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Officials

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

Mrs. Marie Gernes submitted her resignation as Diocesan Finance Officer and it has been accepted, effective August 14, 2018.



Events

As of Sept. 11

Sunday, September 16

Catechetical Sunday

Wednesday, September 19

10:00am Advisory Council meeting - Tomah

10:00am **Rural Life Day Mass and Celebration - De Soto**

Friday, September 21

9:00am Service Learning In-Service - Chippewa Falls

Saturday, September 22

Annual Appeal Kickoff Weekend 1 - Sept. 22-23

Wednesday, September 26

Rural Life Day

Friday, September 28

Sept Report Staffing and Enrollment Questions due date

9:00am Helping the Digital Natives Communicate Kindly - La Crosse

Monday, October 1

7:00pm Raise Them Well Webinar - Persona Maturity

Thursday, October 4

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

10:30am Cathedral Sesquicentennial Mass for Neighboring State and Regional Clergy - Live Stream

Friday, October 5

Sept Report survey due date

9:00am Continued Classroom Improvement - Plover

Sunday, October 7

Pro Life Sunday

10:30am **Sesquicentennial - Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman Mass followed by a reception at the La Crosse Center**

10:30am **Sesquicentennial Closing Mass for the People of the Diocese of La Crosse - Live Stream**

Monday, October 8

12:00pm **Fall Clergy Days - La Crosse - October 8-9**

Saturday, October 13

Annual Appeal Kickoff 2 - Oct. 13-14

Tuesday, October 16

10:00am High School Principals' meeting - Eau Claire

6:00pm **What Men & Women Want and How the Church Can Help - La Crosse**

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Going Deeper in Prayer starting at Home [click here](#) for resources for all grades

Prayer in the home is needed. The current data confirms what we know to be true. If the parents are praying in the home with their children, then the young people will develop a real friendship with Jesus Christ and understand what it means to practice the Faith in daily life. When they leave home as young adults, the Faith will be real for them, flowing from their “living” relationship with Christ.

There are actions needed that will actually engage parents to pray a specific prayer with their child every day – especially if this is not yet a habit. After meeting with Catechetical Leaders at Deanery Meetings, the following are some **best practices**. Begin by introducing this initiative to parents, since they are the primary educators of their children. Gather parents during a Faith Formation Session and explain the overall simple format of the Prayer Cards. Parents with children in pre-school through Grade 5 will receive a Family Prayer Card while Parents with children in Grades 6 through 12 will receive their own Prayer Cards, each with the specific prayer for the age level. It is important to draw the parents into discussion and then model the simple format of prayer with them. As parents will have various age-level prayer cards, walk through the simple format that is common to all the Cards, and then pray together the most widely-known prayer, the Our Father. If parents have more than one child, they are to be encouraged to begin with the youngest child’s Prayer Card. Parents are to receive the Prayer Cards before this initiative is implemented in the Catholic Schools and Parish Programs in order to respect their primary role.

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Office for Communications

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Updated Promotional Materials for the October 7 Mass and Reception

Please note that there are graphics and a poster you can use to help promote the October 7 Sesquicentennial Mass in La Crosse.

[150 Anniversary bulletin Ad – 3x5 – BW](#)

[150 Anniversary bulletin Ad – 3x5 – Color](#)

[150 Anniversary Poster – Color](#)

ParishSOFT Family Suite updated to 4.4.5

ParishSOFT Family Suite was updated last week, with several important new parish features. [Click this link](#) to review the [release notes](#). Of particular note are the Merge Family (see page 13) and Delete Sacraments (see page 14) functions. Both functions have been enabled for every parish. Contact [Nick Lichter](#) if you have questions about this new release.

Reminder: Fall Parish Round Table Meetings

Please note that the Sept. 19 afternoon at St. Wencelaus in Eastman has been cancelled

Pre-registration is preferred. All meetings are two hours. To register, please contact Margot Lorraine at mlorraine@diolc.org or 608-791-2695.

