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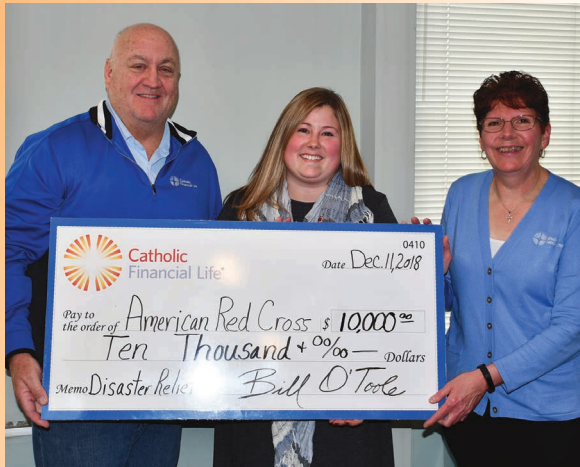
# RADIANT LIFE™

ANGELS  
AMONG US

**WE'RE HIRING!**  
**ESTAMOS CRECIENDO!**

# MEMBER EVENTS

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*As always, thank you for being a member and being part of something greater than yourself.*

President & CEO Bill O'Toole and Director of Member Engagement Sally Krochalk presented Amber Carey from the American Red Cross with a check for \$10,000 to support disaster relief efforts.

I love our mission. We are a faith-based, membership organization that serves God through serving others, provides financial security and enhances the quality of life. What a powerful combination!

This issue of *Radiant Life* highlights some of the initiatives, events and benefits that make us unique.

Engaging in patriotic activities is one of the purposes of our Society. In celebration of this value and in honor of one of our long-time associates who recently retired, we are pleased to announce the Joseph E. Gadbois "God Bless America" Photo Contest. Learn more about it on page 13.

To recognize individuals for their volunteer service in the community, a new "Angels Among Us" program was recently developed. When someone is seen doing good work in the community, they will be presented with an angel pin. See page 15 for more information about the "Angels Among Us" program.

The ever-popular summer events will start soon. Consider bringing a guest to one of these affordable, family-fun events listed on pages 10-11. These events are another way we work to provide you with value for your membership.

Do you know what makes this organization great? You do! In order to best fulfill our mission, we need more advisors. And, in order to do that, I need your help. We're growing; we're hiring! Please check out the article on pages 6-7 to learn more about the rewarding opportunity of being an advisor with Catholic Financial Life.

As always, thank you for being a member and a part of something greater than yourself. I pray that you have a blessed Lent and Happy Easter ... Spring is almost here!

Fraternally,

William R. O'Toole  
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Members in the Madison, Wis. area enjoyed great food and baseball as the Madison Mallards battled the Kalamazoo Growlers.

# MENSAJE DEL PRESIDENTE



*Como siempre, muchas gracias por ser miembro y por ser parte de algo más grande que uno mismo.*

Vice presidente de ventas Rogelio Cabral, consejero de Catholic Financial Life Francisco Hernandez, y Presidente y Director Ejecutivo Bill O'Toole en los premios del departamento de ventas 2018.

Me encanta nuestra misión. Somos una organización compuesta de miembros, basada en la fe que sirve a Dios a través del servicio a los demás, que provee seguridad financiera y mejora la calidad de la vida. ¡Qué combinación tan poderosa!

Este asunto de *Radiant Life* resalta algunas de las iniciativas, eventos y beneficios que nos hacen únicos.

Participar en actividades patrióticas es uno de los propósitos de nuestra Sociedad. Para celebrar este valor y en honor a uno de nuestros asociados de largo plazo que se acaba de jubilar, nos agrada anunciar el concurso fotográfico "Joseph E. Gadbois God Bless America" o "Joseph E. Gadbois que Dios bendiga América". Lea página 13 para más información sobre el concurso.

Para reconocer a las personas que participaron en la comunidad como voluntario, se desarrolló un programa llamado "Angels Among Us" o "Los ángeles entre nosotros." Cuando se vea a alguien realizando buen trabajo en la comunidad, se les dará un broche en forma de ángel. Mire la página 15 para informarse sobre el programa "Angels Among Us" o "Los ángeles entre nosotros."

Los siempre populares eventos del verano empezarán pronto. Considere llevar un amigo/a a una de estas actividades económicas y familiares que se pueden encontrar en las páginas 10-11. Estos eventos son otra forma en que trabajamos para brindarle valor a su membresía.

¿Sabe qué es lo que hace esta organización genial? ¡Ud. lo hace! Para mejor cumplir con nuestra misión necesitamos más consejeros. Para conseguirlo necesito su ayuda. ¡Estamos creciendo como organización y por eso mismo estamos contratando! Mire por favor nuestro artículo en la páginas 6-7 para informarse mejor sobre la oportunidad enriquecedora de ser consejero/a de Catholic Financial Life.

Como siempre, muchas gracias por ser miembro y por ser parte de algo más grande que uno mismo. Oraré para que Ud. tenga una Cuaresma bendecida y una Pascua muy feliz ... ¡Ya casi llega la primavera!

Fraternalmente,

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# Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ



It's halftime ... an opportunity to examine the game plan that you set forth at the beginning of Lent.

So, how are you doing? Have you followed through on your commitments? How would you grade your actions and efforts?

