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Officials

The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, D.D., Bishop of La Crosse, makes the following announcements:

The Reverend **Antony Arockiyam**, Pastor of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Auburndale, St. Kilian Parish in Blenker and St. Michael Parish in Hewitt, is released from his responsibilities serving the Diocese of La Crosse, effective July 2, 2019.

The Reverend **Jerzy Rebacz**, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish and St. Stephen Parish, both in Stevens Point, is appointed Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of La Crosse, effective July 2, 2019.

Deacon **Dennis Rivers**, Deacon at Holy Cross Parish in Cornell, St. Anthony Parish in Drywood, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Jim Falls, is released from his responsibilities at the parishes and is granted the status of Senior Deacon, effective March 13, 2019.



Events

As of Feb. 12

Saturday, February 16

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

Wednesday, February 20

10:00am [Catholic School Presidents' Meeting - Stevens Point](#)

Saturday, February 23

8:30am [Given Marriage Retreat - La Crosse](#)

9:00am [Men of the Cross Retreat - Marshfield](#)

Wednesday, February 27

[Advisory Council Meeting - Tomah](#)

Friday, March 1

[Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Arcadia - March 1 - 2](#)

[Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - March 1 - 2](#)

Saturday, March 2

[Embrace Your Call to Holiness Women's Conference](#)

[Rite of Election Retreats - Stevens Point, Altoona and La Crosse](#)

9:00am [Hispanic Lay Formation Institute - Alma Center](#)

Friday, March 8

[Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - March 8 - 9](#)

[WCRIS Annual Leadership Conference - Pewaukee](#)

Saturday, March 9

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

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

Sunday, March 10

[Safe Haven Sunday](#)

2:00pm [Rite of Election - La Crosse](#)

Monday, March 11

7:00pm [Webinar - Raise Them Well - Physical Maturity](#)

Saturday, March 16

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

8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Prairie du Chien](#)

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Bulletin Insert for weekend of February 24 [click here](#)

“Making Your Home a Safe Haven” explains the destructive effects of pornography. The insert also provides some details regarding Safe Haven Sunday throughout the Diocese on March 10th.

Lenten Prayer Cards – Going Deeper in Prayer

In seeking to assist parents to pray with their children, and for Catholic Schools and Parish Programs to support this initiative, the 4th Grade Lenten Prayer Card, with the focus on the Mysteries of the Rosary is available by [clicking here](#). The 9th Grade Lenten Prayer Card, with the focus on Praying with Scripture, is available by [clicking here](#) for parents and [clicking here](#) for the young people. All grades may be found here: <http://diolc.org/catechesis/prayer/>

Rice Bowl and Mite Boxes Information

Catechetical Leaders are encouraged to scroll to the Office for Social Concerns below for detailed information.

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Office for Communications

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Parish Divine Mercy Sunday events – special section for April Catholic Life

If your parish is planning a Divine Mercy Sunday event, please send the information to datebook@diolc.org. In addition to adding it to the [diocesan calendar](#), your parish event will also be featured in a special section of the April issue of Catholic Life magazine. All events received by March 13th will be published in the April Catholic Life magazine.

Spring Parish Round Table Meetings

The Office for Communications is hosting Roundtable discussions this spring. Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries, School Administrative Assistants and Secretaries, ParishSOFT users, those involved in parish social media and other parish staff are welcome. Pre-registration is required: all meetings are 2 hours. Register online at <http://diolc.org/spring-parish-roundtable-meetings/>.

Date	Time	Parish	City	Details
Wed, April 10	9:30am	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Spring Valley	Brother Michael Center
	1:30pm	Sacred Heart of Jesus-St Patrick	Eau Claire	
Thurs, April 11	9:30am	St. Bridget	Ettrick	
	1:30pm	Mary Mother of the Church	La Crosse	

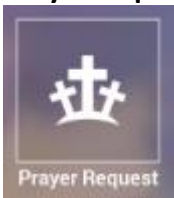
Tues, April 30	9:30am	Christ the King	Spencer	In the Seton Center, 107 E Wendell St. North side entrance
	1:30pm	St. Agnes	Weston	Park in east side, entry on the far side, new addition
Wed, May 1	9:30am	St Adalbert	Rosholt	
	1:30pm	St Phillip the Apostle	Rudolph	

Spring 2019 Parish Round Table Meeting Agenda

1. Review of census software [Standard Operating Procedures](#) and best practice.
 - a. Parish Administrative Staff Listings – Chancery Bulletin
 - b. Catholic Life Subscriptions/Registered Families with Send Magazine checked
 - c. Close Batch, tax deductible Funds and tax statements
 - d. Merge to purge. Never, ever, Delete
 - e. Training webinar discussion
 - f. Parish data cleanup.
 - i. Mailing address cleanup
 - ii. Phone number cleanup
 - iii. Email cleanup
 - iv. Birthdates
 - g. ParishSOFT Data Quality Initiative
2. [Handbook for Sacramental Records](#) rev 11-16-2018, a walkthrough.
3. Social Media for your parish
 - a. My Own Church for you and your pastor.
 - b. my Parish app
 - i. New button: Prayer Request
 - ii. Driving usage at your parish
 - c. [Facebook Social Media Group](#)
 - i. Share diocesan posted content
 - ii. Share content from neighboring parishes
 - d. [Parish media resources](#)
 - e. Email, MailChimp and diocesan events
4. Safe Environment information (posters, new forms, etc.)