Date	Parish	City	Time	Details
Sep 19	Blessed Sacrament (771)	La Crosse	9:00 am	Park @ school, use Losey Blvd. entrance
	St Wencelaus (13590)	Eastman	Cancelled	Cancelled
Sep 20	St John (13635)	Plum City	9:30 am	In the rectory
	St Raymond (19790)	Fall Creek	2:00 pm	In the parish hall
Sep 26	St Joseph (13613)	Kendall	9:30 am	In the parish hall
	St Michael (17853)	Hewitt	2:00 pm	In the parish hall
Sep 27	St John the Baptist (13597)	Edgar	9:00 am	Church gathering space
	St Joseph (13652)	Stevens Point	1:00 pm	Enter off the Jefferson Street double doors

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Raise them Well Parenting Series

Want to help the parents in your parish become more engaged? Invite them to register for the Raise Them Well parenting webinar series. Click [here](#) to download a promotional flier that can be distributed widely to the families you serve. Thank you for making these available beginning this weekend.

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Office for Ministries

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Permanent Deacon Ordination Oct. 27

Five men will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Bishop Callahan on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the 9:30 am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. They are Thomas Anderson of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids, Kevin Breit of St. Paul Parish in Mosinee, Kent Jacobson of St. Mary Parish in Galesville, Michael Lambrecht of St. Therese Parish in Rothschild, and Richard Skifton of Sacred Heart Parish in Nekoosa.

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Reminder: Fall Confirmation season is quickly approaching! Pastors of parishes hosting Confirmations are kindly asked to watch their email inbox for detailed information. Please remember 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. Questions about the Confirmation schedule should be directed to Debbie Brannon – dbrannon@diolc.org in the Office of the 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 and photographs.

Reminder: 150th Banner at Pontifical Liturgies & TV Mass Recordings: During the Sesquicentennial Year, parishes that will be hosting Bishop Callahan or TV Mass Recordings 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 www.diolc.org/150.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Liturgical Calendar Dates

September 26 (Wednesday): Rural Life Day, day of thanksgiving for blessings received. Prayer texts from *The Mass for Various Needs and Occasions: After the Harvest* (n.28) can be used with Preface V of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. The readings may be taken from *After the Harvest* in the Lectionary (n.20), numbers 917-921. The *Gloria* also ought to be said.

October 7 (Sunday): Diocesan Sesquicentennial closing Mass, 10:30, Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. Tickets are not required; all are encouraged to attend. Please go to diolc.org/150 to RSVP by September 20.

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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 Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or tbrown@diolc.org

Please go to the Safe Environment website to print the most current forms. The basic background check form was updated on July 1, 2018. If you need fingerprint cards or if you are unable to print from the website, please contact Teresa Brown @ 608-791-2679 and they will be mailed.

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Office for Catholic Schools

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Office for Social Concerns

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Pastors – Second Collection to assist Catholic Charities with Flood Relief in the Diocese

Bishop Callahan asks that parishes hold a second collection on one of the next couple of weekends to assist Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse in the flood relief efforts that are underway and very much needed in the southern counties of the diocese. Please ask the faithful to make their checks payable to your parish. The parish should then send a single check for the total amount payable to the Diocese of La Crosse, with “Flood Relief” on the memo line, and we will forward the funds to Catholic Charities.

Rural Life Day Mass and Celebration

Wednesday, September 19, the Diocese of La Crosse will hold the 38th annual Rural Life Day on the Wall-Stone Holsteins farm, owned and 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 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 St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Genoa. For a [brochure](#), visit www.diolc.org/rural-life and click on the designated link. For more information, contact Dan Kitzhaber, Rural Life Committee Liaison, dkitzhaber@diolc.org.

