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Officials

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

Deacon **Ned L. Willkom**, Deacon at All Saints Parish in Stanley, is also appointed Prefect for Diaconal Life and Ministry for deacon formation in the Diocese of La Crosse, effective October 14, 2019.

Deacon **Thomas W. Hale**, with the permission of the Most Reverend Donald J. Hying, Bishop of the Diocese of Madison, is appointed to serve as Deacon at St. Mary Parish in Lyndon Station, effective October 15, 2019.



Events

As of Oct. 15

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

Saturday, November 9

8:00am **Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Tomah**

Thursday, November 21

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) - Indianapolis - Nov. 21 - 23

Tuesday, November 26

Giving Tuesday

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving - Curia Offices Closed - Nov. 28 - 29

Friday, November 29

Hispanic Advent Family and Youth Rally - Wisconsin Dells - Nov. 29 - Dec. 1

Saturday, November 30

8:00am **Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marathon City**

Friday, December 6

Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - Dec. 6 - 7

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas - Curia Offices Closed - Dec. 24 - 26

If your parish or organization would like to have an announcement printed in the December issue of *Catholic Life* and on the diocesan calendar, it should be received in our office no later than Oct. 17th. Otherwise, if you email it later, it can only be added to the diocesan calendar. You can email the information to datebook@diolc.org.

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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“Going Deeper in Prayer”

Through interviews and surveys, our young people have been telling us for the past eight years that, in addition to what they are learning, they want to encounter Jesus and develop a relationship with Him. Please see the Prayer Cards and Resources for each grade level that were updated to be much more robust. These materials will help parents, teachers and catechists provide opportunities for an encounter with Jesus as well as foster the process of building a personal relationship with Him. Go to: www.diolc.org/prayer

Chris Stefanick and REBOOT: Tuesday, November 12, 2019

God didn't create us to just get by: He created us to live life to the full. Are you ready to take your life to a new level — practically and spiritually? If you want that “something more” for your life — and who doesn't? — then do not miss Reboot Live. This life-changing event is for all ages, 12 and up, from teens to grandparents. The event is being held at Merrill High School Auditorium from 7 – 9:30 p.m. Tickets available by contacting Mike Bub at Holy Rosary Parish, 715-748-3336 ext. 248 or google Real Life Catholic REBOOT.

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Office for Communications

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Reminder: Email and Text message scams continue

We have recently received many reports of fraudulent emails and text messages being sent “from the pastor” or other parish staff or clergy member asking for iTunes Gift Card purchases or other gift cards, donations or money transfers. Please get the word out about these scams so your parishioners are alerted.

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 parishioners and parish staff.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

Director: Dan Kitzhaber – 608.791.2673 | dkitzhaber@diolc.org

Minnesota Marriage License Fee Reduction

The process and form have been revised to assist couples getting married in Minnesota to receive a \$75 reduction in the fee for a marriage license. You can download the form [here](#) or find it under Step 3 of the webpage for marriage ministers: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-preparation-for-ministers/

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Office for Missions

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608.791.2676 | wpace@diolc.org

We invite you to join us at the annual benefit dinner to celebrate Fr. Joe's Legacy and Casa Hogar. This year we will highlight many updates from the children, discuss Casa's impact in the community and share in the mission. We hope you can join us!

Friday, October 25, 2019

5:30 p.m. Social Hour

Dinner & Program to Follow

Blessed Sacrament Parish

130 Losey Boulevard South

La Crosse, WI 54601

Please RSVP by October 16th [here](#) or for any questions email Sarah Sceery at ssceery@frjoesguild.org

For Your Bulletin: TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, October 19-20, 2019. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call - to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. May God bless your generosity with the abundance of His grace.

Homily Helps for World Mission Sunday: The Society for the Propagation of the Faith offers some excellent resources for the prayer celebration of World Mission Sunday. For your convenience there are [homily helps](#), [sample intercessions](#) and [more](#). Thank you for all you do in support of the universal mission of the Church.

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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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Resources for Respect Life Month - October

Abundant resources, including Prayers of the Faithful, bulletin reflections and blurbs, homily helps and much more, in English and Spanish, are available at the U.S. Bishops' website respectlife.org/october.

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* (parental discretion advised) about Abby Johnson, the former Planned Parenthood clinic director whose conversion is told in the movie. Then they are to either (a) write an essay in the form of a letter to Abby, or (b) create a video as if speaking to Abby.

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

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal – Working Together, Sharing the Joy, Standing Firm in the Faith.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is the vital ministry that provides for the temporal needs of 38 different ministries supported by our diocese. The Diocesan Annual Appeal is an invite that provides others the opportunity to participate in the Church's mission.

With all parishes having kicked off their Diocesan Annual Appeal efforts we continue with some significant momentum. As the campaign continues, we can expect to see these numbers continue to close in on each other.

Through October 14, 2019, comparing this year (2019-20) with last year (2018-19)

	2019 - 2020	2018 - 2019	YTD Difference +/-	
			\$	%
Over All Goal:	\$5,675,035.00	\$5,675,035.00	-	-
Parishes Kicked Off	159	159	0	0
Funds Pledged & Received	\$1,827,162.74	\$1,254,280.04	\$572,882.70	45.6%
% Pledged & Received of Goal	32.2%	22.1%	101 basis pts	45.7%
Funds Received	\$1,562,484.01	\$1,252,143.04	\$310,340.97	24.8%
% Funds Received of Goal	27.5%	22.1%	54 basis pts	24.4%
Total Investors Participating	6,634	1,853	1,448	78.1%
New Investors	115	105	10	9.5%
Reengaged Investors (SYBUNT)	435	299	136	45.5%
Retained Investors (LYBUNT)	6,084	5,740	344	6.0%
Parishes Received Over Goal	2	2	0	0
Parishes with More Funds Pledged & Received than last year			110	

Reminder: We have many documents and tools to help with your parish's appeal promotion on the Appeal portal appeal.diolc.org. We have three different bulletin Ads, including a fillable one, so that you can share your parish's progress.

Planned Giving – Leaving a Legacy

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 stewardship journey or would like to share your successes and trials of stewardship, 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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State reporting for Designated Asbestos Person. Schools may be receiving an email from the Department of Health Services (DHS), in regards to completing a *Designated Asbestos Coordinator Form*. This form is for the trained designated asbestos person at each school who is in charge of asbestos records, location, management plan, and periodic 6-month surveillance reports for the facility. **This is a State requirement for all schools.** If you receive this form, you should complete it and submit it to the Department of Health Services address located on the form. Please do not use personal addresses, emails and phone numbers, but rather, use your school provided email, phone, address, etc. This is to reduce the chance of you being contacted outside of your work by the Department of Health Services. Please send a copy to khaverland@diolc.org for our records. If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact the Diocesan Buildings and Grounds Office at 608-791-2692. You may also download the form here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/f0/f00047.pdf>.

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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 those who feel a call to and desire for marriage, for priesthood and for religious life may find the courage to say yes to what God asks of them.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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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/>

Catholic Religious Emblem Sessions: Ad Altare Dei & Pope Pius XII at Viterbo University

All Catholic BSA Troop and Crew members between the ages of 13 and 21 may attend. Two Dates: November 17th, 2019 and January 12th, 2020 1 to 4 pm meeting to start in San Domiano Chapel, Viterbo Campus, corner of 10th St. & Franciscan Way, La Crosse, WI. The Scouts must attend both sessions.

To register or to ask any questions please call or email the La Crosse DCCS Chair: Cindy Sjolander / 608-783-4911 / catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com

For more information please go to <https://diolc.org/yva/scouting/>

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