

# Catholic Charities



## MISSION STATEMENT:

Catholic Charities proclaims Christ's Gospel of Life  
and promotes human dignity  
by alleviating poverty and strengthening individuals and families.

## VISION STATEMENT:

Believing in the presence of God in our midst, and called by the Diocesan Bishop,  
Catholic Charities proclaims the sanctity of human life and the dignity of the person  
by sharing in the mission of Jesus given to the Church.  
To this end, Catholic Charities works with individuals, families, and communities  
to help them meet their needs, address their issues, eliminate oppression,  
and build a just and compassionate society.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES CONTACT INFORMATION:

1-888-212-HELP (4357)  
visit us on our web site at [www.cclse.org](http://www.cclse.org)

## ADOPTION

Building new families is a wonderful way Catholic Charities has been serving our community over three quarters of a century. We help families prepare to welcome an adoptive child. We work with strengths to find creative approaches for your unique parenting experience and offer encouragement along the way. We also provide support, education, and referrals to adoptive families with our "Friends of Adoption" Post Adoption Resource Services.

## BIRTH PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Catholic Charities offers counseling and compassion to expectant birth mothers and fathers to help make the best decision for you and your child. We also provide information and referrals to help you deal with other concerns in your life. Free, confidential support will be extended to you whether you choose to parent your child or make an adoption plan for your child.

Director: Melissa Bowe - Eau Claire - [mbowe@cclse.org](mailto:mbowe@cclse.org) - (715) 832-6644

Adoption Social Workers:

Rhea Newman - La Crosse - [rnewman@cclse.org](mailto:rnewman@cclse.org) - 608-782-0710

Andrea Hoffman Vosburgh - Wausau/Stevens Point -  
[ahoffmanvosburgh@cclse.org](mailto:ahoffmanvosburgh@cclse.org) (715) 849-3311

Post Adoption:

Magen Duffy - La Crosse - [mduffy@cclse.org](mailto:mduffy@cclse.org) - 608-782-0710

Christy Reppe - Eau Claire - [creppe@cclse.org](mailto:creppe@cclse.org) - (715) 832-6644

Ann Roseboom - Stevens Point/Wausau - [aroseboom@cclse.org](mailto:aroseboom@cclse.org) -  
(715) 344-2500

**Adoption toll free phone number: 1-800-227-3002**

## **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Certified, experienced financial and housing counselors help plan a budget and manage debt. Whether you need a fresh start or just some advice, we work through your financial difficulties. We help you gain a better understanding of your finances and how you can plan for the future. We also offer required bankruptcy counseling, a variety of housing counseling services, educational presentations and advice tailored to fit your needs

Director: Mary Jacobson - La Crosse - [mjacobson@cclse.org](mailto:mjacobson@cclse.org) - 608-782-0710

Financial Counselors:

Shirley Hubert - Wausau - [shubert@cclse.org](mailto:shubert@cclse.org) - (715) 849-3311

Jeff Hoffman - Marshfield/Stevens Point - [jhoffman@cclse.org](mailto:jhoffman@cclse.org) - (715) 344-2500

Luanne Neumann - Prairie du Chien - [lneumann@cclse.org](mailto:lneumann@cclse.org) - (608) 326-1616

**Online and telephone counseling sessions are available, call 1-888-212-4357.**

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Catholic Charities offers confidential, compassionate assistance with life's basic needs. In a crisis that affects your family's well-being, our staff responds with supportive assessment, financial assistance for rent, utilities, food, or transportation, and referrals to ease your stress and help you move toward a healthy future.

Director: Mary Fitzpatrick - La Crosse - [mfitzpatrick@cclse.org](mailto:mfitzpatrick@cclse.org) - 608-782-0710

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Dana Kaminski - Stevens Point - [dkaminski@cclse.org](mailto:dkaminski@cclse.org) - (715) 344-2500

## **REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE PROGRAM**

Our experienced Representative Payee Program case managers provide confidential, compassionate assistance with budgeting needs, helping clients on a fixed income to meet their basic needs and reach future goals.

Director: Mary Fitzpatrick - La Crosse - [mfitzpatrick@cclse.org](mailto:mfitzpatrick@cclse.org) - 608-782-0710

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## **IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE**

Catholic Charities provides direct legal assistance to all immigrants for naturalization, adjustment of status, immigration services under the VAWA program (Violence Against Women Act), and other immigration services. In addition we provide all immigrants general assistance and/or referrals for special needs.

Director: Chuck Berendes - La Crosse - [cberendes@cclse.org](mailto:cberendes@cclse.org) - 608-782-0710

### **HIV/AIDS MINISTRY\***

Catholic Charities provides direct pastoral care and practical support to all affected by HIV/AIDS. We also provide information concerning HIV/AIDS to diminish myths or fears and promote an informed and compassionate response to persons living with HIV/AIDS and those who love them.

