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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of March 10

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

Thursday, March 26

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat - March 26 - 29

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

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

Tuesday, April 7

10:30am Chrism Mass - Live Stream

10:30am Chrism Mass - La Crosse

Thursday, April 9

8:00am Holy Thursday - Curia Offices Closed At Noon

5:10pm Holy Thursday - Live Stream

Friday, April 10

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - Curia Offices Closed

12:10pm Good Friday - Live Stream

Saturday, April 11

Easter Vigil

8:30pm Easter Vigil - Live Stream

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.

If your parish has an event, i.e., parish program, festival, dinner, that is scheduled for July or August, and you would like it included in that issue, please send the information to pwiller@diolc.org, no later than April 24th.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Assisting Parents to Prepare their Children to receive First Holy Communion

Reminder: There are necessary components for preparation of children to receive their First Holy Communion. For the administration of the Most Holy Eucharist to children, it is required that they have 1) sufficient knowledge, 2) careful preparation, 3) understand the Mystery of Christ according to their capacity and are 4) able to receive the Body of Christ with faith and devotion. [Click here](#) for the following resources and more:

- Suggested content for parent meetings
- Ideas for parent-child retreats
- Downloadable resource to encourage receiving Jesus with Faith and Devotion
- interview with the priest to determine readiness

Witnesses for Christ Conference Poster:

You are invited to download 2 or more posters to promote the Witnesses for Christ Conference at the parish by clicking here: diolc.org/witness This is shaping up to be an outstanding 2-day gathering for adults. In addition to Fr. Timothy Gallagher, a highly respected spiritual teacher who will provide interactive sessions on “Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement”, there will be break-out sessions to address our current, felt needs.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training Available: Summer 2020 [click here](#)

CGS is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program where children, beginning at age 3, can come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd. CGS seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, “hands-on” space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. Originally developed in Rome by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi fifty years ago, the Catechesis continues to spread world-wide due to the amazing fruits. There are currently 6 atriums in the diocese. Contact Ann for further information at 608-791-2658.

Honoring Catechists for their Years of Service

Catechetical leaders are invited to complete this form and return to the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization to recognize catechists who have served 5 years, 10 years, 15 years etc. (in increments of 5 years). [Click here](#)

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Office for Communications

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Please note our expanded live stream schedule from the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman can be found at diolc.org/live.

TV Mass streams and schedules can be found at diolc.org/tvmass.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

Family Builder Ideas:

- Eat your supper meal together daily and share your highs and lows.
- Choose and participate in a Lenten discipline as a family.

For Your Parish Digital Communication:

Integrity Restored Podcast addressing pornography

[Why Don't We Talk About Porn](#) Jim O'Day shares why porn is so pervasive, even among those who know the harm it causes. In this intriguing conversation, Jim shares why the problem of porn is ignored in churches, communities, and the mainstream media, plus what you can do about personal struggles regarding sexual integrity.

For Your 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

Marriage Builder Idea:

Identify “empty nest” married couples who could serve as marriage advocates helping with marriage preparation in your parish and/or deanery. Contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life for more information.

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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 Sacred Worship

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Coronavirus and Liturgical Practices

Due to the heightened anxiety and vulnerability growing in our communities related to the recent Coronavirus outbreak, Bishop Callahan has offered updated guidelines in a [March 4 letter to clergy](#). Up to date information on Coronavirus is available from the [Centers for Disease Control](#).

Liturgical Calendar

March 15 (Sunday): Anniversary of the opening of the cause of Servant of God, Father Joe Walijewski, Cathedral of St. Joseph, 10:30. You can watch the live stream at diolc.org/live

Chrism Mass, April 7

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 7, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending! If you are unable to come to La Crosse, you can watch the live stream at diolc.org/live

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/615775745927719/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

Easter Vigil Start Time

Sunset in La Crosse on Saturday, April 11 is to be at 7:45 p.m. So that the Vigil may begin in darkness, 8:30 should be the earliest beginning time for the vigil. You can watch the live stream of the Easter Vigil from the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman at diolc.org/live

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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.

Attention needed on all forms: When your volunteers or staff are filling out Safe Environment forms, please advise them that we must have their full legal name. If their legal name is Christopher, the form must have Christopher and not Chris listed and it needs to be signed as Christopher. The entire last name must be included as well. If legally your name is 2 or more names, you must list them all.

Background checks must be on the current form. If it is submitted on an old form, it will not be run and it will be returned to the parish or school to have another one completed.

April is National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month: In 1982, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed April to be the first National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and that tradition continues on today. Each week in March, you will see ideas that can be used at your parish or school to make awareness known. It is appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God - our children.



