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### Officials

No officials this week.



### Events

As of Sept. 24

**Wednesday, September 25**

Rural Life Day Celebrated - Throughout the Diocese

**Saturday, September 28**

Annual Appeal Kickoff Weekend 1 - Sept. 28 - 29

**Friday, October 4**

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

**Sunday, October 13**

1:00pm Elegant Autumn Tea for Women - Chippewa Falls

**Tuesday, October 15**

6:00pm Gospel of Life Mass and Presentation - La Crosse

**Sunday, October 20**

World Mission Sunday

**Friday, October 25**

5:00pm Fr. Joe's Guild Dinner Benefiting Casa Hogar - La Crosse

**Saturday, October 26**

Men of the Cross Conference - La Crosse

**Friday, November 1**

Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation

**Saturday, November 2**

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

**Friday, November 8**

Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - Nov. 8 - 9

Fully Alive Immersion Retreat - Wisconsin Dells - Nov. 8 - 10

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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### Annual Mass Counts.

The Annual Mass Counts will be conducted again this year during the month of October. Please find more information and the form [here](#).

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## Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

Director: Ann Lankford – 608.791.2658 | [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org)

### Bulletin Insert for Respect Life Sunday (Oct. 6)

[Click here](#) for a bulletin insert reflecting on our commonsense awareness that in the womb of an expectant mother is a *baby*.

### Encountering Jesus Christ through Prayer

The aim of catechesis is to help others encounter Jesus Christ. The “Going Deeper in Prayer” Initiative is meant to provide these personal encounters primarily for parents and their children. A suggested format to be used with introducing parents to the “Going Deeper in Prayer” Initiative is available here: [www.diolc.org/prayer/](http://www.diolc.org/prayer/) This format has been used and worked well. Need an incentive for parents to attend? Invite parents to attend a religion session with one of their children and present the specific materials for that grade.

### Adult Faith Formation

If the parish is looking for a resource to offer for Adult Faith Formation, please consider one of these Programs that have been received well at parishes throughout the Diocese.

- LECTIO: Eucharist – DVD Set by Dr. Brant Pitre [click here](#)

Discovering the Mass in the Bible

Jesus said, “This is my Body” and, “This is my Blood.” Some say they’re merely symbols of remembrance. Others say they’re really the Body and Blood of Christ, but can’t explain how that’s possible. The Eucharist is the center-point of the Mass—*but why?*

- Living the Discerning Life: The Spiritual Teaching of St. Ignatius of Loyola – DVD Set by Fr. Timothy Gallagher [click here](#)

Clear and practical guidelines offer assistance in understanding the times of joy and of struggle in the spiritual life. St. Ignatius provides spiritual tools for overcoming the pitfalls of discouragement and darkness (spiritual desolation). Fr. Gallagher presents them in an accessible manner, with an abundance of practical examples and concrete applications to our daily life. For discussion questions and resources contact Ann.

- For an extended list of Bible Studies and Faith Building Resources [click here](#)

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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 November issue of Catholic Life magazine are due by Monday, September 30, 2019. Please direct any questions to Sr. Donna: [dkrzmarzick@diolc.org](mailto:dkrzmarzick@diolc.org)

### 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.

Contact for MyParish App and Evangelus

Mike DiCosola Director of Digital Services, Diocesan

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**Rise Vision Slides are available for the following events at [diolc.org/media-resources/](http://diolc.org/media-resources/)**

- Gospel of Life
- Men of the Cross
- World Mission Sunday
- Catholic Life
- Working Together Sharing Joy – Diocesan Annual Appeal

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## Office for Consecrated Life

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No items this week.

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## Office for the Diaconate

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

Director: Dan Kitzhaber – 608.791.2673 | [dkitzhaber@diolc.org](mailto:dkitzhaber@diolc.org)

**Marriage Tip:** Sharing a 5-second hug can make a HUGE difference in your marriage. Read more here: <https://aleteia.org/2018/10/07/how-20-seconds-a-day-is-changing-my-marriage/>

### Teaching the Way of Love Newsletter for September

The September parent newsletter – Focus on Necessary Conversations - is ready for download. Please click [here](#) to both read and download this month's issue. Thank you for widely distributing this to all of the families you serve, both those in your school and those in your religious education program.

### For your parish bulletin:

**Elegant Autumn Tea** - Oct. 13, 1-4pm at the Lilydale Event Venue (new location), 6343 County Hwy N, Chippewa Falls. Enjoy, tea, delicious delicacies and an uplifting presentation by Alice Heinzen. Reservations required. \$15 before Sept. 30; \$20 before Oct. 7 Contact Beth DeCook if you have any questions [edecook@wwt.net](mailto:edecook@wwt.net) or 715-874-4776. Nursing infants welcome.

