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Officials

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

The Reverend Monsignor **Charles D. Stoetzel**, Rector of St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse and Dean of the La Crosse Deanery, is appointed Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Prairie du Chien, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 16, 2019.



Events

As of July 9

Friday, July 12

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - July 12 - 13

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse - July 12 - 13

Threshold Retreat - La Crosse - July 12 - 14

Sunday, July 14

2:00pm 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Callahan as Celebrant - La Crosse

Friday, July 26

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

4:30pm Priests for Tomorrow - La Crosse

Friday, August 2

Wisconsin Seminarian Gathering - Aug. 2 - 4

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

10:00am St. Mary Help of Christians Fall Festival - Colby

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

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

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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” would help those Catholics who are coming to Church, giving them a resource for talking with friends and family members who have left or who are greatly troubled. Books are available for a \$1 a copy here: <https://www.sufferingchurchbook.com>.

Further the following FREE resources are available at the same link:

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

Order now to receive books in mid to late July.

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Office for Communications

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Reminder: Listing your Parish Events in Catholic Life

Please have your parish events submitted by July 12 for inclusion in the September/October issue of *Catholic Life*. 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 to 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.

Reminder: Resources for the current farm crisis

An [educational webpage](#) has been created to help you and your parish learn about the situation and pray for your farming neighbors who are being impacted. Please share these resources as appropriate.

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.

Contact for MyParish App and Evangelus
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Reminder: Email and Text message scams continue

There have been many reports of fraudulent email and text messages being sent “from the pastor” or other parish staff or clergy member asking for iTunes Gift Card purchases or other donations or money transfers. Please get the word out about these scams.

If you believe you're the victim of a scam involving App Store & iTunes Gift Cards or Apple Store Gift Cards, you can call Apple at 800-275-2273 (U.S.) and say "gift cards" when prompted. Here is the full link to information on Apple's support page:

<https://support.apple.com/itunes-gift-card-scams>

If you have seen a fraudulent message coming from a Gmail account, you can report the abuse to Google at this link: <https://support.google.com/mail/contact/abuse>

To learn more about how to avoid and report phishing email messages follow this link:

<https://support.google.com/mail/answer/8253?hl=en>

From what we are seeing, lists (available on the public internet) containing e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers are being used to make the relationship between a pastor and his parishioner or parish staff member. Please be careful not to publish e-mail addresses or cell phone numbers publicly (typically on a website or in your parish bulletin that gets posted to your parish website). Care must be taken to protect our e-mail addresses and the relationships they have to parish staff.

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Office for the Diaconate

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Deacon Community Board Meeting – July 30th
Deacon and Wives Day with the Bishop – August 10th
Deacons and Wives Retreat – Jan. 31st – Feb. 2nd, 2020

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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NFP Awareness Week – July 21-27 – Let's Promote God's Plan

Women's health care is getting lots of press lately. [Read and share this story](#) of one woman who shares how NFP Saved Her Health – Naturally! For posters, articles and more information about NFP go to diolc.org/nfp.

Need help supporting parishioners who are family caregivers?

The Office for Marriage and Family life has a membership to [Nourish for caregivers](#). Nourish is a Christ-Centered Ministry that supports the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of family caregivers. If you are interested in this membership, please contact Dan Kitzhaber at dkitzhaber@diolc.org

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Office for Ministries

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**Reminder: For Your Parish Bulletin:
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.

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Attention All Clergy: [Click here](#) to join the newly created Facebook group for the Office for Pontifical Ceremonies. Send a request to join the group (if you're on Facebook already) and begin looking for information on upcoming public Pontifical Ceremonial events and what is available in the newly formed Ceremonials Room. New items are added frequently. Not on Facebook? That's ok, just send us an email with what you are looking for and if samples of the items are available pictures will be sent.

Reminder: Disposal of Unused Liturgical Appointments: The Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies would be happy to receive statues, vestments, ritual books, altar cloths, candlesticks, or other forms of stationary that are no longer used, but in usable condition. Likewise, if you're looking for religious appointments feel free to contact us on availability. This program is working very well and many diocesan institutions are grateful for this effort.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Liturgical Observance of Blessed Solanus Casey, July 30

The feast day of [Blessed Solanus Casey](#) is July 30. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal permits a votive Mass in his honor to be said: "On weekdays in Ordinary Time, there

may be chosen either the Mass of the weekday, or the Mass of an Optional Memorial which happens to occur on that day, or the Mass of any Saint inscribed in the Martyrology for that day..." (n.355c). If a Mass for Blessed Solanus Casey is said, the orations can be taken from either the "Common of Pastors" or the "Common of Holy Men, for Religious." Readings may be taken from Tuesday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time or from the same Common sections in the Lectionary.

