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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Feb. 18

Saturday, February 228:30am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Mauston](#)2:00pm [Diocesan Day of Healing - Eau Claire](#)2:00pm [Diocesan Day of Healing - La Crosse](#)2:00pm [Diocesan Day of Healing - Marathon](#)2:00pm [Diocesan Day of Healing - Plover](#)**Wednesday, February 26**12:10pm [Ash Wednesday Mass - Live Stream](#)**Saturday, February 29**8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marathon](#)**Sunday, March 1**2:00pm [Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion- La Crosse](#)**Friday, March 6**[Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Arcadia - March 6 - 7](#)[Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - March 6 - 7](#)[Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - March 6 - 7](#)[Day of Prayer and Penance for Diocesan and Universal Church Needs](#)**Saturday, March 7**8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Colby: FULL](#)**Friday, March 13**[Deacon Formation & Canonical Retreat - Marathon - March 13 - 17](#)**Saturday, March 14**9:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Wisconsin Rapids](#)**Sunday, March 15**10:30am [Father Joseph Walijewski Anniversary Mass - Live Stream](#)10:30am [Anniversary of the opening of the cause of Servant of God, Father Joe Walijewski - La Crosse](#)**Friday, April 3**[Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Chippewa Falls - April 3 - 4](#)

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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Lenten Prayer Cards

It is most appropriate to set aside more time during the Season of Lent for personal and family prayer, as well as in each classroom. A prayer card can be sent home with each child to assist families during Lent. Prayer cards, pre-school through 12th grade, each age-appropriate, are available for download by clicking here: diolc.org/prayer

Lenten Resources:

February 26 is Ash Wednesday. [Check out the website](#) for various Lenten resources available for free and one for purchase by [clicking here](#). You will find resources for all age groups.

DRE/CRE support of parents for Safe Haven Sunday

By preparing for Safe Haven Sunday on February 23 or March 1, you can provide valuable resources and support to your parents in response to the pervasiveness of pornography. Check with your pastor on the designated date for your parish. You will find age-appropriate materials at <https://diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography> to equip your parents to proactively communicate these vital truths to their children.

Unspoken: A Parent/Teen Series

A new curriculum created by LifeTeen and Covenant Eyes called “Unspoken” is available for [free download here](#). This six session series will empower parents to talk to their teens about the dangers of pornography, safe Internet use, and how to open the lines of communication so healing from addiction can occur.

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Reminder: Resources for February 22 Day of Prayer

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/609746756257552/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

Here is the story from Catholic Life you can share as appropriate:

<https://catholiclife.diolc.org/2020/02/11/diocesan-wide-day-of-penance-and-healing>

Reminder: Bishop Callahan’s Lenten Message

Bishop Callahan’s Lenten video greeting is available [here](#). Please share his message on your parish Facebook and your parish website. We will also be using Facebook video cross posting for the Lenten Message from Bishop Callahan

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

Last Call: Parish Divine Mercy Sunday events due February 20th If your parish is planning a Divine Mercy Sunday event – April 19 this year – please send the information to datebook@diolc.org. In addition to adding it to the diocesan calendar, your parish event will also be featured in a special section of the April issue of Catholic Life magazine. All events received by February 20, will be published in the April Catholic Life magazine.

Reminder: Deadline for parish events to be listed in the May/June Catholic Life – 3/5/20. In order to get your parish events listed in the May/June issue of Catholic Life, please make sure we have received your event information by March 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 Marriage & Family Life

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Safe Haven Sunday – Important booklet notice:

Please be sure the Confident booklets are only given to adults.

For Pastors:

Homily Helps for Safe Haven Sunday:

Homily helps are available for both February 23 and March 1 and can be accessed [here](#).

Booklets for Safe Haven Sunday were delivered starting the week of February 9. If you have any questions, contact Dan Kitzhaber.

