunch.” These bold words were shared at the historic Convocation of Catholic Leaders this past July, along with an invitation to think in fresh ways

about how to create a parish environment where missionary disciples are formed. **Priests, pastoral administrators, pastoral associates/assistants, parish Faith Formation leaders and youth ministers are warmly invited to take part in an afternoon of dialogue and sharing to explore “new wineskins” in parish life.** There will be a series of brief presentations with opportunities for sharing in small groups. Topics include: “*Everybody Loves Raymond* and Parish Culture”; “Inside-Out Ministry”; “It’s Messy: Accompaniment and the Ministry of Presence”; “Evangelization Doorways”; and “Calling Parents into Partnership.”

November Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone

Date: **Thursday, November 9, 2017**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. Casimir Church, Saginaw

For description: See Tuesday, September 12, 2017 entry



Rachel’s Vineyard Weekend Retreat

Date: **November 10-12, 2017**

Time: Call for time

Location: Call for location

A Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Saginaw. The retreat is a confidential and emotionally safe environment for those struggling after abortion. For more information please contact Lori at lbecker@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6652.

Misa en Español (Spanish Mass)

Date: **Sunday, November 19, 2017**

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Blessed Trinity Parish, Frankenmuth

Please join and the community of Blessed Trinity and Fr. Alberto Vargas at a Mass celebrated in Spanish. The Mass will be followed by a potluck dinner. For information: Contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at hispanicministry@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6646.

Suicide Awareness and Prevention: A Christian Response

Dates and times: **Tuesday, November 28** from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Church, 300 Johnson St., Freeland (the parish will provide childcare) **OR Wednesday, November 29** from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the diocesan Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw

NOTE: Pastors, PAs and principals may also request live-streaming of the Wednesday session for their parishes or Catholic schools

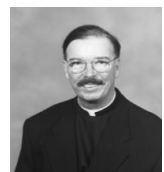
On two successive days, the Diocese of Saginaw will offer a seminar on a critically important topic: How to identify the signs of someone who is at risk for suicide -- and how to take steps that will help prevent the person from taking his or her own life. All are invited to take part in this offering, especially parents, youth, and those who hold leadership positions in parishes and schools. The goal is for each parish, each school and each home to have a plan in place to help prevent the tragedy of suicide. Please email mross@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6646 to register (or to arrange for your parish or Catholic school to participate via the internet). There is no cost for this event.

Old Testament Wisdom Literature

Date: **Saturday, December 2, 2017**

Presenter: Father Bill Taylor

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$35 (includes lunch)

To register: See registration form inside back cover or call 989.797.6607

Registration deadline: Wednesday, November 22, 2017

For information: Call 989.797.6607

This seminar will provide an introduction to the literary form known as Wisdom literature. It will then look at the six Old Testament books normally included in this category: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job, Song of Songs, Sirach, and Wisdom. Father Taylor is a senior priest of the Diocese of Saginaw and a long-time instructor in the diocesan Lay Ministry Program.



Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dates: **Monday, December 4 – Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

Time: Varies by location

Location: Parishes throughout the diocese

For information: Contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at hispanicministry@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6646

Facilities Seminar

Date: **Thursday, December 7, 2017**

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

For information: Contact Tim Muter at 989.797.6612

Presentations by MCC, ServePro, and others concerning Facilities Management, Loss Control, Insurance Reductions, Use and Care of Buildings, Emergency Preparedness, Building Commission Requirements and Worship space, as well as Asbestos Awareness.

Monthly Catholic Women's Fellowship – Offsite Event!

Date: **Thursday, December 7, 2017**

Note: Meetings continue on the first Thursday of each month through April

Time: 6:30 p.m. Mass and celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Presider: Father José Cabrera

Location: St. Joseph Parish, 910 N. 6th Street, Saginaw

Cost: None

For more information: Visit: www.womensfellowship.org



All women from around the diocese are invited to gather once a month at the Center for Ministry for prayer, faith formation, guest presenters, discussion, and fellowship. No registration needed...just come!

December Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone

Date: **Thursday, December 7, 2017**

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Sacred Heart Church, Birch Run

For description: See Tuesday, September 12, 2017 entry



January Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone

Date: Check the Holy Hour section of the diocesan homepage at www.saginaw.org

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: TBD

For description: See Tuesday, September 12, 2017 entry



Monthly Catholic Women's Fellowship

Date: **Thursday, January 4, 2018**

Presenter: Father Andy LaFramboise

Topic: "St. John Paul II and the Family"

Note: Meetings continue on the first Thursday of each month through April

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: Freewill offering

For more information: Visit: www.womensfellowship.org



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Human Trafficking Awareness Training

Date: **Thursday, January 11, 2018**

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$10.00

For more information or to register: Contact Maria Coss at 989.797.6646 or mcoss@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Registration deadline: January 4, 2018

Pope Francis has described human trafficking as "a crime against humanity". He urges us to "unite our efforts to free the victims and stop this increasingly aggressive crime which threatens not only individuals but the basic values of society and of international security and justice..." Please join us on National Human Trafficking Awareness Day to learn more about this issue and to explore opportunities for action and advocacy.

Martin Luther King Service Day

Date: **Saturday, January 13, 2018**

Time: TBD

Location: Sacred Heart Church, Detroit

Cost: \$30

To register: Contact Pat Preston at ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989.797.6654

For information: Contact Mark Graveline at mgraveline@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989.797.6639

Youth from the diocese will join Detroit area youth in a day of service to remember the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The day includes transportation from Saginaw to Detroit, lunch, and the opportunity to meet new people.

March for Life

Date: **Thursday, January 18 – Sunday, January 21, 2018**

Location: Washington, DC

Cost: \$270

To register: Visit www.saginaw.org/youth-ministry/youth-ministry.html

Registration deadline: Friday, December 8, 2017 (or until full)

For information: Contact Pat Preston ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6654



Each year Bishop Cistone travels with young people and adults to the annual March for Life in

Washington DC. We will join hundreds of thousands of people to prayerfully march up Capitol Hill to the Supreme Court to make known our disagreement with the 1973 Roe vs. Wade court decision to legalize abortion. The group also visits national sites and attends Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

A Special Gift for Michiganders: the Spirituality of Blessed Solanus Casey

Date: **Saturday, January 27, 2018**

Presenter: Father Dan Fox, OFM Cap.

Location: Center for Ministry

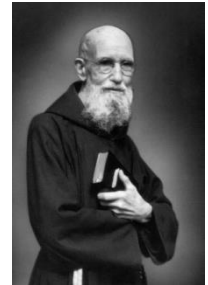
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (followed by optional lunch)

Cost: \$10 without lunch; \$20 with lunch

To register: See registration form inside back cover or call 989.797.6607.

Registration deadline: Thursday, January 18, 2018

For information: Call 989.797.6607



As a young man praying for guidance in his life, Solanus Casey experienced the Mother of God urging him to “go to Detroit” to serve as a Franciscan in the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. Pope Francis has now declared that this saintly priest who served Michiganders so selflessly is to be beatified on November 18, 2017. Join Father Dan Fox, a priest from Solanus Casey’s religious order, for an exploration of the life and spirituality of Solanus Casey. Father Fox serves as pastor at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Sanford.

Catholic Schools Week 2018

Dates: **January 28 – February 3, 2018**

Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to Church, local communities and the nation. The theme for 2018 is: “Witness the Difference.”

February Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone

Date: Check the Holy Hour section of the diocesan homepage at www.saginaw.org

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: TBD

For description: See Tuesday, September 12, 2017 entry



Monthly Catholic Women’s Fellowship

Date: **Thursday, February 1, 2018**

Presenter: Dawn Hausmann

Topic: “A Woman's Faith: Practical Witness of the Art of Femininity”

Note: Meetings continue on the first Thursday of each month through April

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: Freewill offering

For more information: Visit: www.womensfellowship.org



All women from around the diocese are invited to gather once a month at the Center for Ministry for prayer, faith formation, guest presenters, discussion, and fellowship. No registration needed...just come!

Information Meeting about the Diocesan Lay Ministry Program

Date: **Saturday, February 3, 2018**

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: None

To register: Contact Pat Preston at ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6654

For information: Contact Kellie Deming at kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.o or call 989.797.6609



Kellie Deming, Coordinator of Lay Ministry for the Diocese of Saginaw, will hold an informational session for all those interested in learning more about the Diocesan Lay Ministry Program. The Lay Ministry Program offers deep spiritual, theological, human and pastoral formation for lay people so that they may be even more effective in carrying out the lay apostolate and evangelization. Lay ministry formation involves four years of learning, spiritual formation and pastoral practice before each candidate is commissioned by the bishop for parish-based ministry or missioned by him as a “Christian in the World”. To learn more about the Lay Ministry Program call Kellie Deming at 989.797.6609.

