



Chancery Bulletin - Vol. 4, No. 1.1 | January 8, 2019

- [Catechesis & Evangelization](#)
- [Chancery](#)
- [Communications](#)
- [Consecrated Life](#)
- [Marriage & Family Life](#)
- [Ministries](#)
- [Mission Office](#)
- [Pontifical Ceremonies](#)
- [Sacred Worship](#)
- [Safe Environment](#)
- [Schools Office](#)
- [Social Concerns](#)
- [Stewardship and Development](#)
- [Temporalities](#)
- [Vocations](#)
- [Vicar for Clergy](#)
- [Youth and Young Adult Ministry](#)
- [Past Chancery Bulletins](#)



Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Jan. 8

Tuesday, January 8

8:30am Winter Administrators' Meeting - La Crosse

Wednesday, January 9

8:30am New Administrators' Meeting - La Crosse

Friday, January 11

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - Jan. 11 - 12

Hispanic Young Adult Retreat - Green Bay - Jan 11 - 12

Saturday, January 12

8:30am Given - Marriage Enrichment Retreat in Marshfield

9:00am Burning Hearts Theology of the Body - Tomah

5:30pm Chalice of Mercy Annual Ukrainian Christmas Dinner - Chippewa Falls

Monday, January 14

7:00pm Webinar - Raise Them Well - Emotional Maturity

Wednesday, January 16

National Religious Freedom Day

Pilgrimage for Life - Washington, DC - Jan. 16 - 20

Saturday, January 19

7:30am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point

9:00am Hispanic Lay Formation Institute - Alma Center

Tuesday, January 22

10:00am Founder of Pro-Life Action League, Joseph M. Scheidler, to Speak - La Crosse

Saturday, January 26

Given Marriage Retreat - Chippewa Falls

8:00am Brains and Brawn - La Crosse

9:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Richland Center

9:00am Burning Hearts Theology of the Body - Wausau

Sunday, January 27

Catholic Schools Week - Jan. 27 - Feb. 2

Friday, February 1

Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - February 1 - 2

Diaconate Discernment Retreat - Marathon - Feb. 1 - 2

[<<Top >>](#)



Chancery Office

Chancellor Very Rev. William Dhein – 608-791-2655 | wdhein@diolc.org

No items this week.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

Director: Ann Lankford – 608-791-2658 | alankford@diolc.org

Bulletin Insert for January 20 [click here](#)

How can we really understand our human dignity? By looking at our reflection in “God’s mirror.”

Going Deeper in Prayer – 12th Grade

The Prayer Card for 12th Graders and their parents, along with resources that are focused on the ways that God offers us guidance, is now available here:

<http://diolc.org/catechesis/prayer/>

Teachers and catechists are asked to support the family in “Going Deeper in Prayer” by also using these resources.

Reminder: BEET Grant Application for 2019-2020

BEET stands for Bishop’s Educational Endowment Trust, and the purpose of this trust is to support and assist the mission of the Diocese of La Crosse in providing funds for all aspects of Catholic education. Parish Catechetical Leaders: Please consider filling out a grant application to help pay for some aspect of Catholic formation where there is financial need.

The grant application and instructions for the upcoming 2019-2020 year are now available by clicking [here](#). Please read the instructions page to determine if your project meets the grant requirements.

Fully completed applications are due on or before **Friday, February 1, 2019**.

Questions regarding grant applications can be directed to Kimberly Huston at khuston@diolc.org or Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Communications

Director: Jack Felsheim – 608-791-2663 | jfelsheim@diolc.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.

Reminder: Join the Facebook Social Media Group

The Office for Communications has established a Facebook group to help facilitate your sharing of diocesan Facebook posts. Please use [this link](#) to join the group. Being a member of this group will ensure you get notice of all diocesan Facebook posts. You can then share the posts on your parish Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/363387170779492/>

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Consecrated Life

Director: Sr. Donna Krzmarzick, ISSM – 608-791-2690 | dkrzmarzick@diolc.org

No items this week.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Marriage & Family Life

Director: Alice Heinzen – 608-791-2673 | aheinzen@diolc.org

Teaching the Way of Love Newsletter for January

The January issue of the TWL parent newsletter is ready for download and distribution to the parents you serve. Access it by clicking [here](#). Thank you for sharing this with your families this week.

GIVEN Retreats in January

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating, and engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, lively music and adoration, prayer & reconciliation. GIVEN retreats help couples foster a deeper relationship that is rooted in Jesus Christ & His Church. Encourage the couples in your parish to attend either the event this Saturday in Marshfield at St. John the Baptist Parish or the retreat on January 26th in Chippewa Falls at Notre Dame Parish. Register at <http://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>. Click [here](#) to download the GIVEN poster.

