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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Nov. 14

Tuesday, November 14

Curriculum Work Day - Eau Claire

Friday, November 17

Final Iowa Testing Date open

Tuesday, November 21

7:00pm Webinar - Teaching the Way of Love: Become Family

Wednesday, November 22

Final UPS pick up date for Iowa Testing

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving-- Curia Offices Closed

Friday, November 24

Day after Thanksgiving - Curia Offices Closed

Sunday, November 26

Solemnity of Christ the King

Friday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Curia Offices Closed

Monday, December 11

7:00pm Webinar - Teaching the Way of Love: Choose Charity

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day-- Curia Offices closed

Tuesday, December 26

Curia Offices Closed

Monday, January 1, 2018

New Year's Day-- Curia Offices closed

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

School Administrators' Winter Meeting - La Crosse

Saturday, January 13, 2018

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

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Safe Environment Power Point Lessons

Chris Rogers and Ann Lankford are developing power point presentations for safe environment student training. Show them from the website or download them to a computer. Kindergarten through 4th grade are now available. [Click here for the materials.](#) The power points are located on the Safe Environment webpage, in the Library, on the right hand side of the page.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

This simple, attractive method allows children the time to reflect upon the stories of Scripture, the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist, and the way in which we pattern time upon the life of Christ. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd engages the child's body, mind and spirit and invites the child to encounter Christ – the Good Shepherd. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd was implemented in several parishes in the diocese a few years ago and is bearing abundantly good fruit. If you are interested in more details, please contact Ann Lankford at the number or email listed above.

Christmas Gift for Parishioners and Visitors

A great way to give parishioners a gift and re-engage disengaged Catholics is to give out a great book on Christmas. "Catholic and Christian, An Explanation of Commonly Misunderstood Catholic Beliefs" by Alan Schreck is now in its 20th Anniversary Edition because it answers questions about the Faith in a way that people understand. Price: to order 6 – 499 is \$3 and free shipping; to order +500 is \$2 a copy and free shipping. [Click here to order from the Dynamic Catholic website.](#)

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RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The annual collection in parishes for the national Retirement Fund for Religious is scheduled for the weekend of **December 9-10**. In the weeks before the collection, please promote the campaign in your parish bulletin and, on the weekend itself, please include a petition for retired religious in your General Intercessions at holy Mass (see below).

FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN (starting at least two weeks *before* December 9-10)
Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. All of us, in some way or another, have benefitted from their many years of service in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes. *Often they received little to no pay, and now there is a shortage in retirement savings.* Your gift to the national Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medication, nursing care, and more. The collection for this campaign will be at holy Mass the weekend of December 9-10. Thank you for your support! *Roughly 94 percent of donations to the fund directly aids senior religious and their communities.*

SAMPLE PETITION for Holy Mass (for Masses the weekend of December 9-10)

We pray for God's continued blessings on all our women and men religious, especially those who have served others over many years and are now in need themselves.

For more information and further resources: [Retirement Fund for Religious](#)

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Your Bulletin - Parenting Webinar Series – Becoming a Family

Becoming a family isn't difficult. But, becoming a great family takes effort. Join Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen on Tuesday, November 21st at 7PM to find out what four tasks great families have in common and how to incorporate them into your home. Register at diolc.org/marriage/webinars/ today.

Pastors – Need help addressing cohabitation?

Addressing cohabitation - with engaged couples - may not be easy; but it is necessary. Click [here](#) to learn more about guidelines, pastoral approaches and homily ideas.

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Office for Missions

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Reminder: Excess Mass Stipends: All Souls Day, November 2, is an annual reminder of our sacred privilege and serious obligation to pray for the dead. This Spiritual Work of Mercy follows the example of Judah when he took up a collection and prayed for his fallen soldiers

(2 Maccabees 12:43-46). It also attests to the purifying power of God's mercy and the prayer of the Church. Already in the Early Church, Masses were offered for the repose of the Christian soul. Today we offer Masses with a recommended stipend of \$10.00 for an intention. The parish is the primary place for such Masses to take place. If, however, the number of stipends collected exceeds the ability of the local church to meet the intentions within a reasonable time, the Mission Office can forward the Mass stipends and accompanying intentions to dioceses, religious orders and other priests for the sake of gaining the benefit of the offering as soon as possible. This is appreciated especially in areas of the world which struggle under great poverty. If you have any questions about how this is done, please let us know.

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Remaining Fall Confirmations: The season is winding down but the Holy Spirit is just heating up in the newly Confirmed! Pastors, if you are preparing for confirmation, watch your email inbox for detailed information for your respective Confirmation liturgy. Please remember to complete all forms in full and return them no later than one week of the anticipated date of the ceremony. Any questions in regards to the liturgical celebration can be directed to the Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies.

Reminder - Liturgy Forms/Guidelines: Please be sure to read all the information sent in regards to the *Rite of Confirmation Liturgy* - most importantly the *Emcee Letter* and the *Ceremonial Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation*. Both of these documents include new and updated information that will help make your Confirmation Liturgy go smoothly and with proper solemnity. One new guideline pertains to the reception of the gifts during the Offertory.

Reminder - Funeral Masses of Diocesan Clerics and their Parents: To better assist in the preparations for these 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.

Reminder - 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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[Click here for the 2018 Liturgical Calendar.](#)

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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 Social Concerns

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Pastors, Deacons and Parish Social Concerns Representatives:

See the Directory of Parish Social Ministry Initiatives

See a regularly updated directory of the beautiful initiatives being carried out by our parishes and deaneries for our neighbors in need. Visit www.diolc.org/social-initiatives. Use the online submission form to help us stay up-to-date with your outreach efforts.

See Excellent short videos on 7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

A new link has been added to the Social Concerns website that takes you to an outstanding short video series on the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. This is an excellent resource for classrooms or adult formation. [Click here](#) for this and other resources on “Catholic Social Teaching.”

Pastors and Deacons – CRS Global Fellow Opportunity

Would you like to become a Global Fellow Ambassador or Associate for Catholic Relief Services (CRS)? This involves speaking about the work of CRS in your own parish (Associate) or beyond (Ambassador). It typically also involves one CRS immersion experience overseas, sponsored by CRS. Visit the [CRS Clergy Resources page](#) and scroll down for more information, or contact Christopher Ruff at 608-791-2664.

Parish Bulletin Editors – Series of Notices re: Human Trafficking

See the Social Concerns webpage on [Human Trafficking](#) for a series of bulletin notices for the period Dec. 2017-Nov. 2018, in both English and Spanish. Let’s work to end this shameful scourge.

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Office for Vocations

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All clergy are welcome to attend the Seminarian Christmas Dinner on December 29th. Invitations will be coming in the mail soon.

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

November 19 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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