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Officials

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

Deacon **Juan A. Delgado**, Deacon at St. Patrick Parish in Mauston, is granted the status of Senior Deacon, effective October 1, 2019.



Events

As of Oct. 8

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

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

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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Confirmation Letters

Following up on a request from last year, Confirmation letters may be written to the pastor and this is an important practice. The impact is much greater when the parish priest can read the letters and provide further input regarding formation. Therefore, please do not send Confirmation letters to the Bishop's Office.

FORMED by the Augustine Institute

Information was requested about FORMED. This is a type of Catholic Netflix that includes a large amount of current programs (Bible Studies and Faith Formation etc.) movies, audios and e-Books. The subscription paid by a parish for one year allows all parishioners served by a priest to access all available resources on FORMED. The concept is excellent, that people can watch programs, movies etc. with their spouse and family in their own home. And the parish can offer these Bible Studies and Faith Formation Programs for parishioners in groups, viewing them from the internet. However, this platform works best when parishioners have already engaged in ongoing formation as adults. For parishes just getting started with Bible Studies etc., this platform might not be the best use of funds. Contact Ann if you are interested in a webinar on FORMED with Dr. Tim Gray this Friday, October, 11th, 12-1 p.m.

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 and follow [the link there](#).

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 Marriage & Family Life

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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/

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

TWL Parent Newsletter for October

The TWL parent newsletter for October is ready for distribution. Click [here](#) to access this month's issue which focuses on having a conversation with your children about God's plan for human sexuality. Thank you for widely distributing this to all of your parents through the church bulletin, school packet or Religious Education information.

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. It is currently set to show in the Wausau & La Crosse areas. Contact your local theater to request showings and invite others to do the same. To watch the trailer:

loveandmercyovie.com/ To see locations & purchase tickets:

fathomevents.com/events/faustina-love-and-mercy

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Office for Missions

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Extraordinary Missionary Month: Pope Francis has called us to celebrate the centenary of the Apostolic Letter, *Maximum Illud*. In the year 1919, following the end of World War I, Pope Benedict XV sent his message to the Catholic Church in every nation. After witnessing such an unprecedented destructive force, the Holy Father called us to evangelize, to proclaim Jesus Christ as a source of mercy and unity. Today, the world is again witnessing evils attempting to spread hatreds, division and violence. In response, Pope Francis has called for the celebration of October as Extraordinary Missionary Month. You are invited to include the following Intercessory Prayers within your celebration of Mass during this month:

1. *For a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, Who is alive in the Church; that the Holy Spirit will guide our catechetical formation for mission, and that our love for the Church's mission, which is a passion for Jesus and a passion for His people grow ever stronger, let us pray to the Lord.*
2. *For the witness of missionary saints, especially patroness St. Thérèse of Lisieux and patron St. Francis Xavier; that they may intercede for the fervent missionary spirit of the faithful of our Universal Church, both nearby and far away, let us pray to the Lord.*

For your bulletin - World Mission Sunday, October 19-20, 2019: You may use the following announcement or your own words to prepare your parishioners for the prayerful celebration of World Mission Sunday Mass and collection: *"NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in the envelope collection held October 19-20, 2019 for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. May God receive your gift, multiply the good it may accomplish and reward your sacrifice of faith."* Instructions for handling the funds collected were sent out on October 1 to parish pastors. As a reminder, please remember to return the collected World Mission Sunday funds and completed [ParishSoft list of donors with donation](#)

[amount, names and addresses](#) to the Mission Office so that they may receive ongoing updates about the Missions.

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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.

Reminder: The La Crosse Sheriff's Department will be at the Diocesan Center on Monday, October 14 – Fall Ministry Conference at 11:00 am to fingerprint all Priests and Deacons who have not had this done before. There is no fee.

It's time to start preparing for the 2019-20 Safe Environment Report. Watch your email the month of October for the report form, a spreadsheet of everyone who has done online training and a spreadsheet listing all active staff and volunteers with their background dates. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Teresa Brown.

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Office for Catholic Schools

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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

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

Help Hurricane Relief Efforts in the Bahamas

Hurricane Dorian has left families homeless and virtually destroyed the land in the Bahamas. 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 crs.org.

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With autumn sports in full force, please **click here** for a relevant Risk Management Minute with regard to concussions and head injuries.

Below are the current rates for the products provided by St. Ambrose Financial Services.

ST. AMBROSE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

Rates Update

Rates effective October 1, 2019 have decreased by 30 basis points and are as follows:

• Deposits	1.90%
• Loans	2.65%
• Lines of Credit	4.65%

Contact Information:

- Dennis Herricks – dherricks@stambrosefinancial.com - - 608.519.9893
- Cheryl Cummings – ccummings@stambrosefinancial.com - - 608.519.9894
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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 our parish community will nurture marriage and religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action in the world.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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FALL MINISTRY CONFERENCE October 14-15, 2019

Conference begins Monday October 14th at noon and ends with lunch on Tuesday October 15th at 12:45 pm, Holy Cross Diocesan Center.

Please be ready to get your picture taken! The Communications department will be updating clergy pictures for the webpage diolc.org/parishes during Fall Ministry Conference. Please bring your clerics. As a reminder, the La Crosse Sheriff's Department will be at the Diocesan Center on Monday, October 14 at 11:00 am to fingerprint all Priests and Deacons who have not had this done before. There is no fee.

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 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



Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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