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



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 Sunday Mass from the Cathedral

Mass in English – 9:30 a.m. Mass in Spanish – 10:30 a.m.

Live Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday) from the Cathedral

Mass in English – 8 a.m. Mass in Spanish – 8:30 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

[Year of St. Joseph](#)

“Now is the time of St. Joseph! God has given clear indications that He wants His people to pay more attention to St. Joseph—clearer indications than in any previous era in Church history. In 1961, St. Pope John XXIII put it very bluntly. He wrote:

In the Holy Church’s worship, right from the beginning, Jesus the Word of God made man, has enjoyed the adoration that belongs to Him, incommunicable as the splendor of the substance of His Father, a splendor reflected in the glory of His saints. From the earliest times, Mary, His mother, was close behind Him, in the pictures of the catacombs and the basilicas, where she was devoutly venerated as the ‘Holy Mother of God.’ But Joseph, except for some slight sprinkling of references to him here and there in the writings of the Fathers of the Church, for long centuries remained in the background, in his characteristic concealment, almost as a decorative figure in the overall picture of the Savior’s life. It took time for devotion to him to go beyond those passing glances and take root in the hearts of the faithful, and then surge forth in the form of special prayers and of a profound sense of trusting abandonment. The fervent joy of pouring forth these deepest feelings of the heart in so many impressive ways has been saved for modern times!” (*Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*, by Donald H. Callaway, MIC).

This excellent book with short readings for 33 days on St. Joseph is available for purchase at:

- Marian Catechist Bookstore at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. mariancatechist.com/product/consecration-to-st-joseph/
- Fr. Donald Callaway’s webpage fathercalloway.com/books-and-gifts

Bulletin Announcement

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother during the month of May is to pray a decade of the Rosary each day as a family. This takes less than 10 minutes and consists of praying one *Our Father*, ten *Hail Mary's* and one *Glory Be* while pondering an event of Jesus' and Mary's life that has a connection to your own life. For a simple, downloadable Prayer Card, go to diolc.org/prayer for families; or go to diolc.org/deeper for individual adults or empty nesters.

Another way to honor Mary is to have a "May Altar" which consists of a statue of Mary (any size) with flowers. This May Altar provides a reminder of our devotion to Mary as the Mother of Jesus, our Savior, and a place for coming together with Our Lady in prayer.

Bulletin Announcement

Novena for Pentecost

A Novena consists of praying a prayer during a period of nine days for a specific intention. The Pentecost Novena, in honor of the Holy Spirit, is the oldest of all novenas since it was first prayed at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His Apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. This Novena is addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity as a powerful plea for your personal intentions. Take this opportunity to come to know the Holy Spirit in a much deeper way and allow Him to guide, strengthen and console you.

Pentecost Novena Dates: The Pentecost Novena will be prayed from **Friday, May 22 to Saturday, May 30**. Sunday, May 31, is the Feast of Pentecost. The simple Novena Prayer Card and short reading for each of the nine days can be downloaded here: diolc.org/deeper.

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The May/June Issue of Catholic Life Magazine was delivered to your parishioners starting on May 11. The online version is available at catholiclife.diolc.org.

Here are 3 things your parish can do to stay connected with your parishioners during this time when they are away, courtesy of [Faith Catholic](#):

1. Make wellness calls. Ask members of your parish council, finance council, education committee, or Knights of Columbus to divide your parish list and call every registered household found in your ParishSOFT census database. Provide a script. Find out how parishioners are doing, whether they have specific needs, and whether they need help signing up for online giving setup for all parishes at diolc.org/parishes.
2. Organize a phone tree. Check in each week with seniors and those who are vulnerable. Ask parishioners if they are willing to join an ongoing phone tree to make weekly calls to a few parishioners. You can use your ParishSOFT census database for phone numbers.

3. Offer digital tutoring. Create a "Digital Natives" ministry. Have parishioners who are familiar with digital media call those who are not to provide telephone training about how to use email or social media sites. [Click here](#) for technical help with virtual meetings or live streaming.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Clergy and Parish Secretaries:

Marriage Building Idea: Pray for the vocation of Holy Matrimony each month in the Mass intentions

For Your Parish Digital Communication:

Like our Facebook page—The [Office for Marriage and Family Life manages a Facebook page](#) offering current, relevant content on marriage, parenting, and family related items. Visit, Like, Share and enjoy

For Your Parish Bulletin:

A Virtual 50th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration—The in-person 50th wedding anniversary Masses have been canceled. But a special Mass with Bishop Callahan will be held this year via live-stream at 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 12 from the Cathedral. You will be able to view the live stream or recording by visiting diolc.org/marriage on and after July 12.

For Clergy and Marriage Ministers:

Update on Married Love: Two Becoming One retreats – Many retreats have been canceled due to the “Safer at Home” directive. More retreats will be arranged as soon as allowable. For help with urgent situations, contact Dan Kitzhaber.

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World Mission Sunday (WMS) 2020: Coronavirus makes it even harder to think about World Mission Sunday in October when we are still uncertain about the summer. However, WMS envelopes need to be ordered by the Mission Office soon. Please [email](#) us the number of envelopes, parish addresses, or anything else in your order which needs to be changed from last year. If we do not hear from you by May 23, the same amount and shipping information as last year will be used. Thank you.

