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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of May 14

Wednesday, May 15

10:00am Advisory Council Meeting - Tomah

Friday, May 17

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - May 17 - 18

Saturday, May 18

8:30am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Durand

8:30am Catholic Scout Retreat - Sparta

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day - Curia Offices Closed

Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Lisieux and Paris with Bob Dolan and Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Tuesday, May 28

6:30pm Holy Happy Hour - Mauston

Friday, May 31

4:00pm 2019 Holy Name Summerfun - Wausau - May 31 - June 2

Sunday, June 2

Anointed High School Retreat - La Crosse - June 2 - 6

Monday, June 3

6:00pm 33 Days of Morning Glory Retreat - La Crosse, Onalaska and Bloomer

Friday, June 7

10:00am 33 Days to Morning Glory Class - La Crosse - June 7- July 12

7:00pm Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Chippewa Falls - June 7 - 8

Saturday, June 8

12:00pm St Peter Parish Picnic - Stevens Point - June 8 - 9

Sunday, June 9

3:30pm Mass and Healing Service - Wausau

Tuesday, June 11

Curriculum Workshop - Marathon - June 11-.13

Thursday, June 13

9:00am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training - Wisconsin Rapids - June 13 - 15

Friday, June 14

Dare to Follow - La Crosse - June 14 - 16

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, diolc.org/calendar, please send an email to 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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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Safe Haven Sunday Evaluation

Thank you to the priests that completed the survey on Safe Haven Sunday. Please click [here](#) to read the results of the evaluation.

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreats Scheduled

Two Domestic Church Evaluation Retreats are scheduled for the Fall of 2019 and Spring of 2020. Please download, print, and share the [brochure](#) and [poster](#) promoting these events. We ask that you widely post and distribute these materials to your sacramentally married couples.

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Office for Ministries

Director: Christopher Ruff – 608-791-0161 | cruff@diolc.org

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: For Your Parish Bulletin:

New Leader of Prayer Class Begins in June

Applications are still open for a new class of men and women who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer for the Diocese of La Crosse. This is a three-part course of study by which lay persons are prepared and commissioned to serve their parishes by bringing Holy Communion to the sick, conducting a Liturgy of the Word with Communion on weekdays when a priest is unavailable, and leading parishioners in prayer at times of illness or death. In nursing homes or healthcare facilities, when no priest is available, they may also conduct a Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest. Completion of the Lay Formation Institute is a prerequisite for acceptance into the Leader of Prayer program, and candidates must be sponsored by their pastors. For complete information, visit www.diolc.org/ministries and click on “Leader of Prayer.”

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Office for Missions

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608-791-2676 | wpace@diolc.org

Reminder: World Mission Sunday is not until October, but parish WMS 2019 envelope orders need to be submitted by **May 20**. They can be requested in amounts of 100, 250, 500, and 1,000. Additional posters may also be requested. Please email mapel@diolc.org by May 20 if there are any changes to last year’s parish amounts or shipment details. Thank you for your generous prayers and support to the Missions! Pope Francis has named October 2019 “Extraordinary Missionary Month.” Let’s celebrate the extraordinary work of those whom God sends to proclaim the kingdom of God in areas where poverty strikes hardest.

Mass Intentions/Stipends: As we periodically do, once again we remind parishes and individuals to please consider sending extra Mass intentions/stipends to the Mission Office. Our missionary and senior priests appreciate your support very much and are happy to offer the Masses as soon as possible. They are especially a big help to bishops and religious superiors we work with whose priests serving in remote communities would otherwise receive little or sometimes no salaries for their work and daily living.

Summer Mission Co-op 2019: Assignments for the Mission Co-op Program Summer 2019 have all been distributed. We are grateful to those who have let us know the Appeal

schedules now arranged. We are also grateful to hear from you when there may be questions or difficulties. We know we are receiving missionaries from parts of the world where immediate communication is not possible, so let us know sooner rather than later if there are frustrations. Pastors, if you have not already done so, please arrange a scheduled date with your assigned missionary as soon as possible. Arrangements should be made even if pastoral changes are occurring during the summer. It is better to schedule now, than to wait for the new priest to arrive. Thank you for all the extras you do for the missions.

The 2019 Lenten Mite Box Program has now concluded. Please send donations payable to *Society for the Propagation of the Faith* with “miteboxes” in the memo, and mail to Mission Office-Diocese of La Crosse. We will forward the funds to the Missionary Childhood Association, who provides assistance to many Missions. For example, check out our website for activity supported by MCA in [Tanzania, Papua New Guinea, or Kenya](#).