For Your Bulletin - *Roe v. Wade* on the Brink? – Gospel of Life Presentation by Ben Nguyen

On Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m., Ben Nguyen will keynote the annual [Gospel of Life Celebration](#) at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall in La Crosse. Ben, formerly the Chancellor for the Diocese of La Crosse, will explain what we should know about the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling so much in the news with the Brett Kavanaugh Supreme Court nomination battle. Ben will answer questions like: How was *Roe v. Wade* decided? How does it square with the Constitution? Is it likely to be overturned? Ben is both a civil and canon lawyer and serves as Chancellor and Canonical Counsel for the Diocese of Corpus Christi. Bishop William Patrick Callahan will celebrate Mass at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church preceding the talk.

Pastors and Parish Respect Life Representatives

Flyer/Poster on Gospel of Life talk by Ben Nguyen

Please post prominently in your parish the [flyer/poster on the Oct. 23 Gospel of Life Celebration](#), featuring Ben Nguyen speaking on “*Roe v. Wade* on the Brink?” Ben, formerly Chancellor for the Diocese of La Crosse, will address what every Catholic should know about the infamous ruling that has been constantly in the news with the Kavanaugh Supreme Court nomination battle.

Pastors, Deacons, Parish Social Concerns and Respect Life Representatives Faithful Citizenship Resources

The Bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference have made available a set of excellent, concise resources on Forming Catholics for Faithful Citizenship. The principles outlined are especially important as we enter another election season. The resources – in both English and Spanish – can be accessed at www.dioc.org/faithful-citizenship. Consider linking to your parish website, and also the possibility of using them as bulletin inserts.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Annual Appeal Materials are shipping

We will ship the Parish Appeal Material (in-pew pledge cards, brochures, posters, etc.) to all Parishes on 9/13/2018. They will arrive via UPS, if you do not receive your package by Tuesday, Sept. 18, please call Sarah right away.

We will ship the Annual Appeal DVD separately. We have available a downloadable version on the Appeal Portal as well.

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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Updated Phone Service for St. Ambrose Financial Services, Inc.

As we have been working to improve our core computer system, the matter of upgrading access to Internet Services was required. This resulted in an opportunity to also upgrade our phone system, which means the process of calling SAFS will be changing slightly.

The **main phone number for St. Ambrose Financial Services will remain 608.791.2669**. After dialing 608.791.2669 you will hear a greeting and then will have the option to choose one of the SAFS employees by selecting the corresponding option associated with the employee's name or you may enter their extension (last 4 digits of direct line as listed below).

Each SAFS employee will also have a direct line as follows:

- 608.519.9893 – Dennis Herricks
- 608.519.9894 – Cheryl Cummings

- 608.519.9895 – Rita Challet
- 608.519.9896 – Ivy Romano

Our **fax number** will remain the same – **608.787.8068**.

This change will help St. Ambrose Financial Services to improve our responses to inquiries and will provide additional opportunities to support those we serve. Thank you for your patience and cooperation with assisting in our transition.

Dialing from the Holy Cross Diocesan Center

With this change, the four-digit extension that is part of the curia phone system will no longer be functional. To call SAFS, simply dial the direct line of the individual you are trying to reach, or you may call the main number (791-2669) and go through the options.

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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:

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

Reminder: For Your Bulletin - Trivia Night with the Sisters!

Come, have a "Blast from the Past" at the Mater Redemptoris House of Formation Trivia Night Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the Trivia starts at 7 p.m. Bring your friends and we'll provide the fun, the appetizers and drinks. Brush up on your 40s through 90s Trivia. Categories include literature, sports, movie, inventions, Religion, and the great state of Wisconsin. *Not into trivia? Not to worry!* You can volunteer or donate a basket. For more information and registration, visit www.materredemptoris.org or call Sr. M. Mercedes at 608-788-4530.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Upcoming Dates and Events for 2018 & 2019:

Fall Clergy Conference - Holy Cross Diocesan Center October 8-9, 2018
Photo booth will be available so you can update your photo - bring your alb and stole.

2019 Dates and Events:

Priest Retreat April 29-30 and May 1-3, 2019

Priest Unity Days June 20-22, 2019

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

Fall Clergy Conference October 14-15, 2019.



Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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