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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 21, 2017

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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FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

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Lent – Going Deeper is the next Bulletin Insert for the weekend of March 5th, the first Sunday of Lent. Parishioners are invited to reflect on a few Scripture passages each week, leading to a more profound celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

Lenten Resources for Parish Programs and Catholic Schools

Lent begins March 1st. [Click here](#) for Lenten Resources 2017, including such things as videos, Stations of the Cross, "Best Lent Ever," and praying with Scripture worksheet to prepare for the Sunday readings.

Spiritual Enrichment

Fr. John Parr will present "The Spirit Among Us – The Holy Spirit in our personal lives, in our ministry and in our families" on Tuesday, March 14 at St. Joseph's Parish Center in Black River Falls. The presentation will be from 10-11:30 with lunch to follow. [Click here for further details.](#)

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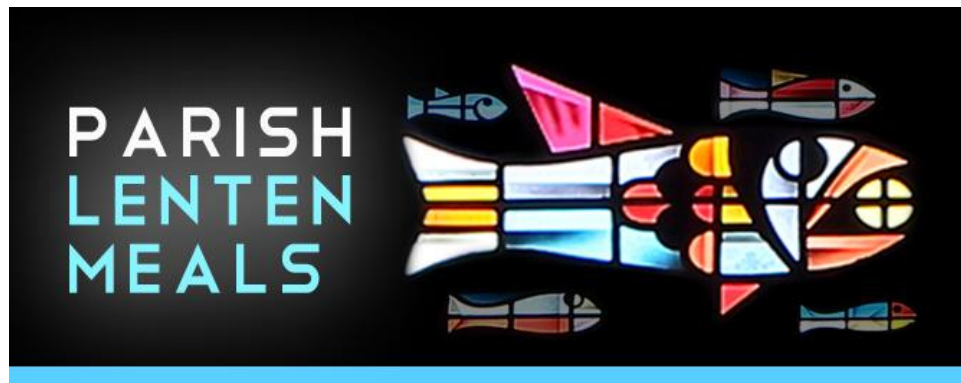
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Communicating Hope and Trust in our Time

Read the [Message of Pope Francis for the 51st world communications day](#)

Here is a brief excerpt: Life is not simply a bare succession of events, but a history, a story waiting to be told through the choice of an interpretative lens that can select and gather the most relevant data. [GET THE FULL ARTICLE](#)



FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN:

Looking for a close by Fish Fry? Use the Fish Frynder

Use the website www.diolc.org/fishfrynder to find where and when a fish fry, or other parish Lenten meal, is taking place in your area.

Listing your Parish Event:

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.

Getting too many parish copies of Catholic Life?

Each issue we have been sending "extra" copies of Catholic Life to your parish. Some parishes use these extras to give to new parishioners, use at their school, take on home visits, or leave

in local waiting rooms. If you would like to receive more, fewer, or none, simply send a note with your preference to Sr. Donna Krzmarzick – skrzmarzick@diolc.org.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Help Families Celebrate Lent

We spend hours planning activities and celebrations that we hope will impact the families we serve. Do families really care about the season of Lent, and all of its signs and symbols, all of its opportunity and potential? What can we do to help the families in our charge get the most out of this sacred time without overwhelming them with the choices? Check out this [website](#) for an array of ideas on how families can celebrate lent within their home.

Learn more about *Domestic Church* – Coming this Spring

Domestic Church provides long-term support and formation for Sacramentally married couples who want to grow in holiness together as a couple. What began in Poland over forty years ago with the guidance and support of St. John Paul II is now available for English speaking couples here in the U.S. Although we know that true holiness is supposedly possible within the midst of the daily demands of marriage and parenthood, it can be very difficult to know how to access it and take advantage of the fact that marriage is a Sacrament. *Domestic Church* gives couples and families real, concrete help for tapping into what God has in store for us in the blessed vocation of marriage. To learn more visit: domesticchurchfamilies.com

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Matrimonial Tribunal

The Marriage Tribunal closed out 2016 with the largest number of petitions for a formal case of a possible declaration of nullity since 2010, finishing the year with 149 cases. We would like to thank all connected to this ministry of healing and growth for their dedication to assisting those in need of this ministry. We would also like to encourage pastors to take advantage of Msgr. Hundt's expertise in the area of Annulments by inviting him to celebrate the weekend liturgies and preach on this important ministry of our church. A sample of his

homily can be seen by [clicking here](#). Again thank you for your past efforts and please help us to help those in need of our services. May God Bless your ministries.

