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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Feb. 5

Friday, February 8

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Chippewa Falls - Feb. 8 - 9

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse - Feb. 8 - 9

Retrouvaille Weekend - Feb 8 - 10

Hispanic Knights of Columbus Men's Retreat - Abbotsford - Feb 8 - 9

Hearts Open Wide High School Retreat - La Crosse - Feb. 8 - 10

Saturday, February 16

8:00am CLOSED Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield

Wednesday, February 20

10:00am Catholic School Presidents' Meeting - Stevens Point

Saturday, February 23

8:30am Given Marriage Retreat - La Crosse

9:00am Men of the Cross Retreat - Marshfield

Wednesday, February 27

Advisory Council Meeting - Tomah

Friday, March 1

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Arcadia - March 1 - 2

Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - March 1 - 2

Saturday, March 2

Rite of Election Retreats - Stevens Point, Altoona and La Crosse

9:00am Hispanic Lay Formation Institute - Alma Center

Friday, March 8

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - March 8 - 9

WCRIS Annual Leadership Conference - Pewaukee

Saturday, March 9

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Wausau

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Tomah

Sunday, March 10

Safe Haven Sunday

2:00pm Rite of Election - La Crosse

Monday, March 11

7:00pm Webinar - Raise Them Well - Physical Maturity

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Adult Faith Formation during Lent

Check out a current listing of Bible Studies and other adult Faith Building Resources by [clicking here](#). Something else to consider: Many adults that need to be re-engaged would be more inclined to come to a once-a month event that addresses topics or questions that peak their interest. This format makes sense as it follows the first stage of the RCIA process, which is the model for adult catechesis. The place to start is with the basics and their burning questions, such as why we go to Confession, or what the Church really teaches about certain issues and how adults should respond to their children's difficult questions. The conversation can always circle back to God's love for each person and the goodness of His Truth, which is compelling and can help to stir conversion. Catchy titles for the sessions are essential and perhaps taking a *Theology on Tap* type approach by hosting it at a coffee shop or local sports bar might be beneficial. Offering child-care is always a plus. There are several parishes offering this model and it is having significant results.

Forming a Culture of Prayer

"We shall not be saved by a formula, but by a Person" – Jesus Christ. (Novo Millennio Ineunte, n. 29) Please check out the "[Going Deeper in Prayer](#)" initiative that was developed in response to surveys of young people who want to encounter the Person of Christ, more than just saying words that may not have any meaning for them. Parents are to receive and be engaged with the resources before it is supported and implemented by parish programs and Catholic Schools. Lent is great time to go deeper in prayer. [Click here](#) for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – June 13 – 15 and August 22 – 24 in Wisconsin Rapids

Please consider sending two people from your parish to receive Level I training in Wisconsin Rapids. [See flyer](#) for details. The presenter is excellent but space is limited and some people from out of state have already signed up. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is grounded upon the role of "wonder" in a child's religious development and engagement with concrete "hands on" activities. Children respond profoundly to the mystical meanings they have deduced for themselves from the concrete materials they have used. There are parishes in the Diocese who implemented Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with noteworthy results. The response of children to this form of the *kerygma* indicates that the message of Christ still has a potent attractive power in our own day.

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Reminder: Promoting your parish Lenten meals. diolc.org/fishfrynder

We have been adding your parish Lenten meals to the [Fish Frynder](http://diolc.org/fishfrynder) page. Your parish listing will include your parish, the location, the times and detailed information about the dinner including food options. Feel free to promote this in your parish bulletin and through your parish Facebook.

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TWL Newsletter for February is Posted | Please distribute widely

The February Teaching the Way of Love parent newsletter is posted. Click [here](#) to read and to download. Thank you for widely distributing within your parish.

For Parish Bulletins and Facebook on February 17 – Domestic Church Retreat If You Love Your Spouse – Don't Buy Roses this Year...

Invest in a marriage retreat instead. Register today to take part in the Domestic Church retreat on March 28-31st at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center in Marathon. Attending the retreat will bring more love into your marriage than a dozen roses. Take your marriage to the next level of happiness. Register today at diolc.org/marriage/domestic-church-evangelization-retreat/ For more information, call 608-791-2673 or email familylife@diolc.org.

Here is the Facebook link to this event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/609228392923047/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Raise Them Well Parenting Webinar Series | Date Change to March 11th

The March webinar for parents will be held on March 11th rather than March 4th. This webinar will cover Physical Maturity. Any parents who want to learn how to teach their children about puberty and what it entails are encouraged to join the webinar. The \$5 charge includes participation in the live webinar, a recording of the session and numerous downloadable worksheets and handouts.

Here is the Facebook link to this event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/314643382497428/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

For Parish Bulletins and Facebook on February 17 – SHS Announcement #9

Research studies have found that watching porn disconnects a person from real relationships and lowers one's respect for women. How could that be a good for you or your family? Learn more about the harms of pornography on Safe Haven Sunday– March 10. Learn more about ending porn exposure at diolc.org/shs

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Office for Ministries

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Leadership in Christ Conference – *Save the Date* – April 26-27, 2019

“Transformation is Possible” – Keynote presenter Bill Keimig, assistant director of the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University of Steubenville, will speak Friday evening and Saturday morning. Breakouts Saturday afternoon. Watch for more details and a brochure. Contact – Chris Ruff, Office for Ministries and Social Concerns: ministries@diolc.org or 608-791-0161.

