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### A message from Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Reverend and dear Brothers,

May the Lord give you peace!

With the creation of the Office of Parish Ministry and Planning it is my strong desire to better support your efforts as priests and as pastors. Following our new Mission Statement to live, teach and promote the sacramental life of His Church, called by His words "Seek first the kingdom of God." I would like to share with you an invitation to attend a conference designed with pastoral and parochial dynamism in mind. On October 17-19, 2018 *The Amazing Parish* Conference is being held in Milwaukee and we have been extended a discounted price for any parish that wishes to attend. Gathering and training a leadership team to rally around the pastor builds trust and shares responsibility of leading your parish. The *Amazing Parish* Conference utilizes three building blocks

A passion for evangelization and discipleship

A commitment to a healthy organization

A reliance on prayer

all principals that set a strong foundation in realizing our vision.

I will be attending the conference along with a Diocesan team and would encourage you and your leadership team to join us at this dynamic conference hosted by some inspiring and engaging Catholic leaders. I realize that every parish and pastor is not in a position to attend the conference, but I do encourage you to consider the invitation. For those attending, a discount of \$250 is being offered. Please use the discount code LC-250MKE when registering. Registration, hotel and other costs will be the responsibility of each parish that chooses to attend.

Below is a link where you will find more information about the conference and access to registration.

<https://amazingparish.org/>

Please contact Debbie at my office, [dbrannon@diolc.org](mailto:dbrannon@diolc.org) or 608-791-2686 if you have any questions.



## Officials

No officials this week.



## Events

As of Aug, 14<sup>th</sup>

**Tuesday, August 14**

8:30am Welcome Back Administrators' meeting - La Crosse

**Wednesday, August 15**

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary - Curia Offices Closed

**Friday, August 17**

Retrouville Marriage Retreat - Marathon City - Aug 17-19

**Saturday, August 18**

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

**Tuesday, August 21**

Family Suite Transition Training - Eau Claire - Aug 21-22

**Thursday, August 23**

12:00pm Bishop John Paul Birthday Mass and Luncheon

**Friday, August 24**

Sesquicentennial - Bishop's Regional Visit - Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls Deaneries - Aug 24-26

**Saturday, August 25**

4:00pm Sesquicentennial Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church - Eau Claire

7:00pm Sesquicentennial - Eucharistic Adoration - Youth Encountering God the Father - Eau Claire

**Sunday, August 26**

1:00pm Sesquicentennial - Holy Hour for Vocations - Chippewa Falls

3:00pm Sesquicentennial - Outdoor Mass - Chippewa Falls

**Monday, September 3**

Labor Day - Curia Offices Closed

**Friday, September 7**

Sesquicentennial - Bishop's Regional Visit - Arcadia and Durand Deaneries - Sept 7-9

**Sunday, September 9**

10:00am Sesquicentennial - Mass and Fall Festival - Arcadia

**Sunday, September 16**

Catechetical Sunday

**Wednesday, September 19**

10:00am Advisory Council meeting - Tomah

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**Office for Catechesis & Evangelization**

**Reminder: New Catechetical Leader Training**

New DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers are encouraged to attend a day of training on Wednesday, August 22 at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center. [Click here](#) for further details and the registration form.

**Ongoing Catechist Training**

Every parish is to provide 6 hours of training for catechists. The Catechetical Institute has developed online workshops to assist you with this training at very little cost. Each workshop provides an hour of content divided into short video clips (10 minutes) followed by a simple skills-building task. These tasks allow you to process the material by answering a simple question or implementing something into your classroom. This formation is foremost to help you deepen your Faith and spiritual life to become intentional disciples and stronger witnesses of Christ and His Church. [Click here](#) to view a sample workshop and [click here](#) for parish onboarding instructions. Some workshops available are: The Vocation of the Catechist; Scripture: The Heart of Catechesis; Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture; Prayer: Introduction to the Spiritual Life of the Catechist; The Trinity; Christ: His Person and Works; Lesson Planning. Contact Ann for further details – to facilitate a group of catechists in the parish.