### For your parish bulletin:

#### Parenting Webinar: Necessary Conversations About Sexuality & Chastity

October 14, 8 p.m., join this one-hour webinar for a solid overview of God's awesome plan for human sexuality and gain insights on identifying the right time and place, dynamic and approach to discuss God's plan for sexuality and chastity with your children.

Register at: [twl4parents.com/necessary-conversations-webinar/](http://twl4parents.com/necessary-conversations-webinar/) Join Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen for this necessary conversation.

### Reminder - For your parish bulletin:

#### Women of Christ Conference – West Bend, WI | November 9

Come & See: He delights in you! Speakers include Kimberly Hahn, Steve Ray, and more. Archbishop ListECKI and Bishop Hying will also help celebrate and bring to light the

authenticity and truth of God's gifts just for women. Registration is now open at [womenofchrist.net](http://womenofchrist.net)

**Reminder - 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](http://menofthecross.org).

The 2019 **Men of the Cross** conference posters 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:**

**Bring Love and Mercy to your theater Oct. 28**

"Love and Mercy - Faustina", a docudrama on Divine Mercy and the mission of Sr. Faustina Kowalska, will play on Oct. 28 in limited locations, but demand and attendance can expand this. Currently set to show in Wausau & La Crosse area. Contact your local theater to request and invite others to do the same. To watch the trailer:

<http://loveandmercymovie.com/> To see locations & purchase tickets:

<https://www.fathomevents.com/events/faustina-love-and-mercy>

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**Office for Ministries**

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**Office for Missions**

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608.791.2676 | [wpace@diolc.org](mailto:wpace@diolc.org)

**Reminder - World Mission Sunday and Extraordinary Missionary Month**

World Mission Sunday (the weekend of October 20, 2019) and Extraordinary Missionary Month (named by Pope Francis for October 2019) are fast approaching. The participation of your parishioners in this universal mission of the Church through prayer and financial support make an immense difference in the lives of so many. Envelopes and posters are being delivered directly to your parishes from the national Society for the Propagation of the Faith office. Letters with more details will soon be arriving from the Mission Office. This will contain more detailed suggestions for prayer and

instructions for conducting the collection. Thank you for all you do and, as always, please call us with any questions you may have.

### **Reminder - Mission CO-OP Program Summer 2019**

The Mission Co-op Appeals are wrapping up for this summer season. Please forward your collection to the Mission Office at your earliest convenience so that they can be disbursed to the respective missions. Thank you for the extra time and effort you are putting into this vital program for each of our diocesan parishes and those you are helping in the missions.

### **Reminder - Protocols for missionary priest help-outs for your parish**

This is just a reminder regarding invitations to missionary priests who may come to give pastors a weekend break. They are important and helpful options, but they need to follow diocesan protocol during their visits. The Mission Office has no connection to or official relationship with Catholic associations like Food for the Poor, Cross Catholic Outreach, Unbound Ministries or other such organizations. Their individual policies for the collection of funds should be clearly stated before their arrival and pastors should communicate the information to staff and parishioners in preparation for their appeal. As always, Safe Environment policies need to be followed. Therefore, Letters of Suitability for priests need to be on file with the Vicar for Clergy office if they are celebrating the sacraments.

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## **Office for Pontifical Ceremonies**

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**Fall Confirmation** season is upon us. Pastors/Liturgy Coordinators hosting Confirmations are reminded 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 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.

**Letters of Suitability:** Any Confirmation Mass locations that are planning to have a priest/deacon be present from outside the Diocese of La Crosse and requests to concelebrate/assist they are to have a Letter of Suitability provided to the Office for the Vicar of Clergy prior to the date of the liturgy. They can be emailed to Paula Boyle at

[pboyle@diolc.org](mailto:pboyle@diolc.org) with the original being sent in the mail. She, in turn, will advise the Office for Pontifical Ceremonies of the guest cleric/s so they can plan accordingly.

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## Office for Sacred Worship

Director: Christopher Carstens – 608.791.0161 | [ccarstens@diolc.org](mailto:ccarstens@diolc.org)

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: December 9, 2019**

Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does NOT transfer. The Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, December 9, is omitted this year. (From the USCCB)

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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).

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## Office for Catholic Schools

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No items this week.





## Office for Social Concerns

Director: Christopher Ruff – 608.791.0161 | [cruff@diolc.org](mailto:cruff@diolc.org)

### 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 do we recover human dignity?

Fr. Kilcawley, Director of the Office for Family Life of the Diocese of Lincoln, is renowned for his talks on the Theology of the Body and for his work combatting pornography.

6:00 PM –White Mass (especially honors Catholic healthcare professionals)

7:00 PM – Catered Banquet, followed by Keynote presentation

**\$18/person or \$9/students & teachers – Register at [www.diolc.org/GospelofLife](http://www.diolc.org/GospelofLife)**

Questions? Call Office for Ministries & Social Concerns: 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.

