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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates and time subject to change. Check icspcatholic.com for changes

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
July 18 - 19	Root Beer Social	IC	after all Masses
July 23 - 24	CCW Annual Convention	IC	
July 27 - 31	Vacation Bible School	St. Anne - Somerset	8:45am - 12:00pm
August 2	St. Patrick Annual Potluck Picnic	SP	after 11am Mass
September 1	1st Day of School	SMS	
September 9	Catechist Training	IC	6:30pm
September 14 - November 9	The Rescue Project	IC	Mondays 6:30pm
September 20	1st Day of Sunday Formation	SP	9:45am - 10:45am
September 23	1st Day of Wednesday Formation	IC	6:00pm CGS - 5th Gr 6:30pm 6th-10th Gr.
October 11	Confirmation	IC	9:00am

*You adorn the year with your bounty;
your paths drip with fruitful rain.
The meadows of the wilderness also drip;
the hills are robed with joy.
Psalm 65:12-13*

REFLECTIONS

THE POWER OF BEING A MODERN-DAY CATHOLIC

By The Catholic Formation Team



To be a modern-day Catholic is not to cling to the past; it is to carry an ancient truth into a rapidly changing world. It is the strength of standing for something eternal in a culture that often celebrates what is temporary. It is choosing faith not because it is easy, popular, or convenient, but because it is true.

Being Catholic today requires courage. It means believing in the dignity of every human person in a world that measures worth by success, status, and influence. It means choosing compassion over indifference, forgiveness over resentment, and hope over cynicism. It is the decision to live with purpose when so many are searching for meaning.

A modern-day Catholic is called to be both rooted and responsive, rooted in the teachings of Christ and responsive to the needs of the world. Faith is not confined to Sunday Mass; it is lived in classrooms, workplaces, homes, communities, and online platforms. It is seen in the way we speak, the way we serve, and the way we treat those who can offer us nothing in return.

The power of Catholicism today does not lie in dominance or popularity, but in witness. It is found in the young adult who chooses integrity when compromise would be easier. It is found in the parent who teaches faith through example, the volunteer who serves the forgotten, the student who stands up for what is right, and the believer who continues to trust God through uncertainty and suffering.

To be Catholic in the modern world is to embrace both conviction and compassion. It is to recognize that faith and reason can walk together, that science and spirituality need not be enemies, and that authentic belief inspires engagement with the world rather than withdrawal from it. It is a faith that challenges us to ask difficult questions, seek deeper understanding, and continually grow in holiness.

In an age of constant noise, a Catholic life offers the power of stillness. In an age of division, it offers the power of unity. In an age of anxiety, it offers the power of hope. The Church's message remains as relevant today as it was centuries ago: every person is loved by God, every life has purpose, and every act of love has eternal significance.

Being a modern-day Catholic means understanding that holiness is not reserved for saints in history books. It is calling for ordinary people living ordinary lives with extraordinary faith. It is choosing every day to become a reflection of Christ in a world that desperately needs light.



That is the power of being a modern-day Catholic, not just believing in God, but allowing that belief to transform how we live, how we love, and how we serve. It is the power to be a voice of truth without losing tenderness, a source of hope without denying hardship, and a witness to God's presence in every corner of our lives.

The modern-day Catholic stands at the intersection of faith and culture, carrying a timeless Gospel into a new generation, not as a relic of the past, but as a living testament that truth, love, mercy, and hope never go out of style.

ICSP BUSINESS OFFICE NEWS



ICSP PARTNERS WITH HAL JOHNSON AND ASSOCIATES FOR TREASURE APPEAL

*PARTNERING FOR EVANGELIZATION
AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH*



ICSP has partnered with **Hal Johnson and Associates (HJA)**—a family-owned, church resource development firm—to guide our upcoming Treasure Appeal and Stewardship initiatives from a position of remarkable strength. Thanks to the exceptional generosity of all our parishioners, we are a thriving community and in a strong financial position. This partnership allows us to build upon our stable foundation and secure our future by utilizing HJA's 52 years of proven expertise, which includes directing **332 projects** and raising **hundreds of thousands of dollars** in financial commitments for churches and schools.

We view stewardship not merely as fundraising, but as a vital tool for evangelization and spiritual growth when coupled with Time, Talent and Treasure. HJA-directed campaigns use a value-added process that strengthens our community's faith and inspires us to share the Gospel more boldly. By employing well-organized, dignified, respectful, and confidential fundraising strategies, HJA provides a wide suite of customized consulting services—ranging from annual operating programs that increase budget revenue to capital campaign direction for endowments, legacy gifts, tithing and offering, debt reduction, and facility repairs—ensuring we remain vibrant and well-funded for generations to come.

