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A message from Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Christmas 2018

Dear Friends and Families:

The Joyous news of Christmas awakes around us and invites us to experience what we know to be the Divinely eloquent truth of God's involvement with the human race! Please allow me the opportunity to thank you for the genuine way in which you make the living Christ personally present to me in so many ways. While this has been a busy year with its own twists and turns, we have remained steadfast in our service to God and His People who expect to *see, hear* and *experience* Jesus in and through us!

My sincere prayers and best wishes are with all of you for a very happy and blessed Christmas! Thanks for all you do!

Sincerely,

Bishop William



Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Dec. 18

Monday, December 24

Christmas - Curia Offices Closed Dec 24 - 26

Monday, December 31

New Year's Holiday - Curia Offices Closed Dec. 31 - Jan. 1

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

8:30am Winter Administrators' Meeting - La Crosse

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

8:30am New Administrators' Meeting - La Crosse

Friday, January 11, 2019

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

Saturday, January 12, 2019

8:30am Given - Marriage Enrichment Retreat in Marshfield

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

Monday, January 14, 2019

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

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

National Religious Freedom Day

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

Saturday, January 19, 2019

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

Saturday, January 26, 2019

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, 2019

Catholic Schools Week - Jan. 27 - Feb. 2

Friday, February 1, 2019

Diaconate Discernment Retreat - Marathon - Feb. 1 - 2

Monday, February 4, 2019

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

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**Chancery Office**

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Due to the upcoming holidays, we will not be distributing the *Chancery Bulletin* the next two weeks, December 25, 2018 and January 1, 2019. The next edition will be sent on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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BULLETIN INSERT for weekend of December 30th [click here](#)

The Feast of the Holy Family draws to mind the ways that our families can seek to live with greater love and joy.

Catechetical Leaders and Catechists

We would like to wish you a most Blessed Christmas. May the Christ Child – our Savior and Lord – fill your heart with peace and joy. You are remembered in daily prayer. Please keep us in your prayer. Thank you for all of your generous service to the parents and children of the parish(es). With love, Ann and Susan.

BEET Grant Application for 2019-2020

Parish Catechetical Leaders: Please consider [filling out a grant](#) to help pay for some aspect of Catholic formation where there is financial need. 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.

The grant application instructions and application 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.

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Office for Communications

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E-Mail Spear Phishing into our parishes

We have received another report of a targeted attack by a crafted Gmail address, attempting to represent the pastor. There are two things you, and everyone that receives the scam message, can do.

1. Report the Gmail address used to send the phishing message to Google as a violation of the Gmail Program Policies and/or Terms of Use using this link:

<https://support.google.com/mail/contact/abuse>

2. Report the phishing message by moving the message into your Spam folder and, if you are using Gmail, Open the message, Next to Reply, click More, and then click Report phishing.

<https://support.google.com/mail/answer/8253?hl=en>

Thank you for your diligence and attention to these clever attacks.



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.

Join our Facebook 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/>

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Office for Consecrated Life

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For your parish bulletin

Religious give thanks. “This money is pure gift,” writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. “It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters.” Your gift to last week’s collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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

For your parish bulletin December 23 thru January 13

Raise Them Well Parenting Webinar on January 14th

What role should emotions play in a child's life? How do you teach kids to control their emotions and to look beyond them? Join Alice Heinzen and Jeff Arrowood on-line on January 14th at 7PM for a great presentation and discussion on emotional maturity. Cost \$5. Register at: diolc.org/marriage/webinars.

For your parish bulletin January 6:

In the coming weeks, you will be learning more about an initiative called Safe Haven Sunday that will equip parents to protect their family from the ill effects of pornography. Why is this important? According to the Journal of Adolescent Health, prolonged exposure to pornography leads to:

- Cynicism about love or the need for affection between sexual partners.
- Belief that marriage is sexually confining.
- Lack of attraction to family and child-raising.

Learn more about ending porn exposure at diolc.org/shs

Come to church on Safe Haven Sunday – March 10th.

For your parish bulletin January 13:

In the coming weeks, you will be learning more about an initiative called Safe Haven Sunday that will equip parents to protect family from the ill effects of pornography. According to sociologist Jill Manning, research indicates pornography consumption is associated with the following six societal trends.

1. Increased marital distress, and risk of separation and divorce.
2. Decreased marital intimacy and sexual satisfaction.
3. Infidelity.
4. Increased appetite for more graphic types of pornography and sexual activity associated with abusive, illegal or unsafe practices.
5. Devaluation of monogamy, marriage and child rearing.
6. An increasing number of people struggling with compulsive and addictive sexual behavior.

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Safe Haven Sunday Booklet Orders

An email was sent to every pastor last week alerting them to order their Safe Haven Sunday booklets and prayer cards. **Please submit your order by January 7, 2019**, so we can get them printed. Thank you to the LDCCW for their generous sponsorship of this initiative.

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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 Diaconate 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 of 2019 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat is a prerequisite. For more on the diaconate and the discernment retreat, visit www.diolc.org/diaconate.

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 www.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.”