For Parish Bulletins and Facebook on January 20 - Announcement #5

In the coming weeks you will be learning more about an initiative called Safe Haven Sunday that will help families avoid the ill effects of pornography. Did you know that porn plays a significant role in marital strife and divorce? Research shows us that:

- 68% of the divorces involved one party meeting a new partner over the Internet.
- 56% involved one party having “an obsessive interest in pornographic websites.”
- 47% involved spending excessive time on the computer.
- 33% involved excessive time spent speaking in chat rooms.

Learn more about ending porn exposure at diolc.org/shs
 Come to church on Safe Haven Sunday – March 10th.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Ministries

Director: Christopher Ruff – 608-791-0161 | cruff@diolc.org

Reminder: For Your Parish Bulletin

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Feb. 1-2, 2019

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 as a deacon? Talk to your pastor about attending the Discernment Retreat to be held at St. Anthony Spirituality Center Feb. 1-2, 2019, and then call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161. A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite. For more on the diaconate and the discernment retreat, visit www.diolc.org/diaconate.

Reminder: For Your Parish Bulletin

New Diocesan Lay Formation Institute class launches fall of 2019

Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! Registration is now underway for the next two-year cycle that begins fall of 2019. Brochures and application forms can be downloaded at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and consider scheduling a free “guest visit” to a class this spring to see what it’s like! Just contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

Reminder: New Leader of Prayer Class Begins in June 2019

Applications are now open for a new class of men and women who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer for the Diocese of La Crosse. This is a three-part course of study by which lay persons are prepared and commissioned to serve their parishes by bringing Holy Communion to the sick; conducting a Liturgy of the Word on weekdays when a priest is unavailable (or on Sunday in care facilities or jails); and by leading parishioners in prayer at other times. Applicants must have completed the Lay Formation Institute and be sponsored by their pastor. For more information and to apply, visit www.diolc.org/ministries and click on “Leader of Prayer.”

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Missions

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608-791-2676 | wpace@diolc.org

No items this week.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

Director: Michael Haight – 608-791-2697 | ceremonies@diolc.org

No items this week.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Sacred Worship

Director: Christopher Carstens – 608-791-0161 | ccarstens@diolc.org

Rite of Election Retreat, March 2

In preparation for the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion (March 10), 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, March 2: at St. Peter Parish in Stevens Point, St. Mary Parish in Altoona, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Although schedules may vary slightly at each retreat site, the day will include Mass, three spiritual talks, time for reflection, and lunch. A site-specific schedule will be sent upon registration or upon request. Registration form is available [here](#); deadline is February 22. Please encourage those in your RCIA process to reserve this date.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Safe Environment

Coordinator: Teresa Brown – 608-791-2679 | tbrown@diolc.org

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 Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or tbrown@diolc.org

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Catholic Schools

Superintendent: Thomas Reichenbacher – 608-788-7707 | treichenbacher@diolc.org

Thank you to Viterbo University and Aquinas Catholic High School for hosting the first Bishop John Paul Basketball Showcase. The day went extremely well. Bishop Callahan was our celebrant for Mass. His message of recognizing Christ everyday was meaningful to all of the teams.

Some calendar reminders for January 2019 –
The annual middle school Brains and Brawn competition is January 26.
Catholic Schools Week begins January 27.

Catholic Schools Week

When celebrating and taking pictures, please share with the hashtag #cswdiolc19 so that we can find and share those posts through the diocese social media accounts. Thanks!

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Social Concerns

Director: Christopher Ruff – 608-791-0161 | cruff@diolc.org

For your Parish Bulletin:

Jan. 22 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Joseph M. Scheidler, founder of the *Pro-Life Action League*, will speak in the lower level of the church at 10:00 am. A Mass for Life celebrated by the Friars will follow at 11:00 am.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Stewardship & Development

Director: Jeff Reiter – 608-791-2653 | jreiter@diolc.org

Tax Statements

We are still getting a few contributions postmarked December 31, 2018, or before. Therefore, we will process Tax Statements for the 2018 Annual Appeal Contributions beginning Thursday January 10, 2019. We expect that tax statements will be in the mail the week of January 21, 2019. The IRS postmark deadline for tax statements is January 31, 2019.

Reminder:

Online Giving is available for the Diocesan Annual Appeal on the web page of the Office for Stewardship and Development at <https://diolc.org/donate-online/> or by using the myParish app. Feel free to post this link on your website and in your bulletin.

Reminder:

A new Planned Giving – Gifts in Wills and Estate Planning website. We now have a new website to help with planned giving and estate planning. We encourage you to view and share this site, diolclegacy.org, with your parish leadership. We have already received several inquiries for the email newsletter and materials. We will begin to roll out this site in earnest, first with meetings to train parish leadership to respond to requests for information. We will then come back with scheduled, and upon request, parish presentations to promote this tool and educate your parishioners, showing them how easy it is to make a legacy gift and how great the impact such gifts can have. Please contact our office if you would like cobranded hard copies of the materials

Is your parish exploring the idea of a Capital Campaign, Strategic Planning, interested in Planned Giving, or want to become a Stewardship Parish? If you want ideas to reinvigorate your stewardship journey or want to share your stewardship successes and trials, please give our office a call - we would love the opportunity to serve you.