Perhaps, you have fallen short of your goal. It is possible you got shutout in the first half and need to get back in the game. Regardless of where you are at, I have good news: God's grace is not bound by earthly

time. Lent 2019 can still be a transformative experience if you want it to be.

Here are a few tips to prepare for Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

- **Prayer:** Our relationship with God is rooted in prayer, which is particularly important during Lent. There are countless ways to deepen your prayer life. Many parishes regularly pray the Stations of the Cross. Or, make a special effort to go to Confession. Or, consider beginning and ending each day with five minutes of quiet time with God.
- **Fasting:** Abstaining from meat or one less meal is one type of fasting. Another type of fasting is to avoid going on Facebook or deleting your favorite apps. Either way, the practice of fasting is a form of self-sacrifice in order to better realize and appreciate how much Christ sacrificed for us.
- **Almsgiving:** There are enormous needs locally and globally to aid the poor. Your parish may participate in Catholic Relief Service's Rice Bowl challenge or sponsor a meal program at a local Saint Vincent de Paul Council. I encourage you to volunteer your time and financially support a charity that helps the poor to whatever extent you can.

Lent is a time of preparation ... preparing ourselves for Christ's Paschal Mystery. I encourage you to make the necessary halftime adjustments that will help you experience the victory of Easter in a new and powerful way.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI**

Archbishop of Milwaukee

Catholic Financial Life's Spiritual Director

## *Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo*

Ya estamos en la mitad del partido...es una oportunidad para examinar la estrategia del juego que Ud. se propuso al principio de la Cuaresma.

Entonces, ¿cómo le está yendo? ¿Ha cumplido con sus compromisos? ¿Qué nota le daría a sus acciones y esfuerzos?

Quizá no haya cumplido del todo con su meta. Es posible que no haya anotado ni siquiera un punto en la primera mitad del partido y necesita volver a concentrarse en el resto del partido. De todas formas, donde quiera que esté en el partido, le tengo buenas noticias: la gracia de Dios no está limitada por el tiempo terrenal. La Cuaresma del 2019 todavía puede ser una experiencia transformadora si Ud. quiere que la sea.

He aquí algunas sugerencias para prepararse para la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo:

- **La oración:** Nuestra relación con Dios se basa en la oración es de suma importancia en la cuaresma. Hay muchas maneras de profundizar en su vida espiritual mediante la oración. Muchas parroquias, por lo general, hacen el Viacrucis. O, podría hacer un mayor esfuerzo para ir la a Confesión. También, puede considerar iniciar y terminar cada día con cinco minutos de silencio en la presencia de Dios.
- **Ayunar:** Dejar de comer carne o dejar de comer una comida al día es una manera de ayunar. Otra manera de ayunar es evitar entrar a Facebook o borrar sus aplicaciones favoritas. De todos modos, la práctica de ayunar es una forma de auto sacrificio para mejor apreciar y darse cuenta de lo mucho que se sacrificó Cristo por nosotros.
- **Dar limosna:** Hay muchas necesidades al nivel local y global para ayudarles a los pobres. Es muy posible que su parroquia local participe en el Reto del Plato de Arroz de Catholic Relief Service o puede que también patrocine un programa de comidas en uno de los refugios locales de San Vicente de Paúl. Los animo a que presten su tiempo para hacer trabajo voluntario y a que apoyen de manera financiera a una organización caritativa que ayude a los pobres, dentro de sus posibilidades.

La Cuaresma es una época de preparación... preparación para el Misterio Pascual de Cristo. Los animo a que hagan los ajustes necesarios en este mitad de tiempo que los ayude a experimentar la victoria de la Pascua de una manera nueva y poderosa.

**OUR ADVISORS DON'T WEAR CAPES...**  
**...BUT THEY PROTECT FAMILIES EVERY DAY!**



**WE'RE HIRING  
WE'RE GROWING**

**LEARN HOW  
YOU CAN START A  
REWARDING  
CAREER TODAY!**

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## Do you know a superhero who ...

- Enjoys using their superpowers to help others?
- Knows a lot of people and enjoys meeting new people?
- Wants an opportunity to do well financially, do good for their community and live their faith simultaneously?

### Are they:

- Competitive?
- Persistent?
- Confident?

### If so, we'd like to meet them!

### Introduce us to someone you think would be a great Catholic Financial Life superhero and ...

You'll receive **\$100** for each referral that has an in-person interview for the Catholic Financial Life advisor role.

You'll receive an additional **\$1,000** for each referral who gets contracted as a Catholic Financial Life advisor.



**NUESTROS CONSEJEROS NO USAN CAPAS...  
¡PERO PROTEGEN A FAMILIAS TODOS LOS DÍAS!**

**¡APRENDE COMO  
PUEDES EMPEZAR  
TU CARRERA  
GRATIFICANTE HOY!**

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**ESTAMOS  
CRECIENDO  
ESTAMOS  
CONTRATANDO**

## Conoce a un superhéroe que...

- ¿Disfrute usar sus poderes para ayudar a otros?
- ¿Conozca a mucha gente y disfruta conocer a gente nueva?
- ¿Quiera una oportunidad para mejorar sus finanzas, hacer el bien en la comunidad y vivir su fe todo a la vez?

### Son:

- ¿Competitivos?
- ¿Persistentes?
- ¿Confiados en si mismos?

