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Officials

The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, D.D., Bishop of La Crosse, makes the following announcements:

Revision: The Reverend Monsignor **David C. Kunz**, Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese of La Crosse, is relieved of his responsibilities, effective **July 30, 2020**.

Revision: The Reverend **Woodrow H. Pace**, Pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Independence and St. John the Baptist Parish in Whitehall, and Director of the Mission Office, is appointed Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese of La Crosse, effective **July 30, 2020**. He retains his responsibilities as Director of the Mission Office.

The Reverend **David P. Bruener** is appointed Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Adams, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 1, 2020.

The Reverend **Aruldoss Savarimuthu** is appointed Parochial Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Fountain City, St. Lawrence Parish in Alma, and St. Boniface Parish in Waumandee, with residence at Immaculate Conception Parish rectory in Fountain City, effective July 2, 2020.

The Reverend **Juan Pedro Roblez Baltazar**, assigned to full-time language studies with residence at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse, is appointed Associate Pastor of St. Matthew Parish in Wausau, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 30, 2020.

The Reverend **Alan P. Wierzba**, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of La Crosse, is appointed Director of Formation for the Diocese of La Crosse, effective July 30, 2020.

The Reverend **Nathaniel W. Kuhn**, Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Genoa, Chaplain at

Aquinas High School in La Crosse, and Chaplain to the Hmong Community in the La Crosse area is appointed Director of Vocation Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, effective July 30, 2020.

The Reverend **Jerzy Rebacz**, Rector of St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse, is appointed Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Ellsworth, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 30, 2020.

The Reverend Monsignor **Richard W. Gilles**, Pastor of Queen of the Apostles Parish in Tomah, is appointed Rector of St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 30, 2020.

The Reverend Monsignor **David C. Kunz**, Vicar for Clergy, is appointed Pastor of Queen of the Apostles Parish in Tomah, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 30, 2020.

The Reverend **Georgekutty Thayilkuzhithottu** is appointed Pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Independence and St. John the Apostle Parish in Whitehall, with residence at SS. Peter and Paul Parish rectory in Independence, effective July 30, 2020.

The Reverend **Daniel J. Sedlacek**, Associate Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Altoona and St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish in Southern Eau Claire County, and Chaplain at Regis Middle School and High School in Eau Claire, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Genoa and Chaplain at Aquinas High School in La Crosse, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 30, 2020.

The Reverend **Aaron J. Becker**, Associate Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids, and Chaplain at Assumption Middle School and High School in Wisconsin Rapids, is appointed Associate Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Onalaska, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 30, 2020.

The Reverend **Peter J. Kieffer**, Associate Pastor of St. Matthew Parish in Wausau, Chaplain at Newman Catholic Middle School and High School in Wausau, and Chaplain to the Hispanic Community in the Wausau area, is appointed Associate Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Altoona and St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish in Southern Eau Claire County, and Chaplain at Regis Middle School and High School in Eau Claire, with residence at St. Mary Parish rectory in Altoona, effective July 30, 2020.

The Reverend **Barry P. Saylor**, Parochial Administrator of Christ the King Parish in Spencer and Chaplain at Columbus Middle School and High School, is released from his responsibilities as Chaplain at Columbus Middle School, effective July 30, 2020.

Deacon **Samuel C. McCarty**, upon ordination to the priesthood, will be appointed Associate Pastor of Queen of the Apostles Parish in Tomah, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 30, 2020.

Deacon **Joseph M. Richards**, upon ordination to the priesthood, will be appointed Associate Pastor of St. Michael Parish and Church of the Resurrection Parish in Wausau, and Chaplain at

Newman Catholic Middle School and High School in Wausau, with residence at St. Michael Parish rectory, effective July 30, 2020.

Deacon **Levi J. Schmitt**, upon ordination to the priesthood, will be appointed Associate Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids and Chaplain at Assumption Middle School and High School in Wisconsin Rapids, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 30, 2020.

Deacon **Daniel R. Williams**, upon ordination to the priesthood, will be appointed Associate Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Marshfield and Chaplain at Columbus Middle School in Marshfield, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 30, 2020.



