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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of August 13

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

Saturday, September 21

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

Saturday, September 28

Annual Appeal Kickoff Weekend 1 - Sept. 28 - 29

Friday, October 4

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Arcadia - Oct. 4 - 5

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, Secondary Patron of the Diocese

Sunday, October 6

Life Chain

Respect Life Sunday

Tuesday, October 8

5:00pm Vocations Guild Dinner - Wausau

Friday, October 11

Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - Oct. 11 - 12

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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Chancery Office

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Going Deeper in Prayer

With the help of the clergy and the catechetical leaders of the Richland Center Deanery, there have been changes made to the Going Deeper in Prayer Resources. Third Grade, with the focus on the Our Father, has been completed and is available at diolc.org/prayer. All other grades (Pre-school through 12th Grade) will be updated and available on the website by Saturday, August 17th.

Parents are the primary educators of their children. Therefore, parents are to receive formation in prayer along with an introduction to the "Going Deeper in Prayer" grade-level materials for their children before the resources are used in the Catholic School and Parish Program. It would be helpful if the pastor, or another person with theological training, presents this formation and "models" a brief time of prayer using the prayer card with the parents.

Catechetical Leader Task Calendar [click here](#)

In planning for the year, please find a suggested 2019-2020 task calendar to help with planning. Contact Ann if you would like this in Microsoft Word. You will also find:

- New Catechetical Leader Training Registration Form – being held on September 13th
- Catechist Role Description and Application Form: The catechetical leader may know the people well that are joining as new catechists, but may not know that being a catechist entails the need for a relationship with Jesus through daily prayer in order to be a witness and to live the Catholic Faith.

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Bishop Callahan's Back to School message

Bishop Callahan's recorded Back to School video message [is available here](#). Please share this on your Facebook page, send it with your back to school communications and link it to your website before school starts. <https://youtu.be/HKAfRd-mMrg>

We will be posting this video to the diocesan Facebook on August 22 and making it available to all parish and school Facebooks via cross-posting on that same day.

Does your parish have an "Unofficial" Facebook page?

We have noticed that there are several parishes who have an "Unofficial Page" automatically

setup by Facebook. These pages are intended to serve as a “starting point” for your parish or group. Please make an effort to claim your unofficial page or merge that duplicate page into the page your parish is already using. Here is a link with instructions:

https://www.facebook.com/help/168172433243582?helpref=uf_permalink

Reminder: For your parish bulletin:

Rural Life Day Mass and celebration Friday, Sept. 13

Plan to attend this year’s celebration, hosted by Otter Creek Farms located at 6608 Cty Rd A, Pittsville, WI 54466. Bishop Callahan will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. followed by a program and meal. This day is set aside to highlight the uniqueness of rural life values and to rejoice in the way that rural life contributes to the Church at large.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/730417124055383/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Please distribute [this brochure](#) at your parish.

Reminder: What is next with MyParish app? Introducing EVANGELUS

In 2015, FAITH Catholic, the publishing partner for Catholic Life, was proud to collaborate with Diocesan to make MyParish app available to all parishes of the Diocese of La Crosse for free. Now Diocesan has announced an exciting new solution for dioceses and parishes called EVANGELUS. It enables parishes to use a single new communications tool to reach parishioners through email, text, MyParish app, social media and websites. To find out more, click here.

The typical cost is \$99/month per parish. Exclusively for the Diocese of La Crosse and its parishes, the cost is \$59/month per parish. MyParish app will still be available for free when you purchase EVANGELUS. If your parish wants to continue with MyParish app without EVANGELUS, it will remain free as a stand-alone solution through 2020. After January 1, 2021, your parish can continue to use it for \$37/month.

A representative from MyParish/EVANGELUS will be contacting your parish to go over the program and answer your questions. They will assist your parish with the transition, should you wish to do so. In the meantime, you can also contact Mike DiCosola directly.

