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Officials

The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, D.D., Bishop of La Crosse, makes the following announcements:

CORRECTION: The Reverend **Daniel H. Hackel**, Pastor of St. James Parish in Amherst and St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish in Fancher, is also appointed interim Dean of the Stevens Point Deanery, effective January 9 through May 31, 2017, during the sabbatical of the Very Reverend Thomas J. Lindner.

The Very Reverend **Woodrow H. Pace**, Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Independence and St. John the Apostle Parish in Whitehall, *vicar forane* of the Arcadia Deanery and Director of the Mission Office, is released from his responsibilities as Pastor of St. John the Apostle Parish in Whitehall, effective March 1, 2017. He retains all other assignments.

The Reverend **Raja Kennedy**, with the permission of the Most Reverend George Antonysamy, Archbishop of Madras and Mylapore, is appointed as Parochial Administrator of St. John the Apostle Parish in Whitehall, effective March 1, 2017.

The Reverend **A. Antony Arockiam**, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Mauston and St. Mary Parish in Lyndon Station, is released from his responsibilities as Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Lyndon Station, effective March 1, 2017.

The Reverend **Clayton R. Elmhurst**, Associate Pastor of Queen of the Apostles Parish in Tomah, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Mary Parish in Lyndon Station effective March 1, 2017.

The Reverend **James K. Arthur**, Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Knowlton and St. John the Baptist Parish in Peplin, is released from his responsibilities as Pastor of both parishes so that he may return to his home diocese at the request of his Bishop, effective June 30, 2017.



Events

Week of January 29, 2017

Friday, February 3

Discernment Retreat for diaconate program - Marathon

7:00pm [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse](#)

Saturday, February 4

Discernment Retreat for diaconate program - Marathon

» 6:00pm [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse](#)

World Day for Consecrated Life - all parishes

8:00am [Married Love: Two becoming One Retreat](#)

Sunday, February 5

World Day for Consecrated Life - all parishes

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](#)

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Lenten Resources

Most people desire spiritual growth during Lent. The following excellent resources are available from Augustine Institute for parishes to give out during Lent. Visit AugustineInstitute.org/lent or call 866-767-3155

- *Beyond Belief: Following Christ Today* (CD) by Fr. Michael Schmitz for \$1 each plus s/h
- *7 Secrets of Confession* (book) by Vinney Flynn for \$1 per copy plus s/h (English/Span)

Diocesan Religion Assessments

As Religious Education Programs await the results from the assessments, it is critical that catechists go back over every question with the students, addressing a few questions each week. This can lead to great discussion when students defend their answer to a faith question. Being able to vocalize what they believe strengthens their faith.

BEET Grants

BEET Grants are due by Friday, February 3rd. [Click here](#) for instructions and application form.

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Office for Communications

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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 datebook@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:

High School Come and See - You're Invited! Mater Redemptoris House of Formation will be hosting the Spring High School Come and See retreat on the weekend of February 17- 19. In this retreat, high school girls learn about religious life and have the opportunity to reflect on their future. For more information or to register, visit [Mater Redemptoris House of Formation](#). Questions: Please contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or 608-788-4530.

World Day for Consecrated Life

The annual World Day for Consecrated Life is on February 2, 2017, and is to be celebrated in parishes on **February 4-5, 2017**. *Please consider at least one way in which your parish might celebrate consecrated life.* For **Prayers of the Faithful** and other resources, click [here](#).

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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

Let's Celebrate Marriage - National Marriage Week is February 7-14

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.

- **[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.
- **[Bulletin insert, poster or website](#)** resource with quotes from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. Consider distributing or displaying this resource.
- 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.

In addition to these resources, our office still has CDs available for purchase. Order them this week to ensure arrival by Sunday, February 12th. [Click here](#) to download the order form or email Mary Lou Berg at mberg@diolc.org and send your order.

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!

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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.

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Office for Missions

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Mite Boxes and Rice Bowls: We hope here to clarify some confusion that has arisen. These two programs are both supported by diocesan offices. However, they need to be understood correctly. **The Mite Box program** is an outreach from the Holy Childhood Association (HCA), one of the Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Mission Office. Since 1960 Santa Cruz Parish, Bolivia has been a Mission Parish of the Diocese of La Crosse and for many years has been assisted by the efforts of our children in this annual collection. Mite Box is a mandatory program for our Catholic School, CCD and Religious Education programs for children and youth. **The Rice Bowl program** is an activity sponsored by Catholic Relief Service (CRS). It is organized locally through the Social Concerns Office of the diocese. Rice Bowl is an elective program that may be held any time throughout the year with an emphasis on Lent, but it is not to conflict with or replace the Mite Box program. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the [Mission Office](#) or the [Office for Social Concerns](#).

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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

Superintendent: Thomas Reichenbacher – 608-788-7707 | treichenbacher@diolc.org

Catholic Schools Week is here once again. This great celebration of our schools and their successes is one of the high points of the year for all who support our sixty-six schools. We hope you see exactly why Bishop Callahan supports his Diocesan Catholic Schools, because

our schools educate our children in faith and reason while bringing them closer to their Savior, Jesus Christ. This week we will be sharing photos from schools around our diocese to celebrate the Catholic School difference. *Please visit www.facebook.com/diolc and share Diocese of La Crosse photos with your parishioners!*

Catholic Schools Week 2017 began with the 24th annual Brains and Brawn Competition. Students, parents, faculty, and administration filled the halls of Aquinas High School with smiles, skill, and determination. We thank Bishop Callahan for his inspirational homily at the Brains and Brawn Mass. *To read about the tournament, the winners and to see photos from the event, [click here](#).*

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Office for Social Concerns

Director: Christopher Ruff – 608-791-0161 | cruff@diolc.org

For Your Parish Bulletin

Join the Effort to Defund Planned Parenthood on Saturday, Feb. 11, 11:00 am-12:00 pm. 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**, 967 W. Clairemont Avenue
Questions? Contact Michelle Bowe at michelle@shspec.org
- **Wisconsin Rapids Planned Parenthood**, 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 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.



Building on Solid Rock
Strategic Parish Stewardship Workshop
February 14-16, 2017
La Crosse | Eau Claire | Stevens Point

Register Today >>

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 generating 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 Vocations

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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