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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Feb. 25

Wednesday, February 26

12:10pm [Ash Wednesday Mass - Live Stream](#)

Saturday, February 29

8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marathon -FULL](#)

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](#)

[Deacon and Lay Formation - Marathon - April 3 - 4](#)

Saturday, April 4

7:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point](#)

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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**For Parish Bulletin:
Lenten Prayer Card**

A prayer that is most appropriate before retiring for the night is the *Act of Contrition*. A daily examination of conscience before praying the Act of Contrition is also helpful. The purpose of this examination is to gratefully recognize the hand of God in all aspects of daily life, and to ask for the grace to become aware of the ways we have responded to the Lord's grace today, where we have fallen short, to ask His forgiveness and to cooperate more fully with His grace as we receive His strength to resist sinful habits and avoid the possible occasions of sin in the future. To download this Prayer Card, go to diolc.org/deeper.

Sign up for free Daily Lenten Reflections:

Click on one of the links below and fill in your email address to receive the reflections.

Bishop Robert Barron: wordonfire.org/resources/video/

Matthew Kelly: dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever?

Scott Hahn at the St. Paul Center reflects on the Sunday Readings of Lent: stpaulcenter.com/

DRE/CRE support of parents for Safe Haven Sunday

If your parish is preparing for Safe Haven Sunday on March 1, you can provide valuable resources and support to parents in response to the pervasiveness of pornography. You will find age-appropriate materials at diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography to equip 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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Attention Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries: Parish Message Lines for the back cover of the April issue of Catholic Life magazine are due by Wednesday, March 4. The April issue is expected to arrive in homes by Monday, April 06. Please direct any questions to Sr. Donna: dkrzmarzick@diolc.org

Live Stream: Ash Wednesday 12:10 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman

You will be able to view and share the live stream of the Ash Wednesday Mass from the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. If you have a [Facebook video crossposting relationship](#) established with the diocesan Facebook, your live stream will start with the diocesan stream. You can also view the Mass using YouTube live at diolc.org/live and share from there.

If you would like to establish a Facebook video crossposting relationship with the diocesan

Facebook, just let us know. To learn more about crossposting [click here](#).

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Safe Haven Sunday – Important booklet note:

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

For Pastors:

Homily Helps for Safe Haven Sunday:

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

Booklets for Safe Haven Sunday are being delivered starting the week of Feb. 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:

learn.covenanteyes.com/connected/

For Parish Bulletin:

Married Couple Lenten Prayer resource

The apostolate *Marriage in Christ* has a daily prayer resource for Married Couples that can be downloaded from Marriage and Family Life webpage: diolc.org/marriage

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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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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 link to Father Joe's Guild

<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 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.

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 from the Diocese 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

You can download prayer cards suitable for printing [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.

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Office for Social Concerns

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Attention Pastors, Deacons and Parish Respect Life and Social Concerns Representatives - Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service

The USCCB has asked all dioceses to participate in a nationwide effort called [Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service](#), taking place from March 25, 2020 through March 25, 2021. The USCCB is developing educational, pastoral, prayer, and action-oriented resources for parish use, such as the following:

- Tools for documenting an inventory of local resources for pregnant women in need;
- Ideas for improving parish (and deanery) responses;
- Prayers for building a culture of life and a civilization of love;
- Resources for reflecting on the teachings of *Evangelium Vitae*, *Evangelii Gaudium*, and *Laudato Si*.

These resources will include homily helps, suggested prayers, bulletin inserts, and more. All of these will be posted online.

The diocesan contact for *Walking with Moms in Need* is Chris Ruff, Director of the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns. He will be working closely with the Office for Marriage and Family Life, Catholic Charities, and the network of Deanery and Parish Social Ministry and Respect Life representatives to adapt and advance this initiative in the diocese and be a support to parishes. To learn more about this national initiative, visit walkingwithmoms.com.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Feed My Starving Children-Stevens Point – Update:

Thank you to all who volunteered at the FMSC MobilePack. In total, 475 volunteers packed 116,640 meals which will feed 319 children one meal a day for an entire year! Each scoop of rice or vitamins is essential in ending world hunger. However, we are not finished yet! We still need to reach our goal of raising \$26,127. Help us by giving online at give.fmssc.org/uwsp or by dining in at the 332 Division Street Culver's on Tuesday, March 3, from 5-8 p.m. Contact Michelle Shulfer at 715-600-4145 for additional information.

Reminder: “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.

Reminder: 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.

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Office for Temporalities

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Accounting Software Project Update

Listening sessions held in La Crosse, Mosinee and Eau Claire welcomed more than 70 participants who shared their experience, thoughts, concerns and opportunities for working with the parish chart of accounts and software. Attendees have been enrolled in the online [Parish Finance Contacts Group](#) and are encouraged to review and comment on the draft updated online parish [Chart of Accounts](#) (COA). Parish clergy, staff and finance council members are welcome to participate in the draft review as well. Please use the links above to request access to the online group and draft updated COA. Summary notes of the listening sessions will be shared online later this week. Our goal is to finalize the draft COA by April 6th.

Save the Date: Parish Finance Seminar May 6

All parish finance staff should plan to attend the Parish Finance Seminar Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at Three Bears Lodge, Warrens, Wisconsin. Registration begins at 9:00 am, with sessions lasting from 9:30 am until 4:30 pm. Lunch will be served. Registration and agenda details will be posted in next week's Chancery Bulletin.

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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 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.

Reminder - mark your calendars:

May 2, 2020 Diaconate Ordination

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

[facebook.com/events/227075974975805/](https://www.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/](https://www.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/](https://www.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

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