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Here you will find many resources to help your parish during this pandemic.



A message from Bishop William Patrick Callahan

A Year Devoted to St. Joseph: May 1, 2020 - May 1, 2021

Bishop Callahan invites all to celebrate and pray with him to St. Joseph the Workman on May 1 via [livestreamed Mass](#), diolc.org/live, beginning at 12:00 noon, from the Cathedral. This Mass will begin a special year of thanksgiving, petition, and honor to St. Joseph. In the year ahead, the diocese will offer prayers for his blessings upon our families (Patron Saint of Husbands, Fathers, and Families), our beloved dead (Patron Saint of a Happy Death), and the special needs of our Diocese (Patron Saint of the Universal Church).

As we make our way through the year, several events, prayers and novenas will be available for publication in parish bulletins. It is, of course, painfully obvious for all of us to know that our plans often turn to dust in the midst of possible tragedies and sicknesses that come our way. So, please open this singular year with Bishop Callahan at noon on May 1, and follow the Diocesan website diolc.org for further information and possible events.

Bishop Callahan will be live streaming the celebration of noon Mass on Friday, May 1, to start the diocesan celebration of the year of St. Joseph.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event.

facebook.com/events/231728821384317/

Please share this on your parish Facebook.



Officials

No officials this week.



Events

All events have been canceled until further notice.

The Cathedral Live Stream Mass Schedule is available at diolc.org/live

Live Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday) from the Cathedral

Mass in English – 8 a.m.

Mass in Spanish – 8:30 a.m.

Live Sunday Mass from the Cathedral

Mass in English – 9:30 a.m.

Mass in Spanish – 10:30 a.m.

Please note that live and prerecorded Sunday Mass is available via diolc.org, the diocesan [YouTube channel](#), [Facebook](#), and televised on the following channels:

***Please note that the prerecorded Mass for this week was recorded before the present COVID-19 guidelines.**

Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

La Crosse, Channel 19, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Marshfield (Public Access), Channel 989, at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Stevens Point (Public Access), Channel 984 at Noon and 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Wausau, (Cable and Satellite), Channel 12 at 6:30 a.m. Sunday.

Wausau (Public Access), Channel 980, at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday.

Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access), Channel 985 and Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. Sunday.

We have a Spiritual Communion prayer available for posting and sharing. It can be found at diolc.org/spiritual-communion

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Build a Culture of Prayer in your Parish

Encourage families to pray together using a downloadable Easter Season Prayer Card to foster an encounter with Jesus. Go to diolc.org/prayer. Individual adults or empty nesters will also want to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus through a Prayer Card on the Morning Offering. Check out the website at diolc.org/deeper. There are resources that include explanations of the words of the prayer, the foundational principles underlying the prayer and the reasons for praying a particular prayer each day.

Strengthen Your Faith and Your Spiritual Life

Franciscan at Home is an online learning system that consists of workshops presented through 10-minute videos along with a simple task that leads to actual growth. There are various tracks: Catechists, Parish Catechetical Leaders, Catholic School Teachers, Ministry of Parenting, Pastoral Accompaniment, Youth Ministry and RCIA. Try out one or two workshops for \$5 for the month. Go to <https://franciscanathome.com/>

Free GoToWebinar/Meeting online meeting resource to help stay connected

Zach Tudahl, the Technical Support Specialist for the diocese, applied for and received 200 [GotoMeetings](#) licenses and 160 GotoWebinar 90 day licenses. These are 90-day licenses for both of these products, good through mid-July.

The differences between the 2 platforms:

GoToMeeting is for meetings where all attendees are participants; GoToWebinar includes everything meetings does, but is designed for larger groups attending that do not participate. In other words, there is a panelist (or one person) that presents and a large group of attendees that view and can send in questions via chat. They are full licenses with no time limits that expire mid July. Parishes already using these platforms are seeing abundant fruit.

To request a license for your parish, contact Zach with the following information:

1. first name
2. last name
3. email address
4. parish
5. city

for every user you would like added. In other words, if you, the pastor, catechists, the deacon etc. would like to use the subscription with groups, then Zach needs the bulleted information of each of these people who will "host" a meeting or webinar. Zach's email is ztudahl@diolc.org

Parent Engagement when using online platforms

When contacting young people for a GotoMeeting, for example, always email the parents so that they are kept informed. Invite them to attend also. There always has to be two adults on the GotoMeeting or GotoWebinar when children are involved. For Safe Environment reasons, you can never be alone on these platforms with a young person or child.

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Be aware of recent text message scams.

We want you to be aware that we have recently received several reports of fraudulent text messages being sent on behalf of pastors, asking for purchases of various gift cards. The messages originate from phone numbers that are not associated with the victim. Do not reply to such messages and alert your staff and parishioners to ignore any such messages.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Clergy and Marriage Ministers:

NFP Online Reflection resources – An important element to the NFP SymptoPro online formation is the [NFP Online Couple Retreat Reflection Articles](#). Couples read, discuss and share their reflections with their instructor providing an engaging exposure and formation in God's plan for life and love.

