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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. Please see the decree for the Diocese of La Crosse [here](#).



Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of February 14, 2017

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

Sunday, March 5

Mite Box Collection begins

» 6:00pm Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend La Crosse

Rite of Election - La Crosse

1:00pm Rally in Rozellville

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Study Groups for Lent

Ascension Press has a new online system for accessing 38 Catholic Programs for Adults and Teens. There are no startup costs, no contracts, and no need to buy DVDs. By registering a group of 4 people and purchasing the workbooks, a parish then has a free account and access to the study videos online. The 38 Programs can be streamed to the parish, home, anywhere and skyped to those who cannot attend. Preview the first session of any Program free.

Programs are grouped into 4 categories, to meet the level of the audience and to ensure a process of growth:

- Pre-evangelization (Discovery)
- Evangelization (Encounter)
- Formation (Catechesis)
- Discipleship

[Click here](#) for further details.

If you would like further information, contact Bob Yerkes at 1800-376-0520, ext. 231.

Lenten Resources for Parish Programs and Catholic Schools

Lent begins March 1st. [Click here](#) for an assortment of resources, including videos, Stations of the Cross, praying with Scripture worksheet to prepare for the Sunday readings.

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FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN

The Mass honoring the Fourth Anniversary of the opening of the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Father Joseph Walijewski will be celebrated at the St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse on Sunday, March 12, 2017, at 10:30. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information on the cause and to join the guild visit: www.frjoesguild.org.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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National Marriage Week is Over. Now what? How about the Domestic Church!

National Marriage week is over. What can you do next to strengthen the marriages in your parish? Consider introducing the Domestic Church movement to the couples in your parish.

It's been said that being a member of Domestic Church is "just being Catholic!" What makes the formation of Domestic Church so attractive is that it is not a novel approach to the faith or a vision of Catholicism limited to a founder's particular spirituality, but simply a way to access the treasures of the Church's teachings on marriage, family life, prayer, Scripture, the

Sacraments, etc. as a spouse and a parent, specifically utilizing the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony to do so. [Continue reading...](#)

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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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LENTEN REGULATIONS

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

MASSES DURING LENT

Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, during the Easter Triduum, or on Sundays of Lent (*GIRM*, n. 380). Ritual Masses are prohibited on Ash Wednesday, during Holy Week, and on Sundays of Lent (*GIRM*, n. 372). When marriages are celebrated during Lent, they are to reflect the special nature of this season (*Rite of Marriage*, n. 11).

INFANT BAPTISM DURING LENT

The baptism of infants is allowed during the season of Lent, as norms from the Rite for the Baptism of Children suggest: "An infant should be baptized within the first weeks after birth" (n.8.3). But if circumstances would allow, the Easter Vigil is a most appropriate time to celebrate even infant baptism: "To bring out the paschal character of baptism, it is recommended that the sacrament be celebrated during the Easter Vigil or on Sunday, when the Church commemorates the Lord's resurrection" (n.9).

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

The Book of Blessings, number 1659, states: "This rite [for the blessing and distribution of ashes] may be celebrated by a priest or deacon who may be assisted by lay ministers in the distribution of the ashes. The blessing of the ashes, however, is reserved to a priest or deacon."

RCIA Coordinators: Rite of Election Retreat, February 25

In preparation for the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion (March 5), many parishes (or groups of parishes) offer retreats for their catechumens and candidates. For those parishes that do not offer a retreat in the parish, there will be three retreats open to catechumens and candidates on the morning of Saturday, February 25: at St. Peter Parish in Stevens Point, St. Mary Parish in Altoona, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. While the morning's schedule will vary slightly from place to place, each will begin around 8:00 and conclude with lunch at noon. Contents will include:

- Three spiritual talks on 1) the meaning of Lent as a time of preparation for participating in the Paschal Mystery, 2) the meaning of the Apostolic Church and the Church today (in light of their meeting Bishop Callahan, a successor to the apostles), and 3) participating in the Rite of Election, focusing on the questions and prayers it contains.
- Time for private prayer and reflection.
- Mass and group prayer.

A registration form is available [here](#); deadline is February 17. Please encourage those in your RCIA process to reserve this date.

RITE OF ELECTION, MARCH 5

The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Sunday, March 5, at 2:00. It is an occasion that marks entry into the period of Purification and Enlightenment (for newly-named “elect”) that coincides with Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity for candidates and catechumens to see the larger Church, meet Bishop Callahan, be introduced to their new Cathedral, and receive the grace of the Rite. The registration form for Rite of Election is available [here](#); please submit its information by Friday, February 24.

TIME OF THE EASTER VIGIL

The *Roman Missal* states that the entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night: the vigil should not begin before nightfall, and it should end before daybreak on Sunday. The *Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts*, issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship in 1988, notes that “the very concept of the vigil has almost come to be forgotten in some places, with the result that it is celebrated as if it were an evening Mass, in the same way and at the same time as the Mass celebrated on Saturday evening in anticipation of the Sunday.”

The *Circular Letter*, no. 78, adds that “this rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices that have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses.”

Sunset in La Crosse on Saturday, April 15 is to be at 7:49 p.m. So that the Vigil may begin in darkness, 8:30 should be the earliest beginning time for the vigil, while after 8:45 is ideal.

CHRISM MASS

The annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11, beginning at 10:30. This event will be live streamed for those who are unable to attend but wish to watch using their computer or other connected device. Use the link at www.diolc.org/live the day of the Mass.

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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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Action Alert:

Cardinal Dolan and Archbishop Lori to Congress: Support the Conscience Protection Act

The Cardinals write that the Conscience Protection Act is "essential legislation protecting the fundamental rights of health care providers...to ensure that those providing much-needed health care and health coverage can continue to do so without being forced by government to help destroy innocent unborn children." Read more and take action at www.humanlifeaction.org.

Immigration, Bishop Callahan and the U.S. Bishops

The issue of immigration is front and center with the recent flurry of activity by the White House and the courts. Bishop Callahan, his brother bishops and other Church leaders have been commenting on developments. For statements and updates, visit 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 Pastors, 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.

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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Catholic Mutual Group – Infrared Thermography Scans

Catholic Mutual is offering complimentary Infrared Thermography scans. These scans look for "hot spots" for electrical problems. We have been offered two scans. If there is any parish that is interested in having this scan completed please contact me at mqernes@diolc.org. It will be on a first come first serve basis.

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