For Parish Bulletin:

Parenting Ebook

In conjunction with Safe Haven Sunday, Covenant Eyes is proud to announce *Connected: How Strong Family Relationships Lead to Internet-Safe Kids*. This brand-new ebook looks at the ways in which building strong family connections help remove the desire for kids to ever look at porn. Some parishes will be offering the printed version. Download an ebook copy at:

<https://learn.covenanteyes.com/connected/>

Become a trained NFP teacher

Has Natural Family Planning blessed your marriage? Would you like to share its benefits with others? Have you ever thought of becoming a Natural Family Planning Instructor? Contact Christy Kitzhaber at nfp@diolc.org for more information.

Grow in Faith Together as a Married Couple

Experience a more joy-filled marriage. Take part in the Domestic Church retreat at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center March 26-29. Couples attending the retreat will experience a renewed love as spouses and find themselves united together in Christ. Register today at: diolc.org/marriage-enrichment. For more information, call 608-791-2673. Financial scholarships are available.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/608531199650963/>

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Office for Ministries

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Reminder: 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 Missions

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Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Mite Box Lent 2020: We have placed the orders for the Mite Boxes from the Missionary Childhood Association for Lent 2020. Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs will soon be receiving the MCA boxes, posters, and

prayer cards. Further details and instructions are available in the [Letter for MCA Mite Box Collection 2020](#). If you have any questions or changes in your order for next year (Lent 2021), please let us know. Thank you for your commitment to the Church's missionary efforts and helping to foster understanding in the hearts of our children and youth.

Reminder: St. Joseph's Table and Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild: Join us for the second year in establishing a new tradition in honor of Father Joseph Walijewski. St. Joseph's Table is a long-standing tradition in Italy honoring St. Joseph, the earthly father of our Lord, Jesus Christ. On March 19, the feast of St. Joseph, the Faithful Spouse of the Virgin Mary, the children of Casa Hogar and members of the Guild will come together for a special meal to pay tribute to St. Joseph and celebrate Padre Jose Walijewski's life with inspirational stories and prayer.

On or around March 19, we encourage all parishes, schools and families to participate or host a St. Joseph's Table. Events can vary in size and scale and will help to further spread Fr. Joe's Legacy! More information and resources can be found at: frjoesguild.org/stjoestable.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.
<https://frjoesguild.org/the-cause/st-joseph-table/>
Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/597294504195761/>
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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Reminder: Clergy Study Day on the revised *Order of Baptism of Children*

The *Order of Baptism of Children, Second Edition* is now available for purchase. It may be used as early as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2; it *must be used* beginning Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020.

Workshops will be held for priests and deacons in three locations in February and March (a workshop for DRE's and other parish staff will be offered on another occasion in 2020):

- 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 surrounding baptism (Vicars General), lunch, and a review of the second edition of the Diocesan baptismal preparation program (Ann Lankford).

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).

To register for a study day, please return the information requested on [this form](#) no later than Monday, March 3, to Jen Mickschl via email (jmickschl@diolc.org), phone (608-791-0161), or US Mail (PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI, 54602). There is no cost for these study days.

Reminder: Holy Hour for Penance and Healing: February 22

Bishop Callahan asks that each pastor lead a Holy Hour for Penance and Healing on Saturday, February 22, in response to clergy sexual abuse and the public release of names of clergy with a substantiated allegation of child sexual abuse. Although the schedule may vary from parish to parish, the Holy Hour for Penance and Healing will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Confessions will then be heard from this time until the beginning of Mass. Optional resources for the Holy Hour are available: presider's text (in [Word](#) or [PDF](#)); participant text ([Word](#) or [PDF](#)); participant text formatted for printing back to back, then folded ([Word](#) or [PDF](#)). Pastors should adapt the format or texts as appropriate.

