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### Officials

No officials this week.



### Events

As of Aug. 6

**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](#)**Saturday, September 21**8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield](#)**Saturday, September 28**12:00am [Annual Appeal Kickoff Weekend 1](#)**Sunday, September 29**[Annual Appeal Kickoff Weekend 1](#)**Friday, October 4**[Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Arcadia - Oct. 4 - 5](#)

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, [diolc.org/calendar](http://diolc.org/calendar), and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to [datebook@diolc.org](mailto: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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## Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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### 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 Word. You will also find:

- New Catechetical Leader Training Registration Form – being held on September 13th
- Catechist Role Description and Application Form

### Formation for Catechetical Leaders and Catechists

Every parish or deanery is to provide 6 hours of training for catechists. Catechetical Leaders are to receive 12 hours of formation over the year. A great new way to provide this training is through the Catechetical Institute who has developed online workshops to assist you with this training at very little cost. Each workshop provides an hour of content divided into short video clips (10 minutes) followed by a simple skills-building task. These tasks allow you to process the material by answering a simple question or implementing something into your classroom. This formation is foremost to help you deepen your Faith and spiritual life to become intentional disciples and stronger witnesses of Christ and His Church. [Click here](#) to view a sample workshop and [click here](#) for parish onboarding instructions. Some workshops available are: The Vocation of the Catechist; Scripture: The Heart of Catechesis; Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture; Prayer: The Spiritual Life of the Catechist; The Trinity; Christ: His Person and Works; Lesson Planning. There are a good number of parishes and schools using the online workshops and we are receiving excellent feedback. Contact Ann for further details.

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## Office for Communications

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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.

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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**For your parish bulletin:**

### **Necessary Parenting Conversations**

Research tells us that parents have a powerful influence in each child's life. Children want to know what parents think and why they believe what they do. They want to talk. They want to be heard. They want to connect! Learn how to engage children in conversation and guide them towards the best in every situation during the 5-part **Necessary Conversations** webinar series. [Download flyer here](#). Register for the series today at: [twl4parents.com/necessary-conversations-webinar/](http://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](http://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.

**Reminder - For your parish bulletin:**

**Care for caregivers**

In partnership with Shalom World TV, Nourish for Caregivers is excited to announce the release of its new 12-episode faith-based TV series, Be Nourished!

[shalomworldtv.org/benourished](http://shalomworldtv.org/benourished) Nourish is a Christ-Centered Ministry that supports the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of family caregivers. Often caregivers feel alone and isolated; and, Be Nourished has proven effective at addressing this challenge.

**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 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](http://diolc.org/lay-formation). Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at [ministries@diolc.org](mailto:ministries@diolc.org) or call 608-791-0161.

**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/](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](mailto:frmarkpierce@gmail.com) .

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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](#).

### Liturgical Calendar Dates

August 11 (Sunday): Anniversary of the installation of Bishop William Patrick Callahan as La Crosse's 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop.

August 15 (Thursday): Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Holy Day of Obligation in 2019.

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 an informational brochure.

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org). ParishSoft is a database that is used daily by the diocesan curia. I'm asking each parish to verify that the name of the Safe Environment Contact for their parish is in the staff listing of ParishSoft and assigned the Safe Environment Contact position. Even if the DRE/CRE or Parish Secretary does the Safe Environment work, they should have the Safe Environment Contact position label behind their name. A person can be assigned multiple positions within their Parish. I will be sending out many important and informational emails in the next few weeks to names in this database, and I'd like to ensure that every parish contact 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 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 at 6:00 pm  
August 21 –Stevens Point Pacelli at 8:30 am  
August 21- Marshfield Columbus at 11:00 am  
August 21- Wisconsin Rapids Assumption at 3:00 pm  
August 21 – Wisconsin Rapids St. Vincent de Paul Parish at 6:00 pm  
August 26 – La Crosse Aquinas- at St. Patrick's Parish at 9:15 am  
August 26 – La Crosse Diocesan Center at 6:00 pm  
August 27- Wausau Newman at 11:30  
August 27- Wausau St. Matthew Parish at 6:00 pm  
August 28 – Eau Claire Regis at 8:00 am  
August 28 – Eau Claire area (parish to be determined) at 6:00 pm

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Office for Catholic Schools

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## Office for Social Concerns

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### **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](http://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 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 Diocesan Annual Appeal**

#### **Kickoff Weekend Signup**

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



\*If you do not sign up for a specific weekend, 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.

### **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](mailto: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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### **Office for Temporalities**

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### **Exterior Renovations**

Please share the following information with your parish/school buildings and grounds committees. Exterior renovations are regulated under Wisconsin asbestos regulation. When a building project involves a roofing or siding renovation, there needs to be analysis for potential asbestos before work can begin. For the *Asbestos Guidelines: Roofing and Siding Contractors*, please use this link: <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Asbestos-Guidelines.pdf>. If you have any questions regarding these types of renovations, please contact the Diocesan Buildings and Ground office at 608-791-2692.

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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 we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world as we discern where our Lord is calling us to serve.

### 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](http://diolc.org/vocations-guild-dinner), email [vocations@diolc.org](mailto: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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### **October 14-15, 2019- Fall Ministry Conference –**

Holy Cross Diocesan Center, Presenter is Fr. Sean Kilcawley.

### **2020 Events**

**Priest Spring Retreat** April 20-24, 2020

**Priest Unity Days** June 25-26, 2020

**Fall Ministry Conference** October 12-13, 2020

**Letters of Suitability.** If you will be traveling outside of the Diocese of La Crosse and plan to do more than attend Mass, please contact Paula at [pboyle@diolc.org](mailto:pboyle@diolc.org) for your letter.

Celebrets are for travel outside of the United States and are done by Maryjo Wilson in the Chancery Office, [mwilson@diolc.org](mailto:mwilson@diolc.org)

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