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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 March 7

Tuesday, March 7

Mite Box Collection begins

Wednesday, March 8

Mite Box Collection begins

Thursday, March 9

Mite Box Collection begins

Friday, March 10

Mite Box Collection begins

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Eau Claire

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Marathon

Spring Training Update Prep

Day of Prayer and Penance for Diocesan and Universal Church needs

Saturday, March 11

Mite Box Collection begins

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Eau Claire

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Marathon

5:00pm National Marriage Encounter Weekend Eau Claire

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat. Stevens Point, WI

Sunday, March 12

Mite Box Collection begins

» 6:00pm National Marriage Encounter Weekend Eau Claire

10:30am Father Joseph Walijewski's 4th Anniversary Mass

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No items this week.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Gems for the New Evangelization

Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a Person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.

(Pope Benedict XVI, “*Deus Caritas Est*” n. 1)

It is necessary to awaken again in believers a full relationship with Christ, mankind's only Savior. Only from a relationship with Jesus can an effective evangelization develop. (Pope John Paul II, speech to bishops of Southern Germany, Dec. 4, 1992)

Basic Evangelization Training

There will be Basic Evangelization Training held at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center on Friday evening, April 28 – Saturday, April 29. Training provided by St. Paul Evangelization Ministries. For more information, to download a flyer and/or to register, [click here](#).

Spiritual Enrichment

Fr. John Parr will present "The Spirit Among Us – The Holy Spirit in our personal lives, in our ministry and in our families" on Tuesday, March 14 at St. Joseph's Parish Center in Black River Falls. The presentation will be from 10-11:30 with lunch to follow. [Click here for further details](#).

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Office for Communications

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CORRECTION: Age for abstinence incorrectly stated in March Catholic Life

There is an error on the age requirements for abstinence in the printed version of the March issue of Catholic Life – Back Page. We incorrectly state that All Catholics, ages 14-59, are bound by the law of abstinence. The correct statement is: All Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat – there is no upper age limit for abstinence. Sorry for any confusion. [The online flip book version has the correct back cover](#).

Father Joseph Walijewski's 4th Anniversary Mass

Join us for Mass marking the 4th anniversary of the opening of the Cause for Beatification and Canonization of Father Joseph Walijewski. Mass will be celebrated from 10:30a.m.-12p.m on Sunday, March 12 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. If you are unable to attend the Mass, it will be available to watch LIVE at www.diolc.org/live

Here are other Masses being offered, marking this celebration:

March 12

Msgr. Scheckel, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Richland Center

Msgr. Diermeier, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Marathon

Msgr. Machalski, SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, Diocese of Detroit

Msgr. Burrill

March 15

Bishop Powers, Diocese of Superior

If you are planning on offering a Mass with this intention, or know of a Mass celebrating the 4th anniversary not listed above, kindly let Debbie Brannon know at dbrannon@diolc.org. Visit frjoesguild.org for more information and background on the cause.

Parish Round Table Meetings

The Office for Communications is hosting Parish Information Round Table discussions this spring. Pre-registration is preferred; all meetings are two hours. To register please contact Margot Lorraine at mlorraine@diolc.org or [608-791-2695](tel:608-791-2695).

Date	Parish	City	Time	Details
March 23	St. Olaf	Eau Claire	9 - 11am	Downstairs conference room. Park on the north lane street lot; entrance #7
March 23	St. Francis of Assisi	Ellsworth	1:30 – 3:30pm	Enter in the parish hall entrance. Park in school parking lot. <u>Do not</u> try the school entrance.
April 4	St. Mary	Greenwood	9 - 11am	Parking in rear of building off Hendren Ave. Enter double doors.
April 4	St. Joseph	Stratford	2 - 4pm	Rectory basement, in front door of rectory.
April 5	St. Mark	Rothschild	9 - 11am	Catechetical Room, enter in the school east entrance (same side as church)
April 5	St. Lawrence	Wisconsin Rapids	1 - 3pm	Basement hall. Use door nearest corner of 10th Ave and Fremont
April 26	St. Charles	Genoa	9 - 11am	School cafeteria. Parking by front door of school.
April 26	St. Aloysius	Hillsboro	1:30 – 3:30pm	Church basement

Below is the meeting agenda. However, we will gladly address any concerns or questions you wish to bring to our attention.

1. Data Quality – updating NCOA and Life Events
2. Data Integrity, Raisers Edge, Giving Trend Reporting, ParishSOFT Synchronization and Backup
3. Chancery Bulletin Training
4. Long-range Parish and Diocesan Data Planning
5. Sesquicentennial Preparation
6. My Parish App
7. Questions

These meetings are open to administrative assistants, pastors, and other parish staff who work with parish data. We hope to see you at one of these meetings. To register please contact Margot Lorraine at mlorraine@diolc.org or [608-791-2695](tel:608-791-2695).

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FOR YOUR PARISH BULLETIN

West Coast Vocation Pilgrimage: May 30-June 15 Mater Redemptoris House of Formation, La Crosse, 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 is limited. Inquire soon with Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or 608-788-4530.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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50th Jubilarian Couples – One Last Call for Names and Contact Information

All parishes are asked to submit the names of married couples who are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2017. Please send us the names, addresses, and phone numbers of those couples in your parish who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Please [click here](#) to download the registration form. Complete the form and return it to our office by March 20, 2017. To download a letter from our office that describes the event in detail [click here](#).