Resources for Feb. 22 Day of Prayer

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Rite of Election Retreat: February 22

In preparation for the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion (March 1, 2020), many parishes (or groups of parishes) offer retreats for their catechumens and candidates. For those parishes that do not offer a retreat in the parish, there will be three retreats open to catechumens and candidates on the morning of Saturday, February 22: at St. Peter Parish in Stevens Point, St. Mary Parish in Altoona, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Although schedules may vary slightly at each retreat site, the day will include Mass, three spiritual talks, time for reflection, and lunch. A site-specific schedule will be sent upon registration or upon request. Registration form is available [here](#); deadline was February 14. Please encourage those in your RCIA process to reserve this date.

Rite of Election, March 1

The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Sunday, March 1, at 2:00. It is an occasion that marks entry into the period of Purification and Enlightenment (for newly-named “elect”) that coincides with Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity for candidates and catechumens to see the larger Church, meet Bishop Callahan, be introduced to their new Cathedral, and receive the grace of the Rite. The registration form for Rite of Election is available [here](#).

Liturgical Precautions During Flu Season

In light of the high incidence of influenza and the recent Coronavirus outbreak, Bishop Callahan asks all pastors and parochial administrators in the Diocese of La Crosse to use their own discretion about inviting the exchange of the Sign of Peace and the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice. Individual members of the faithful can also determine for themselves whether to exchange the Sign of Peace with their neighbors or to receive the Precious Blood from the chalice. If a significant change in the situation surrounding the incidences of either influenza or Coronavirus occurs, further direction will be offered.

Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Brother James Miller, FSC

February 13, 2020, marked the first annual observance of the feast day of Blessed James Miller. A prayer for his intercession has been approved by Bishop Callahan:

“O Blessed Brother James Miller, you heard God’s call to become a Brother of the Christian Schools and so became a sign of faith to youth in the United States and in Central America. You placed your life and your trust in Divine Providence and, for spreading the faith, merited the crown of martyrdom. In a world that denies the dignity of the human person, obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever increasing love of God and our neighbor, especially the poor and oppressed. Obtain for us also the favor we are now asking for [*mention request*] and the grace and strength to be a witness to Christ’s love to all. Amen.”

Imprimatur: +William Patrick Callahan, OFM Conv., Bishop of La Crosse—February 7, 2020

Links to prayer cards suitable for printing can be found [here](#).

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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.

[Who is locking up at the end of day?](#)

If you have religious ed students in the building waiting for rides, there must be supervision waiting with them. The same for athletes. Coaches must stay on premise until the last student athlete leaves the building or practice field. You can't leave children alone in a building expecting your maintenance staff to lock up at the end of the evening. Team up and use the buddy system so there is never one adult alone with one child. 2 teachers or 2 coaches stay until the end and lock up, or wait for all children to leave the premise before they go home.

There are 40 complete parish and 8 complete school reports as of 2-18-20. Remember March 1 is approaching fast. If you need an extension, please contact Teresa Brown.

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Office for Social Concerns

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Vote in the Judicial Primary today, February 18

Three candidates are running in the February 18 primary for Wisconsin Supreme Court. You can learn their judicial philosophy at a number of sites, including www.ballotpedia.org and www.wifamilycouncil.org. For general information on voting, visit www.wisconsinvote.org. The courts have a vitally important role in our government. Be sure to exercise your right and responsibility to vote.

Pornography is a Social Injustice

One of the most degrading attacks on the dignity of the human person is pornography. As we prepare to recognize Safe Haven Sunday throughout the Diocese of La Crosse (February 23 or March 1, at each pastors' discretion), learn how best to respond to this attack and to advocate for a proper understanding of the gift of our sexuality through the array of resources available at <https://diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography>

Show *Unplanned* at your Parish, School or Organization

Learn how your parish, school or organization can get a free license to stage public showings of *Unplanned*. Visit diolc.org/respect-life for more information and to download a pre-formatted parental permission slip. Included is a letter from Abby Johnson to parents explaining the power of this pro-life movie and its suitability for mature children. *Want help in putting together a showing? Contact Brook White of the Diocesan Respect Life Committee: bwhite06012@gmail.com.*

