

## **Position: Catholic Youth Minister/Director of Religious Education**

Position to begin July 8, 2019. Full time 40+ hours per week, variable hours.

The sister parishes of Sts. Joseph and Andrew in Stratford, WI are seeking a full-time candidate for a combination position of Youth Minister/Director of Religious Education. This is a new position to replace our (part time) DRE and create and build a new youth ministry program. The Parishes are in the Diocese of La Crosse, WI.

**Education qualifications:** Prefer Bachelor's degree in Catholic youth ministry, theology, pastoral studies, religious education or a related field. Will consider candidates with 5+ years' experience as a Catholic Youth Minister whom does not have a Bachelor's degree. Experience as a DRE/CRE or CCD teacher and/or experience as a Catholic Youth Minister is a plus.

**The ideal candidate:** is enthusiastic and passionate about working with youth and teaching them the Catholic faith, a practicing Catholic, possesses good communication skills, honesty and integrity, is flexible, possesses good leadership skills, comfortable with public speaking, and is a self-starter (take initiative and work with little direction).

**Salaried position** is commensurate with experience. Benefits package included (health and dental insurance through the Diocese, paid time off, paid holidays etc). Position is full time 40+ hours per week with variable hours, two evenings per week may be required, and the occasional weekend for youth group trips. Compensatory time will be allowed. Position reports to the parish Pastor, and takes direction from the Pastor and the Youth Ministry/CCD Committee. Employee will need to provide his/her own transportation between the two Parishes (about 7 miles), and occasionally to the Diocesan offices for training/meetings.

For more information or a copy of the job description, please email [stjosephoffice1@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephoffice1@gmail.com) or call the Parish office at 715-687-2404. **Interested applicants should send resume, cover letter, and salary requirements to St. Joseph Parish, 119200 Larch St, PO Box 6, Stratford, WI 54484 or [stjosephoffice1@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephoffice1@gmail.com).**

**About Sts. Joseph and Andrew parishes:** St. Joseph parish in Stratford, and St. Andrew parish in the nearby unincorporated village of Rozellville, are small rural parishes which serve approximately 800 families and share the same Pastor. St. Joseph's Catholic school (grades PreK-8) serves both parishes; the CCD programs serve more than 200 students. Both parishes have served the Stratford and Rozellville communities for over 100 years. On a side note, St. Joseph's is also the home parish and Catholic school of Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke.

**About Stratford, WI and the surrounding community:** Stratford (population about 1600) is a beautiful small community in rural central Wisconsin. It has a strong rural agricultural tradition, but also has a strong presence of working families which work in Stratford businesses and nearby cities. It has a vibrant community of supportive young families as well as established families. It boasts beautiful family-oriented parks, a nature preserve with hiking trails, and a walking/biking path. The business and industrial park is growing and thriving. Central Wisconsin provides many opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking, canoe/kayaking, camping, and bird watching in the nearby 33,000 acre George W. Mead Wildlife Area. The nearby city of Marshfield (pop. 20,000; 10 miles away) includes ample shopping and dining opportunities, a large medical campus, a large YMCA, a perpetual adoration chapel, the Chestnut

Center for the Arts, two college campuses, many parks, walking/biking paths, and a nature preserve. Thirty miles to the northeast is the city of Wausau (metro area population about 50,000) which provides greater shopping and dining experiences, the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Grand Theater Performing Arts Center, Granite Peak Ski and Snowboarding Area, Rib Mountain State Park, and an indoor waterpark. Stratford is 20 miles west of the regional Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) which provides daily service to/from Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, and Detroit.