

FEATURED SPEAKERS

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**FOCUS MISSIONARY
AT UW LA CROSSE**

What happens in your life when
your faith is challenged?

MARY



**RETIRED HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR
FROM EAU CLAIRE**

God still works miracles.

BOB



FATHER OF SIX FROM WAUSAU

From going through the motions to
catching fire.

AMANDA



**LA CROSSE WIFE, MOTHER,
AND RECENT CONVERT**

Knowing Christ in the Word, then
encountering Him in the Eucharist.

KOURTNEY



YOUTH MINISTER IN EAU CLAIRE

How God writes straight with
crooked lines.

MIKE



VETERINARIAN FROM COLBY

Bouncing from church to church,
then returning Home.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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715-848-2888

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201 Jefferson St.
Wausau, WI 54403
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*But in your hearts revere
Christ as Lord. Always
be prepared to give an an-
swer to everyone who asks
you to give the reason for*

— what's the —
STORY
WITH YOU AND GOD?

Listen to extraordinary stories
of faith from ordinary Catholics

Learn to bring your story
with God to life

May 16–17, 2014 | St. Mary's Parish, Marathon, WI

*those who speak mali-
ciously against your good
behavior in Christ may be
ashamed of their slander.
For it is better, if it is God's
will, to suffer for doing*

Why everybody should attend

So many people do not feel that they know Jesus. They do not sense His nearness. And even those who have experienced the touch of His grace may not understand that God calls them to share that experience with others. Maybe they don't know how. Or maybe they think Catholics don't do things like that - all this "personal relationship with Jesus" stuff is for Evangelical Protestants! But Pope Francis knows better, and tells us in *The Joy of the Gospel*:

"All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us His closeness.... What you have come to realize, what has helped you to live and given you hope, is what you also need to communicate to others."

Anyone who attends will be helped to deepen their awareness of, and commitment to, three truths:

1. I need to nurture a personal relationship with God in my life.
2. I need to be able to articulate, first of all to myself, my story with God - the times and ways that He has touched, awakened, converted, strengthened, challenged, and consoled me.
3. I need to learn to communicate "My Story with God" to another person.

Conference Schedule

Friday, May 16, 2014

- 7:00 p.m. Welcome and introductions
7:15 p.m. **Chris Stefanick's story**
9:00 p.m. Adoration and Night Prayer

Saturday, May 17, 2014

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass at St. Mary's Parish
Msgr. Diermeier Celebrant
9:30 a.m. **Stories of Ordinary Catholics - Theresa's story**
10:00 a.m. **Mary's story**
10:30 a.m. Relating the beauty of God's story
11:00 a.m. Break
11:15 a.m. **Bob's story**
11:45 a.m. **Kourtney's story**
12:15 p.m. Lunch table discussion:
What makes a good story?
1:00 p.m. **Mike's story**
1:30 p.m. Reflecting on my life as part of God's story
2:00 p.m. Break
2:15 p.m. **Amanda's story**
2:45 p.m. Telling my story with God in a compelling way
3:15 p.m. Wrap up with Chris Stefanick
4:00 p.m. Mass for the 5th Sunday of Easter (Optional)

— Registration Form — What's the Story with You and God?

I would like to attend "What's the Story with You and God?" at St. Mary's Parish, Marathon, WI on Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17, 2014.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Conference Fee:

\$40 per person (includes lunch)

Financial assistance available if needed.

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GUEST SPEAKER CHRIS STEFANICK

will open Friday night by telling his own story with God and reflecting on the captivating stories of God's action in the lives of young people today.

- Proud husband and father to six children
- Founder of Real Life Catholic
- Speaker at parish and college events, also international gatherings, including World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain
- Regular contributor for Catholic media, including EWTN, Catholic TV, and Relevant Radio; author of "Do I Have to Go?" (to Mass), "Raising Pure Teens," and "Absolute Relativism"

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