Feed the Fire Mass with Bishop Cistone

Date: **Saturday, February 3, 2018**

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: St. John Vianney Church, Saginaw

For information: Contact Pat Preston at ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6654



Feed the Fire Masses feature praise and worship music with visiting musicians. While these Masses focus on bringing young people together for Eucharist with our Bishop, families and people of all ages are very welcome to enjoy these evenings. Mass is followed by dinner, and then Bishop Cistone leads those attending in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Pre-Lenten Retreat: Mary in the New Testament

Date: **Friday, February 9 – Sunday, February 11, 2018**

Retreat leader: Father Bill Taylor

Time: Registration and social begin Friday at 6:00 p.m. with first session at 7:30 p.m.; concludes Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$165 semi-private room; \$180 private room (includes four meals and two receptions); \$95 for commuters (includes lunch and dinner on Saturday)

To register: See registration form inside back cover or call 989.797.6607

Registration deadline: Thursday, February 1, 2017



All are invited to join Father Bill Taylor for a pre-Lenten retreat looking at the figure of Mary in the New Testament. This silent retreat will offer participants a beautiful opportunity to grow in their own discipleship by meditating on Jesus’ first and holiest disciple – his mother, Mary. Father Taylor is a senior priest of the Diocese of Saginaw and a long-time instructor in the diocesan Lay Ministry Program.

Ash Wednesday Mass with Bishop Cistone

Date: **Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw

Bishop Cistone will celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass. In the Catholic Church, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Exploration of the Shroud of Turin

Date: **Saturday, February 17, 2018**

Presenter: Father José Cabrera

Location: Center for Ministry

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Cost: \$10

To register: See registration form inside back cover or call 989.797.6607

For information: Call 989.797.6607



Father José Cabrera will give an overview of the history and meaning of the Shroud of Turin. Those attending his seminar will then have the first opportunity to view the Shroud of Turin Replica exhibit before the doors open to the general public at 10:30 a.m. Father José lived in Rome for three years while earning his Licentiate in Biblical Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He currently serves as the pastor of All Saints Parish in Bay City.

Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit

Dates: **Saturday, February 17 - Sunday, February 25, 2018**

Location: Center for Ministry

Times: Saturday, February 17: 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 18: 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 19: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 22: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

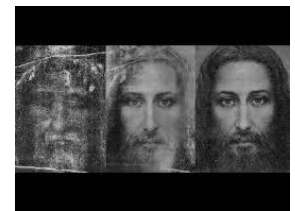
Friday, February 23: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 24: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 25: 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Cost: Freewill offering

For information: Call 989.797.6607



Just in time for the beginning of Lent...the Diocese of Saginaw is honored to host the Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit, which is on loan from the Marytown Franciscan community in Illinois. The exhibit includes a large replica of the mysterious shroud whose image has captured the imagination of Christians for centuries, as well as a wealth of information on the history of the shroud.

Rites of Election

Dates: **Saturday, February 17, 2018** at 7:30 p.m. at Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw

Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. at Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw

All are welcome to attend one of the two Rites of Election which take place each year during the first weekend of Lent. Bishop Cistone will lead each Rite, formally known as the celebration of *The Rite of Election of Catechumens and the Call to Continuing Conversion* of candidates who are preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist, or preparing for reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

March Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone

Date: Check the Holy Hour section of the diocesan homepage at www.saginaw.org

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: TBD

For description: See Tuesday, September 12, 2017 entry



Monthly Catholic Women's Fellowship

Date: **Thursday, March 1, 2018**

Topic: Video presentation on St. Catherine of Siena from Bishop Robert Barron's *The Pivotal Players*

Note: Meetings continue on the first Thursday of each month through April

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: Freewill offering

For more information: Visit: www.womensfellowship.org



All women from around the diocese are invited to gather once a month at the Center for Ministry for prayer, faith formation, guest presenters, discussion, and fellowship. No registration needed...just come!

Marriage Preparation Workshop

Date: **Saturday, March 3, 2018** (also offered on August 25, 2018)

Presenter: Marriage Preparation Team

Time: Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$80

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation Workshop is a one-day workshop to prepare engaged couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Registration and General Information materials are available at the diocesan website: <http://www.saginaw.org/marriage-family/marriage-preparation.html> or you may contact Linda Milco in the Office of Christian Service at lmilco@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989.797.6660.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Leaders' Round Table

Date: **Thursday, March 8, 2018**

Presenters: Multiple

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (all are also welcome to join in the diocesan staff Mass at 8:45 a.m.)

