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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

Week of January 1, 2017

Wednesday, January 4

6:15pm Vatican International Exhibition - Eucharistic Miracles of the World - Eau Claire

Thursday, January 5

9:00am Vatican International Exhibition - Eucharistic Miracles of the World - Eau Claire

Friday, January 6

9:00am Vatican International Exhibition - Eucharistic Miracles of the World - Eau Claire

4:00pm All You Can Eat Fish Fry - Eau Claire

Saturday, January 7

9:00am Vatican International Exhibition - Eucharistic Miracles of the World - Eau Claire

6:00pm 10th Annual Chalice of Mercy Ukrainian Christmas Dinner - Chippewa Falls

Sunday, January 8

8:30am Vatican International Exhibition - Eucharistic Miracles of the World - Eau Claire

3:30pm Sunday Mass and Healing Service - Wausau

Tuesday, January 10

9:00am Mid-Winter Administrators' Conference

Wednesday, January 11

6:30pm Series: Contemplative Living - La Crosse

Thursday, January 12

7:00pm Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group - Eau Claire

Friday, January 13

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - St. Olaf Parish, Eau Claire

Saturday, January 14

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FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN:

Bishop Callahan's prayer requests to continue

Due to the overwhelming response from your parishioners and as a continuation of Bishop Callahan's Christmas Prayer Intention request, he is making the prayer intention resource available throughout the year! If your parishioners would like to leave a prayer intention, they can call 608-352-9565 or they can visit www.diolc.org/pray to fill out an online request.



More than 700 prayer requests were prayed for during Bishop Callahan's Christmas Masses. Shown are the intentions placed at the altar of the Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral after the Midnight Mass.



FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN:

Looking for a close by Fish Fry or want to promote your parish Lenten meals?

With Lent quickly approaching, one thing that brings people together during this solemn time of year is the parish fish fry. On our diocesan website you will find the [Fish Frynder](#), where we collect and show exactly where and when a fish fry, or other parish Lenten meal, is taking place in our diocese. To get your parish listed, please contact Pam Willer at

databook@diolc.org. As we get requests, we will add them to the Fish Frynder page listing the parish, the location, the times and the detailed information about the dinner including food options, if provided.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN

Thank you for supporting the national **Retirement Fund for Religious**. May the following represent the gratitude of all beneficiaries: “Our congregation has greatly benefitted from the collection. We are able to provide better care for our senior members, whether through personnel or additional equipment. As a teaching community, many families with limited resources were impacted by the ministry of our sisters. Now *our sisters* are receiving help at a time when *our* resources are limited. Know that you are remembered in the prayers of our sisters for your generosity, whether it be financial or through prayer” *Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis* (Stevens Point, WI).

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

Director: Alice Heinzen – 608-791-2673 | aheinzen@diolc.org

Marriage CDs Ready for National Marriage Weekend – Feb. 11-12th

The National Marriage Weekend is just 6 weeks away. Consider giving the CD Making Happiness a Habit: 4 Steps to a More Joyful Marriage by Dr. Jim Healy to every married couple in your parish. The CD retails for \$15.95 but is available through our office for only \$1 + SH. This is an inexpensive and effective way to publicly show your parish how you support God’s plan for marriage and family life.

[Click here](#) to download the order form. Or email mberg@diolc.org to place your order.

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Office for Ministries

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FOR YOUR PARISH 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 Feb. 3-4, 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.

FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN:

Diaconate Discernment Retreat February 3-4, 2017

NEW Class for Deacon Formation Begins in Fall of 2017

A Discernment Retreat for men who feel they may be called to the permanent diaconate will be held Friday-Saturday, February 3-4 at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center. For information and a registration form, visit www.diolc.org/deacon-discernment. See general information about the Permanent Diaconate on the diocesan [website](#). For more information, contact Christopher Ruff, Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, at cruff@diolc.org or (608) 791-2664. The Discernment Retreat is mandatory for those considering applying for the class beginning fall 2017.

