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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Oct. 29th

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

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas - Curia Offices Closed - Dec. 24 - 26

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God - Curia Offices Closed - Dec. 31 at noon - Jan. 1

Friday, January 10, 2020

Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - Jan. 10 - 11

Thursday, January 16, 2020

National Religious Freedom Day

Saturday, January 18, 2020

7:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point

8:30am Given - Marriage Enrichment Retreat - La Crosse

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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Chancery Office

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Strategic Planning. As we begin a strategic planning process, we are looking for planning team members. If you would like to be part of a team or you know someone that has an

interest or experience in the area of Education, Parish Life & Spirituality, Community, Finance, Stewardship or Planning please ask them to submit their information using this link <https://diolc.org/planning> The success of the planning process hinges on the composition and commitment of the team; we are pursuing participation from each of the deaneries and all levels of expertise and knowledge.

Once the teams have been selected for each of the areas (Education, Parish Life & Spirituality, Community) the members will determine the frequency and timing of the meetings for their group. Each team will complete tasks in three areas, development of the questionnaire that will be used for gathering of information, training of the parish planning teams, analysis and reporting of information received. Each team will be led by a member of the Diocesan Strategic Planning Committee, assisted by a member of the Curia Staff. Video conferencing will be available for meetings when requested.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Religious Certification

All information regarding Religious Certification for all those who hand on the Faith has been updated. [Click here](#) for the most current information and forms. Growing in the Catholic Faith through study and prayer is a life-long process. It is essential, above all, for any adult who teaches the Catholic Faith to receive ongoing formation in order to properly hand on the Faith to the next generation. Ongoing faith formation is necessary as “the quality of any form of pastoral activity is placed at risk if it does not rely on truly competent and trained personnel” (General Directory for Catechesis – for the Universal Church, n. 234). All those who hand on the Faith and those in leadership positions are to be working to complete their Basic Certification. When completed, certification folders are to be submitted to the Office to receive a certificate. The Diocesan standard for hours of training is 6 hours per year for parish catechists and 12 hours per year for catechetical leaders. If this is the first year for a parish to provide formation for catechists, begin with fewer hours but provide excellent training for personal growth for a deeper union with Jesus Christ.

RCIA – Assisting Participants to Understand Catholic Prayers

For people seeking to become Catholic through the RCIA process, it is essential to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus through daily, committed prayer. There is a Prayer Card for each: the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Apostles’ Creed etc. To download a Prayer Card, which focuses on going deeper in understanding one prayer while leading to personal conversation with Jesus, [click here](#). Resources for each prayer include an explanation of the words, the basic principles underlying the prayer, the Scriptural foundation and other helpful aspects that help the words of the prayer to become a personal encounter with Jesus, or our Heavenly Father, or Mary.

Proper Handling of Monies - Review of parish/school accounts and financial control guidelines

In an effort to protect you and your volunteers, please read the Review of Parish/School Accounts and Financial Control Guidelines by [clicking here](#). The section on Cash Receipts/Money Counting should be followed for all events within your Parish including but not limited to bazaars, raffles, outings, etc. Please ensure those responsible for oversight on each event is made aware of the policy and is following the guidelines established.

Simply put, the policy is asking all parishes to use the buddy system when collecting, counting and transporting money. To follow policy there needs to be two unrelated persons involved in the process. Please check with your parish finance secretary and pastor for the specific manner that your parish has in place to meet these guidelines.

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Office for Communications

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For Your Parish Bulletin (during Advent):

Send your prayer intention to Bishop Callahan this Advent
Bishop Callahan will be collecting your prayer intentions throughout this Advent season. You can either call 608-352-9565 or go to diolc.org/pray to submit your request. All intentions received will be presented and prayed for at his Christmas Masses.

Deadline for parish events to be listed in the Jan/Feb Catholic Life – 11/11/19

In order to get your January and February parish events listed in the next issue of Catholic Life, please make sure we have received your event information by November 11, 2019. 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 Marriage & Family Life

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Resources from Fr. Sean Kilkawly addressing Pornography

Several resources recommended by Fr. Sean Kilkawley at Fall Ministry Days can be viewed and obtained at diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/ This page will be updated regularly with resources to help respond to the epidemic ills of pornography.

Reminder: For your parish bulletin

REBOOT Live Rally!

November 12, 7:00 pm at Merrill High School – nationally renowned speaker, Chris Stefanick will help you REBOOT your faith. It is a fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up), of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! For more information, contact Mike Bub at Holy Rosary 715-748-3336 or Joe Velie at St. Francis Xavier 715-536-2803 or go to <https://catholicdos.org/events/reboot-live>

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1001979720141810/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

For your parish bulletin

Understanding Gender Identity - A Webinar & Newsletter

The culture's campaign on gender identity is very confusing because it says that you can't trust the physical reality of your own body. Is this really true?

Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen, co-authors of the Teaching the Way of Love series, will address gender issues during the next Necessary Conversation webinar for adults and parents on Monday, November 11th at 8 p.m. The conversation will explain what is true (and what isn't) regarding gender and provide time for you to ask your questions. Register at www.twl4parents.com/webinar. The \$6 cost will include participation in the webinar, numerous downloadable resources and access to the post webinar recording. You can also access the current Teaching the Way of Love parent newsletter which addresses the same topic at www./twl4parents.com/understanding-gender-identity

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FAQ on Cremation

The increased choice of cremation has occasioned regular questions about funeral liturgies with cremated remains. Please see [these answers](#) to Frequently Asked Questions about funeral rites and cremation.

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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 (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **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.

CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT WEBSITE AND FORMS

Reminder: The Above Safe Environment Bulletin announcement was changed on Oct. 22, 2019 —the current announcement is above. This must be published in your parish bulletin at least once a quarter, and 2 bulletins need to be sent in with your yearly Safe Environment Report.

New Safe Environment Poster – please note there is a new [Safe Environment Poster](#) with updated contact information. Please update your parish and school posters at your earliest convenience. If you are unable to print the poster at your parish or school, you may contact the Safe Environment office and we will print copies for you.

Safe Environment Forms - all of the Safe Environment forms, [The Basic Background Check #1](#), [Annual Training #2](#), [Confidential Questionnaire #3](#), [FBI Release #4](#), and [Verification of Parent Safe Environment Training / Student Declination #5](#) have been updated. Please visit the [Safe Environment Forms](#) webpage to print off the most current forms or contact the Safe Environment Office and they can be mailed to you.

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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 invitation that provides others the opportunity to participate in the Church's mission.

Through October 28, 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	-	-
Funds Pledged & Received	\$2,758,971.55	2,378,297.99	\$380,673.56	16.0%
% Pledged & Received of Goal	48.6%	41.9%		
Funds Received	\$2,409,466.07	\$2,029,284.17	\$380,181.90	18.7%
% Funds Received of Goal	42.5%	35.8%		
Total Investors Participating	9,822	8,901	921	10.3%
New Investors	163	160	3	1.9%
Reengaged Investors (SYBUNT)	619	465	154	33.1%
Retained Investors (LYBUNT)	9,040	8,276	764	9.2%
Parishes Over Goal	11	7	4	57.1%
Parishes with More Funds Pledged & Received than last year			121	76.1%

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 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 Vocations

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

That all young men and women will listen to the Holy Spirit in their hearts and respond to the cry from deep within to vocations of marriage, priesthood or religious life.

Vocations Awareness Week is November 3-9. Please pray for our 23 seminarians and 5 men discerning in the Journey Program.

“Heavenly Father, Bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him, we may love you more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

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