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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Sept. 17

Friday, September 20

Deacon Formation Couple's Retreat - Marathon - Sept. 20 - 22

Saturday, September 21

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

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

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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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

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Bulletin insert for the weekend of September 29 [click here](#)

God desires a relationship with each one of us. Our prayerful conversation with Him may include aspects such as questioning, thanking, balking, contemplating and even struggle!

Parent's Session on the "Going Deeper in Prayer" Initiative

A suggested format to be used with introducing parents to the "Going Deeper in Prayer" Initiative is available here: www.diolc.org/prayer/ This format has been used and worked well. Need an incentive for parents to attend? Many parishes throughout the Diocese have provided a simple dinner (spaghetti and salad) for families to make it easier for them to be present. Contact Ann with questions.

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 Marriage & Family Life

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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:

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.

Reminder: Addressing Pornography

The diocesan website has recently been updated with resources to help respond to the epidemic ills of pornography. Please visit diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/

Reminder: Ministering to millennials

Here is an article with some helpful insights on do's and don't's regarding ministering to millennials: <https://aleteia.org/2019/04/29/catholic-parish-dos-and-donts-from-millennials/>

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.

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:

Watch the movie *Overcomer*

Newest film from the creators of FireProof and Courageous set to open August 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.

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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.

The new Green Book is now available. If you would like hard copies, please contact me otherwise, the electronic version has been added to the Safe Environment page on the Diocesan website.

With CCD programs beginning, remember that all volunteers in your parish that have consistent contact with children need to be Safe Environment trained and background checked. All paid staff regardless if they have contact or not must also be background checked. Background forms can be emailed or USPS mailed to the Diocesan Center for processing.

Is your school or parish contact name and email current for Safe Environment emails? If there has been a change please email the updates to tbrown@diolc.org

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Office for Social Concerns

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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.

Pro-Life “Liberated by Truth” Conference with Terry Beatley, Sept. 20-21



Holy Family Parish, 223 Maple St., Arcadia

Terry Beatley, a nationally recognized pro-life speaker and president of Hosea Initiative, will unpack the historical facts surrounding abortion-on-demand in the United States. Hear how Dr. Bernard N. Nathanson, the former "Abortion King," converted to Catholicism and became a champion for life. Learn the 8-point propaganda strategy NARAL used in the 1960's, including their “Catholic Strategy.” Find answers. Be inspired.

The conference begins Friday evening at 6 pm with a presentation followed by a Holy Hour asking for God's mercy. It continues Saturday from 9 am-4 pm, with three presentations, time for prayer and confession, lunch, fellowship, and suggestions for how to impact your community. This free event is sponsored by the Arcadia Deanery and open to people of all faiths. A free-will offering will be collected. For an accurate lunch and hospitality count, you are asked to register at: <https://hosea4you.regfox.com/liberated-by-truth-conference>.

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 can we help restore respect for human dignity?

Fr. Kilcawley, Director of the Office for Family Life of the Diocese of Lincoln, is nationally renowned for his talks on Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body and for his work with the nonprofit organization Integrity Restored, helping people affected by pornography.

6:00 PM – White Mass (annual celebration at which all the faithful honor Catholic healthcare professionals)

7:00 PM – Catered Banquet

7:45 PM – Presentation

\$18/person or \$9/student – Register at www.diolc.org/GospelofLife

Co-sponsored by the Office for Ministries & Social Concerns of the Diocese of La Crosse and the Catholic Medical Association, La Crosse Guild. Questions? Call 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.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Annual Appeal

Annual Appeal Video

The DVDs will be mailed out this week.

Please note that the video is also available for download on the Appeal Portal:

<https://diolc.org/stewardship/appeal-portal/>

This link has all the information regarding materials, etc.

Please don't hesitate to call or email Sarah Komperud with any questions, 608-791-2653 or skomperud@diolc.org

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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.

For an increase in vocations to Marriage, the Priesthood and Consecrated Life; especially that

more young men and women will have the courage to follow a call from God to serve in the Church.

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

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

Registration deadline October 4, 2019. Look for your invitation by email and register online. Conference begins Monday October 14th at noon and ends with lunch on Tuesday October 15th at 12:45 pm, 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.

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 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

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