



List of Upcoming Events Includes Mass of Remembrance for Unborn, Seminar on Suicide Prevention & More- All are Welcome

WHAT: The Red Mass with Bishop Cistone

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m.

WHERE: Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw

The Red Mass is a tradition in the Diocese of Saginaw, in collaboration with the St. Thomas More Society. Bishop Cistone will celebrate Mass with members of the legal profession and their families. The lawyers and judges present will renew their oath of office. This year's Edward J. McArde Memorial Tribute will be awarded to the Honorable Judge Dawn A. Klida.

WHAT: Inspiring Scripture Seminar Presented by One of the First Three Women to Serve on the Pope's Biblical Commission

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Diocesan Center For Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw

Note: If you are only able to come from 9 a.m. until noon, the cost is \$20 (without lunch). Pope Francis made history by appointing the first three women 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. Cost is \$35 including lunch. For more information, or to register, please call 989.797.6607.

WHAT: Bishop Cistone to Celebrate Special Mass for Knights of Columbus

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw

In acknowledgement of the Knights of Columbus and their generous financial support of the renovation at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Bishop Joseph Cistone will celebrate a special Mass for the Knights and their intentions. All Knights and their spouses are invited to attend, as well as those men who may be considering joining the Knights of Columbus. Light refreshments will be served after Mass in the lower level of the cathedral.

WHAT: Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun during Rosary Rally

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m.

WHERE: Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw

Join Bishop Joseph Cistone and the Knights of Columbus in a rosary rally. It is part of the America Needs Fatima campaign, and this year's rally will mark the 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun and the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. All are welcome!

WHAT: “Feed the Fire” Youth Mass with Bishop Cistone in Bay City

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 14 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE: All Saints Parish, St. James Church, 710 Columbus Ave., Bay City

Bishop Cistone celebrates “Feed the Fire” Masses to bring together youth from around the diocese. These Masses are planned for youth and their families and include upbeat praise and worship music. Following Mass, those in attendance have an opportunity to share dinner with Bishop Cistone, and there is additional time for prayer. For more information, please contact Pat Preston at ppreston@dioceseofsaginaw.org.

WHAT: Lay Ministry Commissioning and Renewal Mass

WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 15 at 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw

The Most Rev. Joseph R. Cistone, Bishop of Saginaw, will preside at the Commissioning and Renewal Liturgy. All are welcome. The Lay Ministry Program offers deep spiritual, theological 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 lay ministry or missioned by him as a “Christian in the World.” Those interested in learning more about the Lay Ministry Program may call 989.797.6609.

WHAT: Mass for Health Care Professionals with Bishop Cistone

WHEN: Monday, Oct. 16 at 7 a.m.

WHERE: Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave., Saginaw

Taking its name from the white coat commonly worn by those in the medical field, the “White Mass” is the opportunity to pray with and for Catholic health care professionals, doctors and medical personnel.

WHAT: Mass of Remembrance for the Unborn with Bishop Cistone

WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 3516 E. Monroe Rd., Midland

Bishop Cistone will celebrate a special Mass of Remembrance for the Unborn and candle lighting to honor all babies who have died in their mother’s womb. All parents and families who are grieving the loss of an unborn child, whether very recent or many years ago, are welcome to attend. The Mass will be held at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Midland. All are welcome. For more information, contact Lori Becker, respect life coordinator at 989-797-6652.

WHAT: Seminar on Assisted Suicide

WHEN: Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Diocesan Center For Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw

The seminar will be presented by Dr. Cherie Sammis, DBc RN NP; Director Ethics Integration, Ascension Michigan. 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. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. To register, please call 989.797.6607.

WHAT: Learn How to Deepen Your Relationship with God Through Prayer (Same event is offered at three different times/locations)

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Sacred Heart Church, 140 Atwood St., Caro

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: St. James Church, 710 Columbus Ave., Bay City

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 4 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: St. Agnes Church, 2500 N. W. River Rd., Sanford

Are you looking for ways to improve your prayer life? Have you heard of St. Ignatius of Loyola's prayer called the Examen? All are welcome to join this event entitled "Enkindling Prayer – Deepening Communion with God and Others" The focus will be on learning to be attentive to the voice of God in your own heart as well as the Ignatian Examen's potential to enrich your life. The presenter is Elizabeth Gengle who is the founder of "Movements of the Heart" Retreat Ministry, 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. Although the latter part of the day is geared towards those who assist with faith formation at parishes, all who are interested in deepening their relationship with God are invited. For more information, please call Peg McEvoy at 989.797.6608 or email pmcevoy@dioceseofsaginaw.org. Cost is \$15.

WHAT: Annual Lay Ministry Meeting

WHEN: Sunday, Nov. 5 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Diocesan Center For Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw

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.

WHAT: Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone in Saginaw

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 9 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE: St. Francis of Assisi Parish, St. Casimir Church, 2122 S. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw

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.

WHAT: Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 10 Starting at 6 p.m. to on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 1 p.m.

WHERE: Saginaw

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. The location of this retreat is confidential. For information, contact Lori at 989.797.6652 or e-mail projectrachel@dioceseofsaginaw.org. To learn more, please visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

WHAT: Misa en Español (Spanish Mass) in Frankenmuth

WHEN: Sunday, Nov. 19 at 5 p.m.

WHERE: Blessed Trinity Church, 958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth

Please join the community of Blessed Trinity and Father 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.

WHAT: Seminar on Suicide Awareness and Prevention: A Christian Perspective

WHEN & WHERE: Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Church, 300 Johnson St., Freeland (the parish will provide childcare) OR Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the diocesan Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw

NOTE: Pastors, Pastoral Administrators 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 life. All are invited to take part in this offering, especially parents, youth, and those who hold leadership positions in parishes and schools. Please 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.

WHAT: Old Testament Wisdom Literature with Father Bill Taylor

WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Diocesan Center For Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw

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. Cost is \$35 including lunch. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Nov. 22. For more information, or to register, please call 989.797.6607.

WHAT: Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

WHEN: Monday, Dec. 4 to Tuesday, Dec. 12 (Times vary by location)

WHERE: Parishes throughout the diocese

Several parishes throughout the diocese will host special Masses and/or novenas to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Schedules vary from parish to parish. Contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at hispanicministry@dioceseofsaginaw.org or call 989.797.6646 for details.

WHAT: Monthly Catholic Women's Fellowship – Offsite Event!

WHEN: Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: St. Joseph Church, 910 N. 6th St., Saginaw

The group will go off site for Mass and celebration of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena with Father José Maria Cabrera. 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.

WHAT: Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone in Birch Run

WHEN: Thursday, Dec. 7 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE: Ss. Francis and Clare Parish, Sacred Heart Church, 12157 Church St., Birch Run

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