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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of March 14

Monday, March 20

Mite Box Collection

Saturday, March 25

Solemnity of the Annunciation. Ritual Masses prohibited

Monday, March 27

Mite Box Collection

Thursday, March 30

Day of Reflection

Saturday, April 1

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Prairie Du Chien

Monday, April 3

Mite Box Collection

Saturday, April 8

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Marshfield

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Wisconsin Rapids

Monday, April 10

Mite Box Collection

Tuesday, April 11

10:30am Chrism Mass

10:30am Chrism Mass - La Crosse

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Chancery Office

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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SACRAMENTAL PREP

Always provide parents with something that will deepen their relationship with Christ, either at a meeting or in a mailing. Please check out the one-page handouts that apply to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation [here](#).

The following are three possibilities:

- [Why go to Confession?](#)
- [What about distractions at Mass?](#)
- [Why did the Holy Spirit need to come on Pentecost?](#)

FREE WEBINARS – MARCH 2017

Free MEDIA MATTERS:

Why the Couples that Pray Together Stay Together

March 22, 2017: 11-12 p.m. Eastern

Copy this link to share: <http://bit.do/Couples>

Presented by Teresa Tomeo

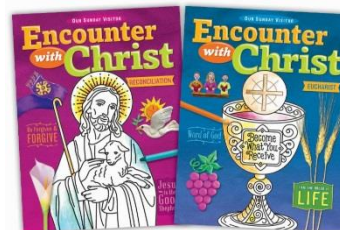
You have heard the saying "the family that prays together, stays together." Well the same holds true for married couples. Join Teresa Tomeo and the Couple Prayer movement as they provide great suggestions to jump-start your prayer life and encourage you in the final weeks of Lent.

Free Encounter with Christ:

Sacrament Preparation Program Demo

March 23, 2017: noon-1 p.m. Eastern

Discover the BRAND NEW sacrament preparation program for Reconciliation and Eucharist- Encounter with Christ. Centered on the encounter with Christ, children meet Jesus in every session as they reflect upon the many titles and images through which we come to know him. Designed flexible for use in a parish setting, in the home, or in combination. Parents are provided with tools to foster faith-filled conversations at home, while staying connected to the parish. Each session provides options for adaptive learning and special needs, video and digital resources, and age-appropriate activities.



Our Sunday Visitor is offering 3 other helpful webinars as early as March 15th. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Office for Communications

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Our Lady of Fatima – 100th Anniversary Banners Available Now!

The Our Lady of Fatima Centennial celebration kicks off on May 13, 2017. If you would like to celebrate in your parish with a banner from Diocesan Publications, there are several designs to choose from. [Click here](#) to order.

Parish Round Table Meetings

The Office for Communications is hosting Parish Information Round Table discussions this spring. Pre-registration is preferred; all meetings are two hours. To register please contact Margot Lorraine at mlorraine@diolc.org or [608-791-2695](tel:608-791-2695).

Date	Parish	City	Time	Details
March 23	St. Olaf	Eau Claire	9 - 11am	Downstairs conference room. Park on the north lane street lot; entrance #7
March 23	St. Francis of Assisi	Ellsworth	1:30 – 3:30pm	Enter in the parish hall entrance. Park in school parking lot. <u>Do not</u> try the school entrance.

April 4	St. Mary	Greenwood	9 - 11am	Parking in rear of building off Hendren Ave. Enter double doors.
April 4	St. Joseph	Stratford	2 - 4pm	Rectory basement, in front door of rectory.
April 5	St. Mark	Rothschild	9 - 11am	Catechetical Room, enter in the school east entrance (same side as church)
April 5	St. Lawrence	Wisconsin Rapids	1 - 3pm	Basement hall. Use door nearest corner of 10th Ave and Fremont
April 26	St. Charles	Genoa	9 - 11am	School cafeteria. Parking by front door of school.
April 26	St. Aloysius	Hillsboro	1:30 – 3:30pm	Church basement

Below is the meeting agenda. However, we will gladly address any concerns or questions you wish to bring to our attention.

1. Data Quality – updating NCOA and Life Events
2. Data Integrity, Raisers Edge, Giving Trend Reporting, ParishSOFT Synchronization and Backup
3. Chancery Bulletin Training
4. Long-range Parish and Diocesan Data Planning
5. Sesquicentennial Preparation
6. My Parish App
7. Questions

These meetings are open to administrative assistants, pastors, and other parish staff who work with parish data. We hope to see you at one of these meetings. To register please contact Margot Lorraine at mlorraine@diolc.org or [608-791-2695](tel:608-791-2695).

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Your Bulletin

Want to take your Marriage from Good to Great?

The Diocese is excited to host a Domestic Church evangelization retreat for married couples on May 18-21 at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center in Marathon. Domestic Church provides lifelong formation for Sacramentally married couples so they can grow in holiness and learn

to live and take advantage of the gift of their Sacrament. Couples begin formation by attending an Evangelization retreat.

For more information on Domestic Church and to register for the retreat, please go to diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/.

