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### Officials

No officials this week.



### Events

As of Nov. 26

**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

5:30pm Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - 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

**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

Pilgrimage for Life - Washington, DC - Jan. 22 - 26

**Saturday, January 25, 2020**

8:30am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Richland Center

**Friday, February 7, 2020**

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse - Feb. 7 - 8

Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - Feb. 7 - 8

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

8:30am Given - Marriage Enrichment Retreat - Rothschild

**Friday, February 14, 2020**

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend Feb. 14 - 16

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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## Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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### **Save the Date! August 28-29, 2020**

Do you feel like you are in a rut with your spiritual life and that you want to move forward? You are not alone! We have something for you. Fr. Timothy Gallagher will be the keynote speaker at the **Witnesses for Christ Conference**. To accommodate his schedule, booked two years out, the dates this year will be August 28-29, 2020. Fr. Gallagher will speak on “Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement” to address the things that we tell ourselves every day about not “measuring up”, and which hold us back from moving forward. Based upon his book, the presentations will be PRACTICAL for a person at any level. There will also be break-out sessions for the needs of those who hand on the Faith in the trenches. Catechetical Leaders, bring your catechists! School administrators, bring your teachers. Deacons, bring some of the people that you serve. More information to follow.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2216728398621141/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

### **Go Deeper in Prayer during Advent**

Please consider taking a bit more time during class to help students go deeper in prayer during the holy season of Advent. The Prayer Cards, developed in response to young people’s request to encounter Jesus, provide an approach to prayer that is more personal. Visit [diolc.org/prayer](http://diolc.org/prayer) for Prayer Cards for Pre-school through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade.

### **Ministry for Persons with Special Needs**

Diane Hietpas is the Ministry for Persons with Special Needs diocesan consultant. Diane has a Master’s Degree in Education and Special Education and has 35 years of experience working with students with special needs in public and private school systems. She can assist students who are experiencing difficulties in the classroom due to academic or cognitive challenges such as learning disabilities, autism spectrum disabilities, attention deficit disorder and more.

She is also able to assist teachers with students who exhibit social or behavioral challenges in the classroom due to diagnosed mental health disorders or having experienced trauma.

Diane is available to provide teacher in-service trainings or other professional development opportunities on a variety of disability topics. She will also recommend resources that could be used in the home and classroom, which can be funded through grant money available

through the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization. Please contact Ann at [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org) for more information.

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## Office for Communications

Director: Jack Felsheim – 608.791.2663 | [jfelsheim@diolc.org](mailto:jfelsheim@diolc.org)

### **Reminder: Bishop Callahan's Advent Video Message and supporting graphics:**

Bishop Callahan has recorded his Advent video message, which is available [here](#), for you to share with your parishioners on your Facebook page and link to your website.

Advent website and Facebook banners have also been created and are available for your use at the [diocesan media resources page](#).

### **For Your Bulletin:**

#### **Bishop Callahan's Advent Prayer Request**

Prayer is a joyful method of keeping us aware of the promises of future and realized glory as we make our way through the weeks of Advent. Remember you are in my daily prayers. If you have a particular intention for which you would like me to pray at Christmas Mass, call 608-352-9565, or visit [diolc.org/pray](http://diolc.org/pray). Keep alert, maintain your vision in Christ. Blessed Advent to you all!

### **Reminder: E-Mail Spear Phishing into our parishes**

We have received several reports of targeted attacks by a crafted fake Gmail address, attempting to represent your pastor. There are two things you, and everyone that receives the scam message, can do.

1. Report the Gmail address used to send the phishing message to Google as a violation of the Gmail Program Policies and/or Terms of Use using this link:

<https://support.google.com/mail/contact/abuse>

2. Report the phishing message by moving the message into your Spam folder and, if you are using Gmail, Open the message, Next to Reply, click More, and then click Report phishing.

<https://support.google.com/mail/answer/8253?hl=en>

Thank you for your diligence and attention to these clever attacks.

**Reminder:** Deadline for parish events to be listed in the April Catholic Life – 2/5/20. In order to get your April, May and June parish events listed in the April issue of Catholic Life, please make sure we have received your event information by February 5, 2020. 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.

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### Retirement fund for religious

All donations for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** should be run through parish bookkeeping, and then submitted payable to the Diocese of La Crosse with “Retirement Fund for Religious” in the memorandum line. Thank you.

### Reminder

The annual collection in parishes for the national Retirement Fund for Religious is scheduled for the weekend of December 7-8. Religious in our diocese benefit significantly from this national collection. Please promote the campaign in your parish bulletin, pulpit announcements, and petitions at Mass (sample texts below).

### Bulletin Announcements

*Week of the collection (December 7-8)*

**Support aging religious.** Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

*Week after the collection (December 14-15)*

**Religious give thanks.** “Thank you’ hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us,” says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week’s second collection.

### Pulpit Announcement (for Masses the weekend of December 7-8)

*Please read from the pulpit or include with the weekly announcements.*

Today’s second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little or no pay. Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Almost 94 percent of donations aid senior religious. Please be generous.

### Petition for Holy Mass (for Masses the weekend of December 7-8)

We pray for God’s continued blessings on all our women and men religious, especially those who have served others for many years and are now in need themselves.

For more information and further resources: [Retirement Fund for Religious](#)

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No items this week.

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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### Publications addressing Pornography

There are several resources available at [diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/](http://diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/) Use these at your parish as appropriate. To order books or for questions please contact Mary Lou Berg at 608-791-2673.