Please contact Nick Lichter at nlichter@diolc.org, or (608) 791-2681 with questions.

Prayer request button added to myParish app



We have added a prayer request button to your myParish app. By default, it is positioned as the last button, for most it will be on the second page. You can change the order of your app buttons by contacting Diocesan at 800-997-8805 or myparishapp@diocesan.com.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Happy National Marriage Week

This week, February 7-14, is National Marriage Week in the United States. To help all married couples celebrate their love, the USCCB has created a seven-day retreat that spouses can do each evening at home. Click [here](#) to access the document. Please share it widely with all the married couples you know.

For your parish bulletin: Wish your spouse was more of a saint?

Chances are your beloved wishes you were too! Learn how to become saints together at the Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat March 28-31st. Couples attending the retreat will experience what it means to love perfectly in Christ. Take your marriage to the next level of joy. Register today at diolc.org/marriage-enrichment/ For more information, call 608-791-2673. *Scholarships are available.*

For your parish bulletin: Men's Renewal Retreat – February 23, 2019

What does it mean to BE A MAN OF THE CROSS? Join us for a one-day retreat that will focus on practical ways to daily live out the Gospel call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We'll receive great insights from Fr. Guiseppe to embrace our crosses and learn of ways to become the man, father, husband, son that God intended. Register at <https://menofthecross.org/>.

For your parish bulletin and Facebook on February 24 - Announcement #10

Research studies have found that viewing porn decreases a person's ability to become intimate and that it desensitizes you to cruelty. Neither of these are good for you or your family. Learn more about the harms of pornography and how to protect your family on Safe Haven Sunday – March 10. Learn more about ending porn exposure at diolc.org/shs

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Office for Ministries

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Leadership in Christ Conference – *Save the Date* – April 26-27, 2019

“Transformation is Possible” –Bill Keimig, assistant director of the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University of Steubenville, will speak Friday evening and Saturday morning on what it means to be transformed as a person, a family and a parish, and keys to getting there. Breakout sessions by topic will follow on Saturday afternoon. Watch for more details and a brochure by the end of February. Contact – Chris Ruff, Office for Ministries and Social Concerns: ministries@diolc.org or 608-791-0161.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

New Lay Formation Institute (LFI) class starts in the fall – Registration underway!

Registration is open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in fall of 2019. Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! See brochure, schedule and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161. If you would like to sit in on a class this spring (March 2 or April 6 options) for a “sample,” just ask.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Reminder: Rite of Election Retreat, March 2

In preparation for the Rite of Election and of 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.

Reminder: Rite of Election, March 10

The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Sunday, March 10, 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](#).

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

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Office for Social Concerns

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Beatitudes: Lenten Small-Group Resource with Service Component

Chris Ruff has written a book for small groups titled “Blessed Are You: Living 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 (the *Poor in Spirit*, the *Merciful*, the *Pure in Heart*, etc.). 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.

“This Legislation is Evil, Pure and Simple.” Catholics Called to Fight with Renewed Vigor for Unborn

A law recently passed in New York not only legalizes abortion essentially for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy but removes any protection for children born alive after abortion. A similar bill was proposed in Virginia along with several other states, all in the name of women’s health. This prompted Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman of the U.S. Bishops’ Pro-Life Activities Committee to write: “It shocks the conscience to see such evil legislation greeted with raucous cheers and standing ovations. ([Read more](#)).

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](#).

For your Parish Bulletin: Give to Catholic Relief Services to alleviate suffering in Venezuela

The humanitarian crisis in Venezuela is escalating as political and economic instability has left hundreds of thousands of families without access to food, medical care and critical life and social services. You can help by giving to Catholic Relief Services: www.crs.org.

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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 an up-building of all vocations in the Church and in a particular way for priestly vocations from our parish for the Diocese of La Crosse.

Reminder: Save the Date: 1st Annual Golf Outing to support vocations will be held at Cedar Creek Golf Course in Onalaska on Monday, June 17, 2019. 18-hole 4-person team. More information to follow.

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 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

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1970484379925946/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

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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