This extensive background in multiplying ministry impact is highlighted by HJA's work with St. Patrick's Capital Campaign, where the firm helped manage the strategic planning for the church's major addition and remodel project.

Under HJA's expert guidance, ICSP is well-positioned to leverage our current financial health to fuel further evangelization efforts, achieving our Treasure Appeal goals while building a lasting culture of lifelong stewardship.

If you would like to learn more about Hal Johnson and Associates, click here: haljohnsonassociates.com

THRIVING & GROWING!

We are implementing several campus improvements this month to enhance our facilities, communication, and safety:

- **19 New Lockers:** Installed to accommodate our growing SMS student body.
- **Entrance Monitors:** New digital screens are live at all Immaculate Conception entrances to keep everyone informed on upcoming events.
- **Security Upgrades:** Campus-wide safety updates will be fully completed by the end of this month.



Welcome!



We welcome Jenny Frank to the Finance Manager position! Jenny and her husband moved to the New Richmond area in May 2024.

Jenny brings a strong background in accounting and software management to support the finances of our two parishes and St. Mary School.

JESSICA JACKSON

Business and Development Manager

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ICSP CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES NEWS



REBOOT

A huge, heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who came out for Reboot! The energy in the room was absolutely electric, and it was beautiful to see our community pack the space for such a fun, faith-filled, and deeply inspiring evening.

Chris Stefanick and his team delivered a powerful message that truly resonated with everyone in attendance. It was a transformative experience from start to finish, leaving participants feeling deeply refreshed, fired up, and ready to live out their faith joyfully in their everyday lives.

We are so grateful to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make this event possible, as well as everyone who attended and brought such incredible energy. Let's keep that Reboot momentum going—not just within our ICSP Catholic Communities, but out into the world!

[CLICK HERE TO SEE MORE EVENT PHOTOS!](#)

Congratulations Class of 2026

High school graduation is a meaningful rite of passage that bridges past growth and future independence. It symbolizes the culmination of years of hard work, personal transformations, and meaningful connections. It is a time to celebrate resilience, embrace life's next big adventure, and look toward the journey ahead.

Congratulations to the group in the two photos, as well as all the young adults from our two parishes on their high school years' accomplishments.

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28



ICSP CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES NEWS

ST. PATRICK Women's NIGHT OUT

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this year's Women's Night Out such a wonderful success! On June 9th, 32 women gathered at Salties in New Richmond to share an evening together—doubling our attendance numbers from last year.

It was a beautiful opportunity for the women of our community to make new friends and visit with old ones. Those attending played two get-to-know-you games and enjoyed a meal and door prizes generously provided by the St. Patrick Women's Group.

We are so grateful to the Women's Group for hosting and to all the ladies who came out to spend the evening together!

[CLICK HERE TO SEE MORE PHOTOS!](#)



respect
life *called
to serve
moms
in need*

Walking with
Moms in Need



Baby Bottle Campaign

A huge **thank you** to everyone who participated in the Options On 8 Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottle Campaign! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Together, our parishes raised a total of **\$2,580.63**:

Immaculate Conception: \$1,693.36
St. Patrick: \$887.27

Already in 2026, Options On 8 has served 36 clients, with three new babies born so far this year and 387 material items given to clients. Without your support, helping these families through difficult decisions and situations would not be possible.

THANK
YOU!

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.
Jeremiah 1:5

EVANGELIZATION:

GROW IN OUR FAITH & LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST

BEYOND EASTER: THE *Love Story* IS JUST BEGINNING

By Deacon Mel Riel

The Lord is Risen... Alleluia!

Believe it or not, the Easter story of the Resurrection is not the end of the story. It's just the beginning...the beginning of a love story... and that's very **good news**.

As we enter into the summer season, we also enter into the longest season of the liturgical calendar, the Season of Ordinary Time. And Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. In fact, the Scripture readings are deeply profound and powerful.

St. Paul says, **"The Gospel is power."** So it's meant to be explosive, inspirational, and life-changing! So the question for us is: "Well... is it?" Was Easter Sunday just another Sunday? Or was it... life-changing?

I think there are many things that we do quite often that, after a while, become rather routine. Similarly, there are Scriptural readings that we read or hear quite often, and they, too, become routine. *"Oh, I've heard that story before... it's just not a big deal anymore."*

We tend to tune out the message of the Gospel, the Good News, and so it's not that "explosive" anymore.

