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Officials

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

CORRECTIONS TO MAY 8, 2018 OFFICIALS:

The Reverend **Gregory A. Michaud** will remain as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Polonia and Immaculate Conception Parish in Custer.

The Reverend **Arulsamy Raja Kennedy**, Parochial Administrator of St. John the Apostle Parish in Whitehall, is appointed Pastor of St. Leo the Great Parish in West Salem and St. Mary Parish in Bangor, with residence at St. Mary Parish rectory in Bangor, effective July 5, 2018.



Events

As of June 26, 2018

Thursday, June 28

12:00pm Priest Unity Days - La Crosse - June 28-30

Saturday, June 30

10:00am Priestly Ordination - La Crosse

10:00am Live Stream - Ordination to the Priesthood

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day - Curia Offices Closed

Friday, July 6

Dare to Follow - La Crosse - July 6-8

Mission America 2 - July 6-13

Sunday, July 8

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration - La Crosse

Adventure Camp: Week 3 - July 8-13

Friday, July 13

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - July 13-14

Threshold 2018 - La Crosse - July 13-15

Sesquicentennial - Bishop's Regional Visit - Thorp and Marshfield Deaneries - July 13-15

6:45pm Parish Pull at the Fairgrounds - Marshfield

Saturday, July 14

4:00pm Sesquicentennial - Event to be determined at St Joseph - Stratford

5:00pm Sesquicentennial - Mass followed by social - Hewitt

Sunday, July 15

10:30am Sesquicentennial - Mass - Loyal

4:00pm Sesquicentennial - Hispanic Community Mass and Fiesta - Abbotsford

Thursday, July 19

Parish Suite Transition Training - Wisconsin Rapids - July 19-20

Sunday, July 22

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration - Altoona

Sunday, July 29

4:45pm Priests for Tomorrow

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Planning for the fall

Catechetical leaders, please consider implementing one of the following in the Parish Faith Formation Program if that has not yet taken place. These programs are supplementary and need to be used in conjunction with an approved textbook series. The first two Programs were given to the parishes in the past. For further information and/or suggestions for implementation, please contact Ann. For a list of approved textbooks, [click here](#).

- [Diocesan Virtue Program](#) - for parents and young people. Scroll down to view in left-hand column
- [Teaching the Way of Love](#) - for parents and young people
- [Theology of the Body for Middle School](#) / [You. Life, Love and the Theology of the Body for High School](#)

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Office for Communications

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Reminder: Join our Facebook group

The Office for Communications has established a Facebook group to help facilitate your sharing of diocesan Facebook posts. Please [use this link](#) to join the group. Being a member of this group will ensure you get notice of all diocesan Facebook posts. You can then share the posts on your parish Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/363387170779492/>

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Your Bulletin:

Want to love your spouse like God wants you to?

Spouses know that great love is possible within the midst of the daily demands, yet at times, it can be difficult to show it as we could. Consider attending a Domestic Church

retreat. Get real, concrete help so you can tap into what God has in store for you. Attending a retreat is your opportunity to begin a spiritual journey together (or deepen what already exists). It is also an introduction to Domestic Church for those interested in beginning formation in a Domestic Church circle. The next retreat is August 16-19th in La Crosse, WI. To register for the retreat, go to: diolc.org/marriage-enrichment/. Direct all questions to aheinzen@diolc.org.

Domestic Church Flier

Click [here](#) to download a flier to post or place in your parish's gathering space.

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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P.U.D. Jubilarians Mass Friday: Priests please bring your own **RED** stole for the celebration of this liturgy. Those who will be principal concelebrants and principal deacons (you will be contacted via email this week) will have stoles and vestments provided. Any questions please contact Michael.

REMINDER: Priest Unity Days – Ceremonial Items: Pastors doing “spring cleaning” in their church(es) that want to bring unused liturgical appointments to Priest Unity Days are kindly asked to contact Michael Haight in advance so proper arrangements can be made prior to the conference. A clothing rack with clergy shirts turned in since last year’s conference will be present and priests are welcome to take any they can use on a first-come, first-serve basis. The newly formed “Ceremonials Room” will be ready for inspection by any priest that desires to see what is available for re-distribution.

REMINDER: 150th Banner at Pontifical Liturgies: During the Sesquicentennial Year, parishes that will be hosting Bishop Callahan are asked to display, in their sanctuary or other proper area if the celebration is outside of Holy Mass, the Diocesan 150th banner or tri-fold display

board. If your parish does not have one, please contact the Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies and one will be provided for the celebration. All parishes can order their own banner or display board at <https://diocesan.com/product/diocese-of-la-crosse-150th-anniversary>.

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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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Religious Freedom Week Continues

Serving Others in God's Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018 runs from June 22-29. Proclaimed by the U.S. Bishops, the week began with the Feast of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, and it concludes with the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul. For information and many resources on religious liberty at home and abroad, visit www.diolc.org/freedom.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

What is the Church Saying about Immigration?

In the midst of all the debates about immigration, it is vital to get the Church's perspective. In 2004 the U.S. Bishops launched the Justice for Immigrants Campaign to clarify the issues and mobilize Catholics and others. Visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org for information, resources, Church statements and action alerts.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Help Relieve Suffering in Central America and the Middle East – Give to CRS

You can help the victims of the devastating Guatemala volcano, those fleeing violence in Central America, and refugees from religious persecution in Iraq and Syria. Wherever there is trouble and pain around the world, you will find Catholic Relief Services (CRS) acting as the heart and hands of Christ and his Church. Visit www.crs.org to learn how you can make a difference.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Annual Appeal:

Goal: \$5,563,760

Received: \$6,070,359.74 - 107.93% percent of goal received with 21,415 donors

Please remind all parishioners that the Annual Appeal deadline is 6/30/18.