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. If you would like to sit in on a class this spring (March 2 or April 6 options) for a “sample,” just ask.

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Rite of Election Retreat, March 2

In preparation for the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion (March 10), many parishes (or groups of parishes) offer retreats for their catechumens and candidates. For those parishes that do not offer a retreat in the parish, there will be three retreats open to catechumens and candidates on the morning of Saturday, March 2: at St. Peter Parish in Stevens Point, St. Mary Parish in Altoona, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Although schedules may vary slightly at each retreat site, the day will include Mass, three spiritual talks, time for reflection, and lunch. A site-specific schedule will be sent upon registration or upon request. The registration form is available [here](#); deadline is February 22. Please encourage those in your RCIA process to reserve this date.

Rite of Election, March 10

The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Sunday, March 10, at 2:00. It is an occasion that marks entry into the period of Purification and Enlightenment (for newly-named “elect”) that coincides with Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity for candidates and catechumens to see the larger Church, meet Bishop Callahan, be introduced to their new Cathedral, and receive the grace of the Rite. The registration form for Rite of Election is available [here](#).

Reminder: Clarification Concerning Sacred Vessels at Mass

From the Holy See’s 2004 Instruction “On certain matters to be observed or to be avoided regarding the Most Holy Eucharist” (*Redemptionis Sacramentum*): “It is strictly required [that the material from which sacred vessels are made] be truly noble in the common estimation within a given region, so that honor will be given to the Lord by their use, and all risk of diminishing the doctrine of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharistic species in the eyes of the faithful will be avoided. Reprobated, therefore, is any practice of using for the celebration of Mass common vessels, or others lacking in quality, or devoid of all artistic merit or which are mere containers, as also other vessels made from glass, earthenware, clay, or other materials that break easily. This norm is to be applied even as regards metals and other materials that easily rust or deteriorate.” (117)

Reminder: Low-Gluten Hosts and Gluten-Free Hosts

In the estimation of the Church, gluten is an essential element in wheat bread. Consequently, "Hosts that are *completely* gluten-free are invalid matter for the celebration of the Eucharist. Low-gluten hosts (*partially* gluten-free) are valid matter, provided they contain a sufficient amount of gluten to obtain the confection of bread...." This 2003 clarification from the Holy See does not indicate how many parts per million represent "a sufficient amount of gluten." Inconsistent terminology confuses the matter further: the Food and Drug Administration allows foods with less than 20 parts per million to be labeled "gluten free," while the Celiac Support Association requires fewer than 5 parts per million to be called "gluten free." In the end, breads used for the celebration of the Eucharist must have some gluten for validity (i.e., to confection the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ). The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [recommends](#) a number of approved low-gluten manufacturers, including the [Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration](#), who make breads at 10 parts per million. The Precious Blood should be made available for recipients unable to receive any gluten at all. This chalice ought not have any particles of the host in it (*fermentum*). Also, the celiac sufferer ought to receive from the chalice prior to anyone who has received a host.

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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

Reminder: 2018-19 Safe Environment reports are due March 1, 2019. All paid employees and coaches and Janitors regardless if they are paid or not, need to be fingerprinted - there are no exceptions and nobody is grandfathered in anymore. Your report will not be complete until print cards are submitted for those that need to be printed.

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Office for Catholic Schools

We encourage the stakeholders of our Catholic Schools to prayerfully consider nominating a person for one of the eight awards sponsored by the Diocese of La Crosse's Office for Catholic Schools awards.

Who is a "stakeholder?" Answer: Parents, Students, Teachers, Principals, Pastors, Alumni, Support Staff, Volunteers.

Please note the final day nominations will be accepted is this Friday – February 8, 2019.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Award

This annual award recognizes a diocesan teacher, staff member, or administrator who has gone well beyond expectations in service toward the Catholic School, parish, or community. The nominee should exemplify the traits of St. Mother Teresa, who spent her life unselfishly serving others.

[Click Here to Nominate Someone for the Mother Theresa of Calcutta Award](#)

Holy Family Award

This annual award recognizes an outstanding diocesan teacher, staff member, or administrator who has made an exceptional difference for families within the Catholic School or parish. This award can be based upon instruction, co-curricular activities, religious guidance, physical, spiritual, or emotional support to entire families.

[Click Here to Nominate Someone for the Holy Family Award](#)

Diocesan Support Staff Award

This annual award recognizes an outstanding diocesan support staff in our Catholic Schools.

[Click Here to Nominate Someone for the Diocesan Support Staff Award](#)

Early Childhood Educator of the Year

This annual award recognizes an outstanding diocesan Catholic School teacher or staff member who works with infants through 4 year old Kindergarten.

[Click Here to Nominate Someone for the Early Childhood Educator of the Year Award](#)

Elementary Educator of the Year

This annual award recognizes an outstanding diocesan 5 year old Kindergarten through 5th grade Catholic School teacher.

