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Let us continue to Celebrate!

One of the beautiful things about the Catholic faith is the emphasis that is put on the liturgical seasons. For some Christians, these seasons have been discarded and the focus has been reduced to one day as is the case for Christmas or Easter. Of course, these have never been "one day events" in the life of the Church. They are celebrated for an entire season. The season of Advent, the season of Christmas, the season of Lent, the season of Easter are all great opportunities to deepen our faith in Christ in specific ways.

An Easter Prayer

Glory and praise to You, Risen Savior, for You bring light to our darkness, joy to our sorrow, and the fullness of love to our reluctant hearts.

Once and for all You have conquered sin and evil. In the glory of Your Resurrection we have been set free from all that keeps us from following You.

In this Easter season, fill our hearts with Your Light and Grace that we might joyfully echo the words of Your Holy Angels:

**He is not here in the tomb:
He is risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen.**

Reflection



Indeed, the cure for death does exist. Christ is the tree of life, once more within our reach. If we remain close to him, then we have life. Hence, during this night of resurrection, with all our hearts we shall sing the alleluia, the song of joy that has no need of words. Hence, Paul can say to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice!" (Phil 4:4)....In baptism, this medicine is given to us. A new life begins in us, a life that matures in faith and is not extinguished by the death of the old life, but is only then fully revealed. - Pope Benedict XVI

He has been raised and we with Him!

Everything is different now because that Tomb is empty. We have been capacitated, through the Resurrection, to begin living our lives in a new way. We Easter people are called to be so heavenly- to live our lives so attractively - that we bring Goodness Himself to the earth.

Catholic Charities News

Catholic Charities organized a Board of Advisors for each of its five regional office locations in the fall of 2009. The boards meet twice a year -- in the autumn and spring -- to hear a presentation on one of Catholic Charities numerous programs. The gatherings are intended to present information to the local community as well as to receive input from the local community. The advisors are also is asked to provide input on a topic of interest to the leadership.

This spring, the members learned about adoptions followed by a question and answer session. Additionally they were asked for their input into the "Media and PR Plan." The Boards of Advisors meet in La Crosse, Eau Claire, Prairie du Chien, Stevens Point and Wausau. Approximately 80 regional community members belong to one of the five boards.

Calendar

Upcoming Events

Advisory Board Meetings

April 27th Prairie du Chien
May 4th Eau Claire
May 11th Wausau

April 27th

Portage County Planned Giving Seminar-Memories Banquet Hall, Plover, WI; 6-8 p.m.
Contact: Jennifer Woyak

Programs we offer:

Emergency Services-La Crosse, Eau Claire, Stevens Point, Wausau, Prairie du Chien

Adoption Services-La Crosse, Eau Claire, Stevens Point, Wausau

Post Adoption Program-La Crosse, Eau Claire, Stevens Point

Financial Counseling-La Crosse, Marshfield, Stevens Point, Prairie du Chien, Wausau

HIV/AIDS Ministries-Stevens Point

Immigration Services-La Crosse

In-Home Support for Children with Disabilities-La Crosse

Domestic Abuse Services-Prairie du Chien

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