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### Officials

No officials this week.



### Events

As of Feb. 4

**Friday, February 7**

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

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

**Saturday, February 8**

9:00am Given - Marriage Enrichment Retreat - Rothschild

**Thursday, February 13**

Feast Day of Blessed James Miller

**Friday, February 14**

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend - Marathon - Feb. 14 - 16

**Saturday, February 15**

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

**Saturday, February 22**

8:30am 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**

12:00pm 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

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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## Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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### **Reminder: BEET Grants due this Friday**

Please submit [BEET Grants](#) by February 7th. Applications cannot be accepted for any reason after that date. Contact Ann if you have questions about completing an application.

### **Reminder: Come and Bring Those Who Teach the Faith with You! - August 28-29**

Join us for a rare opportunity: Fr. Timothy Gallagher will be the keynote presenter at the annual Witnesses for Christ Conference. Fr. Gallagher is a world class presenter, spiritual master and has a proven record for speaking at a level that everyone can understand. For downloadable “Save the Date” cards and an article on Fr. Gallagher’s book, go to <https://diolc.org/catechesis/witness/>.

There will also be 2 sets of break-out sessions, which will include such topics as:

- Relationship, Intentionality and Accompaniment: The Cornerstones of Ministry
- Leading Children to Encounter Jesus
- Training in Basics to Facilitate the Theology of the Body Resources
- Engaging Parents in the Formation of their Children
- Addressing Confusion about Identity and Gender

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event. [facebook.com/events/2216728398621141/](https://facebook.com/events/2216728398621141/)  
Please share this on your parish Facebook

### **Lent: Bible Studies and Faith Building Resources [click here](#)**

Take a look at the wide variety of excellent resources that are available on the market. Some may be checked out from the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization for free rental. Call 608-791-2658 for further information.

### **Lent: Book Give-away**

We ordered the following books in bulk for parishes that purchased them in order to give the books away to parishioners on Ash Wednesday or Easter Sunday. Please contact Ann if you would like to purchase any amount of the following books:

- Catholicism by Bishop Barron – 100 copies at \$2 each
- Into the Deep by Dan Burke – 35 copies at \$2 each
- Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly – 10 copies at \$2 each
- Evangelizing Catholics by Scott Hahn – 60 copies for \$5 each
- Pocket Gospels and Acts of the Apostles – 100 copies for \$5 each

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## Office for Communications

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### **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](mailto: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.

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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### **For Pastors:**

#### **Safe Haven Sunday update:**

Booklets for [Safe Haven Sunday](#) will be delivered starting the week of Feb. 10. Homily and bulletin resources from Covenant Eyes are expected to be available also that week.

### **Reminder: For Parish Bulletin:**

#### **National Marriage Week February 7-14**

This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. All married couples are encouraged to spend a little time on a 7-day virtual retreat titled “Stories from the Domestic Church.” This and other valuable resources are available for couples, pastors, and parishes at [www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/](http://www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/)

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/166106258007869/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

**Reminder: For Parish Bulletin:**

**How Do We End Bullying and Develop Right Relationships?**

On February 10th at 8PM, Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen will hold a live stream discussion on the topic of Bullying and Right Relationships. Register today to be part of this vital discussion. Go to: [www.twl4parents.com/necessary-conversations-webinar](http://www.twl4parents.com/necessary-conversations-webinar) The cost is \$6 for the single session or \$25 for the full series. This webinar is part of the Necessary Conversations series which addresses important and pressing issues affecting the family in today's culture. For more information visit the TWL website at [www.twl4parents.com](http://www.twl4parents.com)

**50th Jubilee Anniversary Couples Names - Needed- First Request**

We want to invite couples from your parish who are celebrating 50 years of sacramental marriage to one of three events being held this summer. [Click here to read](#) the letter that describes the 50th anniversary celebrations for 2020. [Please download, complete, and return registration form here](#) to us no later than March 6th 2020.

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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](mailto:kray@diolc.org), or call 608.791.2665.

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**Office for Missions**

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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):

- 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 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, February 10, to Jen Mickschl via email ([jmickschl@diolc.org](mailto:jmickschl@diolc.org)), phone (608-791-0161), or US Post (PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI, 54602). There is no cost for these study days.

### **Feast Day of Blessed James Miller: February 13**

Brother James Miller was declared “blessed” on Saturday, December 7, 2019 in Huehuetenango Guatemala. (Read Bishop Callahan’s tribute to his life, [here](#).) While there are no proper liturgical texts for Mass or the Liturgy of the Hours on his February 13 feast day (the anniversary date of his death), Bishop Callahan asks that Blessed James Miller be celebrated in 2020 using texts from the “Common of Martyrs: For One Missionary Martyr” at Mass and the “Common of One Martyr” at the Liturgy of the Hours. Readings at Mass may be taken from Thursday of the 5th Week in Ordinary Time or from the Common of Martyrs.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/163071028469902/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

### **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.

### **Reminder: 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 is February 14. Please encourage those in your RCIA process to reserve this date.

