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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/year-of-st-joseph 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 the prerecorded Mass for this week was recorded before the present COVID-19 guidelines.**

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

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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Bulletin Announcement

During these difficult times, family prayer is essential. A new initiative, which was requested by 12th grade students through interviews and surveys over the last few years, is entitled “**Going Deeper in Prayer.**” You are invited to download an Easter Season Prayer Card, or another option of your choice, that helps 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. Check out the website at diolc.org/deeper.

Bulletin Announcement

St. Joseph – We need his intercession!

Bishop Callahan is inviting all to celebrate a “Year of St. Joseph” in the Diocese of La Crosse beginning May 1, 2020 on the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman. This year marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pius IX’s decree naming St. Joseph Patron and Protector of the Universal Church. Bishop Callahan will open this important “Year” with Mass [live-streamed](http://diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph) from the Cathedral at 12 noon. Learn more at diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph.

Why is it so important that we turn to St. Joseph for his help during these very difficult times? Four of St. Joseph’s numerous titles provide a brief sampling of the importance of St. Joseph as our spiritual father.

- As **Head of the Holy Family**, you can ask for his protection and safety for each member of your family.
- As **Comfort of the Afflicted**, you can turn to him for comfort through the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As **Hope of the Sick**, you can turn to him for hope if you or someone you know is sick.
- As **Patron of the Dying**, you can entrust those who are dying to him, as St. Joseph died a happy death gazing upon Jesus and resting in the arms of Mary. God desires that each one of us die a happy death, similar to that of St. Joseph.

Please [join with others](http://diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph) from around the diocese for Mass on **May 1, 2020 at 12 noon** to begin the “Year of St. Joseph.”

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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

Reminder: 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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For you Parish Digital Communication & Bulletin:

Women's Prayer & Virtue Groups– How can you be physically, relationally, emotionally, and spiritually healthy with all this time at home? Two options are available to help: a daily

gathering via Zoom or a six-session virtue-based study for moms. Learn more at archmil.org/evangelization/Courageous-Communion/womens-groups

For Your Parish Bulletin:

50th Jubilee Anniversary Celebrations canceled– Due to the current situation with the coronavirus the 50th wedding anniversary Masses and celebrations with the Bishop scheduled for June 14, August 2, and August 23 have been canceled.

Training for Ministry Leaders:

Praying in the Midst of Temptation – In this [3-minute training video](#), Fr Sean Kilcawley, STL, discusses how prayer is necessary when faced with the choice to consent to sin or not. This is a battleground more than ever due to the isolation and stress from COVID-19.

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.

Reminder: 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/

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Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild and Casa Hogar Streaming

As everything in our world has started to shift to virtual, we have begun a weekly ZOOM “Holy Happy Hour” and Meet and Greet with some friendly faces and the children in Peru. The event is Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:00 pm CST. For the link to join, please email Sarah at ssceery@frjoesguild.org

We have also been working on putting together a collection of prayerful videos and a Facebook Live Holy Hour with the children’s choir. For more information, please visit our Facebook pages at: facebook.com/casahogarjuanpablo2 or facebook.com/FrJoesGuild.

Mission Co-op Program Summer 2020: The Badger Bounce Back program newly indicates a 3 Phase opening of social institutions, including religious gatherings. Should the curve follow projections, it is possible that the MCP missionaries could be present during public Masses by July and August. Therefore, we are keeping plans as they stand and encourage the scheduling of mission appeals for July and August. If the possible extension of “Safer at Home” restriction prohibits public Masses longer than anticipated, we will be sending out instructions to missionaries and pastors for Missio, an online format promoting and supporting Catholic missionary projects and activities. We are holding out as long as possible for the more personal connections made during gathered Masses. To explore the Missio option early, go to mission.org and select “Donate” from the menu options. That will lead to many projects around the world for you to learn more.

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May 1: [Consecration of the United States to the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)

WASHINGTON – As the world continues to face the ongoing effects of the global pandemic of the coronavirus, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has announced that on May 1, the U.S. bishops will renew the consecration of the United States to the care of our Blessed Mother. Through a collective dedication or entrustment of a nation to Mary, an act of consecration is meant to be a reminder to the faithful of the Blessed Mother’s witness to the Gospel and to ask for her effective intercession before her Son on behalf of those in need. The faithful may join Archbishop Gomez at 2:00 p.m. Central Time by tuning into the USCCB’s social media platforms: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#). The text for the consecration is available in English and in Spanish, [here](#).

In addition to inaugurating a year devoted to our Diocesan Patron, St. Joseph, on May 1, Bishop Callahan will participate in the Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary from the Cathedral, a recording of which will be available after 3:00 that same afternoon on these diocesan outlets, diolc.org/live, diolc.org and [Facebook](#).

Mass in the Time of Pandemic

On Wednesday, April 1, the Holy See released a new *Mass for Various Needs: In Time of Pandemic*. Readings for this Mass, along with antiphons and orations (in English and Spanish) are available from the [USCCB website](#). An English-language insert for the Roman Missal can be

found [here](#).