**De ser así, inos gustaría conocerlo/a!**

**Preséntenos a alguien que usted crea sería un gran Catholic Financial Life superhéroe y...**

Usted recibirá **\$100** por cada referido que resulte en una entrevista, en persona, para ser consejero con Catholic Financial Life.

Usted recibirá **\$1,000** adicionales por cada referido que sea contratado como consejero de Catholic Financial Life.

# TRANSFORM YOUR FINANCIAL LIFE WITH A 20/20 PLAN

Spring is a time of transformation as we reflect on our life and re-evaluate our priorities. When you take the time to do this, you might realize that your financial priorities have changed. Making sure you're able to pay bills and save for retirement, all the while protecting your family if something happened to you, should be on your Spring cleaning list every year. This may seem daunting, but don't worry! We've got a plan that can help check this task off your to-do list.

With Catholic Financial Life's 20/20 Life Insurance Plan, your coverage adapts with your changing financial needs as you move towards retirement.

## Here's What It Does

- Provides permanent coverage that lasts your entire lifetime
- Provides temporary coverage to protect you and your family during your most critical years
- Builds cash value that you can use for other things

The best part is that you pay one, unchanging premium annually for 20 years and then you are done. After 20 years, you pay no more premiums and you own your permanent insurance for the rest of your life. In essence, it allows you affordable coverage today while you are also paying your mortgage, healthcare costs, tuition, etc., and permanent coverage for the rest of your life!

## Here's How It Works

Under the guidance of your Catholic Financial Life advisor, you purchase a 20-Pay Whole Life Insurance Plan that fits your needs and your budget. You make the same payment each year for the next 20 years, building cash value over time, ensuring you have coverage throughout your entire lifetime. Then, couple this plan with a 20-Year Term Life Insurance Plan, with payments that never increase, to provide additional coverage for you and your family during your most critical years.

Remember, your Catholic Financial Life advisor is always there to help re-evaluate your priorities. Once you transform your financial life, you can enjoy Spring knowing that you and your family are better protected!