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Office for Missions

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608-791-2676 | wpace@diolc.org

Mission Coop 2017 Preparation: We are soon beginning preparation for the summer 2017 Mission Coop Program. We have many more applications than we can serve, so being prompt is important. If you are the coordinating priest for your diocese or religious order and have sent in the application letter from your bishop or superior, thank you for your efforts. If you have not yet done so, please contact the Mission Office for the necessary process as soon as possible. For all pastors in the Diocese of La Crosse, if you or your parish has any particular needs for the Mission Coop 2017, please let us know. It is still too early to schedule with the missionaries, but we appreciate knowing if there are special requests in advance so some flexibility can be into the summer program. With few exceptions, the coop assignments should be fulfilled during the months of June, July and August. Any appeals outside this time frame need advanced arrangements.

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Letter of Suitability: If a Diocesan priest, deacon, or parish office is advised a visiting cleric from outside of our Diocese is planning to attend a Confirmation Mass or other liturgical ceremony, please have them forward a *Letter of Suitability* to the Diocesan Office of the Vicar for Clergy at their earliest convenience. In turn that office will inform the Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies of their intent to concelebrate/assist.

Priest/Deacon Funeral Mass: To better assist in the preparations for priest/deacon funerals please respond to the email invitation sent from the Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies. Deans are kindly asked to contact the senior priests and senior deacons in their deanery to assist in their participation in attending the funeral. This helps ensure the proper number of vestments will be available and will also assist the host parish in the area of reserved seating needed for visiting clergy.

Disposal of Old or Unused Liturgical Appointments: The Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies would be happy to receive statues, vestments, ritual books, altar cloths, candlesticks, or other forms of stationary that are no longer used. Likewise, if you're looking for religious appointments feel free to contact the latter on availability. This program is working very well and many diocesan institutions are grateful for this effort.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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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 Catholic Schools

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Office for Social Concerns

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FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN:

March for Life: Chicago January 15

Gather with others from around the Diocese and the Midwest for the March for Life:

Chicago! -- Sunday, January 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m. -- Federal Plaza - 50 W. Adams - Chicago, IL.

Pro-Life Wisconsin is sponsoring buses for transportation to/from Wausau, Plover, La Crosse and Sparta. For information and to register (limited seats remaining), visit www.prolifewi.org and click on "Chicago March." For a complete Respect Life Calendar of Events, visit www.diolc.org/respectlife.

FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN:

Struggling After Abortion? January 20-22 Retreat

If you or someone you love are having difficulty after an abortion (your own, or someone else's) Rachel's Vineyard can help. Our caring team will support you in finding healing, in a compassionate, confidential setting. Our next retreat is scheduled for January 20 - 22, 2017. Please call [715-204-9561](tel:715-204-9561), or email rvstevenspoint@gmail.com, for more information.

FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN:

Help Middle East Refugees – Give to Catholic Relief Services

As conflict worsens in the Middle East, millions of displaced families need our support. Catholic Relief Services is supporting hundreds of thousands of families who have been displaced or forced to flee their homes because of conflicts, civil strife and economic conditions in the Middle East and other regions. To donate, visit www.crs.org and scroll down to "Syria Crisis."

CCHD Collection last weekend of January or first weekend of February

IMPORTANT: Bishop Callahan has asked that parishes take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) on the weekend of January 28-29 or the weekend of February 4-5. All parishes should have received the necessary collection envelopes and publicity. Please publish the following bulletin announcement **the weekend before** your parish collection:

FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN:

Give Next Weekend to CCHD Collection

Next weekend's Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the collection stays in the Diocese

of La Crosse for local grants. **Defend human dignity. Take poverty off the map. Please give to the CCHD Collection.**

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Office for Vocations

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Pilgrimage for Life Washington D.C.

Great News! We are at a record number of people from the Diocese of La Crosse attending the Pilgrimage for Life. Because of this surge of people, we will be adding another bus, therefore opening up room for more people to come with us. Please contact Chris Rogers at

608-791-2659 or crogers@diolc.org ASAP if you or people from you parish would like to join us.

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