If you have any questions about the 50th Jubilee event, please contact Mary Lou Berg at mberg@diolc.org.

Teaching the Way of Love Newsletter for Parents – Ready for Distribution

The parent newsletter for March from Teaching the Way of Love offers parents practical suggestions on how to help their children develop the virtue of self-control. To read the letter [click here](#). To download a PDF version for distribution, [click here](#). Thanks for getting this into the hands of your parents; both those in your parish school and your religious education families.

Lenten Resources for Singles

Catholic Match Institute has created a number of Lenten resources that will appeal to the Single Catholics in your parish. Consider sharing these with the young adults in your parish family.

www.LentSanity.com

www.PrayTheStations.com

www.MonkifyLent.com

www.LentenBootcamp.com

Ready to Support your Married Couples? Tell them about Domestic Church!

Domestic Church is a lay led ministry open to any couple who is Sacramentally married. It helps each couple deepen the relationships found within their family and with God. The movements begins with the retreat and then continues with monthly formation meetings where couples pray, read Scripture and share experiences of married love and the joys and

concerns of parenting. Domestic Church offers support, sensitivity and true friendship, teachers couples to demand more of themselves and fosters a joy in being married. The first Domestic Church retreat to be held in WI will happen May 18-21 at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Marathon. Please download and distribute [this brochure](#) to your married couples. Registration for this event will begin next week.

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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 a parish evangelization team or concept, this training has been given to thousands around the U.S., Canada and beyond. Complete info, brochure and [online registration](#) at www.diolc.org/basic-evangelization. Contact: Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, [608-791-0161](tel:608-791-0161) or ministries@diolc.org.

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Bulletin insert for March 18-19 on Lent and Evangelization can be [found here](#) and at www.diolc.org/basic-evangelization.

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**One More Opportunity to Sample the Lay Formation Institute
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 the 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](tel: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 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 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](tel:608-791-0161).

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.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Stewardship Formation and Education - 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.

International Catholic Stewardship Conference (ICSC)

The Office for Stewardship and Development is looking for interested individuals to who want to attend this incredible three-day stewardship event. Space is limited! This event is attended by hundreds of fellow Catholics from around the world. By joining the Diocesan group, you can enjoy our membership pricing. This invitation is open to all interested parties.

Contact Jeff Reiter Director of Stewardship and Development for more details. Email: Jreiter@diolc.org or call direct at 608.791.2685 or by visiting our signup page at <https://goo.gl/forms/OZNZSFHIOZ5zcFI33>!

This year's theme celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the USCCB Pastoral Letter: ***Stewardship: A Disciple's Response***

Some of the wonderful benefits of attending this conference include

- Parishes find/learn how to build resources to carry out their mission and ministries
- Personal batteries are recharged and attendees return energized to instill new life and positive energy into their parishes and dioceses
- Participants will learn methods for bringing parishioners closer to the Lord.
- Attendees have an opportunity to compare notes with others after workshops, at breaks, meals and at the regional meetings held during the conference.
- Workshops are pertinent, practical and relevant to the day-to-day challenges in a parish and Diocese.
- Sessions geared for those involved in all areas of stewardship and development in a parish or Diocese, whether they are just beginning, or have taught the concepts for years
- Attendees find or are reminded of the powerful and positive impact stewardship conversion has on a parish and Diocese, and they learn the nuts and bolts of how to do this.

Cost and other details

- Dates: September 17-20, 2017
 - (Begins 3:30 pm on Sunday, 9/17 and ends at 11:30 am on Wednesday, 9/20)
- Registration Fee:
 - Lenten Discount rate for members is \$449 until April 17
 - Early Bird Registration of \$499 until July 31.
 - After July 31, rate for members is \$599.
 - Non-member rate is \$1,199 per person.
- Location – Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 65 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia
- Hotel cost per evening - \$199 + taxes
- Continental breakfasts provided Monday and Tuesday, Lunch on Tuesday afternoon.

2017-2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Next year's theme will center on Hope and how the Church is the Steward of Hope. In 2018, we will be celebrating 150 years as a diocese, the generations whose shoulders we stand upon came to this area and built a diocesan community based on their hope in Jesus Christ. We are looking for inspiring stories of hope to develop and share with our brothers and sisters in our diocesan community. Know of someone who because of or through the ministries supported by the Diocesan Annual Appeal is an inspiration of hope? Please contact the Office of Stewardship and Development.

Process Changes

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. If you receive any Diocesan Annual Appeal gifts or pledges, please be sure to forward them all directly to the Office of Stewardship and Development PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. All parishioner and donor mailings have had the La Crosse address as a return address for a couple months.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal Parish Progress Reporting Tool – GivingTrend

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 Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Contacting Our Office

Please contact Teresa Brown, Secretary for the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry for any inquiries about upcoming events and scheduling visits from our office. Teresa is awesome and you will enjoy working with her! Teresa's contact information is 608-791-2652 and tbrown@diolc.org

Youth Talks

Chris Rogers is happy to come to your parish and speak to your youth group, CCD class, etc. Call 608-791-2652 if you would like to schedule a date.

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](#).

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