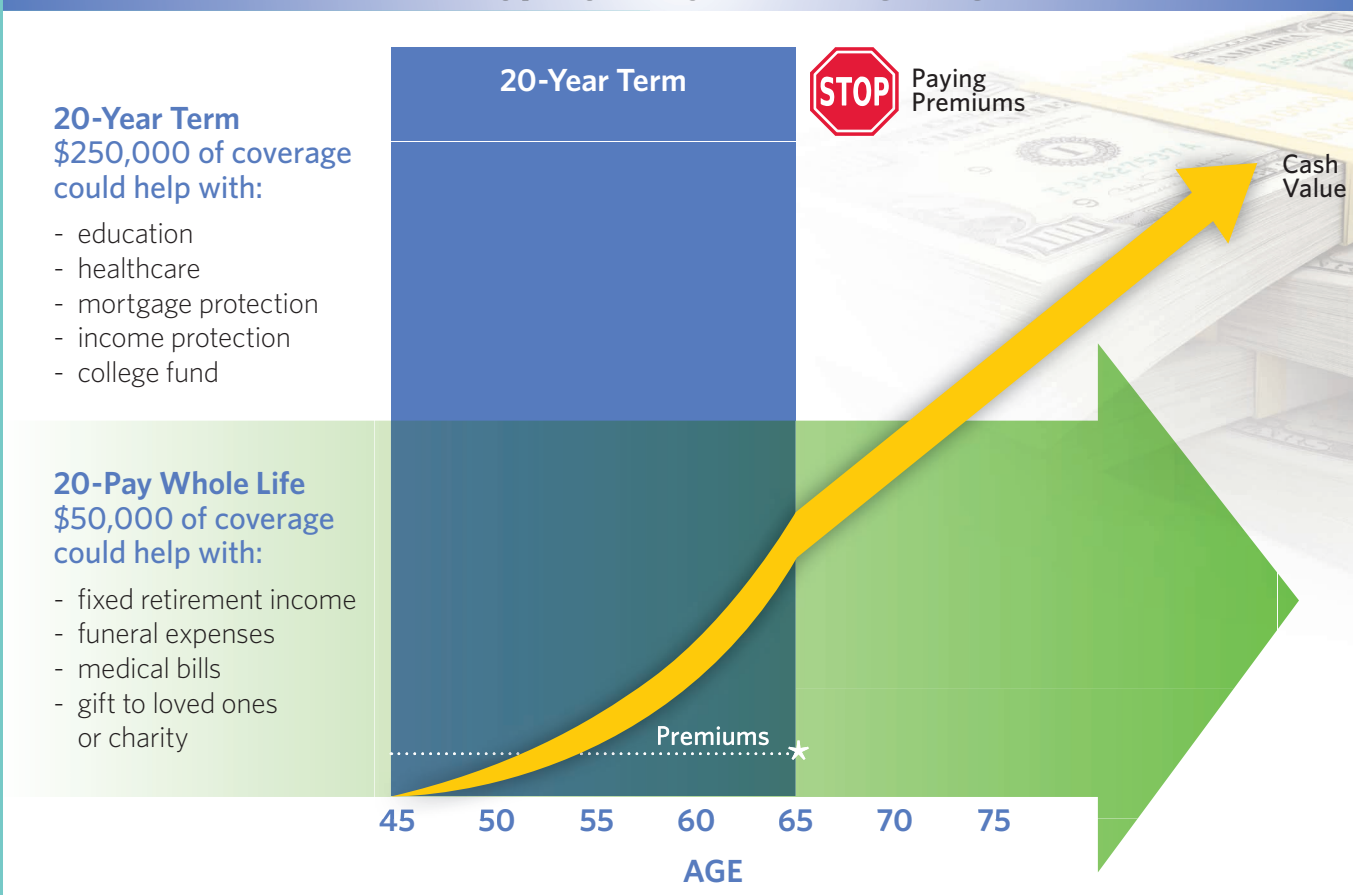


## Example

Meet Charlie, a 45-year old father, with a loving wife and two teenage daughters. Charlie is diligently planning for retirement and wants to ensure that he and his wife enjoy financial security throughout the rest of their lives. However, burdened with plenty of expenses like their current mortgage payments, healthcare costs and upcoming college tuition, Charlie realizes he still needs a cost-effective alternative to help him provide for his family today.

With a 20/20 Plan, Charlie can enjoy the best of both worlds: have the coverage he needs today, at a price he can afford and end with permanent insurance that costs him nothing after 20 years. At the same time, when Charlie no longer has a mortgage and his daughters have graduated, he can retire at age 65. At that time, his 20-Year Term Life Insurance Plan will expire, leaving him with enough Whole Life Insurance to last his lifetime – without having to make another payment!

## A 20/20 Plan Timeline



Talk to your Catholic Financial Life advisor to find out how a tailored 20/20 Plan can help you manage the present while planning for a brighter future.

Visit [catholicfinanciallife.org/findadvisor](http://catholicfinanciallife.org/findadvisor)

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# ADD OUR FUN EVENTS TO YOUR SUMMER BUCKET LIST!



## Milwaukee Brewers

**Friday, June 21 – 7:10 p.m.**

Milwaukee, Wis.  
vs. Cincinnati Reds  
\$22

Great seats in the Loge Infield Box Level!  
*Deadline: May 14*

## Mystic Seaport – **NEW!**

**Sunday, June 23**

Mystic, Conn.

\$24 admission includes \$5 meal voucher  
Children 2 and under free! (no meal voucher)  
Limited \$3 tickets available for 20 minute  
boat cruise

*Deadline: June 14*

## Noah's Ark Waterpark

**Wednesday, June 26**

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

\$25 admission includes meal voucher  
A \$47 value!  
*Deadline: May 24*

## Family Camp Out

**July 19-21**

Columbus, Wis.

\$30 per campsite  
A \$70 value!  
*Deadline: July 1*

## Festa Italiana

**July 19-21**

Milwaukee, Wis.

\$5 admission  
Save \$8 off general admission  
*Deadline: July 1*

## Pawtucket Red Sox

**Saturday, July 20 – 6:15 p.m.**

Pawtucket, R.I.

vs. Charlotte Knights  
\$12 includes ticket and  
\$10 concession voucher  
Up to \$23 value  
*Deadline: July 5*



### Timber Rattlers Game

**Saturday, August 3 - 6:35 p.m.**

Appleton, Wis.

vs. Peoria Chiefs

\$14 includes ticket and

\$10 concession voucher

Up to 35% savings!

Deadline: July 1

### Wisconsin State Fair

**Wednesday, August 7**

West Allis, Wis.

\$6 includes cream puff and drink

Up to \$13.75 savings!

Children 5 and under free!

Ticket good for the entire fair.

Food and drink available August 7 only.

Deadline: June 30

### Minnesota Twins

**Sunday, August 11 - 1:10 p.m.**

Minneapolis, Minn.

vs. Cleveland Indians

\$22 includes ticket and

\$5 concession voucher

Deadline: June 30

### Mexican Fiesta

**August 23-25**

Milwaukee, Wis.

\$8.50

Savings of 50%!

Limit 10 tickets per household

Deadline: July 29

### Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette

**Sunday, September 8**

Attleboro, Mass.

Rosary at 11:45 a.m.

Mass at 12:10 p.m.

Family Activities/Music 1:00-4:00 p.m.

No Charge

### Basse's Taste of Country

**Saturday, October 5**

Colgate, Wis.

\$8 all ages

Save up to 33%

Deadline: September 25

### Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Thursday, December 12**

Des Plaines, Ill.

Details to come!

To register for any of these events, visit  
[catholicfinanciallife.org/memberevents](http://catholicfinanciallife.org/memberevents)  
or call 1-800-927-2547, Ext. 6573



# YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THEM!



## Check out

[catholicfinanciallife.org/memberevents](http://catholicfinanciallife.org/memberevents)  
to register and view upcoming events!



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



For more than 150 years, Catholic Financial Life has been celebrating patriotism and honoring those who defend our freedom. From supporting the Honor Flight to Flag Day celebrations, we demonstrate love for our country and support those who protect it.

We would like to personally thank all members who have served or are currently serving our great nation. To honor their service and sacrifice, we want to share their stories of courage, bravery and patriotism. Please submit stories and photos along with contact information including name, address, email, years of service and military branch at [catholicfinanciallife.org/militarystories](http://catholicfinanciallife.org/militarystories). Also visit this site to read other members' stories.

These stories will help to honor members who serve our country. For each story submitted, Catholic Financial Life will present a Challenge Coin. These stories will be spotlighted in a future edition of *Radiant Life* or on social media.

