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A message from Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Bishops Grant Dispensation in Honor of the Feast of St. Patrick

The bishops of Wisconsin announce a special dispensation for Catholics statewide from adhering to the law of abstinence for Friday, March 17, 2017. This Lenten dispensation will allow the faithful to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick. Those who utilize the dispensation should perform another act of penance (self-denial, charity, prayer, etc.) in observance of the day. Please see the decree for the Diocese of La Crosse [here](#).



Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Tuesday, Feb. 28th

Wednesday, March 1

Mite Box Collection begins

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, March 2

Mite Box Collection begins

Friday, March 3

Mite Box Collection begins

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Independence, WI

12:00pm Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend La Crosse

Saturday, March 4

Mite Box Collection begins

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Independence, WI

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend La Crosse

Sunday, March 5

Mite Box Collection begins

» 6:00pm Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend La Crosse

Rite of Election - La Crosse

1:00pm Rally in Rozellville

Monday, March 6

Mite Box Collection begins

Tuesday, March 7

Mite Box Collection begins

Wednesday, March 8

Mite Box Collection begins

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Lent – Encountering Jesus in His Word

It would greatly benefit students to pray with a Scripture passage each week (10 min. either in class or at home) on the life of Christ, leading to His Passion, death and Resurrection. [Click here](#) for the suggested Scripture passages and the prayer worksheet.

Lenten Resources for Parish Programs and Catholic Schools

Lent begins March 1st. [Click here](#) where you will see on the main page **Lenten Resources 2017** for an assortment of resources, including videos, Stations of the Cross, praying with Scripture worksheet to prepare for the Sunday readings.

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FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN

The Mass honoring the Fourth Anniversary of the opening of the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Father Joseph Walijewski will be celebrated at the St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse on Sunday, March 12, 2017, at 10:30. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information on the cause and to join the guild visit: www.frjoesguild.org.

Bishop Callahan's Lenten Video Message

As we enter the Lenten season on Wednesday, March 1, Bishop Callahan has recorded a video message for you to share with the faithful of your parish. The video will be available Wednesday, March 1, on the Diocese of La Crosse's [Youtube channel here](#) and also on the [Diocese of La Crosse Facebook page](#). Please share his message through your social channels and on your websites. Repentance, Forgiveness, and Renewal. Blessed Lent to you!

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FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN

Girls - You're Invited to Come and See! Mater Redemptoris House of Formation will be hosting the Spring Children's Come and See on Saturday, March 11th. This day is for girls ages 9 - 13, who are interested in spending some time with the Sisters and others who enjoy spiritual things, while finding out more about religious life. For more information or to register, visit [Mater Redemptoris House of Formation](#). Questions: Please contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or 608-788-4530.

West Coast Vocation Pilgrimage: May 30-June 15 Mater Redemptoris House of Formation is hosting a 17-day pilgrimage for women, 16-28 years of age, to four different religious communities, various shrines, California Missions, a couple National Parks, and maybe a beach or two between here and the West Coast! Space for 10 people, first-come, first-served. Check out this [flyer](#) for more information.

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Office for Ministries

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FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

[Basic Evangelization Training April 28-29](#) (Fri. 7 pm - Sat. 4 pm)

Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse

Adam Janke, Program Director of St. Paul Evangelization Ministries, will provide a two-day immersion into the fundamentals of evangelization. Gain the skills and confidence to share your faith wherever you may be! Real-world practicality and an exciting opportunity for any Catholic. Perfect for starting or energizing parish evangelization teams. Complete info, brochure and registration at www.diolc.org/basic-evangelization. Contact: Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, 608-791-0161 or ministries@diolc.org.

FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

Come Sample the Lay Formation Institute Experience

NEW Class Begins in Fall of 2017

Would you like to see if the diocesan Lay Formation Institute (LFI) is right for you? What better way than to sit in on part of this exciting formation experience and “catch the spirit”? This opportunity is being offered for a limited number of inquirers the weekend of March 31-April 1, 2017 at beautiful St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon. If you are interested in sitting in on part of a weekend, or even just one class, contact us at ministries@diolc.org or call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161 to discuss your options. There is no fee unless you choose overnight lodging or meals. For more information on the LFI, visit www.diolc.org/lay-formation.