### **Reminder: 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](#).

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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](https://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).

As of February 3, 2020, 31 parishes and 5 schools have sent in complete Safe Environment reports. All reports are due March 1. When you submit your report, all training dates and background check dates must be current. This means everyone needs to have a training date after June 30, 2019, and all background checks that expire before July 1, 2020 must be renewed.

There are many types of bullying. Do you know what some of them are?

**Bullying and Harassment** – A pattern of aggression or hurtful behavior. Unprovoked, intentional harming or invoking fear in another. It may include physical or verbal aggression, threats, social exclusion, rumors/ gossip, relational aggression, non-verbal communication, sexual comments or gestures.

**Cyberbullying** - The use of technology to intimidate, harass or enact relational aggression.

**Sexting** - Use of technology to communicate sexually explicit content through words or visual depictions. Production/ distribution of images without consent. Production/ distribution of words / images to harass, intimidate or harm.

**Physical Assault** - Intentionally or knowingly causing serious bodily injury to another person. Attempts to do physical violence.

**Sexual Assault** - Forced sexual contact. Sexual contact resulting in personal injury. Sexual contact without consent/ or able to give consent.

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## Office for Catholic Schools

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## Office for Social Concerns

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### **For Your Parish Bulletin:**

#### **Vote in the Judicial Primary Tuesday, 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](http://www.ballotpedia.org) and [www.wifamilycouncil.org](http://www.wifamilycouncil.org). For general information on voting, visit [www.wisconsinvote.org](http://www.wisconsinvote.org). The courts have a vitally important role in our government. Be sure to exercise your right and responsibility to vote.

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

Learn how your parish, school or organization can obtain a free license to stage public showings of *Unplanned*. In addition, DVDs of this life-changing pro-life film can be purchased for as little as \$10 each. Visit [diolc.org/respect-life](http://diolc.org/respect-life) for more information and to download a



pre-formatted parental permission slip and letter from Abby Johnson to parents explaining the movie's R Rating and the powerful impact *Unplanned* can have on young people.

**For Your Parish Bulletin:**

**Donate to Stevens Point Initiative – Packing 108,000 Meals for Starving Children**

Support the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™ event on February 21-22, 2020. Over 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. To donate, visit [give.fmssc.org/uwsp](http://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](mailto:mshulfer@uwsp.edu).

**For Your Parish Bulletin:**

**Official Beatification Portraits of Blessed James Miller Available**

Fr. 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 as he was serving youth in Guatemala. Blessed James is a beloved son of our diocese, having been born and raised in Stevens Point. Fr. Lindner has available multiple 11"x17" copies of Blessed James' official beatification portrait, suitable for framing. To request one, please contact Fr. Lindner at St. Anne Parish in Wausau (715-849-3930).

**Reminder: Pastors: Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection**

Just a reminder that Bishop Callahan has asked parishes to take up the CCHD collection the last weekend of January or the first weekend of February. Parishes should have received the envelopes and [promotional materials](#) from the national CCHD office. The week before the collection, the following **Bulletin Announcement** should be run:

**Bulletin Announcement for Weekend before Parish CCHD Collection:**

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than forty-six million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://usccb.org/cchd/collection).

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**Office for Stewardship & Development**

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**Annual Appeal**

**2019 Tax Statements:** All statements have been mailed. Please call or email Sarah Komperud if you have any questions or need a duplicate, 608-791-2653 or [skomperud@diolc.org](mailto:skomperud@diolc.org)

**Reminder:** We have many documents and tools to help with your parish's appeal promotion on the appeal portal [appeal.diolc.org](http://appeal.diolc.org). We have three different bulletin Ads, including a fillable one, so that you can share your parish's progress.

### **Planned Giving – Leaving a Legacy**

Is your parish exploring the idea of a Capital Campaign, Strategic Planning, interested in Planned Giving, or want to become a Stewardship Parish? If you need ideas to reinvigorate your stewardship journey or would like to share your successes and trials of stewardship, please give the Office for Stewardship and Development a call - we would love the opportunity to serve you.

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### **Office for Temporalities**

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### **Checks Issued to the Diocese of La Crosse**

When making payments to the Diocese of La Crosse, please submit separate checks for invoices apart from other payments (which may include Diocesan Annual Appeal, Casa Hogar, Youth Ministry, Schools, Retirement Fund for Religious, Archdiocese for the Military Services, etc.) Please keep in mind also that the St. Joseph's Priest Fund and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith are two entirely different entities and must be paid separately from the Diocese of La Crosse. This will assist our Finance Office in ensuring the funds are disbursed accurately and timely.

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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 our parish community will nurture marriage and religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action 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/](https://facebook.com/events/227075974975805/)

Please share this on your parish Facebook

June 22, 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

[facebook.com/events/628032601282326/](https://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

June 26, 2021 Priestly Ordination.

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## Office for Vicar for Clergy

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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/>.

**Week 1 – June 21-26, 2020**

**Week 2 – June 28-July 3, 2020**

**Week 3 – July 19-24, 2020**

### 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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