**Parish Religion Assessments cancelled in order to focus on Prayer**

In the Parish Programs, the Religion Assessments will be cancelled another year in order to focus on “Going Deeper in Prayer.” (Schools will continue to take the assessments this year.) This prayer initiative is in response to requests by catechetical leaders, schoolteachers, priests and most notably high school students. The vision is to teach the age-level prayers as in the past, but to have a focus on one prayer throughout the year in each grade so that students can encounter Christ and develop a deeper relationship with Him. Feedback was gathered this past year from school and parish personnel and this past weekend at the Conference. Resources will be distributed in the deaneries. Parents are to be given these resources first as they are the primary educators of their children. The results from the assessments have shown that family prayer needs to be strengthened in partnership with schools and Faith formation programs.

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Director: Jack Felsheim – 608-791-2663 | [jfelsheim@diolc.org](mailto:jfelsheim@diolc.org)

**Reminder: 2018 Fall Parish Round Table Meetings**

The Office for Communications is hosting Round Table discussions this fall. Pre-registration is preferred; all meetings are 2 hours. Please contact Margot Lorraine at [mlorraine@diolc.org](mailto:mlorraine@diolc.org) or (608) 791-2695 to register.

Date	Parish	City	Time	Details
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Wed, September 19	Blessed Sacrament (771)	La Crosse	9:00am	Park @ school, use Losey Blvd entrance
	St. Wenceslaus (13590)	Eastman	2:00pm	
Thurs, September 20	St. John (13635)	212 Church Rd, Plum City	9:30am	In the rectory
	St. Raymond (19790)	Fall Creek	2:00pm	In the parish hall
Wed, September 26	St. Joseph (13613)	Kendall, WI	9:30am	In the parish hall
	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (13575)	Auburndale, WI	2:00pm	In the church basement
Thurs, September 27	St John the Baptist (13597)	Edgar, WI	9:00am	In the church gathering space
	St. Joseph (13652)	Stevens Point, WI	1:00pm	Enter off the Jefferson St. double doors

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

1. Review of the census software transition project and outcome
2. Diocesan Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for recording census data
  - a. Batch process, Loose Change family (63626)
  - b. Sacraments
  - c. Administration (Staff records)
  - d. Integration with ParishSOFT Ledgers & Payables
3. Getting the name and address of everyone in your congregation
  - a. In-pew signup
4. DAA theme, questions about the DAA portal
5. Safe Environment forms and procedures
6. Social Media for your parish
  - a. MyOwnChurch button on MyParish 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](mailto:mlorraine@diolc.org) or 608-791-2695. Diocese of La Crosse Parish Information Management System (PIMS) website <http://www.diolc.org/pims>

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**Office for Consecrated Life**

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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### Worldwide Marriage Retreat Scheduled October 19-21

A worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience focuses on what's important in your marriage and provides the tools to live a beautiful journey together. Please make copies of this informational [handout](#) available in your parish.

### Men of the Cross Conference – Registration is Open

The 4th Annual Men of the Cross Conference is slated for Sat., Oct. 27 at Logan Middle School in La Crosse. Registration is now open.

Brochures & posters can be found by clicking [here](#). You can download, print and distribute as well as display these at your parish. Or, if you wish to have some sent to you, please contact Dan Kitzhaber – [mensmin@diolc.org](mailto:mensmin@diolc.org).

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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)

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### ***For Your Parish Bulletin***

#### **RURAL LIFE DAY MASS AND CELEBRATION**

Wednesday, September 19, the Diocese of La Crosse will hold the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Rural Life Day on the Wall-Stone Holsteins farm owned & operated by the family of Dr. AnneMarie Elwing, Kevin, Emil & William Walleser, located at S7414 Fortner Rd., De Soto, WI 54624. The day begins with 10:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan and is followed by awards, recognitions, blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by the women of the St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Genoa. For a [brochure](#), visit [www.diolc.org/rural-life](http://www.diolc.org/rural-life) and click on the designated link. For more information, contact Dan Kitzhaber, Rural Life Committee Liaison, [dkitzhaber@diolc.org](mailto:dkitzhaber@diolc.org).