Marriage Resource:

Easter Prayers for Married Couples – A daily couple prayer resource has been created and available for download from Marriage in Christ. marriageinchrist.com/resources/

Marriage Enrichment:

Be Light: A Marriage Renewal Date Night Series – 5 nights (April 26-30). Each date night will be

available after 7pm CST. witnessstolove.org/belight/

For Parish Digital Communication:

Reminder: New Webpage COVID At Home Resources: A new webpage has been created to provide a wealth of resources for families during this Safer at Home time:

diolc.org/marriage/at-home-family-faith-building-resources/

Reminder: Marriage Building Idea:

Celebrate Anniversaries - Send a personal note of congratulations to couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries; 5, 10, 15...

Reminder: TWL Parent Newsletter for April

The TWL parent newsletter for April is ready for distribution. Go to twl4parents.com/twl-newsletter/ to access this month's issue which focuses on Teaching Community during the COVID-19 pandemic with your children.

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Note on Streaming and Posting Parish Masses with Music

Pastors, parishes, and musicians should be aware that copyrighted music requires an additional license for livestreaming or posting Masses on-demand for viewing on Facebook or parish websites. If you have any questions, please contact the publishing house of your parish's music resources.

Virtual Classroom: Primer On the Sacraments of Initiation

Men and women across the world are still looking forward to that moment they have been waiting for—each an event in time but with eternal ramifications: baptism, confirmation, and first Holy Communion. In most places, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced a postponement of these life-giving sacraments. But even for the rest of the Church, this limbo is a painful trial, for the new life of the neophyte is a fresh transfusion of blood for the larger Mystical Body. We thus wait and pray for that imminent day when the blood and water from Christ's side will wash over the Church in the sacraments.

As we wait, consider joining Christopher Carstens and Jesse Weiler, Director of Mundelein's Liturgical Institute, as they look at these saving sacraments and prepare for their eventual reception. These three, 1-hour sessions introduce the Church's teaching on the sacraments and look to baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist as the first privileged examples of these awesome mysteries of the Catholic Church. Sessions are available on-demand, free of charge, at facebook.com/LiturgicalInstitute/.

[Novena to St. Roch – from Catholic Life](#)

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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.

Reminder: Are you teaching your students remotely?

If you have any questions regarding the use of social networking and technology, our guidelines are [found here](#). You should never be communicating one on one with a student through email, phone call, Facebook or any other form of electronic communication. It is inappropriate for personnel to include minors and vulnerable adults within their own social circle, online or otherwise. Always email their parent to keep them in the loop. If a teacher needs to call a student, always inform the parent prior to the call and let them know when you will be calling and why you are calling the student. Always have 2 adults on an email with a student. That can be another teacher or their parent. When possible, do group chats and emails.

Be responsible:

You are personally responsible for posted content and will be held accountable for such. Be selective – use the right medium for your message. Always identify yourself with your real identity and not a nickname. Respect the privacy of others. Don't publish personal information of others without their permission.

Reminder: Important audit information: The USCCB has declared that there will be no extensions on the 2019-20 Safe Environment Audit. Therefore, when you send in your parish or school report, all background checks need to be current and all training must be complete. Training must take place during the audit period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Paid employees, coaches and janitors need fingerprinting done.

Erica and I are working everyday so you can continue to send in your information.

If you have volunteers or staff that are not trained, tell them to go to the [Diocese of La Crosse website](#) and train online. Last year many of you did not have training dates because of the weather issues we experienced. This is why it is best to do your training right away at the beginning of the school year or at the start of your religious education programs. New hires and volunteers should be trained prior to any involvement at a parish or school. You should not wait until spring to train spring and summer coaches. If needed, I can set up a ZOOM meeting and we can do a large group training.

If you have questions or concerns let me know.

Reports are now more than a month past due. I still need 47 parish reports, 1 system school and 5 parish school reports.

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Office for Catholic Schools

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Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8

Please recognize the work and sacrifice of our educators, administrators, and all school support staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. Despite the current conditions and restrictions, many have transformed their traditional classrooms into virtual ones. This year I'm offering this intercessory prayer to St. John Baptist de La Salle as a sign of hope for our schools and a source of strength for our future. Share and pray this prayer during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Intercessory Prayer to St. John Baptist de La Salle

Written by Ann Fitch

Source: practicalprayers.com/prayer-saint-john-baptist-de-la-salle-teachers

O St. John Baptist de La Salle, teacher of teachers, and helper of those who educate others, I come to you asking your intercession for (the protection and increased wisdom for the Catholic School teachers in the Diocese of La Crosse) and all who teach.

Pray, dear saint, that they be caring, compassionate, dedicated, empathetic, generous, kind, joyful, patient, engaging, inspirational, understanding, and above all loving.

Intercede for them so that like you they instill in others joy for learning and the desire to become lifelong learners.