To those who have  
served in the past,  
to those in uniform  
serving today  
and to their families,  
we honor and  
thank you.



Delegates and their family members serving in the armed forces at our 2018 Convention.



# JOSEPH E. GADBOIS

# **“GOD BLESS AMERICA”**

## PHOTO CONTEST

There are people who have given so much in service to our Society that it's difficult to find a worthy way in which to honor them when it comes time for their retirement. Joe Gadbois is such a person. Joe spent his 41-year career at Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Catholic Family Life Insurance and Catholic Financial Life, traveling “to the moon and back” for our members and on behalf of our Society.

As an avid photographer, Joe has captured countless special moments, many of which have been featured in *Radiant Life*. In honor of Joe, we are pleased to announce **The Joseph E. Gadbois “God Bless America” Photo Contest**.

Members and non-members are invited to submit a photo they have personally taken, capturing the spirit of America in a person, place or event. Please include a brief description of the photo and how it relates to our theme.

Everyone who enters will receive a commemorative gift. Photos will be judged on quality, composition and alignment with our theme. Two first place winners in each category, **person, place and event**, will be selected in the age groups of **under 18 and 18 & older**. Each will receive a gift card. First place photos and select “honorable mention” photos in each category will be featured in the Fall 2019 edition of *Radiant Life* and on our website.

Please submit all photos to: [memberengagement@catholicfinanciallife.org](mailto:memberengagement@catholicfinanciallife.org) with the subject line: **Joseph E. Gadbois “God Bless America” Photo Contest**.

Attach the original image to the email, including a caption, your description of how the photo relates to our theme, your age and contact information in the body of the message. The deadline to submit photos is **September 15, 2019**.

Photos must be submitted electronically and be your own personal work. Photos of individuals should be submitted with the consent of the individual, their parent or guardian.



# DRUM ROLL PLEASE: AND THE WINNERS OF THE HOLIDAY ART CONTEST ARE...

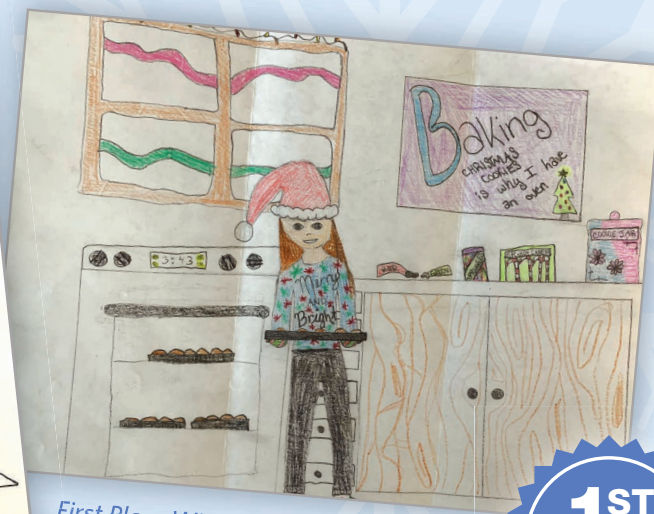
Last year, Catholic Financial Life held another holiday art contest! Members of all ages had the opportunity to submit a drawing, painting, coloring or design depicting their favorite Christmas activity, such as singing Christmas carols, wrapping presents, giving gifts to those less fortunate, decorating the tree, attending a Christmas play, etc.

A big thank you to everyone who participated! We received multiple entries but had the tough decision of narrowing it down to three finalists. Jacque M. was selected as our grand prize winner! Her design incorporated the theme of being kind to all. She received a \$150 Amazon gift card! Sophia L. and Sage G. also received \$50 Amazon gift cards for their respective first and second place artwork.

GRAND  
PRIZE



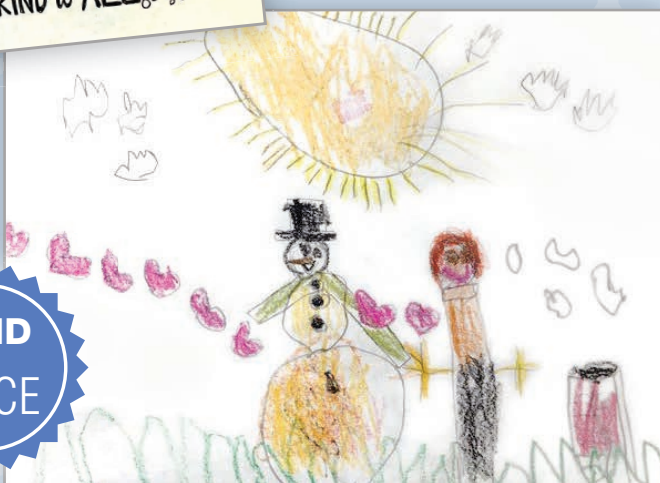
Grand Prize Winner - Jacque M., Wisconsin



First Place Winner - Sophia L., Wisconsin

1<sup>ST</sup>  
PLACE

2<sup>ND</sup>  
PLACE



Second Place Winner - Sage G., Indiana



# Angels AMONG US



Like angels on a mission, we serve the community by helping others. To recognize individuals for their volunteer service in the community, we are excited to announce the all new Angels Among Us program. Please help us share the good work you are doing in your community.

## How It Works

Do you know an angel? Someone who ...