MISSION CO-OP Summer 2020: As the Badger Bounce Back program is enacted and the Wisconsin Catholic Conference determines the details of the slow roll-out of public Masses we are urging that you stay the course. We have fielded a few questions, especially regarding traveling missionaries who are not able to leave their country of origin. Please let us know if you have similar questions. Gratefully, most mission areas represented in our program have priests or missionaries in Wisconsin or somewhere nearby in the United States. This helps the program continue as planned with face to face contact between the missionary and our parish congregations.

If the possible extension of “Safer at Home” or “Badger Bounce Back” restrictions 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. To explore the [Missio](#) option early, go to missio.org and select “Donate” from the menu options. That will lead to many projects around the world for you to learn more.

Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) and Lenten Mite Boxes 2020: Since the suspension of public Masses occurred during the Lenten Season, we are aware that the mite box program was affected. We encourage you not to collect the boxes until public Masses are restored. At that time, since they have the potential of being contaminated, we recommend that you follow the specialized internal controls set in place during the pandemic. That is, store them safely in a lockable place without touching them for at least three days. Then the money can be counted and deposited at the parish. Forward the totals to the Mission Office and we will forward the collection to MCA. If you have already gathered the boxes and deposited the funds, no worries. You can forward the totals at any time. As always, if you have any questions, please [e-mail](#) or call.

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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.

There are 39 parishes and 5 schools that have not submitted their 2019-20 Safe Environment Report. If you are one of these, please call Teresa at 608-791-2679 to give status of your report and a possible turn in date. Reports are now more than 60 days past due.

[There is a new Basic Background Check form.](#) It is called Authorization and Acknowledgement of Criminal Background check and is found [here](#). It will incorporate form #4, the FBI release form for fingerprinting. The new form has the Diocesan Seal in the left-hand corner and the icon for Promise to Protect and Pledge to Heal in the right-hand corner.

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For Your Parish Communications:

Prayers and Blessings for Rural Life

As we come to the time of planting, which each year coincides with the feast of St. Isidore, patron of farmers (May 15), the Diocese of La Crosse Rural Life Committee would like to share some prayers and blessings with you for your use. Visit diolc.org/rural-life.

Here is the Facebook post for this day: facebook.com/events/240769350510036

Please share using your parish social media.

For Your Parish Communications:

Observe Fifth Anniversary of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si*

Pope Francis has invited Catholics to participate in *Laudato Si Week*, a nine-day global campaign taking place May 16-24. That encyclical, whose title in English is *Care for Our Common Home*, focused on good stewardship of God's creation. For resources related to this special week from the US Bishops, visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-actions/human-life-and-dignity/environment.

Reminder: Be a Voice 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](#).

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Reminder: 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. This past week we had great discussion on:

- The little things you look forward to each day/week.
- What are some of the trending feelings you are hearing from your young people?
- Participation does not equal belonging. How do we move them from participation to belonging?

Please follow this [link](#) for Tune-In Tuesdays!

Safe Environment Reminder – Online Meetings or gaming

If you are doing religious education and/or youth ministry online, whether it be ZOOM Meetings, gaming, etc., there must always be two adults who have been background checked through the Diocese of La Crosse and gone through the Diocese of La Crosse Safe Environment Training present for the duration of the online meeting/gathering.

Adventure Camp

Due to the Safer at Home order and looking ahead to Wisconsin’s 3 phase plan for re-opening

(Badger Bounce Back Plan), we are moving our weeks of Adventure Camp. The weeks for Adventure Camp this summer will be as follows:

- **Week 1 - July 19-24, 2020**
- **Week 2 - July 26-31, 2020**

Please follow this [link](#) to our Adventure Camp webpage.

Here is the Facebook link for Adventure Camp: facebook.com/events/237022097714033

Please share this on your parish Facebook

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) Free Associate Membership

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) Free Associate Membership until July 1, 2020. Check out The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry's Membership Flyer [here](#). The flyer states, "The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) seeks to empower young people to be missionary disciples. That's why we equip you – pastoral leaders, youth ministers, parents, and others – as you accompany youth to be Christian witnesses in their daily, and ever-changing lives. NFCYM is a national network of youth ministry leaders who support each other and share ideas and struggles. Community and collaboration drive us to go beyond our individual efforts and innovate to make a bigger impact on the youth we serve. Join NFCYM to develop your skills with training and resources, be 'in the know' on all things youth ministry, and connect with your peers in a new way. But, most importantly, you can help bring more young people to Christ throughout the United States."

Please click [here](#) to learn more about the benefits of being an Associate Member of the NFCYM. If you apply for Associate Membership by July 1, 2020, you will have a full year of free membership to the NFCYM.

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: LifeTeen Catholic Youth Ministry Convention Scholarship – Date Extended

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. The convention has been postponed to September 16-19, 2020. If you have not attended this convention, or know of someone who has not attended this convention, please email Andrew Brueggen, LifeTeen Area Coordinator at youthdir@stpatsonalaska.com

Reminder: NET Retreats

The NET Team will be in our diocese October 29-November 10, 2020. For available dates and other details please [click here](#). If you would like to reserve a date, please contact our office

ASAP as dates will fill up fast.

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