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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

Week of January 15, 2017

Monday, January 16

National Religious Freedom Day

Wednesday, January 18

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

11:30am 31st Annual Iverson Freking Ecumenical Recognition Award Banquet - La Crosse

Thursday, January 19

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

3:30pm Free Adult Computer/iPad/Phone Sessions - Chippewa Falls

Friday, January 20

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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

4:00pm All You Can Eat Fish Fry - Eau Claire

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

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

10:00am Pro-Life Rally - Wausau

1:00pm Day of Prayer for Life - La Crosse

2:00pm Bingo Party - Chippewa Falls (Tilden)

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Promoting 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 the diocesan website you will find the [Fish Frynder](#), where people can go to see exactly 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 databook@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 Marriage & Family Life

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50th Anniversary Mass– Couple’s Information Needed

Since August 2000, the Diocese of La Crosse has sponsored 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating fifty years of marriage. It is a glorious day for these couples who have faithfully lived their wedding vows of fidelity and permanence.

We are asking for your help in securing the **names, addresses, and phone numbers** of those couples in your parish who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Please [click here](#) to download the registration form. Complete the form and return it to our office by March 20, 2017.

To download a letter from our office that describes the event in detail [click here](#).

New Year's Resolutions for Couples from "For Your Marriage" website

[For Your Marriage](#) is a wonderful website that offers married couples practical tips to strengthen their marriage. [Click here](#) to get a list of resolutions that you can share with the couples in your parish.

FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN

March is a perfect time to enrich your marriage. There are two marriage retreats in our diocese in early March. If you want to make your marriage stronger, consider registering for one of these March events by using the E-mail address following the location of your choice.
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
Visit: <http://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/> for more information about these retreats.

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Office for Ministries

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FOR YOUR PARISH 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 Feb. 3-4, 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 learn more. There is no fee unless you choose overnight lodging or meals. For more information on the LFI, visit www.diolc.org/lay-formation.

FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN:

Diaconate Discernment Retreat February 3-4, 2017

NEW Class for Deacon Formation Begins in Fall of 2017

A Discernment Retreat for men who feel they may be called to the permanent diaconate will be held Friday-Saturday, February 3-4 at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center in Marathon. For information and a registration form, visit www.diolc.org/deacon-discernment. For general information about the Permanent Diaconate visit <http://diolc.org/ministries/ministry-formation/diaconate/>. For more information, contact Christopher Ruff, Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, at cruff@diolc.org or (608) 791-2664. The Discernment Retreat is mandatory for those considering applying for the class beginning fall 2017.

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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 Social Concerns

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FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN:

Monday, Jan. 23 is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: The US Bishops call for it to 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." Pray also for the 225 pilgrims from around the diocese who are traveling to the March for Life to be held Friday, Jan. 27 in Washington, D.C. For more pro-life recommendations from the Bishops, visit: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/>.

Notes for Pastors: Liturgical resources for Jan. 23 are available here: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/january-22-day-of-prayer-leader-resources.cfm>

CCHD Collection last weekend of January or first weekend of February

IMPORTANT: Bishop Callahan has asked that parishes take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) on the weekend of January 28-29 or the weekend of February 4-5. All parishes should have received the necessary collection envelopes and publicity. Please publish the following bulletin announcement ***the weekend before*** your parish collection:

FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN: (*the weekend before your CCHD collection*):

Give Next Weekend to CCHD Collection

Next weekend's Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the collection stays in the Diocese of La Crosse for local grants. **Defend human dignity. Take poverty off the map. Please give to the CCHD Collection.**

POSSIBLE PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Human trafficking is the action or practice of illegally transporting people from one country or area to another, typically for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation or forced labor. This is a plague even in Wisconsin, and various coalitions have formed to fight it, including one spearheaded by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Visit <http://www.fspa.org/content/ministries/justice-peace/human-trafficking>.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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This week we wrap up our 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.

For all Pastor, 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

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! This will not be just a classroom lecture series but you will walk away with a tool you can use. The day will give you experience with practical tools you can use right away begin or advance your parish strategic plan.

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.

The day includes:

- Mass
- Reflection: "Discovering The UCCB's Pastoral Letter: 'Stewardship: A Disciple's Response.'"
- Contemplation: "Strategic Planning is Good Stewardship."
- Action: "Building a Successful Parish's Strategic Stewardship Plan"

A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided

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 in the Christ the King Chapel at 7:30 a.m.

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.

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Office for Vocations

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[2016 Annual Seminarian Christmas Party](#)

The annual Seminarian Christmas Party was a huge success! A great time to celebrate the past year with family and friends. Including 2 new men present who are in the application process for seminary, the 32 men helped decorate the refectory in the Holy Cross Diocesan Center to welcome their parents and friends, 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, this year, 4 seminarians received the Right of Candidacy --- Joseph Richards, Eric Mashak, Timothy Reither and Steven Weller.

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.

[Click here to read more about this event and view pictures you can share.](#)

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