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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of July 23

Friday, July 26

Leader of Prayer Training Session 2 - Marathon - July 26 - 27

4:30pm Priests for Tomorrow - La Crosse

Sunday, August 4

Adventure Camp Week 3 - Mason - Aug. 4 - 9

Thursday, August 8

5:00pm GIVEN Marriage Retreat - Menomonie

Friday, August 9

Witnesses for Christ Conference - La Crosse - Aug. 9 - 10

Saturday, August 10

11:00am Bishop, Deacons and Wives Afternoon Mass and Dinner - La Crosse

Friday, August 23

Leader of Prayer Training Session 3 - La Crosse - Aug. 23 - 24

Saturday, August 24

4:00pm Leader of Prayer Commissioning Mass - La Crosse

Sunday, August 25

3:00pm 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Callahan as celebrant - Altoona

Friday, September 6

Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - Sept. 6 - 7

Saturday, September 7

10:00am Diocesan Hispanic Pilgrimage - La Crosse

Sunday, September 8

2:00pm 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Callahan as celebrant - Plover

Friday, September 13

10:00am Rural Life Day - Bishop's Mass on the Farm - Pittsville

Sunday, September 15

Catechetical Sunday

Friday, September 20

Deacon Formation Couple's Retreat - Marathon - Sept. 20 - 22

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, diolc.org/calendar, and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to datebook@diolc.org. Make sure you include the following details; date, beginning/ending times, event location, description, menu and cost, etc. If you have any questions, please call Pam Willer at 608.788.1524 for more information.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

Director: Ann Lankford – 608.791.2658 | alankford@diolc.org

Bulletin Announcement for July 28

Join us to learn Accompaniment Skills!

Would you like to grow in your relationship with Christ? And do you have children, relatives, and friends who have not yet engaged in a friendship with Jesus? Come to the Witnesses for Christ Conference, August 9-10 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, La Crosse, to learn simple skills to accompany others on their journey to Jesus. Go to www.diolc.org/witness for details, downloadable brochure for mail-in registration or to register online. If we don't help others find the true path to peace and happiness, who will?

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/339214943615305/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

New Catechetical Leader Training September 13 - [Click here](#) for Registration Form

There will be a day of training for all new directors, coordinators and youth ministers on Friday, September 13th.

Reminder: Catechetical Leaders: Job Descriptions

DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers are to have a current job description. This includes all catechetical leaders those who work 10 hours a week to those who work 40 hours a week, whether paid or unpaid. End of year evaluations are to be based upon the job description. Contact Ann if sample job descriptions are needed.

One response to the Church Crisis

Surveys are making it clear that people *are* staying away from Mass, or leaving the Church entirely because of the sexual abuse scandal. One response to people considering leaving the Church, or badly shaken over this issue is providing "[Letter to a Suffering Church](#)" by Bishop Robert Barron to all parishioners. It's short (105 pages, with fairly large type, spacing and margins), and I've been told by people who have read it that it is spot-on for helping people understand that the Church has always had problems with sins and has been through worse, and survived. And, above all, that the Church is where we find the assurance of salvation in Jesus, and the only place where we can receive Him in the Holy Eucharist.

The book (more like a booklet) was written for regular, ordinary parishioners. It's simple and clear, without any jargon. The tone is serious and passionate but also measured and encouraging - a difficult balance but one Bishop Barron gets just right.

"Letter to a Suffering Church" will help Catholics who are coming to Church by giving them a resource for talking with friends and family members who have left or who are greatly troubled. Books are now available for order, for a \$1 a copy here:

<https://www.sufferingchurchbook.com>.

The following free resources are available at the same link:

- Group Study Guide

- Sexual Abuse FAQ for Parish Leaders
- Step-by-step Parish Launch Plan
- Sample Parish Announcements
- Bishop Barron Announcement Video for Parish
- 5-Part Video Course to Email/Text Your Parish (via Flocknote)

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Office for Communications

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Attention Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries:

Parish Message Lines for the back cover of the September/October issue of Catholic Life magazine are due by Tuesday, July 30, 2019. This is a good opportunity to promote your fall festivals. Please direct any questions to Sr. Donna: dkrzmarzick@diolc.org.

Sharing your parish events on Facebook:

We have received several fall parish events in the past weeks! If you have not already done so, please also create a public event on your parish Facebook. [Here are the instructions](#). To get more exposure for your event, setup co-hosting with your neighboring parishes and the diocesan Facebook @diolc.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

Director: Dan Kitzhaber – 608.791.2673 | dkitzhaber@diolc.org

Christy Kitzhaber has been hired as the NFP Coordinator and will oversee the Natural Family Planning program for the Diocese of La Crosse.

For your parish bulletin:

Is your marriage drifting apart? Retrouvaille is designed to give you the tools you need to restore joy and hope to your marriage. The next program in Central Wisconsin begins with a weekend August 9-11, 2019 at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon. *"We Needed to Refresh Our Marriage ...It was wonderful."* See more comments from program participants at HelpOurMarriage.org. For more information, call **1-877-922-HOPE (4673)** Fully Confidential. Get your bulletin announcement [here](#). The flier to distribute can be downloaded [here](#).

