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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

Week of January 8, 2017

Tuesday, January 10

9:00am Mid-Winter Administrators' Conference

Friday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 14

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

Sunday, January 15

2:00pm March for Life - Chicago, IL

Monday, January 16

National Religious Freedom Day

Wednesday, January 18

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday, January 19

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Friday, January 20

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat January 20-22 - Stevens Point

Saturday, January 21

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat January 20-22 - Stevens Point

Sunday, January 22

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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Spiritual Enrichment Gathering

Fr. John Parr will present "The Spirit Among Us" on Tuesday, Feb 7, 2017 at St. Joseph Parish Center in Black River Falls beginning at 10 a.m.. Sponsored by the Diocesan Assn. of Religious Educators (DARE). Click [here](#) for further details.

Save the Date!!

The annual Witnesses for Christ Conference will be held the weekend of August 11 – 12 in La Crosse. Please mark it on your calendar.

BEET Grants

Please return completed BEET Grants by no later than Friday, Feb. 3. Info and forms were emailed to Catechetical Leaders on Dec. 6. Documents are also available on the Catechesis webpage at <http://diolc.org/catechesis/> and then click on BEET Grant.

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Office for Communications

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Who is getting the Chancery Bulletin?

Please note that we are sending the Chancery Bulletin to all parish personnel entered into the staff management section of your local ParishSOFT database. If you are unsure of who is getting the bulletin or need to add or remove people from your parish staff roster, you can use the instructions found [here](#).



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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World Day for Consecrated Life

The annual World Day for Consecrated Life is on February 2, 2017, and will be celebrated in parishes on **February 4-5, 2017**. *Please consider at least one way in which your parish might celebrate consecrated life.* Sample Prayers of the Faithful and other resources may be found [here](#). If you found a unique or particularly rewarding way to commemorate the World Day for Consecrated Life, share the inspiration by emailing dkrzmarzick@diolc.org for possible publication on the consecrated life webpage.

FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2017 and in parishes on the weekend of February 4-5, 2017. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) Resources Ready

The USCCB have just released a number of great resources to share with your parish family. The resources include bulletin inserts, homily notes and a couple's retreat. Take the time to review each resource and determine how you can promote God's plan for marriage and family life in just a month. [Click here](#) to access the resources.

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

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 during National Marriage Week. The CDs retail for \$15.95 but are available through our office for the ridiculously low price of \$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.

Need to Explain Catholic Marriage to Someone?

Have you ever tried to explain the difference between a Catholic Marriage and a civil marriage? [Click here](#) to watch a short video that will help you out!

Teaching the Way of Love Newsletter

The January Teaching the Way of Love parent Newsletter is ready for distribution. [Click here](#) to download the PDF file.

FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN

March is a perfect time to enrich your marriage. There are two marriage retreats scheduled in the Diocese in early March. Consider attending one of these events.

March 3-5: Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreat in La Crosse – jljwwme08@gmail.com

March 11-12: National Marriage Encounter Retreat in Eau Claire – rippsk@charter.net

For more information about these retreats visit: <http://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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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.

Free copies of *Magnificat* to Parishes and Chaplaincies

Magnificat would like to send free issues of its monthly prayer resource to Diocesan parishes and chaplaincies. If interested, please indicate 1) an estimated number of issues to send (how many each of version—English, Spanish, or Kid), 2) the address to send them, and 3) if one month is preferred over another.

Magnificat will send with the issues bulletin announcements and other subscription information to use or discard as you please, including a special offer to new subscribers for 4 months for \$10, as well as discounts on bulk orders.

Please contact Claire Gilligan (<mailto:claire.gilligan@magnificat.com>).

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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 Stewardship & Development

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Giving Trend Training

This week we begin training on our new Diocesan Annual Appeal Reporting tool, GivingTrend. GivingTrend is a powerful easy to use browser based tool leverages current technologies to present your parish progress and donor activity in a secure environment. To sign up for a one-hour training session visit the Appeal Portal site at <http://appeal.diolc.org/> and then follow the link to the training registration form.

GivingTrend will replace the old list format progress report. This enhanced reporting tool will provide faster reporting time; yesterday's processing activity versus a bi-weekly report. GivingTrend will also provide you tools to analyze your parish and donor's giving at a deeper level than ever before.

Save the Date

Strategic Stewardship Day – Building on Solid Rock.

The Office for Stewardship and Development is hosting a value-packed day to help you and your parish leadership refresh and revitalize in the NOW while beginning a solid plan for the FUTURE!

Come join us, along with our presenters, Ms. Laurie Whitfield, Director of Parish Stewardship, Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY and Mr. Kevin Lynch, President of Lynch Development Associates, Inc. for a day of stewardship and strategic planning.

We are delighted to offer three separate dates and locations for this worthwhile event!

Tuesday, February 14

La Crosse Diocesan Center, La Crosse
Beginning with Mass is at 7:30 a.m. in the Christ the King Chapel

Wednesday, February 15
Immaculate Conception Parish, Eau Claire
Beginning with Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 16
St. Joseph's Parish, Stevens Point
Beginning with Mass at 8:00 a.m.

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Office for Temporalities

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All-Risk Insurance Survey

We are in need of gathering some information for the renewal of our All-Risk insurance. I have put together a series of questions to gather information about the number and type of employees in your organization. Please have the person responsible for payroll and cash receipts complete this survey for your organization.

Click [here](#) to take the survey

Please complete your survey by Tuesday, January 31.

St. Ambrose Financial Services

Deposit & Loan Fund Interest Rates

The interest rate paid on deposits and charged on loans is tied to the 90-day U.S. Treasury Bill Rate.

On January 1, 2017, the 90-day U.S. Treasury Bill Rate was .50%.

Therefore, effective January 1, 2017:

Interest paid on deposits will be .50%.

Interest charged on loans will be 1.25% / 3.25%.

Parishes are reminded to deposit surplus funds with St. Ambrose Financial Services.

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Office for Vocations

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The annual Seminarian Christmas Party was December 30. It is a time to celebrate the past year with family and friends. Including 2 new men present who are in the application process for seminary, the 29 men helped decorate the refectory in the Holy Cross Diocesan Center to welcome their families, as well as diocesan priests, deacons, the sisters from Mater Redemptoris, the Knights of Columbus and the La Crosse Area Vocations Society, just to name a few. The celebration began with a Mass where 4 seminarians (Joseph Richards, Eric Mashak, Timothy Reither and Steven Weller) received the Right of Candidacy. After Mass, the almost 200 attendees joined in a social hour and formal dinner, where families of the seminarians were able to meet and get to know each other. Fr. Wierzba and Bishop Callahan both addressed the attendees and thanked them for supporting our seminarians during another great year.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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March for Life Pilgrimage

Over 200 diocesan Catholic School students, college students, and fighters for the cause to end abortion are scheduled to participate in March for Life in Washington D.C., January 27, 2016. To stay updated on the pilgrims' journey as they prepare for the March, visit sites in our nation's Capital, and attend March events, please visit www.diolc.org/yya. During the event, a live link to EWTN will be provided so you can watch the March for Life as it's happening.

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