Here are some ways to "re-kindle the fire" back into the Gospels:

- Re-read the Gospel passage. Take time to reflect on it. Maybe even put yourself in the place of one of the characters in the story. Ask yourself: "How does this story relate to me, today, in my life?"
- Read the Gospel using the **Lectio Divina** approach to read, meditate, and act on it. Many resources are available online or in printed form on Lectio Divina.
- Listen to Sunday homilies from priests, bishops, and Catholic sources: Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Fr. Andrew Ricci, Fr. John Muir, Chris Stefanick, Matthew Kelly, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Edward Sri, Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Tim Gray, and many others.
- Keep the faith. Don't lose hope. And know that God is always **(always)** with you.

During this Season of Ordinary Time, make it a point to share the Good News with those around you. We are called to a life of holiness and we are called to a life of mission. So let us **"Grow in our faith and lead others to Christ."**

— AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME —

SO I SEND YOU

JOHN 20:21

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Where is God Calling You?

Your time and talent are what keeps our ministries alive. Joining a ministry is one of the best ways to form connections and friendships within our parish community. To find out more, please check out our Ministry Booklet at icspcatholic.com/ministries/ or reach out to our ICSP Church Office and we will be happy to connect you to the right resources.

WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

This ministry is concerned with all aspects of liturgy and spiritual growth. The committee's purpose is to aid in the preparation of prayerful worship. This group is entrusted with making sure there are people available from the many ministries of music, liturgical ministry, decorators, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, readers, servers, sacristans, etc. This group works with the pastor in planning liturgy, encouraging sacramental participation, continuing spiritual enrichment of the parish, along with periodic evaluation of liturgical ministries for the purpose of their support and growth. Here are just some of the ministries that fall under the care of the Worship and Spiritual Life Committee.

- Adult Choir
- Cantors
- Musicians
- Greeters
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Readers
- Sacristans
- Pre-Liturgy Rosary Leaders

The Worship & Spiritual Life Committee is in need of new members. If you are interested in learning more about the Committee or its ministries, please contact Terry Palmer at stewardship@icspcatholic.com



In each publication, the Stewardship Committee will feature a ministry or two.

If you happen to have a group you would like featured, please reach out to Terry Palmer at stewardship@icspcatholic.com

CATHOLIC FORMATION NEWS

Congratulations to the thirty-five children at Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick who received Jesus for the first time in First Holy Communion on April 25th and 26th. May God continue to bless and guide them.

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The various youth ministry team building and fundraising events were a huge success, in part thanks to everyone who donated items and time. Youth attending Extreme Faith Camp and Workcamp, as well as other youth oriented activities, were supported through generosity.



Scones



Chili



Youth Breakfast



Meat Raffle



CATHOLIC FORMATION NEWS

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM Totus Tuus

THANK YOU to all those who helped make Totus Tuus a joyfilled week full of learning about our Catholic faith and how learning about the Commandments and the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary can help us in living a life of personal holiness! Special thanks to the Epperly and Tenner families for graciously hosting the team all week. Also, thank you to all the people who helped during the day and evening sessions, provided lunch and snacks, hosted dinner, provided donations and all others who helped through their time, talent or treasure and especially through prayer. **90 youth from our ICSP Catholic Communities and surrounding area** participated in the wonderful week!

May God continue to bless you!



CATHOLIC FORMATION NEWS

EXTREME FAITH 2026

Another successful week of Extreme Faith Camp has come and gone. This year we were excited to be able to accompany **14 youth** from our two parishes to camp. It was an exciting time filled with faith, adventure, laughter, games, food, and fun. We were blessed to have our very own Father John as the camp priest for the week.

In a time when religion is not honored with the same value as sports, I am pleased to say that an extraordinary faith resides in the hearts of these youth. I am reminded of the strength of community, and the bond that faith unites us, when I am able to watch the kids interact with one another. Their genuine care for each other and the relationships they have formed are a gift to witness along with their fearlessly trying new things and jumping into participating. These are precious moments of transformation that root them in their faith and carry them into lasting relationships with the Father.

Camp would not be what it is without your support. Whether it be mentally, physically, financially, or spiritually, your support means the world to us, and we sincerely thank you for this gift!

— Karen LaBossiere, High School Youth Discipleship Coordinator



JULY

SUMMER FAITH JOURNEY

These monthly challenges are designed to help your family live out the Four Pillars of the Catechism. By engaging our heads, hearts, and hands, we move beyond just 'knowing' our faith to truly experiencing God's presence in our daily lives.



