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### Officials

No officials this week.



### Events

As of March 19

**Friday, March 22**

Deacon Formation Lenten Retreat - Marathon - March 22 - 24

9:00am Prayer Teacher In-Service - Marshfield

**Saturday, March 23**

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Thorp

**Thursday, March 28**

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat - Marathon - March 28 - 31

**Friday, March 29**

9:00am Prayer Teacher In-Service - La Crosse

**Saturday, March 30**

Lenten Youth Rally - Bilingual - Abbotsford

**Wednesday, April 3**

Spring Admissions Board - La Crosse

**Thursday, April 4**

8:00am Curia Day of Prayer - La Crosse

**Friday, April 5**

Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - April 5 - 6

9:00am Prayer Teacher In-Service - Eau Claire

**Saturday, April 6**

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

9:00am Hispanic Lay Formation Institute - Alma Center

**Monday, April 8**

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

**Tuesday, April 16**

10:30am Chrism Mass - Live Stream

10:30am Chrism Mass - La Crosse

**Friday, April 19**

Good Friday - Curia Offices Closed

**Monday, April 22**

Easter Monday - Curia Offices Closed

**Tuesday, April 23**

NCEA National Convention - Chicago - April 23 - 25

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, [diolc.org/calendar](http://diolc.org/calendar), please send an email to [datebook@diolc.org](mailto:datebook@diolc.org). Make sure you include the following details; date, beginning/ending times, event location, description, menu and cost, etc.

If you have any questions, please call Pam Willer at 608.788.1524 for more information.

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**Chancery Office**

No items this week.

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## Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

Director: Ann Lankford – 608-791-2658 | [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org)

### **Reminder: Catechetical Leaders Please Respond**

Please email the following information about your Parish Faith Formation program by **Thursday, March 21<sup>ST</sup>** to Susan at [sskemp@diolc.org](mailto:sskemp@diolc.org)

- Name of catechetical leader
- parish(es), city
- the number of catechists for all grades

For each year from **2011-2018** (if information is available)

- Number of hours of initial and ongoing formation for catechists per year
- Sacramental Prep formation sessions for parents – First Confession, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation
- Do you use the Catechist Role Description Application Form with corresponding questions for new catechists? Or what other ways are used to be vigilant concerning faithfulness to Church teaching and the moral life of the catechists?
- The extent of implementation of the Diocesan Virtue Program, “Teaching the Way of Love” and Theology of the Body for Middle and High School
- Adult Faith Formation taking place

This Diocesan data will be part of an extensive report that will be given to the Holy Father by Bishop Callahan for the 8-year period. Your response is greatly appreciated.

### **Free Shroud of Turin materials - order by Thursday, March 21!**

Regarding the burial cloth of Jesus: For parishes and schools who would like a free DVD documentary (chaptered into shorter segments for easier use in the classroom) a discussion guide and 16-page color booklet, contact Susan Skemp at [sskemp@diolc.org](mailto:sskemp@diolc.org) For more details about the resources go to [HolyWindingSheet.com](http://HolyWindingSheet.com). Parishes in our diocese who have used the materials report that they are exceptionally well done.

### **Save the Date: August 9-10, 2019 in La Crosse**

The focus of the **Witnesses for Christ Conference** will be **Intentional Accompaniment**. Accompaniment is walking along side another, such as a child or young person, even a friend and relative, on their pilgrimage toward a relationship with Jesus, for which they have been created. Michael Hall from Canada and director for Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) will be the keynote speaker on Friday. This interactive training will assist catechists, and all those who hand on the Faith, to lead others to commit to Jesus Christ in a gentle and humble way. More details and a brochure will be coming soon.

**Leadership in Christ Conference April 26-27, 2019, La Crosse.** [Click here](#) for details and to register.

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## Office for Consecrated Life

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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## Office for Ministries

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### For Your Parish Bulletin:



### **Leadership in Christ Conference April 26-27, 2019, La Crosse**

**“Transformation *is* Possible”** – Dr. Bill Keimig, back by popular demand, will speak Friday evening and Saturday morning on the keys to transformation through Christ - as a person, a family and a parish.

Choose from a wide variety of breakout sessions Saturday afternoon.

Complete details and registration at [www.diolc.org/leadership](http://www.diolc.org/leadership). *Blocks of hotel rooms are held at special rates until March 26.* Questions? Contact Chris Ruff at [ministries@diolc.org](mailto:ministries@diolc.org) or 608-791-0161.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/802034056835965/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

## 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 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](http://diolc.org/lay-formation). Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at [ministries@diolc.org](mailto:ministries@diolc.org) or call (608) 791-0161. If you would like to sit in on the last weekend class (April 5-6) for a “sample,” just ask.

