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A message from Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Bishops Grant Dispensation in Honor of the Feast of St. Patrick

The bishops of Wisconsin announce a special dispensation for Catholics statewide from adhering to the law of abstinence for Friday, March 17, 2017. This Lenten dispensation will allow the faithful to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick. Those who utilize the dispensation should perform another act of penance (self-denial, charity, prayer, etc.) in observance of the day.



Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of February 7

Tuesday, February 7

8:00am 2017 Wisconsin Right to Life Legislative Conference - Madison

10:00am Spiritual Enrichment Gathering

Saturday, February 11

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat in Stevens Point

Our Lady of Lourdes: World Day of the Sick

Saturday, February 18

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Marshfield WI - CLOSED

Saturday, February 25

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Thorp

Wednesday, March 1

Mite Box Collection begins

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, March 2

Mite Box Collection begins

Friday, March 3

Mite Box Collection begins

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Independence, WI

12:00pm Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend La Crosse

Saturday, March 4

Mite Box Collection begins

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Independence, WI

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend La Crosse

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BULLETIN INSERT: The Importance of Small Groups

[Please click here](#) for the bulletin insert for the weekend of Feb. 19th.

ATTN Parish Leaders – Upcoming Evangelization Training:

There will be Basic Evangelization Training provided on Friday evening, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 in La Crosse by Adam Jahnke, a national speaker from St. Paul Evangelization Ministries. Each parish is encouraged to send a minimum of two participants. More details to follow.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Your Parish Bulletin - Does your Marriage Need Help?

Does your marriage need help? Are you and your spouse living with pain, discouragement and frustration? Considering separation or divorce? Call Retrouvaille, the Church's most effective ministry to bring healing, hope and love to your marriage. To attend Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille near Wausau February 10-12, call [715 650 7751](tel:7156507751). God bless your marriage!

National Marriage Week is Feb. 7-14—Are you Ready?

The Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth offers the following resources to bishops, priests, deacons, married couples, and lay men and women to help celebrate and live the great gift of married life.

- [Click for Preaching Resource for World Marriage Day](#) (Sunday, February 12): reflections on the Scriptures of the day to assist bishops, priests, and deacons in preaching about marriage.
- [Click for Bulletin insert, poster or website](#) resource with quotes from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. Consider distributing or displaying this resource.
- [Click for a Seven-day virtual \(at-home\) marriage retreat](#) based on *Amoris Laetitia* (Pope Francis) and *Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan* (USCCB). Consider printing these off and putting them at the end of the pews. You can also follow this retreat here: facebook.com/diolc

In addition to these resources, our office still has CDs available for purchase. These are an inexpensive way to promote the beauty of marriage in your parish. Order them immediately so you can have them ready for February 12th. [Click here](#) to download the order form or email Mary Lou Berg at mberg@diolc.org and send your order.

Teaching the Way of Love Newsletter for February

Teaching the Way of Love is a nationally recognized Catholic parenting program with a mission to assist parents in their role as primary educators for their children. This month's newsletter addresses the topic of social maturity and how parents can help their children relate well to others. [Click here](#) to read the letter. Consider printing off copies and widely distributing this valuable resource to your families.

50th Anniversary Mass– Couple's Information Needed – 3rd Notice

We need your assistance to invite couples who will be married 50 years in 2017 to the Jubilee Mass this summer. Please help us secure the names, addresses, and phone numbers of those couples in your parish who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Please [click here](#) to download the registration form. Complete the form and return it to our office by *March 20, 2017*. To download a letter from our office that describes the event in detail [click here](#). Thank you!

Domestic Church – Check it Out! Coming Soon to La Crosse

Getting married is easier than staying married. Most priests and lay ministers know that couples who choose to marry within the Church feel like they are all alone when it comes to navigating the challenges they face to live as God intends.

This is where the Domestic Church (DC) movement comes in. DC is an officially recognized lay movement that provides life-long formation for Sacramentally married couples for the sake of achieving sanctity together, growing in mutual love, and providing an environment where children can thrive and grow in union with Christ, so they may truly be called a Domestic Church! [Click here](#) to read more.

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Office for Ministries

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FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

SAVE THE DATE – Basic Evangelization Training April 28-29 (Fri. 7 pm - Sat. 4 pm)
Offered at biennial Leadership in Christ Conference, Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse
Adam Janke of St. Paul Evangelization Ministries will provide a two-day immersion into the fundamentals of evangelization. Gain the skills and confidence to share your faith wherever you may be! Exciting opportunity for any Catholic; also for development of parish evangelization teams. Complete info and registration to follow soon. Contact: Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, 608-791-0161 or ministries@diolc.org.

FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

Come Sample the Lay Formation Institute Experience

NEW Class Begins in Fall of 2017

Would you like to see if the diocesan Lay Formation Institute (LFI) is right for you? What better way than to sit in on part of this exciting formation experience and “catch the spirit”? This opportunity is being offered for a limited number of inquirers the weekends of March 3-4 or March 31-April 1, 2017 at beautiful St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon. If you are interested in sitting in on part of a weekend, or even just one class, contact us at ministries@diolc.org or call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161 to discuss your options. There is no fee unless you choose overnight lodging or meals. For more information on the LFI, visit www.diolc.org/lay-formation.

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Office for Missions

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Mite Boxes and promotional materials for Lent 2017 have now been mailed to Catholic Schools and Religious Education programs. Administrators should have received a letter, posters, and mite boxes. If you need more, or if you have any questions, please let the Mission Office know and we will try to meet your needs. Thank you for your participation in this important outreach connecting children to children around the world.