To learn more about child abuse prevention visit:

- Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin: preventchildabusewi.org
- Department of Children and Families: dcf.wisconsin.gov
- Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board: preventionboard.wi.gov

Novena

for Protection and Healing from Abuse

Intercessions

- Day 1:** May the most vulnerable be protected from all types of abuse and exploitation.
- Day 2:** May those who have been sexually abused receive comfort and healing.
- Day 3:** May those who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.
- Day 4:** May those who provide help for the abused act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.
- Day 5:** May all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.

- Day 6:** May all those who have committed abuse acknowledge the harm they have done, repent, and accept justice that ultimately comes from God.
- Day 7:** May those who have been abused receive the courage to tell their story, and may they be believed and supported.
- Day 8:** May Church leaders, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promote justice and healing for survivors of abuse.
- Day 9:** May our Holy Father, Pope Francis, fulfill his role as good shepherd and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.

Prayers

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Prayer for Healing

Prayer for Healing

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in
them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.

Soothe their restless hearts with
hope,
steady their shaken spirits with
faith.

Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.

Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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Office for Catholic Schools

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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:

Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service

The US Bishops have asked all dioceses to participate in a nationwide effort called *Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service*, beginning on March 25, 2020, the Feast of the Annunciation. This initiative will involve assessing, enhancing and better communicating resources to pregnant moms and families in need. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be “islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference.” Watch for special prayers and other materials and communications as this effort gets underway, spearheaded by the diocesan Office for Ministries and Social Concerns (Phone - 608-791-0161; Email - ministries@diolc.org).

Prayer for Walking with Moms in Need:

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God’s love and compassion. Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

Feed My Starving Children-Stevens Point – Update:

Thanks to all who volunteered at the Feb. 21-22 Feed My Starving Children-Stevens Point MobilePack. In total, 475 volunteers packed 116,640 meals, which will feed 319 children one meal a day for an entire year. But the organizing team still needs to reach its goal of raising \$26,127 to cover the cost of the food. You can help by giving online at give.fmssc.org/uwsp. 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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TechSoup

TechSoup is an online resource for not for profit organization to find greatly discounted software and other technology resources. If your parish is not currently signed up for TechSoup, they now have a simpler signup process for our parishes. You can read their welcome letter with instructions on how to sign up as a parish in the Diocese of La Crosse [here](#).

Spring Roundtable Signup

The 2020 Spring Roundtable for parishes will be held at four locations around the diocese. The focus of this year's roundtable sessions is to review the draft proposed Chart of Accounts for parish accounting. Follow the [Chart of Accounts link](#) to review the new account structure.

The new Chart of Accounts promotes these project goals:

- Download financial data for the Annual Report
- Standardize parish accounting
 - “best practices”
 - Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
 - Training
 - Support
 - Reports, ratios and metrics
- Facilitate parish transitions for pastors, bookkeepers
- Transactional audit trail
- Professional backup and redundancy

Parish Finance Contacts, Administrative Assistants and Secretaries, Pastors and other parish staff with an interest in parish accounting are encouraged to attend a Spring Roundtable session. To signup click the appropriate link in the table below.

<p>St James the Less Parish 1032 Caledonia St Murphy Hall in the church basement La Crosse, WI 54601 (608) 782-7557 Contact: Maria Stegmeier</p> <p>Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:00am to 2:30pm</p>	<p>All Saints Parish St Joseph Church 719 E Patten St Boyd, WI 54726 (715) 644-5435 Contact: Lori Setzer or Julie Lingen</p> <p>Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:00am to 2:30pm</p>
<p>St Matthew Parish 229 S 28th Ave Wausau, WI 54401 (715) 842-3148 Contact: Barb Splinter</p> <p>Monday, April 27, 2020 10:00am to 2:30pm</p>	<p>Sacred Heart Parish 711 Prospect Ave Nekoosa, WI 54457 (715) 886-3422 Contact: Kelly Lysne</p> <p>Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:00am to 2:30pm</p>

Please direct any questions regarding the Spring Roundtables, or the draft proposed Chart of Accounts to Nick Lichter, (608) 791-2681, nlichter@diolc.org.

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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 we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world as we discern where our Lord is calling us to serve.

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 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 visit:

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

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2278171182482792/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

LifeTeen Catholic Youth Ministry Convention Scholarship

Over the last several years, through a generous grant, people from our diocese who work with young people have been able to attend this convention for free. There are a few more scholarships available for the convention that will be held June 7-10, 2020. If you have not attended this convention, or know of someone who has not attended this convention, please email Andrew Brueggen, our LifeTeen Area Coordinator at youthdir@stpatsonalaska.com.

For Your 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 cardinalstudios.org/strive

For Your Parish Bulletin: Frassati Young Adult Day

Come out for a day of spiritual direction for young adults ages 18-35, and will be held on April 25, 2020 at Holy Hill. For more information and to register, please visit holyhill.com

Durand Deanery Youth Rally

This is an awesome annual event put on by the Durand Deanery. It will be held Sunday May 3, 2020 at St. Henry Parish Center in Eau Galle. Click [here](#) for more information!

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