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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Sept. 25th

Wednesday, September 26

Rural Life Day - diocese wide day of thanksgiving for blessings received

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 - Personal Maturity

Thursday, October 4

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, secondary patron of the diocese

10:30am 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 - La

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

6:30pm White Mass - Live Stream

Friday, October 19

Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend retreat - Marathon

Saturday, October 20

7:30am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point (One Day)

Sunday, October 21

World Mission Sunday

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Annual Mass Counts.

The Annual Mass Counts will be conducted again this year during the month of October. Please find more information and the form [here](#).

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Bulletin Announcement

“US Rosary Coast-to-Coast” is planned for Sunday, October 7th. “We are being called upon to help turn our country back towards God. We must acknowledge as a people that we have turned away from God...Through prayer we will change hearts, change families, change our communities, change our country and change the world.” In La Crosse, the Rosary Rally will take place at Blessed Sacrament Parish Parking Lot at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 7th. Find further details about this Coast-to-Coast Rosary at <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/joseph-pronechen/big-spiritual-battle-coming-coast-to-coast-is-calling-you>

Safe Environment Power Points

The **5th Grade** Safe Environment Power Point is now available on the Safe Environment Page. Click here: <http://diolc.org/safe-environment/library/> and scroll to the bottom for the Kindergarten through 5th Grade Power Points. 6th – 8th Grade Power Points will be completed soon. Note: If your parish does not have the necessary equipment, it also works well to print the slides to present to the children.

Theology of the Body for Middle School and High School

The ideal for presenting the Theology of the Body in the Catholic Schools and Parish Programs is to have separate groups for young women and young men.

Respect Life Materials for October – “EVERY LIFE, cherished. chosen. sent” – at the USCCB website [click here](#)

Catechetical Leader Suggested Calendar 2018-2019

[Click here](#) for a suggested task calendar for the Faith Formation Program. Contact Ann if you would like this calendar in Word format to add your parish dates.

Fatima’s Worldwide Children’s Eucharistic Holy Hour

On **Friday, October 5th**, the 16th Annual Worldwide Eucharistic Holy Hour will broadcast live to over 140 countries from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Theme for 2018 is PEACE! Parents and teachers are encouraged to gather children and young people before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. [Click here](#) for details. This gathering is to pray for their families, country and the world!

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La Crosse Diocesan Center phone problems

Reminder - the voice mail for the phone system at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center has failed. We are working on getting the system replaced as quickly as possible. In the meantime, e-mail will be your best method of contact. Sorry for this inconvenience, we hope to have a solution in place by the end of October.

Promoting your parish events throughout the diocese.

Please send us your parish events so we can get them posted to the [diocesan calendar](#), our [diocesan Facebook](#) and in the “To Do” section of Catholic Life. Send the details of your parish event to datebook@diolc.org.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Your Bulletin: Raise them Well Webinar – Personal Maturity | October 1st at 7 p.m.

Every child has an impression about who they are. Do you know what your child thinks about himself or herself? Parent’s actions and reactions can either increase or decrease a child’s personal well-being. That’s why this webinar will zero in on a basic understanding of personal maturity and how parents can help every child flourish. Cost \$5.00 Register at: diolc.org/marriage/webinars/

White Mass | October 16th at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse

Every year, the Diocese of La Crosse hosts a White Mass that is *open to all* to pray for our medical community. This annual event is scheduled near the Feast of St. Luke, the Patron Saint of Physicians.

This year’s event will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 16th at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse. Bishop Callahan will begin with Mass at 6 p.m. A wonderful dinner and presentation will follow. The guest speaker is Theresa Notare, Ph.D., the Assistant Director of the Office for Laity, Marriage, Family, and Youth for the USCCB. Her presentation is entitled: What Men and Women Want and how the Church Can Help.

Won't you please join us? Click [here](#) to register for the event. We ask that you personally share this with your family and friends.

Women of Christ Conference – West Bend, WI | November 3

Please inform the women of your parish of the 2018 women’s conference – Take Courage... Be the Light. The day-long event includes Mass, confession, adoration and speakers. Registration is now open at womenofchrist.net.

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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 9:30 a.m. 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. A reception at La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Plaza, will follow the Mass.

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Fall Confirmation season is here! 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.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Gregorian Chant Workshop

A Gregorian chant workshop will be held Saturday, October 20, 2018, at Cor Jesu Oratory (Sacred Heart Church, Edson), 31360 County Highway MM, Boyd, WI. The day will begin at 8:30 with Mass in the Extraordinary Form, followed by instruction in chant by Fr. Joseph Redfern in the Priory building (the former school). The day will conclude with a Holy Hour from 2 to 3 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. There is no fee, but a free-will offering will be taken. The Nazareth Community of the Institute of Saint Joseph is sponsoring this event. Please call (715)667-3372 or email srpetra@centurytel.net to make reservations.

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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

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Office for Social Concerns

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Attn: Pastors and Parish Respect Life Representatives

Respect Life Sunday/Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life Month and Sunday, Oct. 7, is Respect Life Sunday. A wealth of educational and liturgical resources (including flyers, bulletin blurbs, and inserts, graphic designs, intercessions and homily ideas) are available at the [USCCB Respect Life website](#).

Reminder - 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, past Chancellor of the Diocese of La Crosse, will explain what we should know about the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling that is so much in the news with the 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.

Reminder – 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 current Supreme Court nomination battle.

Reminder – Pastors, Deacons, Parish Social Concerns and Respect Life Representatives

Faithful Citizenship Resources

The Bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference have prepared 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.diolc.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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2018 – 2019 Annual Appeal

The Annual Appeal has officially kicked off. All parish materials and DVDs should now be at the parishes. If you have not received your materials or need additional, please call Sarah Komperud, 608-791-2653.

Phone issues

As you may be aware, voicemail for the curia offices is not working, and some of the direct dial numbers are not working. If you need to connect with Jeff Reiter, Director of the Office for Stewardship and Development, the best way to reach him is email jreiter@diolc.org or call Sarah, 608-791-2653, and she can get you connected.

Is your parish exploring the idea of a Capital Campaign, Strategic Planning, interested in simple Gifts in Wills to more complex Planned Giving methodology, contact our office? Does your parish want to become a Stewardship Parish or do 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 the daily living of our vocation may transform our suffering world into a place of love, justice and peace.

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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