- Takes care of those who are hungry and lost?
- Puts other people's needs ahead of their own?
- Freely gives their time and talents?
- Makes a positive impact in their community?

To nominate an angel that you know or to see how far Catholic Financial Life's angel wings have spread, visit [catholicfinanciallife.org/angels](http://catholicfinanciallife.org/angels).

Thank you for being part of something greater than yourself.

## RETREAT BENEFIT

As a Catholic organization, we support the spiritual growth and development of our members through a series of faith-based benefits. Retreats can be times of discovery, prayer and spiritual growth. Members are eligible to apply for up to \$100 annually toward the cost of a Catholic retreat.

To take advantage of this benefit, visit [catholicfinanciallife.org/spiritualbenefits](http://catholicfinanciallife.org/spiritualbenefits)



# SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVING OTHERS

*"We make a living by what  
we get, but we make a life  
by what we give."*  
— Winston Churchill

Want your chapter to be featured in a future magazine?  
Submit your best photos and detailed captions to  
[chapterphotos@catholicfinanciallife.org](mailto:chapterphotos@catholicfinanciallife.org)



Chapter 40, Waukesha, Wis., organized a bus trip to Detroit for an exciting Green Bay Packers vs. Detroit Lions game in October. Several local chapters participated in the event, including these members of Chapter 245, New Berlin, Wis.



Catholic Financial Life Senior Vice President John Borgen presented 75-year members Lorraine Geiger, Chapter 83, Brillion, Wis., and Jim Winter, Chapter 80, Reedsville, Wis., with statues of the Immaculate Conception.



Members of Chapter 194, Charlestown, Wis., with some of the non-perishable food items collected at the chapter Christmas party and donated to the local St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.





On Christmas Eve, Catholic Financial Life Advisor Matt Tomlinson delivered the gift of life insurance to the Dempsey family in Illinois. Pictured are eight of the family's nine children who became members of the Society.

75-year member and avid fundraiser for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Leona Katorski, was joined by her daughters at the member recognition event sponsored by Chapter 306, Milwaukee SE, Wis.



Bill Hegeman, Vice President of Chapter 994, Conway, Ark., and Broker Ron Gatto met a familiar friend at the chapter Christmas party and member recognition event.



Members from Chapter 194, Charlestown, Wis., participated in a pizza sale to benefit Chilton Area Catholic School. In addition to the proceeds from the sale, Catholic Financial Life provided \$400 in Match Funds to help purchase school supplies.



Members from Chapter 88, Madison, Wis., served food at the Catholic Multicultural Center International Night in Fitchburg, Wis.



# SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVING OTHERS



Chapter WI-54, NW Suburban-Menomonee Falls, Wis., sponsored a pancake breakfast fundraiser to benefit St. Gabriel School in Hubertus. More than 500 people attended the event, which raised more than \$3,500 including \$1,000 in Match Funds from Catholic Financial Life.



Advisor Joe O'Leske and members of Chapter 274, Rubicon, Wis., presented \$1,000 in Match Funds to their local Saint Vincent de Paul Council.

Members of Chapter 139, Casco, Wis., and Advisor Joe Steiner presented \$500 checks to the Casco Fire Department and Casco-Lincoln First Responders, each matching a portion of the funds raised at two events supported by the chapter.



# IMPACT TEAMS

Catholic Financial Life has a long-standing tradition of empowering our members to make a positive impact in their community. Our Impact Team benefit provides financial assistance for any member, anywhere, to fulfill our mission of serving God through serving others. Find friends, family and co-workers who share your passion for service and together, we can improve our communities.



In Conway, Ark., an Impact Team created "Blessing Bags" filled with protein bars, hygiene products, socks, gloves, first aid kits, meal gift cards and more for local people in need.



Impact Team members, including current Board member Susan Obermiller (right), prepared a Thanksgiving dinner at St. John's Homeless Shelter in Green Bay, Wis.

To learn more about how any member, anywhere, can make an impact, visit [catholicfinanciallife.org/impactteams](http://catholicfinanciallife.org/impactteams)

## Find the Radiant Cross



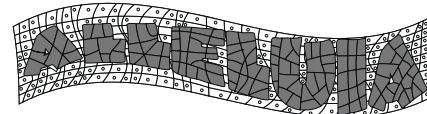
We have hidden black and white versions of the "Radiant Cross" icon – like the one you see on this page – throughout

this publication. Members who correctly identify the location of at least one of the eight Radiant Cross icons hidden in this issue will be eligible for a drawing to receive \$25. Please note: the Radiant Cross featured here does not count.

Submit your entry by June 21, 2019. Visit our website and click on the Spring Magazine link or mail your entry to: *Radiant Life*, Catholic Financial Life; Attention: Marketing, 1100 W. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53233. Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, email address and the location of the Radiant Cross.

The winner of the Fall issue Radiant Cross activity was Morgan Koberstein.

## It's a Kid's Life Page Answers



SECRET ADMIRER

THE PHARISEE'S NAME  
IS NICODEMUS

ON THE ROAD AGAIN:

JESUS AND THE  
MEN WENT TO EMMAUS

St. Stephen:

ST. STEPHEN HAD  
"THE FACE OF AN ANGEL!"