All donations must be **postmarked** by 6/30/18 in order to be credited to the 2017-18 Appeal.

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Office for Temporalities

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Annual Report to the Bishop

It is that time of year again to start working on the Annual Report to the Bishop. All necessary documents and forms can be found on the Temporalities website page under

Offices and Ministries – [Annual Report](#). All reports are due in the Office of Temporalities by August 31.

New Priest Assignments - Payroll

The new priest assignments are occurring as of July 5, 2018. For payroll purposes each parish is to pay the full month's priest salary and benefits. There will be no partial payments from the prior parish that they were previously assigned to. If you have questions please contact Marie Gernes.

Updated Buildings and Grounds Website

The Building and Grounds website page under Offices and Ministries has been updated. It contains new and updated forms. Please refer to the website when you are in need of a form for a building project or improvement. Please discard all other forms that you have.

Updates from St. Ambrose Financial Services

403(b) Thrift Plan Revisions

There are some beneficial modifications to the Plan that are reflected in the Plan Highlights Sheet located on <http://stambrosefinancial.com/>. Changes include the following:

1. Eligibility for employer contributions

- **Effective July 1, 2018** - Immediate eligibility for those scheduled to work at least 20 hours a week during the school year. Seasonal employees are not eligible for employer base contributions (please contact Marie Gernes, Diocesan Finance Officer at 608.791.2668 or mgernes@diolc.org with any questions on this Seasonal classification).
- **Note that there may be employees who are now eligible as of July 1st** for Employer Contributions. They need to enroll in the plan for the 1% base contribution.

2. Pre-Tax or Roth contributions

Effective July 1, 2018 - Employees can designate their personal contribution as **Pre-Tax and/or Roth** designation.

- Traditional/Pre-Tax Contribution
 - Contributions are excluded from income for the year(s) in which they are made
 - On withdrawal - Contributions and earnings are taxable as income
- Designated Roth Contribution
 - After tax contributions are included in income for the year(s) in which they are made
 - On withdrawal - Federal-income-tax-free as long as the five-year rule is satisfied and a participant is age 59 ½ or older, becomes disabled or

dies. If these conditions are not met, earnings, but not contributions, are taxable as withdrawn.

Questions on how to handle the after-tax Roth contribution on payroll should be directed to Marie Gernes, Diocesan Finance Officer at 608.791.2668 or mgernes@diolc.org.

3. The **403(b) salary reduction agreement** has also been modified to reflect the change with the Roth contribution and will now provide two options:

ELECTION TO CONTRIBUTE

I elect to designate my contributions as Traditional Pre-Tax Contributions and/or Designated Roth Contributions (after-tax contributions) as follows:

Pre-Tax Contributions: I elect to contribute _____% of my pay, and I authorize my employer to deduct that amount each pay period.

Designated Roth Contributions (after tax): I elect to contribute _____% of my pay, and I authorize my employer to deduct that amount each pay period.

These forms on St. Ambrose Financial Services website will be updated by end of day on June 29, 2018 - <http://stambrosefinancial.com/>.

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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.

That we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world as we discern where our Lord is calling us to serve.

Priests for Tomorrow Fundraiser Dinner -- July 29, 2018

Cargill Room at the Waterfront Restaurant, La Crosse, WI

Cocktails 4:30. Dinner at 5:30 with program following.

NEW THIS YEAR --- Silent and Live auctions!

For tickets contact Renee' at rorth@diolc.org or 608-791-2667

REMINDER

ORDINATION

Please [click here](#) for the invitation to the Ordination of Kyle Laylan and Barry Saylor on June 30, 2018

Dare to Follow Retreat

Who: Boys going into 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th grades

When: July 6-8, 2018

Where: Holy Cross Diocesan Center, [3710 East Avenue S., La Crosse, WI 54601](#)

What: Dare to Follow... When Jesus saw the fishermen at the Sea of Galilee, he asked them to leave everything and follow him to a new way of life. Jesus is calling, will you dare to follow him?

Spend a couple of days with young men your own age...

- Learning more about your Catholic Faith
- Talking about the vocation of priesthood
- Having fun

[Dare to Follow Brochure – PDF](#)

Contact Vocations Office – 608-791-2667 | rorth@diolc.org

THRESHOLD RETREAT

Who: For young men entering junior or senior year of high school, or any year of college, who have considered the priesthood

When: July 13 – 15, 2018

Where: Holy Cross Diocesan Center [3710 East Ave. S. | La Crosse, WI 54601](#)

Cost: No Cost – Limited to 25 registrants

What: Three days of prayer and conversation and reflections on the priesthood as well as plenty of recreation

Jesus spent three years forming a group of Apostles whose lives would change the course of human history. At the last supper Jesus reminded them, “It was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. (John 15:16)

We spend so much time trying to figure out what we will do for college and career and yet how much time do we spend trying to understand what Jesus meant by this passage and what He has chosen for you? How much time have you invested in discovering God’s plan for your life? We invite you to take a couple of days this summer to listen, to pray, to ask, to seek, and to discover how the Lord is calling you. Please join us as you come to this next threshold in your life.

[Threshold Brochure – PDF](#)

Contact Vocations Office – 608-791-2667 | rorth@diolc.org

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