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)

To register: Visit www.saginaw.org/catechesis/office-of-catechesis.html as the event draws near

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 1, 2018

For Information: Contact Peg McEvoy at pmcevoy@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989.797.6608

This is an opportunity to gather parish faith formation leaders and youth ministers from around the diocese to share their best practices utilizing an informal round table presentation format. Participants will be able to choose three presentations throughout the course of the event. Prayer, lunch and opportunities for fellowship will all be included in the day.

Hispanic Day of Recollection for Lent

Date: **Saturday, March 10, 2018**

Presenter: Father Daniel Rodriguez

Location: Center for Ministry

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5

To register or for more information: Please contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 989.797.6646 or hispanicministry@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Join Father Daniel Rodriguez for a Lenten day of recollection. **Note: This offering will be in Spanish.**

Diocesan Middle School Retreat Day

Date: **Saturday, March 10, 2018**

Time: TBD

Location: St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Midland

Cost: TBD

To register: Registration forms will be posted at www.saginaw.org or contact Pat Preston at 989.797.6654 or formation@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Registration deadline: TBD

For information: Contact Mark Graveline at mgraveline@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6639

This retreat day will give middle-schoolers (grades 6 – 8) the opportunity to experience Jesus in a special way during Lent. At the close of the retreat day, families are warmly invited to attend the Feed the Fire Mass with Bishop Cistone, enjoy a meal and spend time with the Lord in adoration (see information below).

Feed the Fire Mass with Bishop Cistone

Date: **Saturday, March 10, 2018**

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Midland

For information: Contact Pat Preston at ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6654



Feed the Fire Masses feature praise and worship music with visiting musicians. While these Masses focus on bringing young people together for Eucharist with our Bishop, **families and people of all ages are very welcome to enjoy these evenings.** Mass is followed by dinner, and then Bishop Cistone leads those attending in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Lenten Retreat: “The Way of Trust and Love”

Date: **Friday, March 16 – Sunday, March 18, 2018**

Retreat leader: Father Jacques Philippe

Time: Registration and social begin Friday at 6:00 p.m. with first session at 7:30 p.m.; concludes Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$170 semi-private room; \$185 private room (includes four meals and two receptions); \$95 for commuters (includes lunch and dinner on Saturday)

To register: See registration form inside back cover or call 989.797.6607

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 8, 2018

For information: Call 989.797.6607



Internationally renowned spiritual author and retreat leader Father Jacques Philippe will lead a three-day Lenten retreat exploring the spirituality of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. All are welcome! **Note: this retreat is expected to fill up quickly, so please register early to reserve your space.**

Vocations Day

Date: **Friday, March 23, 2018**

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: Free to all who attend (lunch provided)

To register: Contact Pat Preston at ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6654

Registration deadline: Thursday, March 15, 2018

For more information: Contact Father Andy Booms at frandyb@gmail.com

The Diocese of Saginaw hosts an annual Vocation Day for tenth grade students. The event helps teens learn more about what a vocation to priesthood, religious life, and holy matrimony is about, and how to begin a path of listening for God's call. Students from the three Catholic high schools in the diocese participate in the day's event, which is sponsored by the Vocations Office.

Prepare/Enrich Seminar

Date: **Saturday, March 24, 2018** (also offered on June 9, 2018)

Presenter: Linda Milco

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$75 per couple (includes online assessment and lunch)

For description: Please see November 4, 2017 entry



Chrism Mass

Date: **Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw

At the Chrism Mass the holy oils which will be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick, as well as the dedication of churches and consecration of altars, are blessed by Bishop Cistone and distributed to the parishes and Catholic institutions within the Diocese of Saginaw. The priests of the diocese will concelebrate the Mass with Bishop Cistone and make a renewal of their priestly vows. All are welcome to attend this special liturgy.

April Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone

Date: Check the Holy Hour section of the diocesan homepage at www.saginaw.org

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: TBD

For description: See Tuesday, September 12, 2017 entry



Monthly Catholic Women's Fellowship

Date: **Thursday, April 5, 2018**

Presenter: Sr. Prudence Allen, RSM

Topic: "The Dignity and Vocation of Woman"

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: Freewill offering

For more information: Visit: www.womensfellowship.org



All women from around the diocese are invited to gather once a month at the Center for Ministry for prayer, faith formation, guest presenters, discussion, and fellowship. No registration needed...just come!