# TEST YOUR LENTEN KNOWLEDGE!

The Lenten season is in full swing! Many know that Lent is preceded by Mardi Gras and begins on Ash Wednesday, then concludes with an Easter celebration. What else is there to know? Let's test your knowledge!

1. *How many days are in Lent?*
2. *What was the original meaning of the word "Lent"?*
3. *What color vestments does the priest wear during Lent?*
4. *How many Stations of the Cross are there?*
5. *On what days are Catholics required to fast during Lent?*
6. *What is the Triduum?*

*So how did you do? Check your answers below.*

The Pope shared in his Lenten message "to leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch." He encouraged us to "stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them." As you continue on your Lenten journey, what are you doing to live out the Pope's message?

Answers: 1: 40; 2: Spring; 3: Purple; 4: 14; 5: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; 6: "Triduum" comes from the Latin word for three, and it includes the three holiest days of the Church year from sundown on Holy Thursday, through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, to sundown on Easter Sunday.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GIVE BACK CONTEST WINNERS!

In honor of Catholic Schools Week, Catholic Financial Life held another Give Back Contest! Similar to our mission of serving God through serving others, this year's Catholic Schools Week theme was to learn, serve, lead and succeed.

This contest encouraged Catholic schools across the country to create a video, paint a mural, craft a sculpture, design a story book, etc. that showcased how they helped students learn, serve, lead and succeed.

Entries were submitted from schools throughout the Midwest and as far away as Massachusetts. Congratulations to the 18 Catholic schools who made it to the final round of voting! The following schools received the most votes:

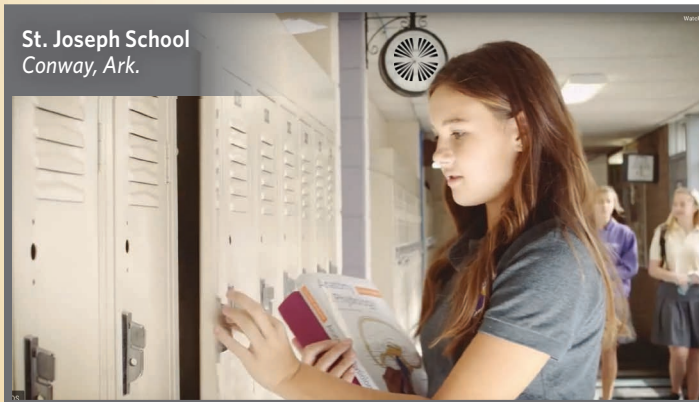
## Large School Category:

- 1st Place: St. Joseph School – Conway, Ark.
- 2nd Place: St. Mary Parish School – Hales Corners, Wis.

## Small School Category:

- 1st Place: St. Thomas Aquinas Academy – Marinette, Wis.
- 2nd Place: St. Matthew Catholic School – Oak Creek, Wis.

Thank you to all the schools that submitted an entry and the parents, families and friends who voted. We appreciate your support of Catholic education!





# Recipe Corner

Submit your favorite recipe to be featured in the upcoming Fall edition of *Radiant Life*. Send a recipe that fits the season, upcoming holidays or is simply delicious! A winner will be selected through a random drawing. To submit your recipe, please mail it to: Catholic Financial Life; Attention Marketing, 1100 West Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233; or email it to [vicki.vlach@catholicfinanciallife.org](mailto:vicki.vlach@catholicfinanciallife.org).

## Easter Egg Cookie Dough Truffles

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter room temperature (see note)
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 can (14 ounce) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup mini chocolate chips
- 1 bag of each color candy melts: pink, blue, purple and white

### Instructions

1. With a large mixer, cream the butter and brown sugar in a bowl for two minutes or until light and fluffy.
2. With the mixer still running, add vanilla and slowly add flour and can of sweetened condensed milk.
3. Once fully mixed, stir in chocolate chips.
4. Form the dough into one-inch balls and then shape into eggs. Place on wax paper lined pan and cover loosely with plastic wrap. Refrigerate overnight.
5. The next morning, melt the candy melts according to the directions on the bag. Keeping the truffles in the refrigerator, and removing only three or four at a time, dip them in the melted candy one at a time with a fork. Gently tap off any excess chocolate and let dry on wax paper.

### Note

The butter should be soft but not melted. To achieve room temperature butter quickly, cut up the butter in one-inch pieces and leave on the counter for a half hour. To prevent the risk of e. coli, spread the flour on a baking sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes. Allow to cool and then proceed with the recipe.



## Easter Word Scramble

Unscramble the Easter words listed below. Have fun!

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. PHYAP ERASTE _____ | 7. ORMSLAWHLAM _____     |
| 2. KABSTE _____       | 8. GESG _____            |
| 3. GRIPNS _____       | 9. RETEAS GEG NHUT _____ |
| 4. HOTLOCCAE _____    | 10. ABJYNEELLS _____     |
| 5. MYLAIF _____       | 11. YLLI _____           |
| 6. NYUBN _____        | 12. ISOTDNTIRA _____     |

1. HAPPY EASTER, 2. BASKET, 3. SPRING, 4. CHOCOLATE, 5. FAMILY, 6. BUNNY, 7. MARSHMALLOW, 8. EGGS, 9. EASTER EGG HUNT, 10. JELLY BEANS, 11. LILY, 12. TRADITIONS

