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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Dec. 17

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

Saturday, January 11, 2020

March for Life Bus Trip - Chicago

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

Sunday, February 2, 2020

World Day of Consecrated Life - Feb. 1 - 2

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 - Marathon - Feb. 14 - 16

Saturday, February 15, 2020

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

8:30am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Prairie du Chien

9:00am Men of the Cross 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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Chancery Office

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Welcome “Card” for use on Christmas Eve [click here](#)

A simple Christmas “card” has been developed to welcome the many people who will fill the pews on Christmas Eve. This “card” (2 per page) provides an opportunity to know the names and interests of families that you might not see often. It is suggested that a few minutes be taken at the end of Mass for people to have time to fill out the card and returned to the ushers. By the end of Mass, hopefully, people will have experienced the peace of the Christ Child. They can then be encouraged to return for more... A pen/pencil will be needed in the pews. The “card” is in two formats: pdf and jpeg.

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

The Feast of the Holy Family will be celebrated December 29th. The bulletin insert is entitled Cherish and Proclaim the Family – God’s Masterpiece.

Catechetical Leaders and Catechists

Ann and Susan would like to wish you a very Blessed Christmas! Thank you for all the prayer, sacrifices, and work that you do to serve the children, youth and parents of the parish. May you be filled with the peace and joy of the Christ Child this Christmas Season.

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Office for Communications

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Updates to diolc.org

Last week we upgraded the software that runs diolc.org. The most noticeable change is the movement of the site navigation from the left side of the pages to the upper right corner, represented by the industry standard three horizontal lines. We didn’t change any links or information on the site. The two main reasons for the upgrade was to make our site work better for people (about 50% of our visitors) who use mobile devices and to give us a site that is better suited to show larger graphics and run more modern features.

Reminder: Bishop Callahan’s Christmas Video Message and supporting graphics:

Bishop Callahan’s recorded Christmas video message is available [here](#) for you to share on your Facebook page and link to your website. Christmas website and Facebook banners have also been created and are available for your use at the diocesan [media resources](#) page.

Reminder: Deadline for [Fish Frynder](#) events for the March and April issues of Catholic Life – 1/15/20. Email your fish fry information to datebook@diolc.org. Please include the date, beginning/ending times, event location, description, menu and cost.

Reminder: Deadline for parish events to be listed in the April Catholic Life – 2/5/20. In order to get your April and May 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, 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.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Reminder: 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.

Bulletin Announcement

Soon after the collection

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.

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

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Office for the Diaconate

Director: Deacon Kevin Ray – 608.791.2665 | kray@diolc.org

Retreat for Deacon and Wives – Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, 2020

Deacon Ordination – May 2, 2020

Deacons and Wives Day with Bishop Callahan – August 8, 2020

Fall Ministry Days – October 12 - 13, 2020

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Did you know that the USCCB has many resources that teach about the unique nature of marriage? Podcasts, free videos, blogs, and more can be found at [Marriage: Unique for a Reason!](#)

Webinar opportunity about the harm of pornography

In this January 13 webinar, Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen will explain why pornography - even just a small dose of it - is immediately harmful to persons. Then, they will work with you on ways to speak reasonably about its dangers at the right time and place, with the most loving dynamic and approach during the next Necessary Conversation webinar for adults and parents. 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.

TWL Parent Newsletter for December

The TWL parent newsletter for December is ready for distribution. Click [here](#) to access this month's issue which focuses on having a conversation with your children about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Our Lord tells us to "take up your cross and follow me." But our culture would prefer to remove the elements of the cross, seeing them as a burden. How do we approach Jesus' call for transformed hearts within our own lives and in the lives of others?

Reminder: For your parish bulletin

Is your marriage drifting apart?

Retrouvaille is designed to give you the tools you need to restore joy and hope to your marriage. Next retreat in our area will be February 14-16, 2020, at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon. *"We Needed to Refresh Our Marriage ...It was wonderful."* See more comments from program participants at HelpOurMarriage.org. For more information, call **877-922-HOPE (4673)** Fully Confidential; or go to: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-help/>

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: Jan. 18 in La Crosse and Feb. 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/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Men's Renewal Retreat

What does it mean to “be a man of the cross”? Find out by joining us for a one-day retreat focusing on practical ways to daily live out the Gospel call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We’ll receive great insights from Deacon Ralph Poyo, who was a favorite speaker from the fall Men of the Cross Conference, to embrace our crosses and learn of ways to become the man, father, husband, son that God intended.