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## Office for Missions

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608-791-2676 | [wpace@diolc.org](mailto:wpace@diolc.org)

**St. Joseph’s Table and Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild:** A Happy St. Joseph’s Feast Day to all and many thanks to those who are hosting a St. Joseph’s Table celebration. Please check out our [Facebook page](#) for photos from the various events. We look forward to spreading the news and working with an increasing number of hosting sites in 2020. If you would like more information, please feel free to call the Mission Office or visit the website for the Fr. Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild: [frjoesguild.org/stjoestable](http://frjoesguild.org/stjoestable)

**Mission Co-op Program Summer 2019:** The mission assignments are now finalized and are being sent out. The 159 parishes of the diocese are assigned to 26 Mission Dioceses, Religious Orders or Catholic outreaches around the world. Missionaries who visit these parishes bring a wealth of grace and good will. Thank you to the pastors and parish staff for welcoming them and arranging for the Mission Co-op Program Appeals. Please read the instructions carefully to make this year another success in supporting the work of the Gospel. For open-listed parishes or parishes where priest personnel changes are expected, please schedule the weekend appeals with the missionaries regardless. Since visiting missionaries often need to travel and make other arrangements, advanced planning is helpful.

**Missionary Childhood Association (MCA):** The Lenten Mite Box collection is in full swing. We appreciate all the extra effort from our Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs “connecting children to children” for the sake of the Gospel. Updated information is now on the website as well as an example from Tanzania to share with the students. Their sacrifices are so important to those who struggle. For more information, you can also visit the Mission Office website and [MCA page](#).

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## Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

Director: Michael Haight – 608-791-2697 | [ceremonies@diolc.org](mailto:ceremonies@diolc.org)

**Reminder: *Spring Rite of Confirmation*** season is just around the corner! Emcee letters addressed to host parish Pastors will be arriving soon in their email Inbox with detailed information. Please review carefully the information and to complete all forms in full and return them no later than one week before 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: *Spring Rite of Confirmation Schedule*:** If a candidate from your parish cannot attend their scheduled date, feel free to contact the Office for Pontifical Ceremonies for other available dates and locations. Once an alternate date and location has been selected, the pastor of the candidate should kindly contact the pastor of the new location to request to have their candidate confirmed there.

Inquiries on future dates for Confirmation (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, and beyond) can be directed to Debbie Brannon – [dbrannon@diolc.org](mailto:dbrannon@diolc.org) in the Office of the Diocesan Bishop.

**Ceremonial Updates to Confirmation:** 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. Updated guidelines are in place in regards to the seating of candidates and sponsors, as well as how photographs are to be taken.

**Visiting Clergy at Confirmation (or any liturgy):** If any Confirmand have a priest or deacon from outside of the Diocese of La Crosse planning to attend their Confirmation liturgy and want to vest and take an active part of the Holy Mass they need to provide a Letter of Suitability from their Diocesan Chancery or Provincial House, if from a religious order, and submit it to the Diocesan Office for the Vicar for Clergy at [pboyle@diolc.org](mailto:pboyle@diolc.org). Also, kindly inform the Diocesan Office for Pontifical Ceremonies of any cleric from outside of our diocese so they can plan accordingly.

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### Office for Sacred Worship

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org)

**Reminder:** 2018-19 Safe Environment reports are now due. If you need an extension, call the Safe Environment Office at 608-791-2679. All Spring Coaches need to be listed on the 2018-19 School report. All background checks must be current and training dates for staff, volunteers and students must be included to have a complete report.

**National Child Abuse Prevention Month** begins in April. Dedicate April 5th to prayer and sacrifice for the intention: "May survivors of abuse experience God's profound love for them, and receive comfort and healing." More about the Call to Prayer is available at [usccb.org/pray](http://usccb.org/pray),

**I will be out of the office March 20-26. If you need to scan and email any basic background checks, please send them to [pboyle@diolc.org](mailto:pboyle@diolc.org) during that time, Teresa.**

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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](mailto:cruff@diolc.org)

### **Catholics at the Capitol April 30**

Every two years, the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) joins several Catholic organizations in hosting *Catholics at the Capitol*. Hundreds of Wisconsin Catholics come to Madison for this day of formation and legislative advocacy. *Catholics at the Capitol 2019* will take place at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, celebrating both the Wisconsin Catholic Conference's 50th Anniversary and 20 years of

hosting *Catholics at the Capitol*. [Register here](#). If you plan to attend, please let Chris Ruff know at 608-791-0161 so participants from the Diocese of La Crosse can connect.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link for the event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/939735963082676/>

Please share on your parish Facebook.