Donate to Feed My Starving Children – Packing 108,000 Meals

Support the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™ event on February 21-22, 2020. More than 500 volunteers from UW-Stevens Point, Pacelli Schools, and local parishes and churches will pack 108,000 nutritious meals for God’s starving children around the world. The team is halfway to its goal of \$26,000 for the massive quantities of dried food needing to be packed. To donate, visit give.fmssc.org/uwsp (donations are matched by a grant from the Diocese of La Crosse Social Ministries Fund). To donate by check, make payable to FMSC and write “Event #2002-304EA” in the memo line and mail: Attention Michelle Zoellner, 555 Exchange Court, Aurora, IL 60504. The Stevens Point FMSC MobilePack Coordinator is Michelle Shulfer: 715-346-2780, mshulfer@uwsp.edu.

Here is the Catholic Life article about Michelle Shulfer and this initiative. Share as appropriate: <https://catholiclife.diolc.org/2020/02/06/michelle-this-changed-my-life/>

“Mite Boxes” and “Rice Bowls”

Confusion sometimes arises regarding Mite Boxes and the Rice Bowl program. The Mite Box program is an outreach from the Missionary Childhood Association, one of the Pontifical Mission Societies represented in the Mission Office. It is a mandatory annual program in our Catholic Schools, CCD and Religious Education programs for children and youth. The Rice Bowl program is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Rice Bowl is an elective program that has a Lenten focus but could also be held at another time of year if desired. In any case, it is not to conflict with or replace the Mite Box program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Mission Office or the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Official Beatification Portraits of Blessed James Miller Available

Father Tom Lindner led a pilgrimage to Guatemala for the Dec. 7, 2019 Beatification of Brother James Miller, the De La Salle Christian Brother and missionary who died a martyr on February 13, 1982, at the age of 37, while he was serving the youth in Guatemala. Blessed James is a beloved son of our diocese, having been born and raised in Stevens Point. Fr. Lindner has multiple 11”x17” copies of Blessed James’ official beatification portrait available and suitable for framing. To request one, please contact Fr. Lindner at St. Anne Parish in Wausau (715-849-3930).

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Office for Temporalities

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Compensation for Priests

There have been many questions about the compensation for priests. Please [click here](#) for the Decree Promulgating Norms for the Compensation of the Clergy that you can refer to. Please note, stipends for Mass offerings are taxable and payments for the stipends should be processed through payroll. The allowances that a priest receives for travel, room and board are all taxable. If a priest documents his travel and submits a log to be reimbursed at the set mileage rate by the parish, then the travel reimbursement is not taxable.

Health News

Hand Sanitizer versus Handwashing. To find out which is better [click here](#).

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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 through our vocations to marriage, priesthood or religious life, we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world.

Reminder - mark your calendars:

May 2, 2020 Diaconate Ordination

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

facebook.com/events/227075974975805/

Please share this on your parish Facebook

June 22, 2020 2nd Annual Golf Outing

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

facebook.com/events/628032601282326/

Please share this on your parish Facebook

June 27, 2020 Priestly Ordination

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to the 2020 Priestly Ordination.

facebook.com/events/576789636508983/

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

July 26, 2020 Priests For Tomorrow

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1231212600387214/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

2021 Dates

May 1, 2021 Diaconate Ordination

June 26, 2021 Priestly Ordination

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Adventure Camp

Here are the dates for Adventure Camp this summer! We hope that you will bring a group and join us. This is for youth in grades 6-12. For more details, please see our website at:

[https://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/.](https://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/)

Week 1 – June 21-26, 2020

Week 2 – June 28-July 3, 2020

Week 3 – July 19-24, 2020

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For Parish Bulletin:

A response to porn addiction: STRIVE

A new anonymous on-line program is being offered for those who struggle with an addiction to pornography. This program is gaining endorsement from Catholic leaders across the country because in less than a year, it has already helped tens of thousands. Learn more at

<https://www.cardinalstudios.org/strive>

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