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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Jan. 9

Wednesday, January 10

10:00am School Administrators' Wisconsin Parental Choice Meeting - La Crosse

Saturday, January 13

7:30am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point \(One Day\)](#)

8:30am [Catholic Scout Retreat 2017: Spiritual High Adventure - Sparta](#)

6:00pm [Chalice of Mercy Ukrainian Christmas Dinner - Chippewa Falls](#)

Sunday, January 14

[March for Life - Chicago](#)

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 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](#)

Tuesday, February 13

7:00pm Webinar - True Intimacy of Marriage

Saturday, February 17

8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield \(One Day\)](#)

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BULLETIN INSERT for the weekend of January 21 [click here](#)

The [prayer card for the 150th Anniversary](#) of our Diocese includes a stained glass window from the Cathedral featuring an angel. It is important to remember and be thankful for the Gift of God's holy angels.

Bible and Faith Study Group Resources

Ongoing study of the Faith is essential for all Catholics and strengthening fellowship among parishioners is very important. The following are three excellent resources:

- 1) Oremus, Let us Pray by Fr. Mark Toups
- 2) Living the Discerning Life by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V.
- 3) Blessed Are You, new Discipleship Series book on the Beatitudes by Christopher Ruff

For more information about these resources, and to see many other choices, [click here](#).

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Attn: Parish secretaries/administrative assistants:

Parish Message Lines for the March issue of *Catholic Life* are due Friday, January 12.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Reminder:

For your Parish Bulletin – *please give thanks for Retirement Fund donations*

Religious give thanks. A religious sister writes, “When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless.” Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Upcoming Webinars – Please Share with your Parish Membership

January 16 – Teaching the Way of Love: Expect Correct Behavior

Everyone needs boundaries and goals - especially your children. Want to learn how to set standards that you can actually expect your children to follow? Join Jeff Arrowood and Alice

Heinzen, co-authors of the Teaching the Way of Love program as they explore the art of establishing boundaries and expectations that will help you develop your children's personal responsibility. Register by clicking [here](#).

January 25th – Before your Leave your Marriage...

All marriages have difficulties. That's the bad news. Here's the good news. Difficulties in marriage can be overcome. It is possible to restore marital harmony. Join Marie and Tom Fleisner as they share their story of marital discord, their experience with *Retrouvaille*, and the resulting joy they now embrace as husband and wife.

This session is intended for spouses who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced. There is always hope of reviving your relationship - ALWAYS. Register by clicking [here](#).

Our Marriage Prayer Event – February 11th

Our office fully supports the Knights of Columbus initiative called Our Marriage Prayer Event which is described [here](#). This initiative can be part of the National Marriage week celebration mentioned in last week's bulletin. Please work with your KC's to include the marriage prayer in your parish event.

For Your Bulletin – Retrouvaille Announcements for Jan. 14 – Feb. 4th.

Click [here](#) to download bulletin announcements about the upcoming Retrouvaille retreat Feb. 9-11th.

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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. The 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. Registration form is available [here](#); deadline is Friday, February 3.

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.

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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 Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal - Update

We continue to outpace last year's Annual Appeal; we have received \$5.2 million in pledges and received gifts so far this year versus \$5 million for the same period last year. Some other highlights are: 630 first time donors giving \$87,000, and 1,364 donors who have re-engaged after not participating in the past several years giving more than \$183,000.

With the addition of the in-house scanning software and gift processing, we are processing all gifts the same day we receive them. Last year at this time, the processing was taking us 12 days from gift posting to reporting.

Rebates

The first parish rebates of this year's Annual Appeal will be arriving next week in parishes. Thirty-six parishes will receive a check this month. These 36 parishes have generated rebates of \$264,391.99. Even more exciting, there are a couple dozen more parishes within striking distance of their goal.

Tax Statements

2017 Tax Statements will be going to the printers at the end of this week. This will give us plenty of time to meet the January 31, 2018, mailing deadline. We expect that the Tax Statements will be in homes before the January 31 date.

Reminders

January reminders will be going to the printers on Wednesday, January 10th with a mail drop of January 15th. We are aware that the post office is not delivering or delaying delivery of nonprofit mail. We have been able to track mail pieces to the bin that was transported to the Post Office, and for some reason, the mail is delayed for several days or is not being delivered at all. If your parishioners are saying they are not receiving their mail, please let us know so we can document our case.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Stewardship and Development to discuss strategies to get more of your parishioners engaged in stewardship.

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Office for Temporalities

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SAVE THE DATE

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

Updates from St. Ambrose Financial Services

- The interest rates have changed effective January 2, 2018 increasing by 35 basis points. Deposits will now earn 1.40% and loans will accrue interest at 2.15% and Lines of Credit will be at 4.15%.
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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 a strengthening of all vocations, that we may all strive to follow God's call to holiness.

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.materredemptoris.org

Questions: Contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@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.materredemptoris.org

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

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