SACRAMENTAL LIFE

(how we worship)

Participate in at least one sacrament as a family during the month of July that is not Sunday Mass. Options include reconciliation, daily Mass, or perpetual Adoration.



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AUGUST

MORALITY

(how to live)

Gather weekly to have each family member write two sentences about a "God Sighting"—a moment you saw, heard, or felt God's love in your daily life. Whether it's a beautiful sunrise, a warm hug, or a kind word, using our senses to notice these small miracles builds a natural spirit of gratitude for all of God's blessings.



CATHOLIC FORMATION NEWS



Have you...
NEVER BEEN BAPTIZED?

**NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO FINISH
RECEIVING YOUR SACRAMENTS?**

**WONDERED WHAT GOD
HAS IN STORE?**

**WANTED TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Or have ever wondered...
HOW DO I JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

The OCIA Program
(Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)
may be for you!



To find out more please contact:

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Church Office
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Classes start
this Fall!

"LIVING JOY" SMALL GROUPS

As a follow up to the Chris Stefanick "Reboot" event, small groups have been formed exploring how to live with joy in our lives.



It's not too late to jump in! Feel free to join any of our current groups at any time—*some is better than none*:

- Monday evenings: 6:30 - 8:00 PM | Immaculate Conception - Corrigan Hall (Main Hall)
- Tuesday mornings: 10:00 - 11:30 AM | Immaculate Conception - Corrigan Hall (Room 1)
- In-home groups and individual study options are also available.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER:

If you want to participate but summer is just too busy, you're in luck! Starting this fall, three or more new small groups will be launching the "Living Joy" series. Watch the bulletin and website for upcoming opportunities to join.

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES! At the end of the study, any group that wishes to keep meeting can choose from a variety of excellent faith-growing topics through Ascension Press and Formed.org. Come grow in faith and fellowship with us!

SNEAK PEEK!

"THE RESCUE PROJECT"

The Rescue Project seeks to proclaim the Gospel in a compelling and attractive way. The goal is to see how each person can surrender their life to Jesus and learn what it means to bring Christ to others.

Three words describe what you can experience:
BEAUTY • HUMAN • ACCOMPANIMENT

WHEN: Monday Evenings, September 14 - November 9
6:30 - 8:00 PM

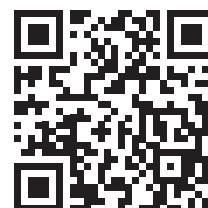
WHERE: Immaculate Conception | Corrigan Hall

DETAILS: 8 Episodes, facilitated by Deacon Mel Riel

Watch the bulletin and website for upcoming registration details!



**WATCH THE
TRAILER
HERE!**



ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS



Mission Statement:

Grow in Knowledge

Follow in Faith

Serve in Harmony

GROW IN KNOWLEDGE

SPELLING BEE WINNER!

Congratulations to 5th grader of SMS Violet Fritsch for winning 1st place in the Knights of Columbus state spelling competition.

FOLLOW IN FAITH

Middle school students

from SMS participated in a Lenten retreat. During the retreat, students made magnets with Bible verses for each K-8th grade student's locker. They also wrote letters for Operation Empowering Hope, a Christian organization that sends notes and care packages to soldiers in areas where depression and suicide rates are high. The students then reflected on how, even though we bring God everything we have done wrong, He tells us that we are good. As part of this reflection, students had the opportunity for Reconciliation during our school's Adoration.



SERVE IN HARMONY

The 4th graders at St. Mary School decided to take on a service project by creating "chemo care" bags for children and adults undergoing cancer treatment. They reached out to their school community for donations, and the response was overwhelmingly generous! Thank you to



Bridget Larson, who sowed 25 bags for students to fill with items. Great job, 4th grade!

SPECIAL NOTES FROM SMS THANK YOU TO MS. ALEXANDER

As Ms. Alexander embarks on this new journey of retirement, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude.

Your years of dedication, kindness, and love have profoundly

impacted your students and the entire school community. Since you started your teaching journey at St. Mary in 2015, you have touched the lives of countless students, families, and colleagues in ways that will be remembered and cherished. To help honor Ms. Alexander, the 4th-8th graders came together, with Ms. Rosauer's help, to create a quilt showing their appreciation and serving as a keepsake to remind her of all the young hearts she's influenced. You will truly be missed!



THANK YOU TO MRS. MCGURRAN



Thank you, Mrs. McGurran, for all you have done for our students this year. Even though you taught at St. Mary for just one year, you made such a lasting impact on your students and our school community. Your kindness, dedication, and care for each child did not go unnoticed.