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Office for Missions

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Lenten Preparations - Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land: This annual collection is a part of the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Therefore, it is not required that parishes of the Diocese of La Crosse take up the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land. However, since we are aware of the adversities suffered by Christians in the Holy Land and the fragile nature of important historical sites they protect, some parishioners do look forward to participating directly in the annual collection. Under the discretion of the pastor and his advisory councils,

if the collection is taken up the funds generated must be sent to the Diocesan Office for Temporalities. Parish collections will then be joined to the Annual Appeal funds and forwarded according to donor intent to the Commissariat of the Holy Land. Please call the Mission Office if you have any questions.

Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Robert Flock: As you know on November 4, 2016 Bishop Robert Flock, a priest from the Diocese of La Crosse and Auxiliary Bishop of Cochabamba was appointed as Bishop of the Diocese of San Ignacio de Velasco, Bolivia. His installation took place February 2, 2017. In order to aid him in his new endeavors, the Mission Office is seeking prayers for the new ordinary. During the season of Lent 2017, if you are able to offer prayers, make sacrifices or attend Masses for Bishop Flock and the Diocese of San Ignacio de Velasco, please let us know. We will collect the information and send it to Bishop Flock as a Spiritual Bouquet during the Octave of Easter 2017. More details and contact information can be found on the [Mission Office website](#).

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Office for Sacred Worship

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LENTEN REGULATIONS

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

MASSES DURING LENT

Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, during the Easter Triduum, or on Sundays of Lent (*GIRM*, n. 380). Ritual Masses are prohibited on Ash Wednesday, during Holy Week, and on Sundays of Lent (*GIRM*, n. 372). When marriages are celebrated during Lent, they are to reflect the special nature of this season (*Rite of Marriage*, n. 11).

INFANT BAPTISM DURING LENT

The baptism of infants is allowed during the season of Lent, as norms from the Rite for the Baptism of Children suggest: "An infant should be baptized within the first weeks after birth" (n.8.3). But if circumstances would allow, the Easter Vigil is a most appropriate time to celebrate even infant baptism: "To bring out the paschal character of baptism, it is recommended that the sacrament be celebrated during the Easter Vigil or on Sunday, when the Church commemorates the Lord's resurrection" (n.9).

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

The Book of Blessings, number 1659, states: "This rite [for the blessing and distribution of ashes] may be celebrated by a priest or deacon who may be assisted by lay ministers in the distribution of the ashes. The blessing of the ashes, however, is reserved to a priest or deacon."

RITE OF ELECTION, MARCH 5

The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Sunday, March 5, 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 24.

TIME OF THE EASTER VIGIL

The *Roman Missal* states that the entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night: the vigil should not begin before nightfall, and it should end before daybreak on Sunday. The *Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts*, issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship in 1988, notes that "the very concept of the vigil has almost come to be forgotten in some places, with the result that it is celebrated as if it were an evening Mass, in the same way and at the same time as the Mass celebrated on Saturday evening in anticipation of the Sunday."

Circular Letter, no. 78, adds that "this rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices that have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the time of day that it is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses."

Sunset in La Crosse on Saturday, April 15 is to be at 7:49 p.m. So that the Vigil may begin in darkness, 8:30 should be the earliest beginning time for the vigil, while after 8:45 is ideal.

CHRISM MASS

The annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 11, beginning at 10:30.

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Office for Safe Environment

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. 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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FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

U.S. Bishops and Justice for Immigrants and Refugees

At this time of fear and uncertainty in our immigrant and refugee communities, visit www.diolc.org/social-concerns. There you will find a statement by Bishop Callahan and a link to the U.S. Bishops' collaborator, Justice for Immigrants (JFI). JFI provides updates on government policy, action alerts and Catholic social teaching and statements. You will also find a link to Catholic Relief Services, where you can learn about and assist refugees fleeing the Middle East, especially Syria.