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Office for Missions

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

Mission Co-op Program for Summer 2019: In the midst of our Advent cold spell, the Mission Office is thinking of warmer months. We are soon making assignments for the visits of

missionaries to our diocesan parishes June through August, 2019. For Mission Appeal Coordinators for your diocese or religious order: please make sure that the letter of request has been confirmed by your bishop or religious superior. For Parish Pastors: please let us know if we can help you plan for success. For example: are you looking to schedule a particular weekend? Are you willing to host a religious sister or lay missionary for the appeal weekend? If we know in advance, we may be able to help you have a better experience with scheduling and hosting. As always, we realize this requires extra work for you and your staff. We also see that the universal mission of the Church benefits greatly when you are able to go the extra mile in building the Kingdom of God. Thank you for all you do. God bless.

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Office for Sacred Worship

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

TV Mass Schedule for Christmas

The Televised Mass for Christmas day will be broadcast on the following channels:

- Eau Claire, Channel 18: *no broadcast*
- La Crosse, Channel 19: *no broadcast*
- Marshfield (Public Access), Cable Channel 98, Digital Channel 989: 8:30 p.m.
- Stevens Point (Public Access), Channel 984: 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Wausau, Channel 12 (Cable and Satellite), Channel 27.1 (Antenna): 11:30 a.m.
- Wausau (Public Access), Cable Channel 980: 2:00 p.m.
- Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access), Solarus Channel 3: December 24, 9:00 a.m.
- The Mass is also available on demand at the diocesan website: diolc.org/sacredworship/televised-mass, through the myParish App, and posted to the diocesan Facebook facebook.com/diolc

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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](http://www.diolc.org). 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

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Office for Catholic Schools

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Office for Social Concerns

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

For your Parish Bulletin:

Jan. 12 Chalice of Mercy Annual Ukrainian Christmas Dinner – Chippewa Falls

Enjoy a delicious multi-course Ukrainian Christmas dinner hosted by Valentyna Pavsyukova of Chalice of Mercy. Special guest Dr. Santiago Valderrabano will speak about his experience leading a medical team from Madrid on two missions to Ukraine to assist the people of the war zone. Hear also about the opening of St. Maria Goretti House and much more. Adults \$30, Children under 10 free, table of 8 \$200. Begins 5:30 pm at 236 Pumphouse Rd, Chippewa Falls. All proceeds go to assist the work of Chalice of Mercy. To reserve, contact Trudy Bement (715) 226-0376.

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, after which there will be a pizza buffet on the lower level of the church (\$5 per person with pre-order required by Jan. 2). For group reservations, call 608-782-5440, ext. 240.

March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC registration is open

Consider joining other pilgrims from the Diocese of La Crosse traveling to Washington DC on January 16 returning on January 20, 2019. The annual Pilgrimage for Life is open to all people

ages 13 and up. Either join the group from your parish or contact the diocesan Office for Youth & Young Adult at 608-791-2652 or visit our website at diolc.org/m4l-reg

March for Life Chicago

The March for Life Chicago is one day only, Jan. 13. Sign up by December 14 at www.prolifewi.org and scroll down to the Chicago link. Buses will be leaving from locations around our diocese.

U.S. Bishops Raise Social Concerns

The U.S. Bishops invite you to make your voice heard in Washington on a number of issues, including:

- Protection of Catholic adoption and foster care agencies
- Global relief of poverty and hunger
- Protection of the right to seek asylum

For information and action alerts, see diolc.org/social-concerns.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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

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 hard copies of the materials.

Diocesan Annual Appeal – Endurance in Hope

Responses to the latest mailing are coming in strong. Advent is an excellent time to remind people about the critical work and the ministries that are supported by the annual appeal and how their support is needed. The Diocesan Annual Appeal is how we as a diocesan community fund our commitment to do our part of fulfilling the mission. The good works continue as our story is told through the appeal, connecting with those who want to invest in the many good works.

Compared to last year this time, the number of parishes achieving their goal is up, the number of parishes with more people investing in the appeal is up. On an one to one basis people are investing more. Our story resonates. Support for the goods works is up.

If you are struggling, please do not hesitate to contact us for ideas and help. Often it is as simple as believing in the good works and let people know what ministries the Annual Appeal supports.

Thank you to all parish leaders who continue to promote this vital ministry. Remember to keep developing this ministry, as it is the largest source of funding for our charitable works and ministries.

As of December 17, 2018:

- We are at 74.1 % of our goal
- There are 32 parishes over goal, up nine parishes from this time last year
- 38 Parishes have more investors this year than the same time the previous year
- 2,950 people who did not invest by this time last year have done so this year
- 2,686 people who invested in the appeal by this time last year have already invested more than they did last year
- 59 Parishes have raised more this year than last year at this time
- 126 Parishes have seen an increase in dollars invested per investor than last year.
- 28 Parishes are 75% of goal
- 263 new investors to the Annual Appeal
- 696 Investors who were lapsed for at least one year are now re-engaged
- The Average Pledge is \$459.79, compared to \$417.00 last year

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.

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Office for Temporalities

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No items this week.

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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 our parish communities will nurture marriage and religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action in the world.

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

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 Sister's life.

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!.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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

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. Ann 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/yva/burning-hearts/> and follow the instructions.

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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/moreinforegister.html>. Stay tuned to future chancery bulletins for further updates!

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