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For your parish bulletin:

Addressing Pornography

The Diocesan website has recently been updated with resources to help respond to the epidemic ills of pornography. Please visit diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/

For your parish bulletin:

Necessary Parenting Conversations

Many parents are concerned about the future of the next generation. They want to ‘course correct’ their children when they head down the wrong path, but aren’t sure how to do so confidently. If you share this concern, we invite you to become part of a webinar series called **Necessary Conversations**. In this five-part discussion, we will study many delicate issues and develop strategies to navigate each one with this end in mind: to help our children set the right course. Register today at: twl4parents.com/necessary-conversations-webinar/. This series is brought to you by **Teaching the Way of Love**, your source for Catholic Parenting.

Reminder - For your parish bulletin:

Men of the Cross Conference

This year’s theme is “*The Father’s Way*.” A special rate is being offered for Father-Son attendees. The conference is held in La Crosse on Saturday, October 26, and sure to engage men of all ages. For more details and to register, go to menofthecross.org. The 2019 **Men of the Cross** conference posters are now complete and can be downloaded [here](#).

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/441782316652184/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

For your parish bulletin:

Watch the movie *Overcomer*

Newest film from the creators of *FireProof* and *Courageous* set to open Aug. 23. A high school coach and his team face an uncertain future when their town's largest manufacturing plant shuts down unexpectedly and he questions what his and his family's future will be. Contact

your local theater to inquire how to bring [Overcomer](#), a family-friendly Christian film of hope, humor and heart to your community.

Reminder - For your parish bulletin:

Watch the movie *Unprotected*

Sexting pressure. The Hook-up culture. Teenage depression. How did the culture become so toxic for women? And how did one man foresee this all so clearly 50 years ago? This powerful new film reveals the devastating effects of 50 years of the sexual revolution and the counter-cultural movement today that is rising from its ashes.

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Office for Ministries

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Reminder: 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

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 Pontifical Ceremonies

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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 for Pontifical Ceremonies. Questions about the Confirmation schedule should be directed to Debbie Brannon in the Office of the Diocesan Bishop – dbrannon@diolc.org.

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, photography, and the presentation of candidates.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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RCIA Calendar of Teachings and Liturgies

Please find a 9-month calendar of teachings, retreats, and liturgies for the RCIA [here](#), while a 15 month calendar is available [here](#).

Have you Considered the 15-month RCIA Process?

The RCIA is a process of conversion that is meant to form and prepare adults to become committed disciples of Jesus Christ and courageous witnesses to the Catholic Faith. At the heart of the RCIA process is the time candidates need to develop and deepen their relationship with Christ through a daily habit of prayer, to experience conversion through understanding the basic teachings of the Church, and to commit to actively participating in Sunday Mass. This process takes a minimum of 15 months to develop. After experiencing both the 9-month and 15-month processes, there is really no comparison. Even small, rural parishes are seeing fruits from the 15-month process. [Here's why](#).

Liturgical Calendar Dates

September 25 (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. The Diocesan observance of Rural Life Day will take place with Bishop Callahan in Pittsville on Friday, September 13. Click [here](#) for more information.

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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 (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 Safe Environment 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.

Summer training dates:

Below are the dates that annual summer Safe Environment training will be held. Check next week's bulletin for more parish locations. 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 St. John the Baptist Parish at 6 p.m.
August 21 –Stevens Point Pacelli at 8:30 a.m.
August 21- Marshfield Columbus at 11 a.m.
August 21- Wisconsin Rapids Assumption at 3 p.m.
August 21 – Wisconsin Rapids SS. Peter and Paul Parish at 6 p.m.
August 26 – La Crosse Aquinas- at St. Patrick's Parish at 9:15 a.m.
August 26 – La Crosse Diocesan Center at 6 p.m.
August 27- Wausau Newman at 11:30 a.m.
August 27- Wausau St. Matthew Parish at 6 p.m.
August 28 – Eau Claire Regis at 8 a.m.
August 28 – Eau Claire Immaculate Conception Parish at 10:15 a.m.
August 28 - Eau Claire Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish at 6 p.m.