[Click Here to Nominate Someone for the Elementary Educator of the Year Award](#)

Middle School Educator of the Year

This annual award recognizes an outstanding diocesan 6th through 8th grade Catholic School teacher.

[Click Here to Nominate Someone for the Middle School Educator of the Year Award](#)

High School Educator of the Year

This annual award recognizes an outstanding diocesan 9th through 12th grade Catholic School teacher.

[Click Here to Nominate Someone for the High School Educator of the Year Award](#)

Diocesan Administrator of the Year

This annual award recognizes an outstanding diocesan Catholic School administrator.

[Click Here to Nominate Someone for the Administrator of the Year Award](#)

Award recipients from the January 26, 2019 Brains and Brawn Competition:

Brains Sportsmanship: St. Patrick's School, Sparta

Brains Champion: St. Mary's School, Marathon

Brains second place: Columbus Catholic Middle School, Marshfield

Brains third place: Aquinas Catholic Middle School, La Crosse

Girls Sportsmanship: Newman Catholic Middle School, Wausau

Girls Champion: Aquinas Catholic Middle School, La Crosse

Girls second place: Columbus Catholic Middle School, Marshfield

Girls third place: Assumption Catholic Middle School, Wisconsin Rapids

Boys Sportsmanship: Notre Dame Middle School, Chippewa Falls

Boys Champion: Newman Catholic Middle School, Wausau

Boys second place: Aquinas Catholic Middle School, La Crosse

Boys third place: Assumption Catholic Middle School, Wisconsin Rapids

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Office for Social Concerns

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BEATITUDES Lenten Small-Group Resource with Service Component

Chris Ruff has written a book for small groups, titled "Blessed Are You: Living the Beatitudes." Like the previous books in the Discipleship Series, each of its six sessions include Scripture, prayer and stories of people who exemplify each theme (the *Poor in Spirit*, the *Merciful*, the *Pure in Heart*, etc.). It also incorporates discussion questions and a modest service component to put faith in action. To order (\$10 each), call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161 or email ministries@diolc.org. Visit www.diolc.org/faith-alive for more information and a preview.

"This Legislation is Evil, Pure and Simple," Says Chairman of U.S. Bishops' Pro-Life Activities Committee; Calls All Catholics to Fight with Renewed Vigor for Unborn

"Abortion has always been built on a lie. Today, the lie is switching from 'abortion is a choice' to 'abortion is healthcare.' A law recently passed in New York not only legalizes abortion essentially for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy but removes any protection for children born alive after abortion. A similar bill was proposed in Virginia along with several other states, all in the name of women's health.

This legislation is evil, pure and simple. And it shocks the conscience to see such evil legislation greeted with raucous cheers and standing ovations. Most grieving to our Lord of Life is that those who advocate for abortion put their eternal souls in jeopardy. ([Read more](#)).

Rice Bowl and Mite Boxes

Confusion sometimes arises regarding Mite Boxes and the Rice Bowl program. The **Mite Box program** is an outreach from the Missionary Childhood Association, one of the Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Mission Office. It is a mandatory annual program in our Catholic Schools, CCD and Religious Education programs for children and youth. The **Rice Bowl program** is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Rice Bowl is an elective program that has a Lenten focus but could also be held at another time of year if desired. In any case, it is not to conflict with or replace the Mite Box program. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the [Mission Office](#) or the [Office for Ministries and Social Concerns](#).

For your Parish Bulletin:

Give to Catholic Relief Services to alleviate suffering in Venezuela

The humanitarian crisis in Venezuela is escalating as political and economic instability has left hundreds of thousands of families without access to food, medical care and critical life and social services. You can help by giving to Catholic Relief Services: www.crs.org.

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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.

For a strengthening of all vocations, that we may all strive to follow God's call to holiness.

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

**Reminder: For your parish bulletin until the weekend of March 13th
Children's Come and See Day at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation**

Come and See is an opportunity to visit with the Sisters, pray, play and learn more about the Sister's life.

When: March 23, 2019

Who: Girls ages 9-12

Where: Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse

Registration and Information: Register by March 13 (or until filled) at www.materredemptoris.org

Questions: Contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or materredemptoris@gmail.com

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1970484379925946/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Reminder: The new seminarian prayer books are completed. Please contact Renee at rorth@diolc.org or 608-791-2667 if you would like some.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Upcoming Dates and Events for 2019 & 2020:

Priest Retreat April 29-30 and May 1-3, 2019 at St. Anthony Spirituality Center - Marathon, WI. Call Susan Hubbard at 715-443-2236 ext. 139 to reserve your spot. The Speaker is Fr. Sammie Maletta from the Diocese of Gary, Indiana.

Priest Unity Days June 20-22, 2019 at Holy Crosse Diocesan Center – La Crosse, WI. The Presenter is Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens.

Deacons and Wives afternoon with the Bishop - Holy Cross Diocesan Center, August 10, 2019
Fall Clergy Conference October 14-15, 2019 at Holy Cross Diocesan Center, Presenter is Fr. Sean Kilcawley.

Fall Clergy Conference October 12-13, 2020.



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