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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Jan. 16

Tuesday, January 16

National Religious Freedom Day

7:00pm Webinar - Teaching the Way of Love: Expect Correct Behavior

Wednesday, January 17

Pilgrimage for Life - Washington, DC - Jan 17-21

Thursday, January 25

7:00pm Webinar - Before you Leave your Marriage - Join Us

Saturday, January 27

Brains and Brawn Middle School Competition - La Crosse

8:30am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Richland Center (One Day)

Monday, January 29

Catholic Schools Week - Jan 29-Feb 2

Thursday, February 8

7:00pm Webinar - Surviving Valentine's Day

Friday, February 9

Deacon Retreat - Marathon - Feb. 9-11

Saturday, February 10

9:30am Rite of Election Retreat - La Crosse

Tuesday, February 13

7:00pm Webinar - True Intimacy of Marriage

Saturday, February 17

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield (One Day)

Sunday, February 18

2:00pm Rite of Election - La Crosse

Tuesday, February 20

7:00pm Webinar - Teaching the Way of Love: Develop Virtue

Thursday, March 1

10:00am School Advisory Council meeting - Plover

Friday, March 2

10:00am Sesquicentennial School Mass for Prairie du Chien and Richland Center Deaneries - Richland Center

6:00pm Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Independence - March 2-3

Saturday, March 3

10:00am Sesquicentennial Opening Celebration Mass - Prairie du Chien

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

Facilitator Training for Small Groups

Joining with other Catholics for study, reflection and prayer is exceedingly helpful to participants' spiritual journeys. Lent is an ideal time to meet in small groups, however, most people are not comfortable with the idea of facilitating a group. To help overcome some reluctance to leading small groups, training on essential components, and assurance that they are not to be the teacher, has helped many will be excellent facilitators. (Note: The presenter in the video or the author of the book is the teacher.) Contact Ann at alankford@diolc.org if you are interested in Facilitator Training.

Lenten Small Groups Resources

The following resources are excellent. For more details and for a complete list of Programs [click here](#):

Oremus (Let us Pray) by Fr. Mark Toups 8 DVD sessions with workbook - very personable
Blessed Are You: Living the Beatitudes by Chris Ruff [click here](#) for book sample
Living the Discerning Life by Fr. Timothy Gallagher O.M.V. DVD's with materials

Returning DVD Programs and Resources

If you have completed a DVD Series or other resources that were checked out from the Curriculum Library, please return them as soon as possible.

Preparing for Vacation Bible School [click here](#)

Please see the list of several choices for Catholic Vacation Bible School. A new VBS this year is Discovery Mission. The basis is that Jesus has a plan and mission for my life – my vocation. “Vianney Vocations” and “God is Good” VBS are the authors.

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Stories / Memories of Father Joseph Walijewski

We have been collecting stories, memories, pictures, letters and other historical items related to Father Joseph Walijewski. If you become aware of people who knew Fr. Joe, or are wondering how to get any of these items into our growing collection, please contact our office. You can find out more about his cause at <http://frjoesguild.org/>.



Promoting your parish Lenten meals.

With Lent quickly approaching, it's time to start promoting your parish Lenten meals. We are again using the diocesan website to host the [Fish Frynder](#), a place where people can find when and where a fish fry, or other parish Lenten meal is taking place throughout the diocese. To get your parish event listed, please contact Pam Willer at datebook@diolc.org. As we get requests, we will add them to the Fish Frynder page listing your parish, the location, the times and the detailed information about the dinner including food options, as 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, 2018, and is to be celebrated in parishes on February 3-4, 2018. Please pray for consecrated persons at Holy Mass in the *Prayers of the Faithful* and please include a mention in your parish bulletin. Samples are below and more information [here](#).

Prayers of the Faithful

We pray for those who have answered God's call to consecrated life. May they always reveal the love and joy of Christ to those they encounter and continue to enrich our world by dedicated lives of prayer and service. Lord hear us...

We pray for all those who are discerning their vocation in life, particularly those whom the Lord is calling to consecrated life. May they be given the wisdom to hear God's call and the courage to respond generously. Lord hear us...

For your Parish Bulletin

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 2, 2018, and in parishes on the weekend of February 3-4, 2018. Please pray for all those in consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. 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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50th Jubilee Celebrations – First Request for Names

Each year, we ask for your help in securing the names, addresses and phone numbers of those couples in your parish who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during this calendar year of 2018. As you work to gather this information please ask for the assistance of your parish staff.

Click [here](#) for more information and to download the form used to submit names.

Natural Family Planning Education – Revised Registration Instructions

Now that NFP education is mandated for all engaged couples of childbearing years, there was a need to update the registration instructions. Please click [here](#) to get the updated registration form. *All previous versions of this document give incorrect information and should be destroyed.*

Share the Domestic Church Movement with Your Married Couples

Do you want couples in your parish to experience more joy-filled marriages? Invite them to take part in the Domestic Church retreat at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center on April 26-29. Couples attending the retreat will experience a renewed love as spouses together in Christ. Share information about the Domestic Church movement and encourage them to register today at: diolc.regfox.com/domestic-church-evangelization-retreat-april-2018. For more information, call 608-791-2673.