An Evening of Reflection for Befrienders and Pastoral Care Ministers

Date: **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$10 per person

All Pastoral Care Ministers and Befrienders are welcome to join in an evening of prayer/reflection to affirm individual gifts and enhance this vital ministry. For information and to register, contact Lori Becker at lbecker@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6652. Registration deadline is April 4, 2018.

Training in Ministries Day

Date: **Saturday, April 21, 2018**

Presenters: Father Pete Gaspeny; Father Jim Bessert;
and Lori Becker

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (with lunch at 12:00 noon)

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$35 for the full day (includes lunch); \$20 for one training
only (includes lunch at noon)

To register: See registration form inside back cover or call 989.797.6607

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 12, 2018

For information: Call Dr. Dan Osborn at 989.797.6662



Join us for a day of three specific trainings in ministry!

Training 1: In the morning session, Father Pete Gaspeny will lead a training on “how to lead a reflection” – a skill more and more lay people need when leading a vigil for the deceased and on other occasions. Father Gaspeny has recently helped train permanent deacon candidates in homiletics, and will incorporate some of the same principles in his session. **Note: Each participant is asked to prepare a four-minute reflection on a Gospel passage of their choice to present at her or his table.**

Training 2a: At 12:45 p.m., Father Jim Bessert, Director of the Office of Liturgy, will offer a training on how to lead a weekday liturgical celebration in the absence of a priest for those who have been delegated to fill this role by their pastor or pastoral administrator.

Training 2b: At the same time as Father Bessert does his training, Lori Becker from the Christian Service Office will offer a session entitled, “Basic Principles of Pastoral Care.” This training will provide basic skills for those visiting the sick, elderly and/or homebound. Topics include: what to expect during a visit; taking a spiritual assessment; praying with others; listening with the heart; and communication skills.

Note: Participants may choose to do only one of the trainings at a cost of \$20 (includes lunch).

55th World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Date: **Sunday, April 22, 2018**

Resources for prayer, petitions and preaching will be distributed before Easter. Parishes should mark this date in their liturgical plans now, and support vocations in the Diocese of Saginaw. Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/world-day-of-prayer-for-vocations.cfm>

2018 Bishop's Ball

Date: **Friday, April 27, 2018**

Time: Opening reception at 6:00 p.m.; Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Horizons Conference Center, Saginaw

To register: Contact Patti Suppes at psuppes@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6693



The Bishop's Ball is an annual event that celebrates the diverse ministries within the Diocese of Saginaw that continue the evangelizing mission of Jesus Christ. The evening features hors d'oeuvres and a delicious meal, silent auction, presentation of the Bishop Murphy Award, keynote address by Bishop Cistone, and a live band. Parish and community leaders, parishioners and friends are encouraged to join in fellowship and thanksgiving.

May Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone

Date: Check the Holy Hour section of the diocesan homepage at www.saginaw.org

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: TBD

For description: See Tuesday, September 12, 2017 entry



An Evening of Enrichment for Spiritual Directors

Presenter: Mary Schaffner

Date: **Thursday, May 3, 2018**

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$15

To register: See Registration form inside the back page or call 989.797.6607

Registration deadline: Thursday, April 26, 2018



Mary Schaffner, Associate Director of Spirituality Ministries of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis, is returning to the Diocese of Saginaw to offer another evening of enrichment for spiritual directors. She will not only share insights from her training at Creighton University (where she received a Graduate Certificate of Spiritual Direction and Silent Directed Retreats from Creighton's Christian Spirituality Program), but she will also draw from her own rich experience as a spiritual director.

Encuentro con el Resucitado

Date: **Saturday, May 12, 2018**

Presenter: Father Leon Cartagena

Location: Center for Ministry

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5

To register or for more information: Please contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 989.797.6646 or hispanicministry@dioceseofsaginaw.org

Join Father Leon Cartagena for an encounter with our Resurrected Lord. **This offering is in Spanish.**

A Day of Grace & Gratitude (for parish faith formation leaders and youth ministers)

Date: **Wednesday, May 16, 2018**

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: No charge (includes lunch)

Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 9, 2018

For information and to register: Contact Peg McEvoy at pmcevoy@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6608

This is an end-of-the-program-year celebration to recognize and thank our parish faith formation leaders and youth ministers. We will gather for prayer followed by a short presentation and lunch. There is no cost to the faith formation leaders/youth ministers for this celebration

June Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone

Date: Check the Holy Hour section of the diocesan homepage at www.saginaw.org

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: TBD

For description: See Tuesday, September 12, 2017 entry

Prepare/Enrich Seminar

Dates: **Saturday, June 9, 2018**

Presenter: Linda Milco

Time: 9:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$75 per couple (includes online assessment and lunch)

For description: Please see November 4, 2017 entry



Youth Encounter Service (Y.E.S.)