UPCOMING DATES

AUGUST 25-27
Teacher In-Service Day

AUGUST 31
SMS Welcome Back Picnic

AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 1
K-5 Orientation

SEPTEMBER 2
First Day of School

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ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

St. Mary School 2026 Golf Tournament

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Coffee, New Richmond Dental,
Taco Bell, Schommer Landscaping,
New Richmond Dental, Gary &
Kathleen Eggen, Ready Randy's,
Sodies & Co, Wild Badger

Save the Date!
Join us again next year
Monday, June 21
2027

UPCOMING EVENTS

Joint Parish **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

hosted by
St. Anne Catholic Church & School

July 27-31, 2026

8:45am - 12pm

For preschool/kinder students (ages 3-5)
and students entering grades 1-5

Adult, middle school, & high school
volunteers are needed too!



SCAN
TO
REGISTER!



ICSP CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

YOUTH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

YOUR FAITH JOURNEY STARTS HERE!

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)
Preschool age through 2nd grade

WEDNESDAY EVENING CATHOLIC FORMATION
K through 10th grade

ST. PATRICK SUNDAY CATHOLIC FORMATION
K through 8th grade

SEEKERS - FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FAITH
11th - 12th grade

Youth Formation classes start:
Sunday, Sept. 20th at St. Patrick
Wednesday, Sept. 23rd at Immaculate Conception
(October for Seekers)

Wednesday Night Dinners will be
available again starting in **September!**

Visit icspcatholic.com to register!

INFORM WITH *faith*, FORM WITH *hope*, TRANSFORM WITH *love!*



UPCOMING EVENTS



ST. PATRICK CHURCH Annual Potluck Picnic

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

following the 11am Mass

HELD OUTDOORS, WEATHER PERMITTING (OTHERWISE INDOORS)

FOOD | GAMES | FAMILY | FUN

ON THE MENU: We'll provide the hot dogs and root beer floats!

SHARE THE LOVE: Please bring a favorite salad or dessert to share!

FUN & GAMES: Bring your favorite yard games for the youth to enjoy!

QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT: spwomensgroup@icspcatholic.com



*Where women gather for prayer, scripture and community
growing and serving together in Christ.*

YOU CAN EXPECT:

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- Meaningful Conversation
- Intentional Prayer
- Service Projects, Socials & Retreats
- Christ-Centered Friendships
- Refreshments
- Relaxed and Welcoming Environment

You do not need to be Catholic to attend.
ALL are welcome!



September 14, 2026 - April 2026
Every Other Monday or Thursday
7:00 - 8:30 pm



September 18, 2026 - April 2027
Fridays
9:00 - 10:30 am
• Childcare Provided



Immaculate Conception
Corrigan Hall - Rm. 1

TO JOIN OR LEARN MORE:

inchristwomensgroup@icspcatholic.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



ST. CROIX VALLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL *Initiative*

SCAN QR CODE



All are welcome to join us for a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament—children are welcome. As a community, we will pray for the founding of a Catholic high school in St. Croix County—asking the Lord to unite hearts, grant wisdom, and call forth those He is inviting into this work.

TO LEARN MORE

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY MAR 18	7-8PM	Immaculate Conception Catholic Church New Richmond, WI
THURSDAY APR 30	6-7PM	St. Anne Catholic Church Somerset, WI
MONDAY MAY 11	7-8PM	St. Patrick Catholic Church Hudson, WI
TUESDAY JUN 16	6-7PM	St. Bridget Catholic Church River Falls, WI
THURSDAY JUL 16	9-10AM	St. Patrick Catholic Church Erin Prairie, WI
FRIDAY AUG 7	8:30-9:30AM	St. Mary Catholic Church Hammond, WI

www.scchighschool.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

TWENTIETH
ANNUAL



*Diocese of Superior Music Ministry
Retreat and Workshop*

SAVE THE DATE!

Pastoral Musicians:

- As Parish Evangelizers
- As Believers, Disciples,
& Servants

InstitutoOCP: SING TO THE LORD

Oregon Catholic Press

October 16 & 17, 2026

\$45 - One day | \$90 Two days

Holy Family Church | Woodruff, WI

<https://www.holyfamilywoodruff.org/>

Online Registration opens July 22 at:

<https://catholicdos.org/diocesan-workshop-1>

UPCOMING EVENTS

T WENTIETH ANNUAL DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR MUSIC MINISTRY RETREAT AND WORKSHOP

Preliminary Agenda:

Friday

5:00 pm	Social Time
6:30 pm	Welcome, Prayer, Dinner
7:30 pm	Keynote: <u>"Maintenance to Mission: The Role of Pastoral Musicians in Parish Evangelization"</u> Anna Betancourt and Dr. Glenn Byer
9:00 pm	Night Prayer

Also available to attendees:

"POP-UP CHOIR" REHEARSAL

following the conclusion of the event on Saturday.