### For Your Parish Bulletin:

#### High School Pro-Life Letter/Video Contest

The Diocese of La Crosse is sponsoring a High School Pro-Life Contest. Students who wish to participate are asked to first watch the pro-life movie *Unplanned* about Abby Johnson, the former Planned Parenthood clinic director whose conversion is told in the movie (parental discretion advised). Then they are to imagine they are either (a) writing a letter, or (b) speaking to Abby Johnson.

For complete guidelines and to enter the contest, visit [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life) and follow [the link there](#).

### For Your Parish Bulletin:

#### Help Hurricane Relief Efforts in the Bahamas

After 36 hours of battering the island, Hurricane Dorian has left families homeless and virtually destroyed the land. Rains and flooding continue to affect relief efforts and communication is limited. Catholic Relief Services—along with local partners—is

working quickly to assess immediate needs. Donations help bring relief, in the form of food, emergency shelter, and safe water, to affected families.

To donate, visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

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## Office for Stewardship & Development

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### Annual Appeal

Annual Appeal materials (in-pew pledge cards, posters, brochure, prayer cards etc.) have been delivered to each parish. If you haven't received your materials or if you need additional copies of anything, please let Sarah Komperud know ASAP. Ordering can take up to 2 weeks before you receive your materials. [skomperud@diolc.org](mailto:skomperud@diolc.org) or 608-791-2653.

Annual Appeal Portal has been updated with all the new year material. Please visit <https://diolc.org/stewardship/appeal-portal/>. Contact Sarah Komperud with any questions.

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## Office for Temporalities

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Thank you to all who have submitted your annual reports. For those who are completing your reports, remember to send them to Kurt Jereczek at the Diocese of La Crosse. Kurt's email is [kjereczek@diolc.org](mailto:kjereczek@diolc.org) and feel free to copy me using the email address shown above.

In the past week or so, Catholic Mutual has received a handful of notifications of incidences involving ground bee stings. Catholic Mutual has asked us to inform you that it appears to be a bumper year for ground bees, which can easily go undetected until the nest is disturbed in some manner. These bees can cause major pain and discomfort to even those who aren't allergic and can have dire consequences for those that are. Catholic Mutual recommends the parishes conduct a careful inspection of their grounds in order to identify any potential infestations and have them removed by a qualified professional, especially when discovered near schools, on playgrounds, or near church entrances or commonly used grounds.

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## Office for Vocations

Director: Fr. Alan Wierzba – 608.791.2667 | [awierzba@diolc.org](mailto:awierzba@diolc.org)

Please include the following intercession for vocations for your Sunday prayers of the faithful.

That families will strive to make their homes places where children can hear God call them by name.

**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.

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### Office for Vicar for Clergy

Director: Msgr. David Kunz – 608.791.2689 | [pboyle@diolc.org](mailto:pboyle@diolc.org)

**Reminder – Fall Ministry Conference - October 14-15, 2019**

Invitations for the Fall Ministry Conference were emailed on Thursday, September 11. If you have not yet registered, please look for the email and register online.

Registration deadline is October 4, 2019.

Conference begins Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> at noon and ends with lunch on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 p.m., Holy Cross Diocesan Center.

Our presenter is Fr. Sean Kilcawley, a nationally renowned speaker on Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body and the sacred dignity and vocation of the human person. A graduate of West Point, he is now Director of the Office for Family Life, Diocese of Lincoln, NE and Theological advisor to Integrity Restored, helping people affected by pornography. Plan on attending this very informative conference.

**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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### Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Director: Christopher Rogers – 608.791.2652 | [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org)

**Reminder - Immersion Retreat**

The Immersion Retreat will be held November 8-10, 2019 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. It is for all youth in grades 9-12. An email went out last week to all parish DRE's, CRE's, Youth Ministers, and Pastors. We look forward to having you and

your group join us! Please see our website for more details:  
<https://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/immersion-retreat/>

**Reminder - NET Retreats**

The NET Team will be in our diocese December 6-15, 2019. Please contact our office to schedule them to come to your parish or school. Please schedule soon as dates are starting to fill up.

**Reminder - Pilgrimage for Life**

The Pilgrimage for Life will be January 22-26, 2020. It is for anyone ages 13 and up. More information is coming soon. Please keep checking our website at:  
<https://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-life/>

**Reminder - Fifth Annual Autumn Colors Canoe Trip / Catholic Singles Weekend**

Oct. 11-13 Spend a weekend with other Catholic singles enjoying the beauty of fall from Tomah to La Crosse; such as the Kickapoo River, Wildcat Mountain State Park, Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and more. Cost ~ \$150. For more information, contact Mark Anderson - 715-933-0481 or  
[markjmjanderson@gmail.com](mailto:markjmjanderson@gmail.com)

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