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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of March 3, 2020

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

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

Friday, April 10

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

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 Your Parish Bulletin: Lenten Prayer Card

It is most appropriate before retiring for the night to Examine our Conscience followed by praying the Act of Contrition. 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.

For Your Parish Bulletin: Family Prayer during Lent

Lent is an appropriate time to set aside a bit more time for prayer. Parents are invited to download a one-page prayer card for their children. The prayer card is more than reciting a prayer, and allows prayer to be more personal. Go to diolc.org/prayer and choose a specific grade level.

Information for Confirmation Retreats

There have been requests about the guidelines for Confirmation Retreats. [Click here](#) for "Guidelines for Planning an Effective Retreat" as well as, Bishop Callahan's letter to parents, a teaching on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit by Monsignor. Hirsch, a review of Confirmation Programs and many other resources.

Vacation Bible School Programs

There have been requests for information about Catholic Vacation Bible School Programs. Please [click here](#) for information on seven different programs.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Your Parish Bulletin: Re-Invigorate your Marriage

Experience a more joy-filled marriage. Take part in the Domestic Church Retreat at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center on 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/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

For Your 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 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 the 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.

For Your Parish Bulletin: Family Builder Idea:

Eat your supper meal together and share your daily highs and lows.

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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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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 diocesan office will be offered.

Liturgical Calendar

March 6 (Friday): Day of Prayer and Penance for Diocesan and Universal Church needs. See more information [here](#).

March 15 (Sunday): Anniversary of the opening of the cause of Servant of God, Father Joe Walijewski, Cathedral of St. Joseph, 10:30.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/597294504195761/>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

If you are unable to come to La Crosse, the Anniversary Mass will be live streamed 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!

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

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

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

If you are unable to come to La Crosse, the Chrism Mass will be live streamed at diolc.org/live.

Easter Vigil Start Time – 8:30 p.m. or later

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 p.m. should be the earliest beginning time for the vigil.

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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. The entire last name must be included as well. If legally your name is 2 or more names, you must list them all. Also, when you are sending in reports or asking questions about people, please use their legal name in the correspondence. If you have a question about Alexa Smith, please ask for Alexa and not Lexie.

2019-20 Safe Environment Reports were due on March 1

If you have not sent in your 2019-20 Safe Environment Report you are now past due. All reports were due on March 1. Call the Office of Safe Environment for an extension.

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.

Wear blue on April 3, 2020, to show your support for victims/survivors of abuse.

Schedule a time during the month of April to say a Rosary for victims/survivors of abuse. Create a "blue ribbon tree" at your parish or school, encouraging children and adults to tie a blue ribbon around a specific tree in honor of child abuse prevention. As you tie your ribbon on the tree, say a prayer for those that have been abused.

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Office for Social Concerns

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Reminder: 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:

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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Parish Finance Seminar May 6 – Updated for timing of Event and Food Service

All parish finance staff should plan to attend the Parish Finance Seminar Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at Three Bears Lodge in Warrens, Wisconsin. Registration begins at **8:00 a.m.**, **sessions start at 9:00 a.m. and go until 4:30 p.m.** Breakfast and 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 our parish communities 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/

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

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

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.

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

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