Domestic Church Brochure and Contact for More Information

All parishes are asked to make copies of the Domestic Church brochure available to married couples in the parish. Click here to get a copy of the brochure. More information can be found at www.domesticchurchfamilies.com or by calling the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 608-791-2673 or emailing aheinzen@diolc.org.

Who is the Men's Ministry Contact for your Parish?

We are getting ready to release information on the 2017 Men of the Cross Conference and would like to send it directly to the Men's Ministry Contact at your parish. Please email mberg@diolc.org and give her the name and email address of the person the information should go to. Deadline: March 30th, 2017.

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Office for Ministries

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

FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

Basic Evangelization Training April 28-29 (Fri. 7 pm - Sat. 4 pm)

Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse

Adam Janke, Program Director 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! Real-world practicality and an exciting opportunity for any Catholic. Perfect for starting or energizing a parish evangelization team or concept, this training has been given to thousands around the U.S., Canada and beyond. Complete info, brochure and [online registration](http://www.diolc.org/basic-evangelization) at www.diolc.org/basic-evangelization. Contact: Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, 608-791-0161 or ministries@diolc.org.

FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

One More Opportunity to Sample the Lay Formation Institute

NEW Class Begins in Fall of 2017

Want to see if the diocesan Lay Formation Institute (LFI) is right for you? Sample this exciting formation experience and “catch the spirit.” This opportunity is being offered for a limited number of inquirers the weekend of March 31-April 1, 2017 at beautiful St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon. If you are interested in sitting in on part of the 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](tel:608-791-0161) to discuss your options. There is no fee unless you choose overnight lodging or meals. To learn more about the LFI, visit www.diolc.org/lay-formation.

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Office for Missions

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

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 Pontifical Ceremonies

Director: Michael Haight – 608-791-2697 | ceremonies@diolc.org

The spring Confirmation season is just around the corner! Those parishes who will participate in these Confirmations are asked to watch their email in-box for the *Letter of Anticipation* and liturgy forms. The host parish is asked to complete these forms in a timely manner and return them no later than one full week prior to the anticipated date of the Confirmation Mass. The Office of Pontifical Ceremonies is here to assist you with any questions you or your planning team have to help make these liturgies a beautiful moment in the life of your parish and of those receiving the Sacrament.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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24 Hours for the Lord

March 24-25, 2017

Pope Francis invites people around the world to focus on God's mercy and the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during a Lenten "24 Hours for the Lord," March 24-25, 2017. Our Sunday Visitor and the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization offers a free pastoral guide to help parishes celebrate "24 Hours for the Lord." The guide, "I Desire Mercy," is in the form of a [downloadable PDF](#) designed to open users to the grace and mercy God offers through prayer, sacrament, and the examples of others.

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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. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002. 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 BULLETIN:

Attend Catholics at the Capitol March 28

Every two years, the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) hosts **Catholics at the Capitol**. Join hundreds from around the state for this day of formation and legislative advocacy. This year's keynote speaker is Colleen Stratton, a survivor of human trafficking. **Time and place:** March 28, 8:45 am-4:00 pm at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison, just 2 blocks from the Capitol, where participants are invited to meet with their legislators. Visit www.wisconsin catholic.org for more information and to register, or contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns: ministries@diolc.org or 608-791-0161.

FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

U.S. Bishops and Justice for Immigrants and Refugees

At this time of fear and uncertainty in our immigrant and refugee communities,

visit www.diolc.org/social-concerns. There you will find a statement by Bishop Callahan and a link to the U.S. Bishops' collaborator, Justice for Immigrants (JFI). JFI provides updates on government policy, action alerts and Catholic social teaching and statements. You will also find a link to Catholic Relief Services, where you can learn about and assist refugees fleeing the Middle East, especially Syria.

FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

Pro-Life Action: Make Your Voice Heard

This is a pivotal moment for stopping the flow of taxpayer money to Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers, as well as achieving other pro-life goals. See how to make your voice heard: visit www.diolc.org/respect-life and click on "Take Action Now."

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Stewardship Formation and Education - Building on Solid Rock

Did you miss the strategic planning workshops? Do you just want to review the day again? We will soon post videos of the day online so you can watch and learn on demand. Check the website <http://www.diolc.org/stewardship/rock>.

If you did attend, please be sure to complete the survey so we can be sure to host more topical and informative discussions to assist you on your stewardship journey.

International Catholic Stewardship Conference (ICSC)

The Office for Stewardship and Development is looking for interested individuals to who want to attend this incredible three-day stewardship event. Space is limited! Hundreds of fellow Catholics from around the world attend this event. By joining the Diocesan group, you can leverage our membership pricing.

This invitation is open to all interested parties.