Please rsvp so there are enough resources and chairs at each location. tbrown@diolc.org or 608-791-2679

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Office for Social Concerns

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Save the Date – Oct. 15 Gospel of Life Celebration

Fr. Sean Kilcawley will speak on **“Connecting the Dots: Tracing Man’s Broken Image.”**

What are the common roots of the scourges of violence, abortion, human trafficking, racism, sexual chaos? What is the pathway to restoring respect for human dignity?

Fr. Kilcawley, Director of the Office for Family Life of the Diocese of Lincoln and Theological Advisor to Integrity Restored, is nationally renowned for his talks on the Theology of the Body and his work helping people affected by pornography.

Location: Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston St, La Crosse.

6:00 PM – White Mass for Catholic Healthcare

7:00 PM – Catered Dinner

7:30 PM – Presentation

Information on reservations coming soon!

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/341740390034712/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

11th Annual Hispanic Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, La Crosse Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019

This annual Spanish-language pilgrimage draws hundreds of individuals and families from the diocese, the state and the surrounding region.

10:30 AM Arrival at the Shrine – 5250 Justin Rd, La Crosse

11:00 AM – In the Church – Rosary, Confessions, Las Mananitas

12:30 PM – Holy Mass, Confessions, Consecration to the Virgin of Guadalupe

2:00 PM – Lunch in lower level of the Church

3:30 PM – Marian devotions and reflections

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/861353327531568/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Reminder: Wisconsin 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/>.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/438069673458572/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

US Bishops Call for Annual Day of Prayer for Peace and an end to Racism

Bishop George V. Murry, SJ, of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, has called for an annual Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities on September 9, the Feast of St. Peter Claver. He wrote, "St. Peter Claver is a model for us in understanding that hard work and perseverance is required to combat the sin of racism and build community; we must begin and end this effort in prayer together, even as we seek to act in concrete ways." [Pastoral and Prayer resources can be found here.](#)

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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2019-20 Annual Appeal

Initial Appeal Parish Specific Letter

We are again inviting pastors who wish to write a letter to be included in the Diocesan Annual Appeal initial mailings to do so. These letters must be to us no later than August 20, 2019, so we can make sure proofs are reviewed by the parish. Please include your commercial print quality parish logo or letterhead if you want to have your letter on your parish letterhead. Please submit the letter in Microsoft Word. Also, indicate whether you wish your letter to accompany the bishop's letter or if you prefer your letter to replace his letter. Please email your letters to Sarah Komperud skomperud@diolc.org.

Kickoff Weekend Signup – Sign up by August 20

Please sign up for your parish's kickoff weekend here: [Kickoff Weekend form](#)

*If you do not sign up for a specific weekend by 8/20/19, your parish kickoff will be September 21-22, with materials arriving in homes on 9/18/19.

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.

Parish Annual Appeal Materials

At the beginning of September, each parish will be shipped Annual Appeal materials (in-pew pledge cards, brochures, prayer cards) equivalent to 10% of their registered families. You will also get one each of the priest posters, thermometer posters and DVD.

Please review the 10% total that will be shipped to your parish using this link: [Parish Order – 10%](#)

If you need additional material, please click the [Material Order form](#).

Each parish must be done separately. Orders must be received by 8/31/19.

Reminder

2019-20 Diocesan Annual Appeal Parish meetings

Training is available for all who are involved in the Annual Appeal. While there are no significant changes, we will be going through various opportunities, reviewing the process, fielding questions and sharing tips and ideas.

Please click on [DAA Parish meeting signup](#) to reserve a meeting time that is convenient for you. If you have any questions, please call or email Sarah Komperud at 608-791-2653 or skomperud@diolc.org

Is your parish exploring the idea of a Capital Campaign, Strategic Planning, Planned Giving, or becoming a Stewardship Parish? If you need ideas to reinvigorate your parish's stewardship journey, please give the Office for Stewardship and Development a call - we would love the opportunity to serve you!

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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.

The Diocese of La Crosse had the pleasure of hosting the first Wisconsin Seminarian Gathering last weekend. There were 97 seminarians, 7 vocation directors, and 7 bishops in attendance. What a blessing and what a proud showing of hope for the future of our church!!!

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