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### **Officials**

No officials this week.



### **Events**

**Week of January 22, 2017**

## Tuesday, January 24

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

10:30am Tuesday Morning Spouse Loss Support Group - Eau Claire

## Wednesday, January 25

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Pilgrimage for Life

7:15pm Pro Life Presentation by Matt Sande - Onalaska

## Thursday, January 26

Pilgrimage for Life

## Friday, January 27

Pilgrimage for Life

## Saturday, January 28

Pilgrimage for Life

5:00pm 31st Annual Non Sibi Awards Dinner - Eau Claire

## Sunday, January 29

Pilgrimage for Life

8:30am St Adalbert Catholic School Breakfast Event - Rosholt

9:00am Plum City/Arkansas Pancake Breakfast - Plum City

## Wednesday, February 1

10:00am All School Mass with Bishop William Patrick Callahan - Eau Claire

4:30pm St Mary's Christian Mothers Annual Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup Supper - Colby

## Thursday, February 2

Presentation of the Lord: World Day for Consecrated Life

3:30pm Free presentation on pre-diabetes - La Crosse

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### Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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### LENTEN Small Group Resources

Adults need to be part of a small group, such as a Bible Study, to be with others whom they trust and develop a deep bond of community. We need to walk with others in deepening our

relationship with Christ and living out the Christian life. [Click here](#) for a list of excellent resources.

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## Office for Communications

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### 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](mailto: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 Marriage & Family Life

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### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass– Couple’s Information Needed – 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice

We are beginning our preparations for the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee anniversary celebrations and need your assistance to invite couples who will be married 50 years in 2017.

Please help us secure the **names, addresses, and phone numbers** of those couples in your parish who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> 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](#). Thank you!

## Retrouvaille Bulletin Announcement.

Does your marriage need help? Are you and your spouse living with pain, discouragement and frustration? Considering separation or divorce? Call Retrouvaille, the Church's most effective ministry to bring healing, hope and love to your marriage. To attend Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille near Wausau February 10-12, call 715 650 7751. God bless your marriage!

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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](mailto: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](http://www.diolc.org/lay-formation).

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### Office for Missions

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#### Mite Boxes and Rice Bowls:

We hope to clarify some confusion that has arisen. These two programs are both supported by diocesan offices, however, they need to be understood correctly. **The Mite Box program** is an outreach from the Holy Childhood Association (HCA), one of the Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Mission Office. Since 1960 Santa Cruz Parish, Bolivia has been a Mission Parish of the Diocese of La Crosse and for many years has been assisted by the efforts of our children in this annual collection. Mite Box is a mandatory program for our Catholic School, CCD and Religious Education programs for children and youth. **The Rice Bowl**

**program** is an activity sponsored by Catholic Relief Service (CRS). It is organized locally through the Social Concerns Office of the diocese. Rice Bowl is an elective program that may be held any time throughout the year with an emphasis on Lent, but 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 Social Concerns](#).

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## Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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**Priest/Deacon Funeral Mass:** To better assist in the preparations for priest/deacon funerals please respond to the email invitation sent from the Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies. Deans are kindly asked to contact the senior priests and senior deacons in their deanery to assist in their participation in attending the funeral. This helps ensure the proper number of vestments will be available and will also assist the host parish in the area of reserved seating needed for visiting clergy.

**Disposal of Old or Unused Liturgical Appointments:** The Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies would be happy to receive statues, vestments, ritual books, altar cloths, candlesticks, or other forms of stationary that are no longer used, but in usable condition. Likewise, if you're looking for religious appointments feel free to contact the latter on availability. This program is working very well and many diocesan institutions are grateful for this effort.

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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.

### **Pope Francis Grants Plenary Indulgence for Fatima Centennial**

Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence opportunity for the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions throughout the centennial year, from the 27th of November 2016 till the 26th of November 2017 (see full information [here](#)). In addition to the usual conditions and prayers (confession, Eucharistic communion, detachment from sin, and prayers for the Holy Father), the faithful may make a pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine or pray before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima:

1. To the faithful who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October 2017, and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.
2. To the faithful who, because of age, illness or other serious cause, are unable to get around, may pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13th of each month, between May and October 2017. They must also “offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives.”

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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](http://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](mailto:dkunz@diolc.org).

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## Office for Social Concerns

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### [Respect Life: Riding a New Wave of Hope](#)

Five full coach buses traveled from the Diocese of La Crosse to the Jan. 27 March for Life in Washington, D.C., the largest group yet (about 225). Across the nation, a new and hopeful day has dawned for respect for the sanctity of human life. Read more at [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life)....

### **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.**

### **FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN:**

[2017 Wisconsin Right to Life Legislative Conference](#) – February 7, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Best Western Plus Inn on the Park, 22 South Carroll St., Madison, WI 53703

Wisconsin Right to Life wants you to know that there is no mystery to the legislative process and that you can have a huge impact in Madison. With new confidence from this conference, participants will make the trip across the street to the state capitol to meet with our representatives and urge them to make right-to-life legislative priorities their priorities. For more, visit [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life) and click on "Events."

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## Office for Stewardship & Development

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### **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
- "Discovering the UCCB's Pastoral Letter: 'Stewardship: A Disciple's Response.'"
- "Strategic Planning is Good Stewardship."
- "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, 2017**

La Crosse Diocesan Center, La Crosse  
Beginning with Mass in the Christ the King Chapel at 7:30 A.M.

#### **Wednesday, February 15, 2017**

Immaculate Conception Parish, Eau Claire  
Beginning with Mass at 7:00 A.M.

#### **Thursday, February 16, 2017**

St. Joseph's Parish, Stevens Point  
Beginning with Mass at 8:00 A.M.

***Register now by clicking the link below:***

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054baca82fa6fb6-strategic>

## The Diocesan Annual Appeal Reporting

Our new Diocesan Annual Appeal Reporting tool, GivingTrend, is live and going. GivingTrend is a powerful easy to use browser based tool that leverages current technologies to present your parish progress and donor activity in a secure environment. GivingTrend will replace the old progress report found on the Appeal Portal. GivingTrend is an enhanced reporting tool that will provide faster reporting time. GivingTrend will also provide you the tools to understand your parish and donor's giving at a deeper level than ever before.

Still need your GivingTrend reporting sign-on credentials? Complete the registration form here <https://goo.gl/forms/4GYRkUqwLnWCnTn82> and watch a recorded version of one of our training sessions here <HTTP://www.c.v.v>.

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### Office for Vocations

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We are preparing for Spring Admissions Boards. Please keep our new applicants in your thoughts and prayers!

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### Office for Vicar for Clergy

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SAVE THE DATES.

Priest Spring Retreat –April 24, 2017 to April 28, 2017 -[Registration form download here](#)

Priest Unity Days- June 22, 2017 to June 24, 2017

Fall Clergy Conference – October 9, 2017 to October 10, 2017

Priest Spring Retreat – April 9, 2018 to April 13, 2018

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### Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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