Choir sings at the 4pm Parish Mass at Holy Family Church

Saturday

Continental Breakfast	8:30 am
Welcome, Opening Prayer	9:00 am
Keynote: <u>"The Minister of Music: Believer, Disciple and Servant"</u>	9:30 am
Breakout session #1 <i>Track I</i> <u>"The Cantor's Ministry: Guiding the Assembly"</u> Anna Betancourt	11:00 am – Noon <i>Track II</i> <u>"Welcoming: The Minister of Music, Hospitality and Outreach"</u> Dr. Glenn Byer
Lunch	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Breakout session #2	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Morning breakout discussion continues.	
Reading/Repertoire Session <u>"Music for Advent and Christmas"</u> Anna Betancourt and Dr. Glenn Byer	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Evaluation and Closing Prayer	3:30 pm



Anna Betancourt is a professional singer, songwriter, music director and workshop presenter. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, she previously worked in various bilingual communities as music director, choral director and cantor in the parishes of Southern

California. She has more than 35 years of experience working with various choirs including youth, children's, adult, contemporary, traditional choirs and handbells choirs.

Anna graduated from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where she studied voice and music theory, and where she also worked as assistant director of liturgy and music. At the archdiocesan level, she has served as a music committee member, deanery representative and a member of the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress Liturgy Committee.

Anna's voice can be heard on more than 50 recordings, including some by Jaime Cortez, Bob Hurd and Eleazar Cortés. Her first solo collection, *Te Doy Gracias*, features 12 popular contemporary Spanish and bilingual songs. Her collection *Tomaré Mi Cruz* presents inspiring songs for liturgy, worship groups or retreats. Her music is also featured in OCP's *Novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe/Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe* collection.

Anna has been a speaker and presenter at various conferences and workshops on music and liturgy. She is the former Spanish choir director at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles and Christ Cathedral in Orange County, California. She currently ministers with her husband, Deacon Mike Betancourt, at St. Mark Catholic Church in Argyle, Texas.



Dr. Glenn Byer was born and raised on a farm near Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He has written widely on the liturgy, including an ongoing series of articles in *Today's Liturgy* on the link between the Catechism of the Catholic Church and

liturgical ministry and books on pastoral liturgical topics. He speaks widely on how to get more out of the liturgy.

His work in liturgy led to a post as professor of liturgy at Kenrick School of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri. He taught three years for the Paul VI Catechetical Institute, also in St. Louis. Glenn has served on the liturgy commissions of three archdioceses, Edmonton, Baltimore and St. Louis. He received a master's in liturgy from the University of Notre Dame in 1987 and a sacred liturgy doctorate (SLD) from Sant' Anselmo in Rome in 1994. Glenn currently works as OCP's worship publications manager.

He was recently awarded honorable mention for his book, [Unlocking the Feasts and Seasons of the Liturgical Year](#) and, in 2018, won first place for his book, [26 Ordinary Ways to Live the Liturgy](#), in the CPA (Catholic Press Association) Book Awards. Glenn is the co-author with Mary Jo Tully and Paulette McCoy of [The Catholic Catechist's Companion](#), with Msgr. William Belford and Michael R. Prendergast of [Parish Liturgy Basics](#) and with Michael R. Prendergast of [Hospitality Basics](#).

In 2022, Glenn was elected to the executive of the North American Academy of Liturgy. He will serve as Vice President for a year including the 2023 meeting in Toronto, and then will serve as President for the following year, ending with the meeting in Seattle in 2024.

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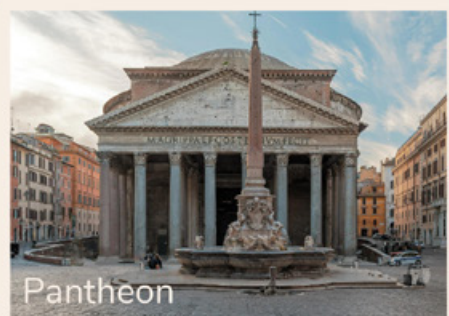
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