<<Top >>



Office for Temporalities

Director: Aad de Lange – 608-791-2668 | adelange@diolc.org

Updates from St. Ambrose Financial Services Interest Rates

The interest rates have changed for the 1st quarter of the new year and are effective January 1, 2019, increasing by 25 basis points.

- Deposits will now earn 2.45%
- Loans will accrue interest at 3.20%
- Lines of Credit will accrue interest 5.20%.

Monthly Billing and Deposit & Loan Statements

We've transitioned to new technology the beginning of December. This means that billing and statements will look significantly different this month. We hope you like the changes.

Contact Information:

- St. Ambrose Financial Services – SAFS@stambrosefinancial.com - 608.791.2669
- Dennis Herricks – dherricks@stambrosefinancial.com - 608.519.9893
- Cheryl Cummings – cummings@stambrosefinancial.com - 608.519.9894
- Fax Number – 608.787.8068

<<Top >>



Office for Vocations

Director: Fr. Alan Wierzba – 608-791-2667 | awierzba@diolc.org

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

That we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world as we discern where our Lord is calling us to serve.

Reminder: For your parish bulletin until the weekend of January 27th

Hearts Open Wide - High School Retreat at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation

Come join other high school women for a weekend retreat designed to help you come to a deeper understanding of God's call for your life. Join the Sisters in prayer, fellowship, activities, and Mass. Attendance does not imply that a girl is in the discernment process. This weekend is just to find out what the life is all about while growing in prayer and having some fun.

When: February 8-10, 2019

Who: Young women currently in high school

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse

Registration and Information: Register by January 30th at www.materredemptoris.org

Questions: Contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or materredemptoris@gmail.com

Reminder: For your parish bulletin until the weekend of March 13th

Children's Come and See Day at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation

Come and See is an opportunity to visit with the Sisters, pray, play and learn more about the Sisters' lives.

When: March 23, 2019

Who: Girls ages 9-12

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse

Registration and Information: Register by March 13 (or until filled) at www.materredemptoris.org

Questions: Contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or materredemptoris@gmail.com

Reminder: The new seminarian prayer books are completed. Please contact Renee at rorth@diolc.org or 608-791-2667 if you would like some.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Vicar for Clergy

Director: Msgr. David Kunz – 608-791-2689 | tbrown@diolc.org

No items this week.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Director: Christopher Rogers – 608-791-2652 | crogers@diolc.org

Reminder: For Your Bulletin

Burning Hearts Theology of the Body “Engaging Adults in the Theology of the Body: Rediscovering the Meaning of Life, Love, Sex, and Gender.”

Consider attending this day-long seminar where adults will learn and understand the heart of Theology of the Body, and walk away with practical ways to form young people in helping them to understand their dignity and God’s plan for sexuality. The dates and locations are:

- January 12, 2019 at Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church in Tomah, WI
- January 26, 2019 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Wausau, WI

*Each day will run 9:00am-3:45pm. The first 50 people to register at each site are free. Then it’s \$10 per person including lunch. Please register online by going to <http://diolc.org/yya/burning-hearts/> and follow the instructions.

Reminder: Save the date for NCYC 2019! (National Catholic Youth Conference) November 21-24, 2019 We are very excited that the planning process has begun for the biannual National Catholic Youth Conference event that brings together more than 20,000 Catholic youth and adults from all over the country for an incredible faith experience! Save the date for November 21-24, 2019. The Diocese of La Crosse is organizing a delegation and we want you to be part of that group!

Please go to our NCYC planning website at <https://diolcncyc.weebly.com/> to get more information and to stay up to date on the latest details! To register your group with us or sign up to receive the latest updates, please go to: <https://diolcncyc.weebly.com/>. Stay tuned to future chancery bulletins for further updates!

Save the Date! Adventure Camp 2019 is Happening!

Despite the transition, camp is definitely a go, and we are even looking at increasing the attendance from our diocese! Adventure Camp 2019 will be held at Crosswoods Camp in Mason, WI.

Over the years, Adventure Camp has been an amazing opportunity for young people to experience their faith in ways they never imagined. For some campers, it is where they really begin to understand that they have a relationship with Christ.

Dates we have reserved are:

Week 1: June 23-28, 2019

Week 2: July 7-12, 2019

Week 3: August 4-9, 2019

More information will be coming out, but please let us know if you have any questions.

[<<Top >>](#)

Diocese of La Crosse | 3710 East Ave S | La Crosse, WI 54601 | 608-788-7700
To unsubscribe from this e-mail message contact mwilson@diolc.org