\*Serving Central and Northern WI from our Stevens Point office

Program Coordinator: Dianne Stookey - Stevens Point - dstookey@cclse.org - (715) 344-2500

### **DOMESTIC ABUSE SUPPORT\***

Many families are affected by some form of domestic abuse. Catholic Charities seeks to increase safety and decrease isolation for victims and to challenge attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate the cycle of violence. We offer a 24 hour, toll-free Helpline 888-200-8426, advocacy support, safety planning, and access to shelter and other services. \*Services available in Crawford County

Program Coordinator: Randi Harris - Prairie du Chien - rharris@cclse.org - (608) 326-1616

### **DISABILITIES SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES\***

The Disabilities Service Team specializes in providing services for families with children and young adults with special communication, behavioral, developmental, social and educational needs including: developmental delays, learning disabilities, ADHD, autism spectrum disorders and mental retardation. This program works with a family centered approach, to support the needs of the children as well as the families in all settings. They meet with families and offer what suggestions and supports are available through the program and will work to meet the needs of Children with Differing Abilities in the least restrictive way possible, keeping in mind the principles of strengthening families and promoting the human dignity of individuals served. \*Services available in La Crosse County

Director: Keith Braunreiter - La Crosse - kbraunreiter@cclse.org - 608-782-0710

### **OFFICE LOCATIONS:**

**Eau Claire**  
448 N. Dewey Street  
Eau Claire, 54701  
(715) 832-6644

**La Crosse**  
3710 East Ave. South  
La Crosse, 54601  
(608) 782-0710

**Prairie du Chien**  
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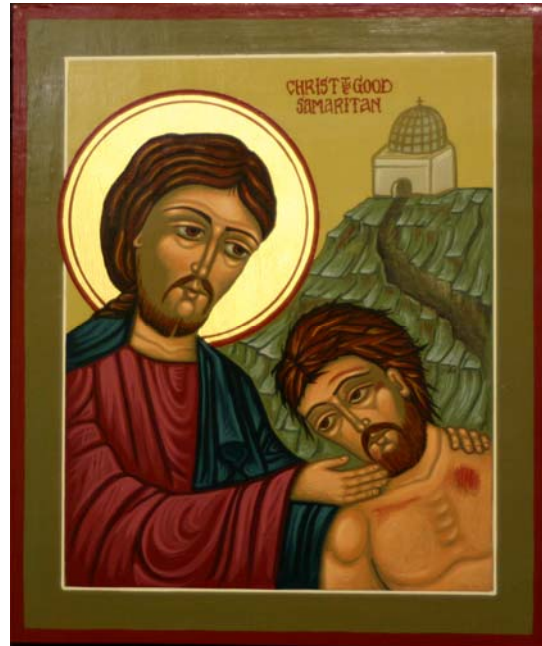
**Stevens Point**  
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Stevens Point, 54481  
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**Wausau**  
401 5th St. Ste. 235  
Wausau, 54403  
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# BECOME A CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOOD SAMARITAN AFFILIATES

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,  
No hands but yours, no feet but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which  
He looks with compassion on this world;  
Yours the feet with which he walks to do good;  
Yours the hands with which he blesses

*St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)*



Become a Good Samaritan! We present for your consideration two forms of Affiliation:

***Prayer Affiliates*** - one who simply enrolls and indicates they will pray the Affiliate Prayer each day both for the staff and for the people they serve.

***Servant Affiliate*** - one who enrolls and commits to join spiritually his or her own acts of loving service with the works of Catholic Charities.

Good Samaritan Affiliates is open to persons in all walks and conditions of life - students or adults, young or old, healthy or infirm. We count in a special way on those Prayer Affiliates who are unable, because of age or illness, to physically engage in acts of service, but whose unseen prayers and sacrifices bring grace beyond measure. Affiliates will receive ongoing communication, spiritual reflections, and be offered optional opportunities for days of reflection from Catholic Charities.

To learn more or request an enrollment brochure, please contact Catholic Charities at 782-0710 or email [kbecker@cclse.org](mailto:kbecker@cclse.org).

# Parish Social Ministry Convocation



## **What is the Purpose of a Parish Social Ministry Convocation?**

The purpose of a Parish Social Ministry Convocation is to call together all those in the Diocese who serve, or who desire to serve, their neighbor in need, to help them become ever more fruitful mediators of the love of Christ the Good Shepherd, who cares for his flock.

It is fairly common for people who are active in social outreach to have a particular cause that energizes them – be it hunger or homelessness, immigration reform, defense of the child in the womb, ministry to the incarcerated, outreach to the elderly and homebound, or any number of other causes. These Convocations will serve to show, in a harmonious way, the whole depth and breadth of social concerns in the diocese, and to connect them all with the Church’s teaching that we must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person’s life. The Convocations will also provide an opportunity to examine the deepest spiritual core of what we do, the “soul” that gives it life and makes it more than just human social work.

## **What are the Components of the Parish Social Ministry Convocations?**

Parish Social Ministry Convocations are sponsored jointly by the Office of Ministries and Social Concerns and Catholic Charities of the Diocese. They are a new initiative and the intention is to hold them at intervals of two to three years. They will typically feature one to two keynote addresses and a series of smaller talks or seminars. There will be opportunities for attendees to share ideas, goals and service projects with others.

## **Who is Meant to Attend?**

A special invitation goes out to the Parish Social Concerns Coordinators, and any members of their committees. But the net will be cast wider. The Convocations will be for everyone in the diocese who participates in Parish Social Ministry, be it through a Social Justice Committee, or Justice & Peace Committee (or whatever a parish may ‘title’ that group), as well as pro-life groups, Catholic Worker groups, or whoever engages in the work of justice and charity.

“Anyone who needs me, and whom I can help, is my neighbor....Jesus identifies himself with those in need, with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison....Love of God and love of neighbor have become one: in the least of the brethren we find Jesus himself, and in Jesus we find God” – Pope Benedict XVI, *God is Love*, n. 15