Reminder: 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. Chants from the Roman Missal (e.g., Gloria, Lamb of God) are free to use and stream at this time, as are songs in the [public domain](#). If you have any questions, please contact the publishing house of your parish's music resources.

Reminder: 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/pg/LiturgicalInstitute/videos/.

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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 Catholic Schools

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Reminder: 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:

Lift up Your Day

Listen to the beautiful duet of *The Prayer* sung by Catholic Charities' Kevin Burch and his daughter Alexandra, which has garnered nearly 2,500 views on YouTube – visit diolc.org/social-

[concerns](#). See also how you can pray, act and be inspired during this challenging time.

For Your Parish Communications:

Celebrate a Just Man – [Year of St. Joseph](#)

Starting with the noon Mass celebrated by Bishop Callahan and livestreamed at [diolc.org/live](#) on Friday, May 1, let us turn to St. Joseph, patron of the Cathedral, the Diocese of La Crosse, and the Universal Church. His strength, justice and charity shone with quiet dignity as he watched over the Holy Family. He will watch over us, too, if we seek his intercession.

For Your Parish Communications:

Stand up for Unborn Children

Visit [diolc.org/social-concerns](#) to read about and act on the following:

- [Sign a petition](#) telling Governor Tony Evers that abortion is NOT “Essential Health Care.”
- Read the [letter from the U.S. Bishops](#) urging the FDA not to sponsor vaccine research that relies on cell lines from aborted babies, and [sign the petition](#).

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 including 408 unique supports providing 523 gifts, generating nearly \$78,000 these last four 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 by helping to meet payroll, and keeping the lights on.

There has been some confusion regarding fees. Since the beginning, we have stated we would be netting out the processing fees, which average 3% for debit and credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH. These are the same types of costs that any business or nonprofit pays to the bank processors. Fees on debit and credit cards can vary depending on the type of card and whether the card has points or rewards attached to it. Yes, the merchants (that is us) pays for the points and rewards their supporters earned by using their card.

We are not charging fees related to the efforts of the curia in its setup, reconciliation, and distribution of funds. This workload was not in the budget, and the process is a very labor-intensive one, requiring the efforts of two offices working together for several hours a week.

If have set up a new online offertory service in the past few weeks, please let us know so we can update our links to your parish site. Just something to be mindful of in selecting online

processors, the more clicks it takes to give, the fewer people will likely follow through.

For the people of God to have a healthy spiritual and mental well-being, it is essential for us as Church to remain connected. That connection is also vital so your parish will 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, you will only get out what you put into it. Of Time, Talent, and Treasure; Time is the most valuable.

Since we are expecting the quarantine to last through May 26, now is an excellent time to reflect and start preparing for reopening. Are there changes you want to institute at your parish? How can parish life become more vibrant? What are the needs being met and not being met? Is your parish inviting and welcoming? Is your parish's Mass a community center? What needs to happen to make the Mass the center of the community and the parish a community center?

The team at Amazing Parish is conducting a series of webinars to help parishes not only survive but thrive. The next one is Thursday, April 30, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. Here is the link if you wish to register zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wtmeJ7rfSbWIJTmArbHhpA

Our government health experts are making a hard press to prepare us for another round of the pandemic in late fall. This resurgent follows the pattern of previous pandemics, like the Black Death, the Spanish Flu, the Hong Kong Flu, etc. Now is the time to start evaluating what it is going to take for your parish to not only survive but to thrive through the next round. Even if the second wave does not materialize, the steps taken to prepare will move the parish community to a better position regardless.

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 that is the Gospel get lost in the noise.

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. Afterward, 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. With social distancing predicted to continue for another six months or so, the return to Mass may not create the same influx of arrivals. Parishes may require extra Mass times to accommodate this distancing protections.

For ideas and tips, check out the COVID resource page at diolc.org/parish-covid-resources. Also, please share your activities and strategies that are working so that 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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Catholic Unemployment Pay Program (CUPP)

CUPP continues to receive a number of admin fee payments to the old lockbox address at BMO bank. Please update your records to ensure the new email address, shown below, is used.

Thanks for your help.

Church Unemployment Pay Program

706 S. High Point Road, Unit 6

Madison, WI 53719

Paycheck Protection Program – Forgiveness Phase

[Click here](#) for frequently asked questions regarding the PPP – Forgiveness Phase provided by the Wisconsin Bankers Association.

Flexible Benefits Plan – Section 125 FSA

Effective April 23, 2020 the plan now allows for reimbursement for Over-The-Counter (OTC) drugs and medicines without a prescription with respect to expenses incurred on or after the later of January 1, 2020. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) allowed the change for OTC drugs and medicines.

New \$484 Billion Coronavirus Aid Package

The new legislation provides \$250 billion in funding to replenish the Paycheck Protection Program which provides forgivable loans to business, including religious organizations. If your parish was unsuccessful in the first application, this is your opportunity to apply for the funding that has occurred. Please contact your local bank to apply for the loan. If you cannot find a local bank to assist you, please contact James Reider at the Office for Temporalities.

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