Dates: **Sunday, June 24 – Friday, June 29, 2018**

Time: Sunday at 5:00 p.m. – Friday at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Various locations in Saginaw

Cost: \$135

To register: Registration forms will be posted at www.saginaw.org/youth-ministry/youth-ministry.html

Deadline to register: Friday, May 18, 2018

For Information: Contact Pat Preston at ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6654



Catholic high school youth from around the diocese are invited to learn about and fight poverty, while reaching out to the people of Saginaw. Teams work together daily at residential homes and at various outreach agencies. Projects may include painting and helping with general repairs. Evenings will offer games, learning about Catholic Social Teachings, and fellowship

Mass for Freedom

Date: **TBD**

Time: TBD

Location: TBD

This Mass with Bishop Cistone is part of the Fortnight for Freedom, which takes place each year from June 21 to July 4. This is a time of year when the liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political powers. These martyrs include St. Thomas More, St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the first martyrs of the Church of Rome. Following Mass a procession and brief ceremony will be held at the Saginaw County Veterans Memorial Plaza. All are welcome.

July Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone

Date: Check the Holy Hour section of the diocesan homepage at www.saginaw.org

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: TBD

For description: See Tuesday, September 12, 2017 entry



2018 St. John Paul II Summer Youth Gathering

Date and time: TBD

Location: Sacred Heart Church, Gladwin

Cost: \$15

To register: Contact Pat Preston at ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6654

For information: Contact Mark Graveline at mgraveline@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989.797.6639

Youth from across the Dioceses of Saginaw and Detroit will spend a day canoeing, kayaking, and tubing down the Cedar River in Gladwin. Lunch and dinner will be provided.

August Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone

Date: Check the Holy Hour section of the diocesan homepage at www.saginaw.org

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: TBD

For description: See Tuesday, September 12, 2017 entry



Save the Date: 2018 MYFAITH Youth Event

Saturday, August 11, 2018 at Saginaw Valley State University

Youth are encouraged to "save the date" for the Diocese of Saginaw's 2018 MYFAITH Youth Event.

MYFAITH is a one-day event in which youth encounter Christ through dynamic speakers, Spirit-filled prayer, stirring music, the sacrament of Reconciliation, fellowship and discussion. In addition, Bishop Cistone celebrates Mass with youth at the event. MYFAITH inspires youth to "own their faith," live it daily and boldly share it with the world. Registration will be available as the event draws nearer.



Basic Catechist Certification: Mission and Methods

Date: **Monday, August 13, 2018**

Presenter: Peg McEvoy

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)

To register: Visit www.saginaw.org/catechesis/office-of-catechesis.html

Registration deadline: Monday, August 6, 2018

For Information: Contact Peg McEvoy at pmcevoy@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6608

A Morning on the Mission of Catechesis: It is a great privilege to be a catechist, to participate in Jesus' missionary mandate. Being a catechist also spurs in us the desire to continue to grow in our faith and to deepen and broaden our own discipleship. In the morning session, we will pray together and explore Jesus' missionary mandate and what it means for us today as catechists in the parishes and Catholic 4 schools of the Diocese of Saginaw.

An Afternoon with the Basics of Catechesis: The afternoon session covers some of the basics for catechists and explores the resources and techniques available to help launch catechists into this new adventure with Jesus and his young disciples. It is offered in conjunction with "A Morning on the Mission of Catechesis" to satisfy the requirements for Basic Catechist Certification, or as a refresher for those already with certification. Peg McEvoy is the diocesan Coordinator of Faith Formation.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Date: **Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw
Bishop Cistone will celebrate Mass at 12:00 noon at the Cathedral. Mary of the Assumption is the patroness of the Diocese of Saginaw. All are welcome!

The Book of Revelation: "You ought not to fear, Jesus is here!"

