

Ideas for Educators



Prayer Focus

For Staff

- As you plan for prayer and faith sharing opportunities as a staff, check out the **Monthly Meeting Prayers** found on the diocesan web page (www.gbdioc.org) under the Pastoral Services link. Downloadable, ready to use prayer services have strong stewardship themes based on Sunday readings. Watch for the new **Everyday People-Everyday Faith** prayer supplement in **The Compass** during Lent; designed with input, articles, and personal reflections submitted by a variety of people representing all walks of life from throughout the Green Bay Diocese.

For Classrooms

- Check out the multitude of prayer resources designed specifically for use in Catholic school and faith formation programs published by Liturgy Training Publications (www.LTP.org). Look for titles such as: **Children's Daily Prayer (#CDPOT)**; **Blessings and Prayers Through the Year (#CLASS)**; **School Year – Church Year (#SCHYR)**. Excellent ready-to-use resources.
- Peter Li Prayer Group Publications offers free, online downloads at www.peterli.com. Follow the **Catechist** link to article archive; ditto for **Today's Catholic Teacher**. Both sites feature a multitude of prayer ideas.
- Check out the **Ideas For Use At Home** handout developed for this Winter 2006 Stewardship-Prayer Resource Packet on the diocesan web page under the Stewardship tab; send a copy home with each of your students. (www.gbdioc.org).

For Middle Readers

- Plan a prayer unit around the Newberry Honor Book, **Abel's Island** by William Steig, a noted children's author long before his 1990 *Shrek* was made into a movie. **Abel's Island** (Chapter Book for ages 10 & up by Farrar, Straus, and Giroux; numerous editions/formats available) offers readers a variety of faith based themes: love, devotion, growth through suffering, the power of hope and the importance of prayer, quiet time, and self-reflection. A quick internet search for lesson plans and reading guides provided a multitude of starting points.

For High Schoolers

- Annual diocesan-sponsored **DIVE-IN Youth Conference** for students grades 9-12 on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at St. John Nepomucene Parish in Little Chute. Organize your group to spend a day with nationally recognized youth ministry speaker Mike Patin (www.mikepatin.com). Day features liturgy, several breakout sessions, an interactive ministry village, pizza party, and great opportunities to socialize with Catholic High School students from across our dioceses. Email Rich Curran at rcurran@gbdioc.org for registration materials for your class or group.
- Hot off the Pflaum Press just in time for Lent 2006 – authored by our very own Green Bay Diocesan Pastoral Center staff people Tony Pichler and Chris Broslavick: **Totally Lent! A Teen's Journey to Easter 2006** (ISBN 1933178248) A day by day personal prayer guide with emphasis on thoughtful reflection and "mini-journaling." Base price: \$5.95 with quantity discounts available. Check it out at www.pflaum.com.

For College Students

- College age TEC Retreat scheduled for February 10-12, 2006 at Kellnersville Retreat Center. Cost is ONLY \$20.00 per person due to generous underwriting of this special effort! Contact Rich Curran at rcurran@gbdioc.org for registration materials.

Post College-Age Adults

- Opportunities abound at the *Norbertine Center for Spirituality* (920-337-4315, norbertines.org/center/norbcenter.html) including Taize Prayer, 7 pm, 3rd Sunday of every month as well as a Holy Week Retreat with Sr. Diane Bergant, CSA. *Bridge Between Retreat Center* (920-864-7230, www.bridge-between.org) features offerings related to yoga, poetry, and holistic health. Monte Alverno Retreat Center (920-733-8526) has regular bible studies, days of reflection, and weekend retreats.