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Officials

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

The Reverend **Georgekutty Thayilkuzhithottu**, MSFS, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus-St. Patrick Parish in Eau Claire, will be returning to minister in his Religious Order, at the request of his Provincial, effective July 5, 2018.

The Reverend **Aruldoss Sundaram**, Pastor of St Charles Borromeo Parish in Genoa, will be returning to his home diocese, at the request of his Bishop, effective July 5, 2018.



Events

As of Feb. 6

Thursday, February 8

7:00pm Webinar - Surviving Valentine's Day

Friday, February 9

Deacon Retreat - Marathon - Feb. 9-11

Saturday, February 10

9:30am Rite of Election Retreat - La Crosse

Tuesday, February 13

7:00pm Webinar - True Intimacy of Marriage

Wednesday, February 14

40 Days for Life Campaign - Stevens Point (Feb. 14-March 25)

Ash Wednesday

Saturday, February 17

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield (One Day)

Sunday, February 18

2:00pm Rite of Election - La Crosse

Tuesday, February 20

7:00pm Webinar - Teaching the Way of Love: Develop Virtue

Friday, February 23

Day of Prayer and Penance for Diocesan and Universal Church needs

Thursday, March 1

10:00am School Advisory Council meeting - Plover

Friday, March 2

10:00am Sesquicentennial School Mass for Prairie du Chien and Richland Center Deaneries - Richland Center

6:00pm Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Independence - March 2-3

Saturday, March 3

10:00am Sesquicentennial Opening Celebration Mass - Prairie du Chien

10:00am Live Stream - St Gabriel Church - Prairie du Chien – Sesquicentennial Opening Mass

Friday, March 9

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Friday night thru Sunday

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As people rely more on the Internet for information about your parish, please check all online listings for your parish and make sure the information available found using an Internet search engine is correct. An easy way to do this is to “Google” your parish. You may discover websites you didn’t even know existed that are posting information about your Mass times and contact information. Or you might discover your parish does not show up at all. To help remedy either situation, invite parishioners to help you locate sites that need to be updated.

Diocesan Contact Information

Please check your parish link on the Diocese of La Crosse website <http://diolc.org/parishes/> and see if the information for your parish is correct. Please contact Father Kurt Apfelbeck kapfelbeck@diolc.org to report errors and for updates.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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BULLETIN INSERT for the weekend of February 18 [click here](#)

A very important sign that we share with those who went before us is the Sign of the Cross. The insert is to foster prayer during Lent.

Mite Boxes

The Mite Box program is an outreach from the Missionary Childhood Association or MCA (formerly the Holy Childhood Association or HCA), 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. It will continue this year but with some modifications. **The Rice Bowl program** is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and is organized in the diocese by the Social Concerns Office. Rice Bowl is an elective program that may be held any time throughout the year with an emphasis on Lent, but it is not to conflict with or replace the Mite Box program.

[Click here](#) for details and three options of charities from which to choose who will receive a portion of the funds.

Lenten Resources for all ages can be found [here](#)

Save the date!

Please see the Office for Sacred Worship below regarding the RCIA Conference on Saturday, June 2nd. There will be two tracks: for those with over 5 years of experience and those with fewer than 5 years of experience. Further info and brochure will be forthcoming.

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Office for Communications

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Reminder: Bishop Callahan's Lenten Message and supporting graphics

Bishop Callahan's Lenten video greeting is available [here http://youtu.be/ucuPDwGMks0](http://youtu.be/ucuPDwGMks0)

Please share his message on your Facebook and your parish website.

Lenten website and Facebook banners are available for your use at the [diocesan media resources page](#).

Reminder: For your parish bulletin:

Diocesan Sesquicentennial opening Mass

To celebrate the opening of our diocesan sesquicentennial, Bishop Callahan will celebrate Mass at St. Gabriel Church in Prairie du Chien on Saturday, March 3, 2018, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Reception to follow at St. John Church in Prairie du Chien. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend the Mass you can view it via live stream at diolc.org/live.

Reminder: For your parish bulletin:

5th Anniversary Mass – Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski

On Sunday, March 18, there will be a Mass honoring the Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski, on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the opening of his Cause for Canonization. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Learn more at frjoesguild.org.

Reminder: For your parish bulletin:

Looking for a close by Fish Fry?

With Lent quickly approaching, it's time to think about enjoying a parish fish fry. You can use the diocesan [Fish Frynder](#), where you will find Lenten meals listed by parish with the location, the times and detailed information about the meal. diolc.org/fishfrynder

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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This Sunday, February 11, is World Marriage Day – Ready to Celebrate?

