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Officials

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

CORRECTION: Mr. **Brian T. Logue**, Director of the Office of Pastoral Ministry and Planning, with the title of Chief of Staff, has submitted his resignation and it was accepted, effective **August 30, 2019**.

The Very Reverend **Douglas C. Roberston**, Pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Marshfield, is also appointed as *vicar forane* of the Marshfield Deanery to complete the term of Father Samuel A. Martin, who has been assigned outside of the deanery, effective August 13, 2019.

The Reverend Monsignor **Charles D. Stoetzel**, Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Prairie du Chien, is also appointed as *vicar forane* of the Prairie du Chien Deanery to complete the term of Father James C. Weighner, who has been assigned outside of the deanery, effective August 13, 2019.



Events

As of Aug. 27

Monday, September 2

Labor Day - Curia Offices Closed

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

Thursday, September 12

Domestic Church Evang Retreat Sept. 12 - 15

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

Saturday, October 12

Annual Appeal Kickoff 2 - Oct. 12 - 13

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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Bulletin Announcement for the weekends of Sept. 1, 8, 15

Growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ

A good way to grow in your relationship with Jesus is to read and ponder who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Reading through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 15 minutes per day, 5 days a week is a great way to do this. Those who sign up will receive an email with the schedule for the upcoming two weeks. We begin Monday, Sept. 16th and end mid-June with a week off for Thanksgiving and two weeks off for Christmas. If you are interested, send an email to Ann Lankford, Director for Catechesis and Evangelization at alankford@diolc.org with “Reading the Catechism” in the subject line. Every year, over 100 people participate.

Catechist Inservices

In the ongoing formation of catechists to prepare them to lead children, young people and their parents closer to Christ this year, our focus needs to be on allowing children and young people time to ponder what is being taught, not just continually offering more information. Time for reflection allows children to encounter the Person of Christ. Our goal is not to make sure they just “know” lots of teaching, even though the teaching is important and must be taught, but that they reflect on nuggets of truth, allowing the Holy Spirit to take the children and young people deeper in their understanding and love for Christ. Check out resources on the website such as “Praying with Scripture”, a Lesson Plan Format, and Going Deeper in Prayer Initiative that will help with this process. <https://diolc.org/catechesis>

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Office for the Diaconate

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Sept. 6th and 7th – Deacon Formation – St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Marathon

Deacon Formation couple's retreat – Sept. 20th and 21st – St Anthony's Retreat Center in Marathon

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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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.

Facebook link to share: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2384465065120475/>

Ministering to millennials

Here is an article with some helpful insights on do's and don'ts regarding ministering to millennials: <https://aleteia.org/2019/04/29/catholic-parish-dos-and-donts-from-millennials/>

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/

Reminder - Necessary Parenting Conversations

Research shows that children who have regular conversations with their parents are less likely to participate in risk behaviors like drugs, alcohol and suicide. Are you able to discuss topics with ease in your home or is it more like pulling teeth to get your clan to engage? Learn how to connect with your children during the **Necessary Conversations** webinar series. This 5-part series is designed to learn how to engage children in conversation and guide them towards the best in every situation. 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.

For your parish bulletin: Men of the Cross Conference

Fifth annual: Theme - *"The Father's Way."* A special rate is being offered for Father-Son attendees. The conference is held at Aquinas High School 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 can be downloaded [here](#).

Facebook link to this event - <https://www.facebook.com/events/441782316652184/>

For your parish bulletin:

Watch the movie *Overcomer*

Newest film from the creators of FireProof and Courageous set to open August 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.

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. Available online through multiple sources.

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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 the Dean of your Deanery.

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.

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.

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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.

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Office for Social Concerns

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

Pro-Life “Liberated by Truth” Conference with Terry Beatley, Sept. 20-21

Holy Family Parish, 223 Maple St., Arcadia

Terry Beatley, a nationally recognized pro-life speaker and president of Hosea Initiative, will unpack the historical facts surrounding abortion-on-demand in the United States. Hear how Dr. Bernard N. Nathanson, the former "Abortion King," converted to Catholicism and became a champion for life. Learn the 8-point propaganda strategy NARAL used in the 1960's, including their “Catholic Strategy.” Find answers. Be inspired.

The conference begins Friday evening at 6 pm with a presentation followed by a Holy Hour asking God's mercy. It continues Saturday from 9 am-4 pm, with three presentations, time for

prayer and confession, lunch, fellowship, and suggestions for how to impact your community. This free event is sponsored by the Arcadia Deanery and open to people of all faiths. A free-will offering will be collected. For an accurate lunch and hospitality count, you are asked to register at: <https://hosea4you.regfox.com/liberated-by-truth-conference>.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Gospel of Life Banquet and Mass – Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019

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



“Connecting the Dots: Tracing Man’s Broken Image”

Keynote Speaker Fr. Sean Kilcawley will address:

- What are the common roots of violence, abortion, human trafficking, racism, pornography, oppression...?
- How can we help restore respect for human dignity?

Fr. Kilcawley, Director of the Office for Family Life of the Diocese of Lincoln, is nationally renowned for his talks on Pope St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body and for his work with the nonprofit Integrity Restored, helping people affected by pornography.

6:00 PM – White Mass (annual celebration at which all the faithful honor Catholic healthcare professionals);

7:00 PM – Catered Banquet;

7:45 PM – Presentation

\$18/person – Register at www.diolc.org/GospelofLife

Co-sponsored by the Office for Ministries & Social Concerns of the Diocese of La Crosse and the Catholic Medical Association, La Crosse Guild. Questions? Call 608-791-0161.

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.

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

Final Reminder

Kickoff Weekend Signup – Sign up by August 31

Please sign up for your parish's kickoff weekend here: [Kickoff Weekend form](#) *If you do not sign up for a specific weekend by 8/31/19, 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 - Order by August 31

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**.

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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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 - For your Parish Bulletin:

Vocations Guild Dinner, St. Michael Church, 611 Stark, Wausau, WI, October 8, 2019.

Adoration at 5:30 p.m., social at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. We ask a \$50 donation per person. The guest speaker is Jim Busta, musician and 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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