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

Director: Michael Haight – 608-791-2697 | ceremonies@diolc.org

Rite of Confirmation Reminders: Emcee letters addressed to host parish Pastors are arriving via email Inboxes with detailed information. Please carefully review and 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.

Does a Candidate Need another Date? If a candidate from your parish cannot attend their scheduled parish date, contact the Office for Pontifical Ceremonies for other dates and locations near to them. 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 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. 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

Director: Christopher Carstens – 608-791-0161 | ccarstens@diolc.org

Solemnity of the Ascension, Sunday, June 2

The Solemnity of the Ascension has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, Sunday, June 2, using the liturgical texts proper to the Ascension; Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter (May 30) is celebrated as an Easter weekday.

Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, June 10

On February 11, 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments inscribed a new obligatory Memorial of “Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,” into the General Roman Calendar. This memorial will be celebrated every year on the Monday after Pentecost (June 10 in 2019)

A full Mass formulary—including Collect, Prayer over the Offerings, Preface, Prayer after Communion, and Entrance and Communion Antiphons—is already included within the *Roman Missal* in the section of Votive Masses: 10. Blessed Virgin Mary, B. Our Lady, Mother of the Church.

A set of proper (i.e., mandatory) readings has been assigned for this new memorial. Since the precise verses and acclamation are not found together in any one place in the Lectionary for Mass, the USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship has prepared a PDF resource of the readings to facilitate their use, [here](#). White vestments are worn.

An English version of the proper texts for the Memorial of the “Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church” will be included in the Liturgy of the Hours, Second Edition, after translation by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, approval by the USCCB, and confirmation by the Holy See. Please see the [USCCB website](#) for further details.

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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](http://www.diolc.org). 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 Catholic Schools

Superintendent: Thomas Reichenbacher – 608-788-7707 | treichenbacher@diolc.org

2019 Diocese of La Crosse Catholic School Awards – Congratulations!

Holy Family Award – Paul Michlig, Newman Catholic Schools, Wausau

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Award – Jodi Olszewski, Pacelli Catholic Schools, Stevens Point

Support Staff of the Year – Linda Schwartz, Blessed Sacrament School, La Crosse

Administrator of the Year – Carisa Smiskey, St. Mary’s School, Altoona (Eau Claire)

Early Childhood Educator of the Year – Alysia Steiger, McDonell Area Catholic Schools, Chippewa Falls

Elementary School Teacher of the Year – Mary Kiefer, St. Joseph Catholic School, Menomonie

Middle School Teacher of the Year – Shannon Shaw, Assumption Middle School, Wisconsin Rapids

High School Teacher of the Year – Virginia (Ginnie) Mootz, Newman Catholic Schools, Wausau

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Office for Social Concerns

Director: Christopher Ruff – 608-791-0161 | cruff@diolc.org

Attention Pastors: A reminder to collect Rice Bowl Donations

If you have not already done so, please invite all parishioners, schools, etc. to turn in their Rice Bowl donations to your parish. Then please write a check for the total amount, payable to the Diocese of La Crosse, with “Rice Bowl” on the memo line. Send your check to Jen Mickschl, Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. (Note: Please do not confuse funds for the “Mite Boxes” with those for the Rice Bowl.)

Farmer Hotline for Help & Hope

Currently, there is a 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

Prayers of the Faithful – please draw from these prayers during the months of May and June

- For all property owners, from large scale to garden plots, may they grow as good stewards, God’s gift of the land. We pray ...
- For all people to more clearly see the presence of God through creation that surrounds them, may they cherish that gift and approach it with great respect. We pray ...
- For those in conflict over land use policies, may they resolve conflicts peacefully, recognizing the Lord’s presence in people on both sides of the issue. We pray ...
- For the ability of public officials to form land use policies that take into consideration the well-being of all God’s creation, not merely profits. We pray ...
- For ability to grow in “Love of Neighbor;” whenever we gather for county, city, and town meetings, may we do so with mutual respect, recognizing the dignity of all people. We pray ...
- For future generations, that environmental policies enacted today protect water, air, and land for children and creatures born tomorrow. We pray ...
- For the grace to live more simply and in harmony with the world around us so we may discover God in beauty, goodness and the order of creation. We pray ...
- For the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, that following his example we may give praise to God through the gift of our time, listening to the songs of creation and appreciating all that God has done throughout the seasons of the year. We pray ...

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Office for Temporalities

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New benefit plan rates for lay employees and priests are shown below. Please use this information for planning/budget purposes.