### **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](#).

### **Project Seed Sales**

A Forage & Seed Corn sale, supported by the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, offering high quality, low cost seed in the midst of a challenging economy. Seed corn is offered in both conventional and glyphosate tolerant varieties. There will be alfalfa and clover ready for sale and non-GMO seed can be ordered. Comparable yields make this seed an attractive alternative. Remaining sale dates and locations: March 23 in Kendall; March 30 in Stanley/Boyd; April 6 in Cassel; April 13 in Colby. Full details can be found at <https://diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/project-seed/>

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to the Kendall event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/541308723044793>

Please share on your parish Facebook.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to the Stanley/Boyd event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/296539267697467>

Please share on your parish Facebook.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to the Cassel event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/244221503127343/>

Please share on your parish Facebook.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to the Colby event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2555546364520821/>

Please share on your parish Facebook.

### **For your parish bulletin: Farmer Hotline for Help & Hope**

There is a current crisis in farming: historic low margins and high rates of suicide. There is help and hope. The Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection's Wisconsin Farm Center offers a hotline for farmers looking for advice – everything from financial to succession planning for the future. The hotline is available weekdays from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at [1-800-942-2474](tel:1-800-942-2474)



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## Office for Stewardship & Development

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## Office for Temporalities

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## Office for Vocations

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## Office for Vicar for Clergy

Director: Msgr. David Kunz – 608-791-2689 | [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org)

Paula Boyle will now be doing all Letters of Suitability. If you are traveling outside of the Diocese of La Crosse and plan to do more than attend Mass, you need a letter. Contact Paula at [pboyle@diolc.org](mailto:pboyle@diolc.org) and she will create and send your letter to your destination. Celebrets are for travel outside of the United States and are done by Maryjo Wilson in the Chancery Office.

### **Upcoming Dates and Events for 2019 & 2020:**

**Priest Retreat** April 29 thru May 3, 2019 at St. Anthony Spirituality Center - Marathon, WI. Call Susan Hubbard at 715-443-2236 ext. 139 to reserve your spot. The Speaker is Fr. Sammie Maletta from the Diocese of Gary, Indiana. There is still plenty of time to register if you have not already done so.

**Priest Unity Days** June 20-22, 2019 at Holy Crosse Diocesan Center – La Crosse, WI. The Presenter is Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Most Reverend

Andrew H. Cozzens. The theme is: "Remain in me...for without me you can do nothing" (Jn 15) - Human and Spiritual Growth for Fruitful Priestly Ministry.

**Deacons and Wives afternoon with the Bishop** - Holy Cross Diocesan Center, August 10, 2019

**Fall Clergy Conference** October 14-15, 2019 at Holy Cross Diocesan Center, Presenter is Fr. Sean Kilcawley.

**Fall Clergy Conference** October 12-13, 2020.



## Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Director: Christopher Rogers – 608-791-2652 | [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org)

**Reminder:** Have you talked with your youth about NCYC yet? Have you encouraged your pastor to attend as well? Do not forget to let us know you would like to organize a parish group by next week Monday, March 25.

For all the information you need, go to our official Diocese of La Crosse NCYC website: <https://diolcncyc.weebly.com/>. Watch here for further updates as they become available.

### Youth Retreat at St. Joachim Catholic Church

This retreat will be held Sunday, March 31, 2019. For more information please visit: <https://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/parish-rallies-and-retreats/> RSVP to Christina Pelot, St. Joachim's Youth Minister, [Christinapelot@gmail.com](mailto:Christinapelot@gmail.com) or Irene Klevene at the central office at 715-884-6815, by Monday, March 25, 2019.

### Catholic Scout Retreat

Place: St. Patrick's School – 100 South L Street – Sparta - WI

Date: May 18, 2019

Time: Registration 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. sessions will end at 4 p.m.

Meals: Lunch & snacks provided

\*No Cost free will donations accepted \*

This retreat is for Boy Scouts ages 13 and older or have completed the 6th grade.

For Information contact: Cindy Sjolander at 608-792-4911 or email

[catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com](mailto:catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com)

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to the event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2272978979619505/>.

Please share this on your parish Facebook page.

### Adventure Camp

Week 1: June 23-28, 2019

Week 2: August 4-9, 2019

For more information, please visit <https://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/>

## **Mission America 2019**

Once again this year, two trips are being offered.

The First Trip will be to Quincy, FL When: June 7-14, 2019

Type of Work: Hurricane Michael Relief

Who Can Attend: Students who have completed 9th grade and older.

Cost: \$500

Contact: Mary Stoeffler – Youth Minister at Holy Family Catholic Church, Prairie du Chien.

[creativecuts@yahoo.com](mailto:creativecuts@yahoo.com)

The Second Trip will be to St. Petersburg, FL

When: July 6-13, 2019

Type of Work: We will be participating in the Good Samaritan Project with the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

Who Can Attend: Students going into 9th grade and older.

Cost: TBD

Contact: Jen Mickschl – Youth & Young Adult Ministry – 608-791-0161 | [jmickschl@diolc.org](mailto:jmickschl@diolc.org)

For more information about both trips, please visit

<https://diolc.org/yva/youthopportunities/mission-trips/>

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