To International Priests regarding the Mission Coop 2017: Assignments for parishes and missionaries are soon to be made. We have yet to hear from some of the missionary coordinators working in La Crosse Diocese. If you are planning to participate in this summer's program, please make sure that the necessary letters of appeal and good standing are in from your (Arch)Bishop or Provincial. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

To Pastors regarding the Mission Coop 2017: The Mission Office has several requests for inclusion in our summer diocesan Mission Coop Program, particularly applications from Religious Sisters and lay organizations that would be unable to provide a priest for the week-end. If you and your parish would be willing to host such an appeal, please notify the Mission Office (mapel@diolc.org or wpace@diolc.org or [608-791-2676](tel:608-791-2676)) as soon as possible.

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Office for Safe Environment

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DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: www.diolc.org. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Monsignor David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or dkunz@diolc.org.

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Office for Social Concerns

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Join the Effort to Defund Planned Parenthood on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Simultaneous rallies will be held at Planned Parenthood centers across the United States to strengthen the resolve of our elected officials to stop funding Planned Parenthood with our tax dollars. Visit www.protestpp.com for a complete list of locations across Wisconsin and the U.S. Within the diocese, protests will be held Feb. 11 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm at the following sites:

- **Eau Claire Planned Parenthood**, 10:30 am-12:00 pm, 967 W. Clairemont Avenue
Questions? Contact Michelle Bowe at michelle@shspec.org
- **Wisconsin Rapids Planned Parenthood**, 11:00 am-12:00 pm, 1355 S 8th Street
Questions? Contact Phil Kosloski at pakosloski@gmail.com

Bishop Callahan's Statement on President's Immigration Policy

"In a land so blessed as our beloved USA where most of us trace our ancestry through strong immigrant ties to other countries and cultures, it is so significant for us to be aware of the long line of those seeking to share the American dream and live in this country. The current immigration situation is difficult and made even more so in the light of distressed families and those seeking refuge from tyranny and bloodshed...." *Read more on this and see other recent statements from the U.S. Bishops at www.diolc.org/social-concerns.*

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Strategic Stewardship Day – Building on Solid Rock.

For all Pastor, Associate Pastors, Parochial Administrators, Deacons, Administrative Assistants, Business Administrators, Office Managers, Secretaries, Trustees, Members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, Stewardship Committees and Key Ministry Leaders.

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

La Crosse Diocesan Center, La Crosse
Beginning with Mass in the Christ the King Chapel at 7:30 A.M.

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Immaculate Conception Parish, Eau Claire
Beginning with Mass at 7:00 A.M.

Thursday, February 16, 2017

St. Joseph's Parish, Stevens Point

Beginning with Mass at 8:00 A.M.

Register now by clicking the link below:

<http://diolc.org/stewardship/rock/>

The Diocesan Annual Appeal Parish Progress Reporting Tool

Our new Diocesan Annual Appeal Reporting tool, GivingTrend, is continuing to generate much excitement and receiving rave reviews. GivingTrend is a powerful easy to use browser based tool that leverages current technologies to present your parish progress and donor activity in a secure environment.

GivingTrend is an enhanced reporting tool that will provide faster reporting time. GivingTrend will also provide you the tools to understand your parish and donor's giving at a deeper level than ever before.

Still need your GivingTrend reporting sign-on credentials? Complete the registration form found linked on the Appeal Portal webpage: diolc.org/appeal. There you can also watch a recorded version of one of the training sessions linked on our [Appeal Portal web page](#)

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Office for Temporalities

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Mileage Rate for 2017

Please note the new IRS Mileage rate as of 1/1/2017 is \$0.535 per mile. The Holy Cross Diocesan Center reimburses mileage at the rate of \$0.45 per mile. Each parish may elect to pay whatever rate they would like as long as it does not exceed the IRS Mileage rate.

Decree Promulgating Norms for the Compensation of the Clergy

There have been many questions about the compensation for priests. I have attached the [link](#) to the Decree Promulgating Norms for the Compensation of the Clergy that you can refer to.

Please note that Stipends for Mass Offerings are taxable and payments for the stipends should be run through payroll. The allowances that a priest receives for Travel, Room and Board and Social Security are all taxable. If a priest documents his travel and submits a log to be reimbursed at the set mileage rate by the parish, then this is not taxable as it is a reimbursement of expenses. If a priest turns in receipts for food and groceries and does not take an allowance, then this is also not taxable as this would be a reimbursement of expenses.

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Office for Vocations

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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RALLY IN ROZELLVILLE for Youth Sun., Mar. 5

Marshfield Deanery is hosting a youth rally at St. Andrew's in Rozellville from 1-4pm. There will be a band from the Twin Cities! Free.

For more information, contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber at 384-3252 x233 or 659-4480 x4 or yministry@frontier.com

You can find a poster and more information at <http://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/parish-rallies-and-retreats/>

Adventure Camp

- Adventure Camp registration form, poster, and forms are all available on our website at <http://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/>

Totus Tuus

- We have one Totus Tuus date open, July 9-15, 2017. Please call to reserve the date.
- We are currently looking for Totus Tuus Team Members. if you know someone who have been out of high school for at least one year, and would like to serve the young people of the Diocese of La Crosse for a summer, then please contact our office.

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