Details:

When: February 15, 9am– 3pm

Where: St. John the Baptist Parish, 201 W Blodgett St, Marshfield, WI

Cost: \$25/person (Includes morning snack and lunch) - \$30 at the door

For more information and to register, go to: <http://menofthecross.org/>

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/926342061081312/>

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Office for Ministries

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

Discerning a Vocation to the Permanent Diaconate?

If you are a man between 30 and 60 years of age and think God may be calling you to be a permanent deacon, there will be a Diaconate Discernment Retreat on Saturday, April 4, 2020. The first step is to contact Deacon Kevin Ray, Director of the Office for the Diaconate. Email kray@diolc.org, or call 608.791.2665.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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RCIA: To Pastors, Pastoral Associates, and RCIA Coordinators

Bishop Callahan wishes to send Christmas greetings and words of encouragement those currently participating in the RCIA process. Please return by December 20 [this form](#) requesting the names of catechumens preparing for entry into the Church at the Easter Vigil and candidates seeking full communion.

Mark Your Calendars: Clergy Workshops on the revised *Order of Baptism of Children*

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, serving as USCCB President, has issued a decree formally publishing the *Order of Baptism of Children, Second Edition*. The new rite will be available for purchase after January 6; available for use on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2; and must be used beginning Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020.

Workshops will be held for priests and deacons (only) in three locations in early 2020: February 18 at St. Joseph Church in Stevens Point; March 3 at St. Olaf Church in Eau Claire; March 17 at St. Patrick Church in Onalaska. The day will begin at 10:30 and conclude by 3:00, and the schedule will include an in-depth look at the revised ritual (Chris Carstens), clarifications on frequently-asked canonical questions (Vicars General), lunch, and a review of the Diocesan baptismal preparation program (Ann Lankford). Registration information will be available in January.

The ritual text is available (in many cases in both English and Spanish) from [Catholic Book Publishing Company](#) (\$27.95), [USCCB Publishing](#) (\$44.95), [Liturgy Training Publications](#) (\$39.95), [Liturgical Press](#) (\$39.95), and [Magnificat](#) (\$29.95).

Televised Christmas Mass schedule

- Marshfield (Public Access), Channel 989, at 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on December 25
- Stevens Point (Public Access), Channel 984 and Channel 3, 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and noon on Christmas Day
- Wausau, Channel 12, at 11:00 a.m. on Christmas Day (NOTE: this is a time change from 11:30)
- Wausau (Public Access), Channel 980, at 2:00 p.m. On December 24 and 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day.
- Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access), Channel 985 and Channel 3, at 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve
- The Mass is also available any time of day on the diocesan Facebook page and website, diolc.org/sacredworship/televised-mass/.

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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.

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Office for Social Concerns

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

March for Life!

Chicago, Jan. 11, 2020

Pro-Life Wisconsin is sponsoring buses from Wausau, Plover, Onalaska and Tomah.

See www.diolc.org/respect-life for more information

Here is the diocesan Facebook link for this event.

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

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

Major diocesan pilgrimage for youth and adults. Visit www.diolc.org/yv/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 DVDs 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 for more information.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Chalice of Mercy 13th Ukrainian Christmas Dinner Jan. 11, 2020

You are invited to an amazing multi-course Ukrainian feast in support of Chalice of Mercy Mission to Ukraine. The Christmas dinner will be held at the Lilydale Dance Hall & Event Center in Chippewa Falls. For details, visit www.diolc.org/respect-life.

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 is Michelle Shulfer: 715-346-2780, mshulfer@uwsp.edu.

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Office for Temporalities

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Save the Date – Parish Finance Seminar

Please mark your calendars for the 2020 Parish Finance Seminar to be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at the Three Bears Lodge in Warrens.

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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 up-building of all vocations in the Church and in a particular way for priestly vocations to for the Diocese of La Crosse from our parish.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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