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/705299779903257/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

For your parish bulletin:

Grow in Faith Together as a Married Couple

Experience a more joy-filled marriage. Take part in the Domestic Church retreat at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center on September 12-15th. Couples attending the retreat will experience a renewed love as spouses and find themselves united together in Christ. Register today at: diolc.org/marriage-enrichment. For more information, call 608-791-2673. Financial scholarships are available.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2384465065120475/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

For your parish bulletin:

GIVEN Couple Retreat in Menomonie – Aug. 8

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating, and engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, lively music and adoration, prayer & reconciliation. This popular new format has been well received and will be held at St. Joseph Parish in Menomonie on Thursday, August 8, from 5-10pm. For more information and to register contact Pam Sirinek pam.sirinek@menomoniecatholic.org | 715-232-4920 Access the [poster here](#) or visit: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/488421125296751/>

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Office for Ministries

Director: Christopher Ruff – 608.791.0161 | cruff@diolc.org

New Lay Formation Institute (LFI) class starts in the fall

Registration is underway

Study the Faith more deeply and follow Christ more closely in an enthusiastic community of learners! Enroll in the next two-year Lay Formation Institute cycle that begins this fall. For complete information, schedule and application form, visit 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.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

New Class of the Diocesan School of Biblical Studies to Begin This Fall

The Diocesan School of Biblical Studies is welcoming registrations for a new four-year class to begin in fall 2019. The program joins the best of contemporary Catholic biblical learning with a desire for spiritual growth in the Church. With teaching locations in La Crosse and Wausau, the School holds classes one Saturday a month for nine months each year. Catechists, schoolteachers, permanent deacons, parish Bible study leaders, and regular bible readers looking for something “beyond the basics” will profit from the program. A description of the full course of study can be found at the school’s website

(<http://diocesanschoolofbiblicalstudies.weebly.com/>) or by contacting Fr. Mark Pierce at St. Michael’s Parish in Wausau at (715) 842-4283 or frmarkpierce@gmail.com .

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Office for Safe Environment

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 (clergy, employee, religious, vendors or volunteers). 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: 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.

ParishSoft is a database that is used daily by the Diocesan Departments. I'm asking each parish to update ParishSoft with the name of the Safe Environment Contact for their parish. Even if the DRE/CRE or Parish Secretary does the Safe Environment work, they should have the Safe Environment distinction behind their name. A person can hold many jobs within their Parish. I will be sending out many important and informational emails in the next few weeks, and I'd like to ensure that each parish receives the information.

Summer training dates: Below are the dates that annual Summer Safe Environment training will be held. Check next week's bulletin for the Parish location and time. This is open to all CRE/DRE's, Parish Secretaries, Safe Environment Coordinators and Pastors. Agenda: The Safe Environment program and the New Green Book.

August 19- Marshfield

August 21 –Stevens Point

August 22 – Wausau

August 26 – La Crosse

August 28 – Eau Claire

Chippewa Falls and Wisconsin Rapids dates still to be decided.

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Office for Catholic Schools

Superintendent: Thomas Reichenbacher – 608.788.7707 | treichenbacher@diolc.org

Please take some time this summer to offer a prayer or two for our Catholic Schools!

The Office for Catholic Schools is working hard to organize a variety of meetings and in-services for August. Please note –

August 5 – All new school administrators come to La Crosse for a day of training.

August 6 – New Catholic School Teachers come to La Crosse for their first formation class.
August 7 – Three specialized teacher in-services will be held at St. Patrick's in Onalaska.
August 13 – School administrators for the Diocese come to La Crosse for an annual meeting.

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Office for Social Concerns

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Reminder: Learn about the Farm Crisis

Wisconsin lost almost 700 dairy farms in 2018, an unprecedented rate of nearly two a day. Most were small operations unable to survive farm milk prices that, adjusted for inflation, were among the lowest in half a century. To learn more and to understand how you can be a support to struggling farmers, visit diolc.org/farm-crisis.

Reminder – For Your Parish Bulletin:

[Join Father Tom Lindner on Pilgrimage to Guatemala for the Dec. 7 Beatification of Brother James Miller](#)

James Miller was born into a family of farmers near Stevens Point on September 21, 1944, attended Pacelli High School, and joined the De La Salle Christian Brothers in 1959. He served as a missionary in Nicaragua and then Guatemala, where he was shot and killed by 3 hooded men on Feb. 13, 1982, during Guatemala's civil war. Pope Francis decreed that he died a martyr for the Faith and has set his beatification for Dec. 7, 2019 in Huehuetenango, Guatemala. For details on this extraordinary pilgrimage with Father Tom Lindner, visit <https://www.ctscentral.net/trips/guatemala/beatification-pilgrimage-to-guatemala/>.

US Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Combatting Racism

During their November 2018 General Assembly, the US Bishops approved a Pastoral Letter addressing the evil of racism. Entitled "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love," it asks us to recall that we are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God. The letter and many accompanying pastoral resources are posted at uscbb.org/racism. Resources include a bulletin insert, homily help, prayer materials, background information on systemic racism, and activities for primary, secondary, and higher education classroom settings.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Reminder

2019-20 Diocesan Annual Appeal Parish meetings

Sign up is now available for the Annual Appeal Parish meetings. Please click on the link below to sign up for a meeting time that is convenient for you. If you have any questions, please call or email Sarah Komperud, 608-791-2653 or skomperud@diolc.org

Click here to register: [DAA Parish meeting signup](#)

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Office for Temporalities

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With summer upon us and the accompanying heat, [click here](#) for a publication from Catholic Mutual Group on heat exhaustion and related illnesses.

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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.

For your parish bulletin

Vocations Guild Dinner, St. Michael Church, 611 Stark, Wausau, WI

October 8, 2019. Adoration at 5:30. Social at 6:00. Dinner at 6:30. We ask a \$50 donation per person. Musician and guest speaker is Jim Busta, father of Mollie B of Mollie B's Polka Party on RFT-TV. You can register online at diolc.org/vocations-guild-dinner, email vocations@diolc.org, or call Renee at 608-791-2667.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/313349599573405/>

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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