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Office for Missions

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Lenten Preparations - Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land: This annual collection is a part of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Therefore, it is not required that parishes of the Diocese of La Crosse take up the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land. However, since we are aware of the adversities suffered by Christians in the Holy Land and the fragile nature of important historical sites they protect, some parishioners do look forward to participating directly in the annual collection. Under the discretion of the pastor and his advisory councils, if the collection is taken up the funds generated must be sent to the Diocesan Office for Temporalities. Parish collections will then be joined to the Annual Appeal funds and forwarded according to donor intent to the Commissariat of the Holy Land. Please call the Mission Office if you have any questions.

Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Robert Flock: As you know on November 4, 2016 Bishop Robert Flock, a priest from the Diocese of La Crosse and Auxiliary Bishop of Cochabamba was appointed as Bishop of the Diocese of San Ignacio de Velasco, Bolivia. His installation took place February 2, 2017. In order to aid him in his new endeavors, the Mission Office is seeking prayers for the new ordinary. During the season of Lent 2017, if you are able to offer prayers, make sacrifices or attend Masses for Bishop Flock and the Diocese of San Ignacio de Velasco, please let us know. We will collect the information and send it to Bishop Flock as a Spiritual Bouquet during the Octave of Easter 2017. More details and contact information can be found on the [Mission Office website](#).

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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 Temporalities

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SAVE THE DATE

The annual Parish Finance Seminar will be held on Tuesday May 9th. More information will be forthcoming.

REMINDER- Building Report Forms are required to be sent to Catholic Mutual

This is a reminder to all parishes that if you are doing any renovations, adding new buildings, additions, or demolitions to buildings that a Building Report Form must be completed and sent to Catholic Mutual. You can find these forms on the Diocesan website under Offices & Ministries- Buildings and Grounds. If you have any questions you may contact our Catholic Mutual representative Kris Twining at ktwining@catholicmutual.org or 608-821-4566.

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Office for Vocations

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May 6 – 10:30 AM – Transitional Diaconate Ordination (Kyle Laylan and Barry Saylor)

June 24 – 10:30AM – Priestly Ordination (Aaron Becker, Peter Kieffer,
Juan Pedro Roblez Baltazar)

Both of these events 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.

Ordinations will be held at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. Please keep the ordinandi in your prayers.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Adventure Camp

There are still spots available in all three weeks. Don't miss this awesome opportunity for those students in grades 6-12! For more information, please follow this [link](#).

Week 1: June 18-23, 2017

Week 2: June 25-30, 2017

Week 3: July 9-14, 2017

NOTE The LDCCW has scholarship money to help students attend Adventure Camp. We very much appreciate their generosity! Go to <http://www.ldccw.org/grants-and-scholarships.html> to find out more information.

Franciscan CORE

A five-day summer, residential program for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students which offers education, reflection, and experience on Catholic Social Teaching themes and principles using St. Francis of Assisi as a model for action. The dates are June 11-16, 2017.

For more information, please follow this [link](#).

Totus Tuus

If you know of any young adult, male or female, who has been out of high school for at least one year, and who would like to apply to be on our Totus Tuus Team, please direct them to Chris Rogers: crogers@diolc.org

Regional Youth Rallies and Retreats

- The Youth Rally in Rozellville will take place Sunday, March 5, 2017.
- The Rally in Eau Galle will be held Sunday, May 7, 2017.

For more information about both of these awesome events, please follow this [link](#).

NET Retreats

We have confirmed that the NET Team will be in our diocese September 23-28, 2017. More information will be coming soon. Once we do have more information, you may find it by going to this [link](#).

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