**Reminder: Pastors, Deacons, Parish Social Concerns and Respect Life Representatives**  
*Parish Social Ministry will be the focus of the December issue of Catholic Life magazine,* highlighting specific charitable outreach efforts in each deanery. Please help us stay current in our “catalogue” by reviewing your deanery/parish listings in the [Directory of Parish Social Ministry Initiatives](#) and alerting us to anything that needs to be updated. There is a [submission form](#) on the diocesan website, or you may email [ministries@diolc.org](mailto:ministries@diolc.org) or call 608-791-0161 with your modifications.

**Reminder: Sept. 8 Hispanic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held Sept. 8, from 10:00 am-3:30 pm, including the Rosary, las Mananitas, traditional dances, lunch, Confession and Holy Mass. Visit the diocesan [Hispanic Ministry website](#) for a flyer with details.

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## Office for Stewardship & Development

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### 2018-19 Diocesan Annual Appeal

We are again inviting pastors who wish, to write a letter to be included in the Diocesan Annual Appeal initial mailings. The letters must be to us no later than August 25, 2018. Please include your commercial print quality parish logo or letterhead if you want to have your letter on your parish letterhead. Also, indicate whether you wish your letter to accompany the Bishop’s letter or if you prefer your letter to replace his letter. We have three versions of the letter targeting different segments of investors and investor candidates.

- Last Year Investors
- Those who invested in the past but unfortunately did not last year
- New and Never givers

Please consider following the same model, or perhaps you want to target a particular segment of your community. Contact our office if you have questions.

### REMINDER: Kickoff Weekend Signup

We are offering more times and flexibility for the kickoff weekends. If you want a weekend different from those listed on the below form ([via link](#)), please call Sarah at Stewardship and Development 608-791-2653 ASAP.

Your mailing will be at the Post Office substation on the Wednesday before your chosen kickoff weekend. We mail using the Nonprofit rate so actual delivery times vary. Our goal is to be in the mailboxes by the following Monday.

Please click the link below or paste in your browser to sign up for your kickoff weekend.



[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScY9s6uh5oUai4zzTHnBtLwGtBvSI-MNttcDGNzO6-gHA-mGQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScY9s6uh5oUai4zzTHnBtLwGtBvSI-MNttcDGNzO6-gHA-mGQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **Final Reminder: 2018-19 Annual Appeal Leadership Training**

Training is available for all who are involved in the Appeal. We will be introducing new information as well as reviewing the Appeal procedures.

Please click the link below to register for a location near you!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt-GPT1Su\\_XyAe0\\_odbEXcjuwDvoUhRnD0nKdcJJEvtIGDjg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt-GPT1Su_XyAe0_odbEXcjuwDvoUhRnD0nKdcJJEvtIGDjg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Any questions, please contact Sarah, phone: 608-791-2653 / email: [skomperud@diolc.org](mailto:skomperud@diolc.org)

Is your parish exploring the idea of a Capital Campaign, Strategic Planning, interested in Planned Giving, or want to become a Stewardship Parish? If you need ideas to reinvigorate your stewardship journey or would like to share your successes and trials; please give our office a call - we would love the opportunity to serve you.

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### **Office for Temporalities**

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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 our parish community will nurture marriage and religious vocations through lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action in the world.

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### **Office for Vicar for Clergy**

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### **Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

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**Sesquicentennial Celebration for Youth**

Come to Pacelli Catholic High School in Stevens Point on October 21, 2018 for an awesome day with APeX Ministries and music from Josh Blakesley and Tom Young. More details will be coming in the next couple of weeks so please save the date!

For more information check out our website at: <http://diolc.org/yva/150-celebration/>

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