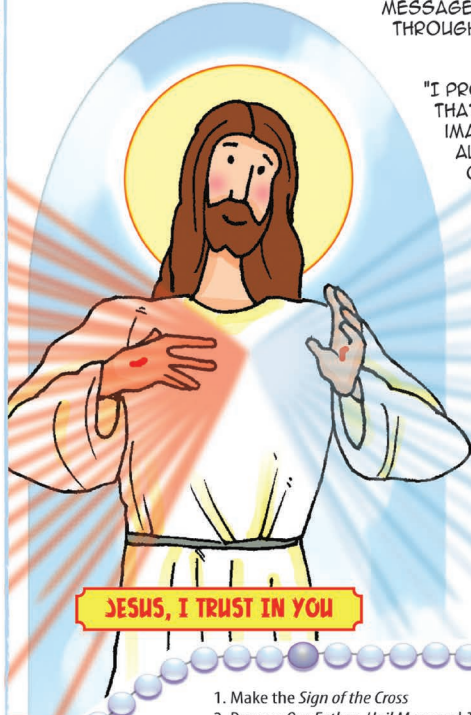
# Amazing Saints

Amazing Stories Catholic Saints

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POPE JOHN PAUL II DECLARED THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER TO BE **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**.

IN THE 1930S, ST. FAUSTINA RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM OUR LORD IN A VISION AND RECORDED THEM IN HER DIARY. OUR LORD TOLD HER TO HAVE AN IMAGE PAINTED ACCORDING TO THE WAY SHE SAW HIM AND TO PLACE "JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU," AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PICTURE. SHE WAS TO USE THE IMAGE TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S DIVINE MERCY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.



"I PROMISE THAT THE SOUL THAT WILL VENERATE THIS IMAGE WILL NOT PERISH. I ALSO PROMISE VICTORY OVER ITS ENEMIES ALREADY HERE ON EARTH, ESPECIALLY AT THE HOUR OF DEATH. I MYSELF WILL DEFEND IT AS MY OWN GLORY." (DIARY 48)

IN THE DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION, GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY IS UNLIMITED AND AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE, **ESPECIALLY THE GREATEST SINNERS!**

**PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET BELOW!**

**JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU**

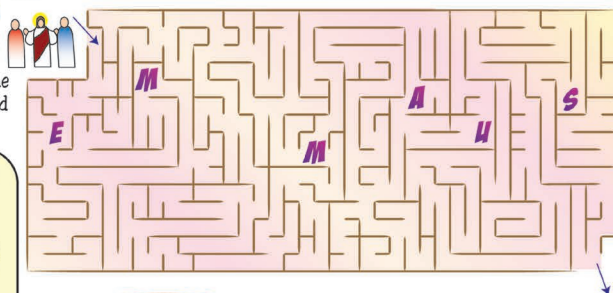
1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed
3. On the Our Father beads say:  
**Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**
4. On the Hail Mary beads say:  
**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**
5. Repeat for the five decades.
6. Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:  
**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

Use an ordinary rosary.

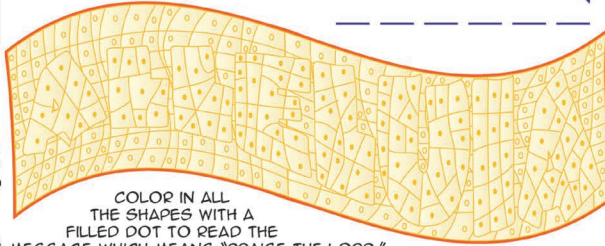
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## ONE THE ROAD AGAIN

Find the name of the city where our risen Lord and two men walked. Write the letters in order as you find them in the maze.



MY HEART OVERFLOWS WITH **GREAT MERCY** FOR SOULS, AND ESPECIALLY FOR POOR SINNERS... IT IS FOR THEM THAT THE BLOOD AND WATER FLOWED FROM MY HEART AS FROM A FOUNTAIN OVERFLOWING WITH MERCY. FOR THEM I DWELL IN THE TABERNACLE AS KING OF MERCY.



COLOR IN ALL THE SHAPES WITH A FILLED DOT TO READ THE MESSAGE WHICH MEANS "PRAISE THE LORD."

# It's a Kid's Life



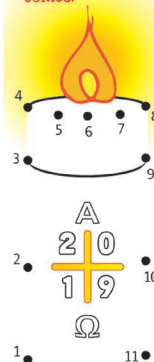
St. Stephen was falsely accused and was on trial. When the Sanhedrin looked at him, what did his face remind them of? Circle all the letters that have an ✱ next to them. Then write these circled words in the order they appear on the lines below the grid.

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E	Z	F	W	Y
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P	A	M	C	E
✱	✱	✱	✱	✱
O	Q	F	X	A
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V	N	P	A	N
✱	✱	✱	✱	✱
G	W	E	L	F
✱	✱	✱	✱	✱



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For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. — 1 Cor 11:26



**The Paschal Candle** is first lit during the Easter Vigil Mass symbolizing the light of Christ restored to the world. It is a powerful symbol of the Resurrection. During the rest of the year, the candle is used at funerals and baptisms. From Revelations 1, the two Greek letters "alpha" and "omega" on the candle signify that Jesus is the beginning and the end of all things.

## TOP-SECRET ADMIRER

Unscramble the name of the Pharisee who secretly followed Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_

**D U O E**  
**N C S M**

See answers on page 19.



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