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Office for Ministries

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For Your Bulletin:

FAITH ALIVE LENTEN RESOURCE: New Book on the Beatitudes

Christopher Ruff has written a new book for small groups, titled "Blessed Are You" and centered on the Beatitudes (available Feb. 7 – Lent starts Feb. 14). Like the previous books in the Discipleship Series, each of its six sessions include Scripture, prayer and stories of people who exemplify each theme. It also incorporates discussion questions and a modest service component to put faith in action. To order (\$10 each), call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161 or email ministries@diolc.org. Visit www.diolc.org/faith-alive for more information and a preview.

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Office for Missions

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Mission Coop 2018: Applications for our international priests: If you are the coordinator for your diocese or religious order and your bishop or provincial has not yet submitted the Mission Coop 2018 application letter, please forward the information to the Mission Office (email to: mapel@diolc.org) **as soon as possible**. Please use the [Requirements for Application](#) to the Diocese of La Crosse Mission Coop Program. A new application is required for each year, even if you have participated in previous years. We appreciate the extra effort made by our international priests who are also serving as the MCP representatives and organizers.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Rite of Election Retreat, February 10

In preparation for the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion (February 18), 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 a retreat open to catechumens and candidates on Saturday, February 10, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Registration begins at 9:00, and the day will conclude at 2:30. Contents will include: 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. Registration form is available [here](#); deadline for registration is Friday, February 2.

Rite of Election, February 18

The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Sunday, February 18, 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 9.

Lenten Regulations

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. 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. 32).

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."

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, March 31 is to be at 7:30 p.m. So that the Vigil may begin in darkness, 8:00 should be the earliest beginning time for the vigil, while after 8:15 is ideal.

Chrism Mass

The annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27, beginning at 10:30.

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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 or kbecker@cclse.org. 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 Social Concerns

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Respect Life Prayers/Intentions Jan. 21

Since Sunday, January 21 is the eve of the sad anniversary of Roe v. Wade, it would be most appropriate for the Prayers of the Faithful in the Sunday Liturgy to reflect our concern for life in the womb. Beautiful examples from the USCCB can be found [here](#). Information on the US Bishops' "[9 Days for Life](#)" and other Respect Life resources and events (including Deacon *Holy Hours for Life* in various parishes of the diocese) can be found at www.diolc.org/respect-life.

Jan. 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal:

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the "[Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life](#)". The USCCB has [more information and resources here](#).

NOTE: Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection

Just a reminder that Bishop Callahan has asked parishes to take up the CCHD collection the last weekend of January or the first weekend of February. Parishes should have received the envelopes and [promotional materials](#) from the national CCHD office. The week before the collection, the following **Bulletin Announcement** should be run:

Bulletin Announcement for Weekend before Parish CCHD Collection:

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Rice Bowl and Mite Boxes

Confusion sometimes arises regarding Mites Boxes and the Rice Bowl program. **The Mite Box program** is an outreach from the Missionary Childhood Association, one of the Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Mission Office. It is a mandatory annual program in our Catholic Schools, CCD and Religious Education programs for children and youth. **The Rice Bowl program** is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Rice Bowl is an elective program that has a Lenten focus but could also be held at another time of year if desired. In any case, 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 Ministries and Social Concerns](#).

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Office for Temporalities

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SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendars for the 2018 Parish Finance Seminar. It will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at Three Bears Lodge in Warrens, Wisconsin.

Mileage Rate for 2018

Please note the new IRS Mileage rate as of January 1, 2018 is \$0.545 per mile. The Diocesan Curia reimburses mileage at the rate of \$0.45 per mile. Each parish or school may elect to pay whatever rate they would like as long as it does not exceed the IRS Mileage rate.

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Office for Vocations

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Please include the following intercession for vocations for your Sunday prayers of the faithful.

For an up-building of all vocations in the Church and in a particular way for priestly vocations for the Diocese of La Crosse from our parish.

REMINDER:

Bulletin Announcement: for weekends starting January 14th through February 11th:

You are invited! Come spend a weekend with the Sisters!

Who: Girls who are still in high school and are interested in learning more about prayer and religious life.

When: February 16-18, 2018
4:00 PM Friday - 11:00 AM Sunday

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation; [3730 East Avenue South; La Crosse, WI 54601](#)

Cost: \$30.00, includes meals.

Register: Online registration at www.matteredemptoris.org

Questions: Contact Sister M. Consolata at matteredemptoris@gmail.com or [608-788-4530](tel:608-788-4530)

Bulletin Announcement: for weekends starting January 21st through February 18th:

Arise! A Come and See Day with the Sisters!

Who: Girls ages 9 - 13, who are interested spending some time with the Sisters and others who enjoy spiritual things, while finding out more about religious life.

When: Saturday, March 17, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation; [3730 East Avenue South; La Crosse, WI 54601](#)

Cost: Donations accepted

Register: Online registration at www.matteredemptoris.org

Questions: Please contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or [608-788-4530](tel:608-788-4530)

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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There are some great opportunities coming up for young people. One is the Portage County Walk for Life and the other are retreats offered at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation. Please see our website for more details! <http://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/parish-rallies-and-retreats/>

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