Pray that they are always inspired by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and that they allow the Holy Spirit to lead them and guide them as they help others pursue truth and knowledge.

O holy teacher, pray that all who teach be blessed and fulfilled in knowing they are helping others to grow and become knowledgeable. Amen.

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Office for Social Concerns

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For Your Parish Communications:

Reminder: COVID-19 – A Time to Grow in Prayer, Love and Inspiration

Visit diolc.org/social-concerns for continually updated news, inspiring features, and practical suggestions on how you can grow in love of God and neighbor. Read what Catholic Charities is doing to help the homeless, listen to a beautiful duet of *The Prayer* sung by Catholic Charities' Kevin Burch and his daughter Alexandra, read about the "Facemask Mission" of Chalice of Mercy, and more. You will be touched and lifted up at a time when we all need it.

For Your Parish Communications:

Reminder: Tell our Governor: Abortion is NOT "Essential Health Care"

Governor Tony Evers and several other governors around the U.S. have deemed abortion to be part of "essential health care" that should remain open while other elective procedures are shut down to allow the medical community to focus on COVID-19. The U.S. Bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities is circulating a statement signed by 30,000 pro-life physicians calling for an end to this tragic absurdity. To sign a petition calling for Governor Tony Evers to shut down abortion during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit diolc.org/social-concerns.

Reminder: Faithful Citizenship – Election 2020

We are in an election year, making it that much more important to form our consciences in light of Catholic teaching and principles. For resources on this topic, visit diolc.org/faithful-

[citizenship.](#)

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Online Offertory at diolc.org/parishes

The efforts to support your parish online offertory has seen a steady stream of activity. We've had 365 unique supports provide 450 gifts, generating nearly \$65,000 in three-weeks. While this was never intended to be the panacea to make up for lost offertory, it is just another convenient and safe channel for your parishioners and supporters to continue to invest in your mission, helping to meet payroll and keeping the lights and heat on.

Not only is it important for the people of God's spiritual and mental well-being for us to remain connected to them, it is also vital for their parishes to have a vibrant and sustainable life post-quarantine. Our efforts of evangelization and community outreach (read building and strengthening) must continue. We must continue to be connected via phone calls, social media, regular USPS mail, email and drive by or walk by visits, etc. Service is time consuming and expensive, however, and I know this is cliché, we will only get out what we put into it. Of Time, Talent, and Treasure; Time is the most valuable.

Since we now have a quarantine that is scheduled to last through May 26, now is a good time to reflect and start preparing for reopening. Are there been changes you wanted to institute at your parish? How can parish life become more vibrant? What needs are not being met? Is our parish inviting and welcoming?

If anything is certain, we will see a marketing and consumerism blitz to the like we have not seen. Every business, product and service, will be encouraging a consumerist mentality while trying to promote a safe, homey, and comforting relationship with their product and services. We cannot sit idly by and let the message of hope and mercy of the gospel get lost.

If we look back to another significant emotional event, September 11, 2001; the influx of people finding their way back to church lasted about six weeks. Afterwards, people returned to their pre-event Mass attendance levels and trends. If we want to avoid a similar experience, we must ask ourselves what we learned, and how can we repeat the good and avoid the mistakes. We as a church can use this opportunity to become more proactive in our stewardship and evangelization and less reactive.

For Ideas and tips, check out the COVID resource page at diolc.org/parish-covid-resources/, and please share your activities and strategies that are working for you, so we can share them with others. Likewise, if you are struggling with something, let us know how we can help research possible solutions and strategies.

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Accounting for the SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

[Click here](#) for an example of the entries necessary to record your PPP loan activities.

Reminder: Spring Roundtable Meetings have been canceled

The Spring Round Table Meetings scheduled for this week and next have been canceled. Once we regroup, we will let you know the new dates so we can keep the parish accounting project moving forward.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Tune-In Tuesdays

We are excited to offer a series of Zoom Meetings we call “Tune-In Tuesdays.” Join us as we come together to network and share how we are doing, how our ministry is going, and talk about ways we can support each other. Follow this [link](#) to get a list of dates and links to login to the meetings.

Reminder: Upcoming Webinars for Parish Leaders and Teams

Follow this [link](#) to see all of the upcoming webinars from various organizations that provide helpful information about effective ways of doing ministry during this time. New webinars from a variety of organizations are consistently being added.

Reminder: Resources to Minister from Home

Please use this [link](#) to find resources and support as you navigate your ministry through these

challenging times. Please know that our office is always here to assist and support you. Resources are consistently added as we become aware of them.

Reminder: 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. To register and get 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.

facebook.com/events/2278171182482792/

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

LifeTeen Catholic Youth Ministry Convention Scholarship

For the past 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.

Franciscan CORE University

Franciscan CORE is cancelled this year. However, click [HERE](#) to stay up to date on the latest developments as other options may become available.

Reminder: NET Retreats

The NET Team will be in our diocese October 29-November 10, 2020. More details are coming soon, however, if you would like to reserve a date, please contact our office ASAP as dates will fill up fast.

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