Are you ready to share the beauty of marriage with your parish this Sunday? If you are still looking for resources that will help you deliver a crisp and awesome [homily](#) or that will be great bulletin [inserts](#), just click on the links provided.

Webinars for February

We have three GREAT webinars scheduled and would like you to invite your parishioners to participate in any or all of them. Register at: diolc.org/webinars/.

February 8th at 7PM – **Surviving Valentine's Day** w/ Rose Sweet, Catholic Author and Speaker on Divorce

February 13th at 7PM – **True Intimacy in Marriage: What’s the Secret?** – with David and Kate Dawson, the National Coordinators for the Domestic Church Movement

February 20th at 7PM – **Develop Virtue in Your Family** with Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen, co-authors of the Teaching the Way of Love Parenting Program

Pastors – Want to support your married couples with minimal effort?

The Domestic Church (DC) movement is a *lay led* ministry for sacramentally married couples that enhances marriage and family life by opening the treasures of the Church's teachings on love and life. To bring the movement to your parish, all you have to do is let your couples know about DC through a personal invitation, sharing a [brochure](#) with them, or [promoting](#) it from the pulpit or in your bulletin (see insert below).

Attending an evangelization retreat is the entry step into the movement. The retreat begins on a Thursday evening at 7PM and ends at noon the following Sunday. During the retreat couples will begin a spiritual journey together. The goal of the retreat is to strengthen the couple’s spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue.

For Your Bulletin - Take your Marriage to the next level of Happiness

Want a more joyful marriage? We invite you to take part in the Domestic Church retreat at St. Anthony’s Spirituality Center on April 26-29. Couples attending the retreat will experience a renewed love as spouses together in Christ. Ask your pastor for a brochure about the DC movement. Then, register for the upcoming retreat at: diolc.regfox.com/domestic-church-evangelization-retreat-april-2018. For more information, call 608-791-2673.

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Office for Ministries

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For your Parish Bulletin:

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, April 7

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 – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Anthony’s Retreat Center on April 7, 2018. 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 (this spring or next) is a prerequisite. For more information, visit www.diolc.org/diaconate.

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Office for Missions

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To All DRE's/School Principals: All Lenten MCA student mite boxes, posters, and prayer cards have been shipped (from Pontifical Mission Societies) and should be arriving soon if you have not yet received them. Please notify the Mission Office by phone (608-791-2676) or email (mapel@diolc.org) if you need more supplies or have any questions. Details are also on our Mission Office website: <http://diolc.org/missions/> on the *Mite Box Lent 2018* tab. Thank you in advance for your support.

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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.

Lenten Regulations

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. 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.

RCIA Conference, June 2—Save the date!

The RCIA process is the Church’s privileged place to form new Catholics in their relationship with Christ and his Church. As the Diocese of La Crosse celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2018, we look ahead to what is the best way to continue fostering faith and conversion.

Featuring Dr. Petroc Willey and Bill Keimig from the Catechetical Institute, Franciscan University of Steubenville, "RCIA: Renewing the Parish," will help any RCIA process form disciples in the years to come. June 2, 2018, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse. Save the date—more details soon!

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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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For regional Parish Bulletins:

40 Days for Life Campaign – Stevens Point

From February 14 - March 25, you are invited to join others for the Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign, part of a world-wide initiative of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion (visit www.40daysforlife.com/stevens-point). There will be a kick-off rally with a speaker & potluck

(main dish provided) from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, February 13th at Saint Bronislava Parish. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact: Jim Havlovick at [715-544-0447](tel:715-544-0447) or [715-570-4619](tel:715-570-4619) (cell) or Gary Oudenhoven at [715-321-2283](tel:715-321-2283) (cell).

For regional Parish Bulletins:

40 Days for Life Campaign – Wausau

Kicks off Sunday, Feb. 11 with a 1:00 pm rally at St. Michael Parish gathering space, 611 Stark Street. Refreshments provided. Featured speakers will be Patrick and Jeanette Gierl, whose story is one of surrender and sacrificial love. Also speaking will be Jack Hoogendyk, Executive Director of Hope Life Center in Wausau and Antigo and Dr. Kim Couri, Co-Founder of the Health for Life Medical Center, which specializes in women's health and general wellness. The 40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil is from February 14 – March 25, 2018 at HealthFirst, 719 N 3rd Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401. For more information, please contact Mary's Mantle at mllitschauer@gmail.com or 715-539-3800.

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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.

In thanksgiving for those marriages, priests, sisters, and brothers who inspire and strengthen us by the witness of their commitment.

Reminder: Bulletin Announcement: for 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 or [608-788-4530](tel:608-788-4530)

Reminder: Bulletin Announcement: for February 11th and 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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