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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Jan. 30

Friday, February 2

World Day for Consecrated Life

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

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

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

Friday, February 23

Day of Prayer and Penance for Diocesan and Universal Church needs

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

10:00am Live Stream - St Gabriel Church - Prairie du Chien – Sesquicentennial Opening Mass

Sunday, March 4

10:30am Sesquicentennial Mass - Rolling Ground

Friday, March 9

5:30pm Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - March 9-10

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

Bulletin Announcement: Reading the Catechism 10 minutes a day

Would you like to deepen your relationship with Christ during the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of our diocese? Reading the Catechism over 38 weeks would be a great way to do this. Every two weeks participants receive a schedule for 15 paragraphs a night, 5 nights a week (weekends off). If you are interested in further details and/or signing up to begin the first week of Lent, email Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org.

Lenten Resources for Religious Education [click here](#)

Check out Stations for Children, DVDs, daily devotions for catechists and parents and other materials.

Lenten Resources for your Parish - give a good book on Ash Wednesday

- \$2 books (500+) \$3 books (6 -499) plus free shipping from Dynamic Catholic: [click here](#)
2 excellent choices – Books can change our lives!
Into the Deep: Finding Peace through Prayer by Dan Burke
Catholic and Christian: An Explanation of Commonly Misunderstood Catholic Beliefs
by Alan Shreck

Small Groups in your Parish: Bible Studies and Faith-Building Resources

Meeting regularly with other like-minded Catholics builds community, develops strong friendships in Christ and provides a specific time to deepen your relationship with the Lord – to list a few of the many benefits.

To view a list of resources that have worked well in parishes and Catholic schools, [click here](#).

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Bishop Callahan's Lenten Message and supporting graphics

Bishop Callahan's Lenten video greeting is available [here http://youtu.be/ucuPDwGMks0](http://youtu.be/ucuPDwGMks0)
Please share his message on your Facebook and your parish website.

Lenten website and Facebook banners are available for your use at the [diocesan media resources page](#).

Reminder: For your parish bulletin:

Looking for a close by Fish Fry?

With Lent quickly approaching, it's time to think about enjoying a parish fish fry. You can use the diocesan [Fish Frynder](#), where you will find Lenten meals listed by parish with the location, the times and detailed information about the meal. diolc.org/fishfrynder

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Teaching the Way of Love Parent Newsletter

The February TWL newsletter is ready for distribution. Read or download the latest at this [link](#). Thank you for widely distributing this with the parents you serve.

For your parish bulletin:

National Marriage Encounter Weekend March 10-11

A National Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for March 10th and 11th in Eau Claire. Marriage Encounter is designed for couples who are interested in having a closer relationship in their marriage. The weekend will begin on Saturday morning with 7:30 registration and close on Sunday afternoon by 3:45 pm. For more information contact Chippewa Valley Marriage Encounter, 127 E. Mac Arthur Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701; phone at 715-832-3296, e-mail at rippsk@charter.net or through our website at www.marriage-encounter.org/Affiliates/chippewa.htm.

Reminder: 50th Jubilee Celebrations – Second 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.

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Office for Ministries

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For your Parish Bulletin:

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, April 7

Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Anthony's Retreat Center on April 7, 2018. Then call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161. A new deacon

formation class will begin in the fall of 2019 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat (this spring or next) is a prerequisite. For more information, visit www.diolc.org/diaconate.

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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.

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."

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Office for Safe Environment

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Reminder: Yearly reports are due March 1, 2018

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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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](#).

40 Days for Life Campaign – Stevens Point

From February 14 - March 25, you are invited to join others for the Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign, part of a world-wide initiative of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion (visit www.40daysforlife.com/stevens-point). There will be a kick-off rally with speaker & potluck (main dish provided) from 6:00 to 8:00pm on Tuesday, February 13th at Saint Bronislava. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact: Jim Havlovick at 715-544-0447 or 715-570-4619 (cell) or Gary Oudenhoven at 715-321-2283 (cell).

FAITH ALIVE Lenten Resource with Service Component: New Book on the Beatitudes

Christopher Ruff has written a new book for small groups, titled “Blessed Are You” and centered on the Beatitudes. 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.

Reminder: For your parish bulletin:

Volunteer for mission trip to rebuild after Hurricane Harvey

A group of volunteers from St. Henry Watermark Mission, an ecumenical initiative from St. Henry Parish in Eau Galle, will be traveling to Houston, TX, this spring to help with rebuilding efforts for residents most in need in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. The group will assist with carpentry, sheetrock, mud, tape, insulation, some electrical/plumbing, paint, flooring, finish work, and landscaping. For more information, contact Gary Asher at 715.283.4451 or rasher@wwt.net.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal

We continue to outpace last year's collections by over \$103,000 for the same period. We are less than \$225,000 shy of reaching our \$5.5m target. Thank you for all your hard work! We currently have 49 parishes that are at or over their goal and 22 more parishes that are within 10% of their goal.

So far this year we have 655 new contributors and 1,477 donors who have re-engaged after not giving to last year's appeal.

Holy Week mailing. We will be mailing all newly registered parishioners since our last mailing and any person who has given to the appeal in the past but has not yet given this year. Last year we had a great response to this mailing, we expect the same this year.

In late May, we will have our final diocesan mailing in which we will focus on people from parishes that are below their target. We will also be mailing all newly registered parishioners since our Holy Week mailing.

The 2017 Diocesan Tax Statements should be in mailboxes already. If you have a donor who has not received their statement by February 5th, please contact Sarah Komperud at skomperud@diolc.org or 608.791.2653

Are you thinking about a Capital Campaign, Planned Giving, or becoming a Stewardship parish? Please contact our office. We can help and connect you with many great resources.

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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.

That families will strive to make their homes places where children can hear God call them by name.

Reminder: Bulletin Announcement: for weekends February 3rd 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.materredemptoris.org

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

Bulletin Announcement: for weekends February 3rd 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.materredemptoris.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 Vicar for Clergy

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Upcoming in 2018

Deacon Retreat in Marathon, WI, February 9-11 – still time to register if you haven't already

International Priest Meeting and Luncheon at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center, March 7 @ 11:30 rsvp by February 28, 2018 to Teresa Brown 608-791-2679 or tbrown@diolc.org

Priest Retreat in Marathon, WI April 9-13, 2018

Priest Unity Days at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center, June 28-30, 2018

Deacon and Wives afternoon with the Bishop at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center, August 11, 2018

Fall Clergy Conference at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center October 8-9, 2018

2019 Dates and Events

Priest Retreat April 29-30 and May 1-3, 2019

Priest Unity Days June 20-22, 2019

Deacon and Wives afternoon with the Bishop Holy Cross Diocesan Center, August 10, 2019

Fall Clergy Conference October 14-15, 2019

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Highlights and pictures from the 2018 March for Life -

<http://catholiclife.diolc.org/2018/01/26/highlights-from-the-2018-march-for-life/>

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