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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 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.

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Office for Social Concerns

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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 www.dioc.org/farm-crisis.

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' National and State Action Alerts

During these summer months, stay tuned to the socio-political action alerts of the Bishops of the U.S. Catholic Conference (<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now>) and of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (<https://www.wisconsinatholic.org/electronic-advocacy/>).

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal – Endurance in Hope

Thank you to everyone who has helped with this year's annual appeal. For the third straight year, we have raised funding exceeding the \$6.1 million mark. The Diocesan Annual Appeal is how we, as a diocesan community, fund our commitment to do our part of fulfilling Christ's mission for the Church. The good works continue; how we live out the Gospel is in part through the appeal. As Henri Nouwen said, "Fundraising is a very concrete way to help the kingdom of God come about." Thank you to all parish leaders who continue to promote this vital ministry. Remember to keep developing this ministry, as it is our community's largest source of funding for our charitable works and ministries.

As of July 8, 2019:

- We have raised \$ 6,178,328.03 for the 2018-19 Appeal: *Endurance of Hope*, which is an \$11,556 increase over last year.
- 117 Parishes have received more than \$728,128 in rebates so far this year
- 590 new investors to the Annual Appeal. This group represents people who have never invested in the Diocesan Annual Appeal before and accounts for 1.4% of funds received (\$85,607).

- 1,433 investors who were lapsed for at least one year are now re-engaged for \$199,833 or 3.2% of funds received
- 18,607 (90.2%) of our supporters from last year have reinvested this year
- The average pledge is \$471.99, compared to \$417 last year

The importance of Stewardship:

- Of all parishes that went over their Diocesan Annual Appeal goal, parishes who have a Stewardship effort went over by 20.9% more than those who do not have a Stewardship effort.
- Parishes with a Stewardship effort have investors who give on average 9.5% more than parishes who do not have a Stewardship effort
- Parishes with a Stewardship effort have investors who are 8.5% more likely to give by pledging than parishes who do not have Stewardship effort. The average pledge is \$472.65 compared to the average one-time gift of \$263.20; 78% more is collected from people who pledge than from people who make one-time gifts.
- Parishes who have a Stewardship effort have an average of 4.71 new investors to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Parishes who do not have Stewardship effort average only 2.79 new investors, that is 69.2% more new people invested into the parish
- Parishes who have a Stewardship effort have on average 11.34 lapsed investors reengage the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Parishes who do not have Stewardship effort average only 6.86 reengaged lapsed investors. That is 65.4% more
- Parishes with a Stewardship effort on average reported more than double the number of lapsed parishioners being reconciled last year than those who do not have a Stewardship effort
- Parishes who have a Stewardship effort on average celebrated nearly doubled the number of Baptisms 13.5 versus 6.8 and celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on average more often; 3.92 versus 2.11 times
- Parishes with a Stewardship effort and a reported increase in Mass attendance enjoyed an average increase of 5.1%.

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 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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Office for Temporalities

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Annual Report to the Bishop

It is that time of year again to start working on the Annual Report to the Bishop. All necessary documents and forms can be found on the Temporalities website page under Offices and Ministries – [Annual Report](#). All reports (with the exception of the Society-Organization Report) are due in the Office for Temporalities by August 31.

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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 through our vocations to marriage, priesthood and religious life we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world.

PRIESTS FOR TOMORROW will be held FRIDAY NIGHT July 26

Reminder: Priestly Ordination of Deacon Brandon Guenther and Deacon Ethan Hokamp can be viewed using the following link. <https://catholiclife.diolc.org/2019/06/26/congratulations-to-fathers-ethan-hokamp-and-brandon-guenther/>

Please share this on your parish Social Media.

Reminder: Threshold retreat July 12-14, 2019.

[Click here](#) for the flyer and registration form.

This [medical release form](#) will also need to be filled out for anyone participating in either Dare to Follow or Threshold retreats.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/323003811723628/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Reminder:

Vocations Guild Dinner, St. Michael's Parish - Wausau

October 8, 2019

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