Date: **Monday, August 20, 2018**

Presenter: Father José Cabrera

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$10

To register: See registration form inside back cover or call 989.797.6607

Registration deadline: Thursday, August 16, 2018

For information: Call 989.797.6607



Join Father José Cabrera for an engaging exploration of the last book of the Bible. The Book of Revelation has sparked the imagination of believers throughout the centuries. This book has influenced cultures from the early years through medieval illuminations even up to modern music and TV series. While it is a book of hope, many myths have been created around this book. We will read together some passages and see the deeper meanings that the book tries to convey. Father José lived in Rome for three years while earning his Licentiate in Biblical Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He currently serves as the pastor of All Saints Parish in Bay City.

Marriage Preparation Workshop

Date: **Saturday, August 25, 2018**

Presenter: Marriage Preparation Team

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Center for Ministry

Cost: \$80

For description: See Saturday, March 3, 2018 entry

Save the Date: 2018 Lay Ministry Assembly

Nov. 2-4, 2018

Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth

Lay ministers are encouraged to "save the date" for the Diocese of Saginaw's 2018 Lay Ministry Assembly which will take place at Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth. This weekend will be a special time for lay ministers from around the diocese to connect, pray together, and receive inspiration from a variety of dynamic presentations and workshops.



Please note that everyone involved in Catholic n whether a Lay Minister or not – is invited to take part in the Saturday portion of this event. Registration will be available as the event draws nearer.

GENERAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES & RETREATS REGISTRATION FORM 2017 - 2018

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Tel (_____) _____

E-mail _____ Food restrictions _____

Please check if handicap room is needed: ____ Please check if you have a hearing challenge: ____

Three-day Retreats - \$75 Non-Refundable Deposit Required

Enrichment Opportunities - Full Payment Required

- The Great Basilicas of Rome (August 21) - \$10
- Listening: "What Sometimes Happens Least in Communication" (Sept. 23) \$10 without lunch
 \$20 with lunch
- Scripture and the Good News (October 14) - \$35
- Treasures of Catholic Spirituality (November 4) - \$35
- Old Testament Wisdom Literature (December 2) - \$35
- Spirituality of Blessed Solanus Casey (January 27, 2018) \$10 without lunch
 \$20 with lunch
- Pre-Lenten Retreat: Mary in the New Testament (February 9-11, 2018)
Please check one: \$165 semi-private (\$75 deposit required)
 \$180 private (\$75 deposit required)
 \$95 commuter
- Exploration of the Shroud of Turin (February 17, 2018) - \$10
- Lenten Retreat: "The Way of Trust and Love" (March 16-18, 2018)
Please check one: \$170 semi-private (\$75 deposit required)
 \$185 private (\$75 deposit required)
 \$95 commuter
- Training in Ministries Day (April 21, 2018) – Please check one: \$35 Gaspeny & Bessert
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 \$20 Gaspeny only
 \$20 Bessert only
 \$20 Becker only
- Evening of Enrichment for Spiritual Directors (May 3, 2018) - \$15
- The Book of Revelation (August 20, 2018) - \$10

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ (Check payable to "Diocese of Saginaw")

Return check and form to: Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48603-2762

For questions or further information, call 989.797.6607

POLICIES FOR GENERAL ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND RETREATS

General Information

Three-day retreats usually begin with registration and a reception between 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. First session begins on Friday at 7:30 p.m.; retreats conclude on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Unless otherwise noted, three-day general faith formation retreats cost **\$165 (semi-private room), \$180 (private room), or \$95 (for commuters)**. The non-commuter rate includes the retreat, all meals, and two nights of lodging with private bath. The commuter rate does not include lodging or breakfasts.

Retreat & Enrichment Opportunities Payment Policy

Three-day retreats: Advanced registration **with a \$75 non-refundable deposit** is required to secure your place; balance is due at the time of the retreat.

Enrichment Opportunities and Mini-Retreats: Advanced registration **with full payment** is required to secure your place.

Note: We believe that finances should not prevent anyone from attending a retreat. If you would like to attend a retreat but cannot afford the full cost, please let us know. It would be our privilege to help you.

Retreat & Enrichment Opportunities Cancellation/Refund Policy

Cancellation notice received at least one week before the event: 80% refund (excluding non-refundable deposits); cancellation notice received less than one week before the event: no refund. If the event is canceled by the Director of the Center for Ministry, a full refund will be given.

Space is limited!

Please register at least two weeks prior to a retreat or enrichment opportunity in order to avoid cancellations due to low enrollment.



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