### Reminder: Retreats for Couples

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating, or engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, music, adoration, prayer and reconciliation. This half-day retreat will be offered: January 18 in La Crosse and February 8 in Rothschild. For more information, go to:

<https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to the January event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/468315473806216/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to the February event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/470858483538468/>

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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)

The Fr. Joe Legacy Guild is excited to announce that in one week we will be participating in #GivingTuesday, a global movement where communities come together around the world to

make a difference. Fr. Joe made a difference each and every day in his life, here's how you can help join us in carrying out his legacy.

Please feel free to share this news about [our website](#) or [Facebook](#) with your parishes or schools and stay tuned next week for more details!

[#iGiveCatholic](#) [#GivingTuesday](#) [#GiveHope](#)

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## Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

Director: Michael Haight – 608.791.2697 | [ceremonies@diolc.org](mailto:ceremonies@diolc.org)

**Ceremonies Facebook Page:** Don't forget to check out our Facebook page to see what is available for distribution. New items are added often. Search "Diocese of La Crosse – Office for Pontifical Ceremonies". Send a request to join the group (if you're on Facebook already) and begin looking for information on upcoming Pontifical Ceremonial events and what is available in the Ceremonials Room.

**About the Ceremonials Room:** The room was established to assist parishes and schools in securing liturgical appointments in an effort to save time and money as an alternative to purchasing items new or for temporary use as appointments under their care are being repaired or refurbished. There have been a number of inquiries from pastors on behalf of the laity of their parish or inquiries directly from the laity asking for appointments. At this time, we reserve these appointments for use only in parishes, schools, or religious houses. Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

**Disposal of Unused Liturgical Appointments:** The Diocesan Office of Pontifical Ceremonies would be happy to receive statues, vestments, ritual books, altar cloths, candlesticks, or other forms of stationary that are no longer used, but in usable condition. Likewise, if you're looking for religious appointments feel free to contact us on availability. This program is working very well and many diocesan institutions are grateful for this effort.

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## Office for Sacred Worship

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### **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)

### **Our Lady of Loreto added to Calendar: December 10**

Pope Francis has decreed that the feast of Our Lady of Loreto be included in the Roman Calendar as an optional memorial on December 10. “This celebration,” the decree notes, “will help all people, especially families, youth and religious to imitate the virtues of that perfect disciple of the Gospel, the Virgin Mother, who, in conceiving the Head of the Church also accepted us as her own.” Read the decree from the Congregation for Divine Worship [here](#). Until proper liturgical texts are translated, ritual texts for Our Lady of Loreto are taken from other parts of the Roman Missal, Lectionary, and Liturgy of the Hours: see the Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship instructions [here](#) for details.

### **Reminder: Liturgical Calendar Dates for 2020**

Click [here](#) for a listing of significant dates in the 2020 liturgical year.

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

**The above Safe Environment Bulletin announcement has recently changed**—the most current announcement is above. This must be published in the parish bulletin at least once a quarter, and 2 bulletins need to be sent in with your yearly Safe Environment Report.

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### **Office for Catholic Schools**

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## Office for Social Concerns

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

### For Your Parish Bulletin:

#### March for Life!

- **Chicago, Jan. 11, 2020**

Pro-Life Wisconsin sponsoring buses from Wausau, Plover, Onalaska and Tomah  
See [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life) for more information

Here is the diocesan Facebook link for this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3033261200037070/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

- **Washington, D.C., Jan. 22-26, 2020**

Major diocesan pilgrimage for youth and adults. Visit [www.diolc.org/yva/march-4-life-2020/](http://www.diolc.org/yva/march-4-life-2020/) for information and online registration.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link for this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/470858483538468/>

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### For Your Parish Bulletin:

#### ***Unplanned on DVD – Maximize the Impact***

Learn how your parish can obtain DVD's of this life-changing pro-life film for as little as \$10 each. Discover how your parish or organization can get a free license to stage public showings of the movie. Visit [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life) for more information.

#### **Valentyna Pavsukova, Founder of Chalice of Mercy Mission to Ukraine, coming to Diocese**

Valentyna will be in the Diocese of La Crosse from mid-December through mid-February. If your parish or other organization would like to invite her to speak, contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161 or [ministries@diolc.org](mailto:ministries@diolc.org).

### For Your Parish Bulletin

#### **Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Feb. 21-22, 2020 – Stevens Point**

Through a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™ event at the Stevens Point Airport, Noel Hangar, on February 21-22, 2020, our community will provide 108,000 nutritious meals for God's starving children around the world. We invite you to join us! We need 545 volunteers to pack meals and help raise \$26,000 for this MobilePack event. Adults and children 5 years and older will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags and prepare boxes for shipping. Volunteer registration will open online in January. Event Coordinator Michelle Shulfer: 715-346-2780, [mshulfer@uwsp.edu](mailto:mshulfer@uwsp.edu).

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## Office for Stewardship & Development

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No items this week.

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## Office for Temporalities

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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.

We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, that God fill those called to vocations of marriage, priesthood and religious life with the courage and faith to respond to a life of service.

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## Office for Vicar for Clergy

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## Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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

### Pilgrimage for Life

The Pilgrimage for Life will be January 22-26, 2020. This is for anyone age 13 and older. For more details, and to complete the online registration, please see our website at <https://diolc.org/yya/march-4-life-2020/>.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link for this event.

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