Contact Jeff Reiter Director of Stewardship and Development for more details. Email: [Jreiter@diolc.org](mailto:jreiter@diolc.org) or call direct at 608.791.2685 or by visiting our signup page at <https://goo.gl/forms/OZNZSFHIOZ5zcFI33>

Not only will the conference be celebrating its 55 Annual conferences and this year's theme celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the USCCB Pastoral Letter: *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*

Some of the incredible benefits of attending this conference include

- Parishes find/learn how to build resources to carry out their mission and ministries
- Personal batteries are recharged, and attendees return energized to instill new life and positive energy into their parishes and dioceses

- Participants will learn methods for bringing parishioners closer to the Lord.
- Attendees have an opportunity to compare notes with others after workshops, at breaks, meals and at the regional meetings held during the conference.
- Workshops are pertinent, practical and relevant to the day-to-day challenges in a parish and Diocese.
- Sessions geared for those involved in all areas of stewardship and development in a parish or Diocese, whether they are just beginning, or have taught the concepts for years
- Attendees find or are reminded of the powerful and positive impact stewardship conversion has on a parish and Diocese, and they learn the nuts and bolts of how to do this.

Cost and other details

- Dates: September 17-20, 2017
 - (Begins 3:30 pm on Sunday, 9/17 and ends at 11:30 am on Wednesday, 9/20)
- Registration Fee:
 - Lenten Discount rate for members is \$449 until April 17
 - Early Bird Registration of \$499 until July 31.
 - After July 31, the rate for members is \$599.
 - Non-member rate is \$1,199 per person.
- Location – Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 65 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia
- Hotel cost per evening - \$199 + taxes
- Continental breakfasts provided Monday and Tuesday, Lunch on Tuesday afternoon.
- Airfare and travel separate

Diocesan Annual Appeal

2017-2018

Next year's theme will center on Hope and how the Church is *The Steward of Hope*. In 2018, we will be celebrating 150 years as a diocese, the generations whose shoulders we stand upon came to this area and built a diocesan community based on their hope in Jesus Christ.

We are looking for inspiring stories of hope to develop and share with our brothers and sisters in our diocesan community. Know of someone who because of or through the ministries supported by the Diocesan Annual Appeal is an inspiration of hope? Please contact the Office of Stewardship and Development.

Process Changes

To streamline and speed up our gift processing, we are discontinuing the use of the lockbox services in Milwaukee. The Office for Stewardship and Development staff will do all gift processing in-house. If your parish receives any Diocesan Annual Appeal gifts or pledges, please be sure to forward them all directly to our office:

Office of Stewardship and Development
PO Box 4004
La Crosse, WI 54602-4004.

All parishioner and donor mailings have had the La Crosse address as a return address for a couple months.

SYBUNT (Some Year But Unfortunately Not This year)

We are getting ready to send out our Lenten/Easter ask for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We have been working hard to scrub our data and the Raiser's Edge system to make sure our information aligns with your ParishSoft records. In the next week, we will be sending our mailing list of everyone who has given to the Diocesan Annual Appeal in the last five years to the printers. We will also include anyone who is new in your ParishSoft records who have not yet given to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal Parish Progress Reporting Tool – GivingTrend

Do you still need your GivingTrend reporting sign-on credentials? Complete the registration form found linked on the Appeal Portal web page: 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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Financial Information for planning/budgeting the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year

Health Insurance – Priest Plan (renews 7/1/17) - estimated premium increase of 0-5%.
- Lay Plan (renews 9/1/17) - estimated premium increase of 10-15%.

Workers Compensation – No increase.

All Risk- Property – Liability Insurance – No increase.

Parish Reviews – These are on a three-year cycle. Parishes that have last had a review completed in 2014 will be up for review. The range for parish reviews are \$1,000-\$2,000 plus travel expenses.

Frozen Lay Retirement – No increase - \$1,550 per active employee eligible for the plan

St. Joseph's Priest Fund Assessment – No increase - \$2,000 annually.

Priests Salary Schedule – Effective July 1, 2017. See [attached](#).

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Parish Finance Seminar will be held on Tuesday, May 9th at Three Bears Resort in Warrens, WI. Registration and Agenda will be coming out in the April 4th Chancery Bulletin.

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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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Contacting Our Office

Please contact Teresa Brown, Secretary for the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry for any inquiries about upcoming events and scheduling visits from our office. Teresa is awesome and you will enjoy working with her! Teresa's contact information is 608-791-2652 and tbrown@diolc.org

Youth Talks

Chris Rogers is happy to come to your parish and speak to your youth group, CCD class, etc. Call 608-791-2652 if you would like to schedule a date.

Adventure Camp

There are spots still available in all three weeks. Don't miss this awesome opportunity for 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](#).

Mission Trip to Gatlinburg, TN

We will be taking a trip to Gatlinburg, TN July 5-13, 2017 to assist in their recovery from wildfires. This trip is for all rising 9th graders and outgoing 12th graders. Late last year, wildfires destroyed many homes and businesses in Gatlinburg. There are many groups coming in to help with clean up and recovery, and we know there will be plenty of work for

us to do, we just don't know the details yet. However, as soon as we have them, we will post them on our website. If you are interested in going, please contact Teresa Brown at 608-791-2652 to be added to the list. Please know spots will fill up quickly.

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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