



Harvest Ideas 2017

From Our Families to Yours: The Rural Life Committee Members would like to share memorable ways they have celebrated God's Wonderful Blessings and Bounty.



Pumpkin Patches, Corn Mazes and Fall Festivals

Fall is a time of great beauty. Pumpkin patches are seen throughout Wisconsin with their vibrant colors of orange and green. The leaves are changing on the trees from green to wonderful shades of red and orange. Corn fields are turning a golden yellow. Many farms use this time to celebrate God's beauty by having corn mazes, pumpkin picking and fall festival celebrations for families to enjoy. It's a way for families to share a day and reflect on the wonder of God's work throughout his land and his farmers who tend the land. To see some of the wonderful opportunities for fall festival activities in Northeast Wisconsin; click on the links below. These are just a handful of the family fun awaiting you.

<http://northeastwiactivities.com/corn-mazes-pumpkin-patches-and-fall-family-fun-2/>

<http://www.pumpkinpatchesandmore.org/>

<https://www.schairersautumnacres.com/>

<https://porterspatch.com/>

<http://www.meuerfarm.com/cornmaze.html>

<http://www.mulberrylanefarmwi.com/>

<http://www.pollyspumpkinpatch.com/>

<http://www.wisconsinhauntedhouses.com/>

<https://newzoo.org/events>



Thanksgiving Food Traditions

Each year we celebrate God's bounty with a special feast we call Thanksgiving. We gather with family and friends to share food, prayer and community. There are many food traditions associated with Thanksgiving such as having a large turkey, sweet potato casseroles, squash dishes, mashed potatoes, gravy, apples, green beans, corn, cranberries, stuffing, breads and rolls, pecan and pumpkin pie. Below is the link to the Rural Life Webpage which includes the following how to cook a large turkey, make a pumpkin pie from a real pumpkin and family thanksgiving recipes from the Rural Life Committee.



<http://www.gbdioc.org/parish-planning-and-pastoral-services/rural-life.html>

Thanksgiving Prayers

Fall is also a great time for reflecting on all the wonderful things God has bestowed upon us through prayer. Click on the link below for some Thanksgiving prayers that can be used in your holiday tradition.

<http://www.gbdio.org/parish-planning-and-pastoral-services/rural-life.html>



Thanksgiving Family Fun Games

Thanksgiving is about having family and friends share in the celebration of a great harvest which means a large number of children attending. Traditional Thanksgiving celebrations usually include men watching football games on TV, women preparing the meal and children looking for things to do. Below are some links of Thanksgiving themed related games and activities for children to be a part of the Thanksgiving celebration.



<https://www.thebalance.com/thanksgiving-games-for-kids-and-families-1356366>

<https://www.playpartyplan.com/30-great-thanksgiving-party-games/>

<http://www.creativeyouthideas.com/resources/game-ideas/no-stress-thanksgiving-party-games-for-the-whole-family/>

<http://grandparentsplus.com/grandparentsplus-comthanksgiving-games-html/>

Rural Life Day Celebrations 2018

Celebrate and support "**Rural Life Days 2018**." Attend one of the two designated celebrations with the Bishops of the Diocese of Green Bay. Rural Life Day is a unique opportunity to praise God's abundant generosity, have your soil, seeds, animals and machinery blessed, and build relationships throughout the rural communities in the diocese. All are welcome! Collections during Masses go to scholarships for students pursuing a degree in a field that supports rural life.



***March 20, 2018, Holy Family, Brillion
Bishop Morneau will celebrate Mass.**

***March 22, 2018, Sacred Heart, Shawano
Bishop Ricken will celebrate Mass.**

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