Diocese of La Crosse Group Health and Dental Plan Premiums 2019 - 2020

- **TRADITIONAL DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN** - based on utilization and claims the premium will increase 5.4%
- **HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN/HSA ELIGIBLE PLAN (HDHP/HSA)** - based on utilization and claims the premium will remain the same
- **DENTAL BENEFIT PREMIUMS** – will remain the same
- **VISION PLAN** – New benefit included with the Health Plan premium and will also be available as a voluntary option for employees not enrolled in the Health Plan. Additional information will be provided with Open Enrollment
- **OPEN ENROLLMENT**– will be May 24 – June 14, 2019 – more information will be provided at that time.
- Here is a summary of the comparison Year-over-Year of the Gross Premium for each Plan and Coverage type:

LAY EMPLOYEES		
TRADITIONAL PLAN	PLAN YEAR	
Medical (vision included)	2018 - 2019	2019-2020
Employee	\$ 910.00	\$ 959.00
Family	\$ 2,312.00	\$ 2,437.00
Medicare (Retiree)	\$ 335.00	\$ 335.00
Medicare Husband & Wife (Retiree)	\$ 670.00	\$ 670.00
HDHP / HSA	PLAN YEAR	
Medical (vision included)	2018 - 2019	2019-2020
Employee	\$ 659.00	\$ 659.00
Family	\$ 1,675.00	\$ 1,675.00
Medicare (Retiree)	\$ 293.00	\$ 293.00
Medicare Husband & Wife (Retiree)	\$ 586.00	\$ 586.00
Dental	2018 - 2019	2019-2020
Employee	\$ 41.00	\$ 41.00
Employee plus 1	\$ 62.00	\$ 62.00
Family	\$ 104.00	\$ 104.00
Vision (Voluntary)	2018 - 2019	2019-2020
Employee	\$ -	\$ 4.95
Family	\$ -	\$ 11.82
PRIESTS		
	PLAN YEAR	
Medical (vision included)	2018 - 2019	2019-2020
Active	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 1,325.00
Senior (Retired)	\$ 496.00	\$ 496.00
Dental		
Active	\$ 32.00	\$ 32.00
Senior (Retired)	\$ 32.00	\$ 32.00

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Office for Vocations

Director: Fr. Alan Wierzba – 608-791-2667 | awierzba@diolc.org

Please include the following intercession for vocations for your Sunday prayers of the faithful.

We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, that God fill those called to vocations of marriage, priesthood and religious life with the courage and faith to respond to a life of service.

Dare to Follow retreat June 14-16, 2019.

[Click here](#) for the flyer and registration form.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/290164331859319/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Threshold retreat July 12-14, 2019.

[Click here](#) for the flyer and registration form.

This [medical release form](#) will also need to be filled out for anyone participating in either Dare to Follow or Threshold retreats.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/323003811723628/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Come, Follow Days - July 1-2, 2019

Girls ages 9-12 - Are you interested in having some fun while learning about Jesus? Come join the sisters at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation this July 1-2, 2019. Visit www.materredemptoris.org for more information and to register. Questions? Please contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or materredemptoris@gmail.com. Registration will remain open until June 24th or until all spots are filled. Please promote at your parish using [this poster](#).

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/857818687894435/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Anointed High School Retreat - June 2-6, 2019

Come join the Sisters at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation for a week that will change your life!

When: June 2-6, 2019

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse

Who: Young ladies in high school

Cost: \$150

Registration and more information: www.materredemptoris.org

Questions: Call or email Sr. M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or materredemptoris@gmail.com.

Please promote this event at your parish using [this poster](#).

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/404741650361792/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Reminder: Priestly Ordination of Deacon Brandon Guenther and Deacon Ethan Hokamp will be on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/328895707985585/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

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

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1000963323447219/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

Director: Msgr. David Kunz – 608-791-2689 | pboyle@diolc.org

Upcoming Dates and Events for 2019 & 2020:

Priest Unity Days June 20-22, 2019 at Holy Cross Diocesan Center – La Crosse, WI.

Invitations have been sent out by email.

Please look for the invitation and reply by clicking on - “Register Now”

For those without email, you will receive your copy by USPS. You may call in your reservation.

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

Fall Ministry Conference October 12-13, 2020

Letters of Suitability. If you will be traveling outside of the Diocese of La Crosse and plan to do more than attend Mass, please contact Paula at pboyle@diolc.org for your letter. Celebrets are for travel outside of the United States and are done by Maryjo Wilson in the Chancery Office, mwilson@diolc.org

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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