FOR YOUR BULLETIN:

Attend Catholics at the Capitol March 28

Every two years, the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) hosts Catholics at the Capitol. Hundreds of Catholics from around the state come to Madison for this day of formation and legislative advocacy. This year's keynote speaker will be Colleen Stratton, a survivor of human trafficking who will share her painful but inspiring story. **Time and place:** March 28, 8:45 am-4:00 pm at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison, just 2 blocks

from the Capitol, where participants are invited to meet with their legislators. Visit www.wisconsinatholic.org for more information and to register, or contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns: ministries@diolc.org or 608-791-0161.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Building on Solid Rock

Did you miss the strategic planning workshops? Do you just want to review the day again? We will soon post videos of the day online so you can watch and learn on demand. Check the website <http://www.diolc.org/stewardship/rock>. If you did attend, please be sure to complete the survey, so we can be sure to host more topical and informative discussions to assist you on your stewardship journey.

Annual Appeal

In effort to streamline and speed up our gift processing we are discontinuing the use of the lockbox services in Milwaukee. All gift processing will be done in-house by the Office for Stewardship and Development staff. Please be sure to forward all pledges and payments directly to the Office of Stewardship and Development, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004

The Diocesan Annual Appeal Parish Progress Reporting Tool – Giving Trend

Our new Diocesan Annual Appeal Reporting tool, GivingTrend, is continuing to generate much excitement and receiving rave reviews. GivingTrend is a powerful easy to use browser based tool that leverages current technologies to present your parish progress and donor activity in a secure environment. GivingTrend is an enhanced reporting tool that will provide faster reporting time. GivingTrend will also provide you the tools to understand your parish and donors' giving at a deeper level than ever before. Do you still need your GivingTrend reporting sign-on credentials? Complete the registration form found linked on the Appeal Portal webpage: diolc.org/appeal. There you can also watch a recorded version of one of the training sessions linked on our Appeal Portal web page.

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Office for Temporalities

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SAVE THE DATE

The annual Parish Finance Seminar will be held on Tuesday, May 9th. More information will be forthcoming.

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Office for Vocations

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SAVE THE DATE

May 6 – 10:30 AM – Transitional Diaconate Ordination (Kyle Laylan and Barry Saylor)

June 24 – 10:30AM – Priestly Ordination (Aaron Becker, Peter Kieffer, Juan Pedro Roblez Baltazar)

Please keep the ordinandi in your prayers.

If you are interested in extra table tents (with the meal prayer on one side and the Prayer for Vocations on the other side) please contact Vocations Office at rorth@diolc.org or 608-791-2667. They were sent out to every family in the Diocese who has a child aged 8-14.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Adventure Camp

There are spots still available in all three weeks. Don't miss this awesome opportunity for students in grades 6-12! For more information, please follow this [link](#).

Week 1: June 18-23, 2017

Week 2: June 25-30, 2017

Week 3: July 9-14, 2017

NOTE The LDCCW has scholarship money to help students attend Adventure Camp. We very much appreciate their generosity! Go to <http://www.ldccw.org/grants-and-scholarships.html> to find out more information.

Franciscan CORE

A five-day summer, residential program for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students which offers education, reflection, and experience on Catholic Social Teaching themes and principles using St. Francis of Assisi as a model for action. The dates are June 11-16, 2017.

For more information, please follow this [link](#).

Totus Tuus

If you know of any young adult, male or female, who has been out of high school for at least one year, and who would like to apply to be on our Totus Tuus Team, please direct them to Chris Rogers: crogers@diolc.org

Regional Youth Rallies and Retreats

- The Youth Rally in Rozellville will take place Sunday, March 5, 2017.
- The Rally in Eau Galle will be held Sunday, May 7, 2017.

For more information about both of these awesome events, please follow this [link](#).

NET Retreats

We have confirmed that the NET Team will be in our diocese September 23-28, 2017. More information will be coming soon. Once we do have more information, you may find it by going to this [link](#).

Youth Talks

Chris Rogers is happy to come to your parish and speak to your youth group, CCD class, etc. Call 608-791-2659 if you would like to schedule a date.

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