Events

As of June 16

Tuesday, June 23

10:00am **Ordination to the Diaconate - Live Stream**

Friday, June 26

10:00am **Chrism Mass - Live Stream**

Saturday, June 27

10:00am **Priestly Ordination - Live Stream**

Friday, July 3

Independence Day - Curia Offices Closed

Friday, July 10

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse - July 10 - 11

Sunday, July 12

1:00pm **50th Jubilee Anniversary Mass - Live Stream**

Friday, July 17

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire - July 17 - 18

Sunday, August 2

Peace Day

Thursday, August 6

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat - Aug. 6 - 9

Tuesday, August 11

Anniversary of the installation of Bishop William Patrick Callahan as La Crosse's 10th Bishop

Saturday, August 15

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary - Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2020

Thursday, August 27

10:00am **Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement - Virtual Conference**

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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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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For Your Parish Communications

The Importance of St. Joseph

God the Father chose Joseph, from among all men, to take care of and nurture Jesus – the Son of God! During our diocesan Year of St. Joseph, we want to grow in understanding the importance of Joseph in our own lives as spiritual father. One significant way is to undertake a 33-day consecration, which involves 15 minutes of compelling reading about St. Joseph during those days. This is available in a new book entitled *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*, by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. If you are interested in forming a parish group to embark on this initiative, visit consecrationtostjoseph.org for information and to purchase a book and speak with your pastor. For further assistance, you can also contact diocesan curia staff members Ann Lankford alankford@diolc.org or Christopher Ruff cruff@diolc.org.

For Your Parish Communications - Save the Date: August 29th

Learn more about “Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement”

Fr. Timothy Gallagher, a world-renowned teacher and spiritual director, will present on “Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement” at a Virtual Conference on August 29th. Learn to find freedom from one of the greatest obstacles in life – the “cage” of everyday discouragement we all experience. The presentations by Fr. Gallagher will be live-streamed by ZOOM webinar. These presentations on overcoming spiritual discouragement will be extremely practical and understandable for any interested adult. Fr. Gallagher’s warmth and style of speaking is for people of all states in life and all levels of formation. The schedule will include 4 talks by Fr. Gallagher, beginning at 10 a.m.

Reminder: For Your Parish Communications

Amazing opportunity for Parents!

If you have children in pre-school through 8th grade, watch a compelling 15 min. video: **Forming our Youth in Truth: Who am I? What is my path to happiness?** Young people today are forced to deal with so much confusion about their identity. We aim to partner with you, the parents, in turning to Pope St. John Paul II's beautiful Theology of the Body for answers. We invite you to

watch a 15-min. video, "[Who Am I? Discovering My True Identity](#)," drawn from a groundbreaking curriculum that responds to young people's deepest questions, in their own language. Note: This free offer to watch some or all of the sessions will close on June 30th.

If you have sons and/or daughters in Grades 9 – 12, watch this compelling 10 min. video: **Who Are you? How am I created for love?** Young people today are forced to deal with so much confusion about their identity. We aim to partner with you, the parents, in turning to Pope St. John Paul II's beautiful Theology of the Body for answers. We invite you to watch a 10-min. video, "[Who Are You? Created for Love](#)," drawn from a groundbreaking curriculum that responds to young people's deepest questions, in their own language. Note: This free offer to watch some or all of the sessions will close on June 30th.

Reminder: *The Search* hosted by Chris Stefanick

The Search is a new innovative and evangelistic video series that tackles the big questions of every human heart. What do you seek? Who are you? What happens when you die?

In seven beautifully filmed episodes that are engaging and understandable, Chris Stefanick and other compelling experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of life. Watch Episode 6– "Am I Saved?" for FREE through Thursday, June 18th. Click here: <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-search-episode-6-am-i-saved> Cost for the DVD Program is \$35.

For Parish Leadership

Is the Bulletin Dying? A Roundtable on Parish Communication Presented by Revive Parishes

With new limitations and an increased need for engagement with your parishioners, many parish leaders are looking for answers on how to communicate effectively in this challenging time. What methods should be used? What should be said? And specifically, does the bulletin - the primary means for communication among most parishes - still have a place moving forward? Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 1 p.m. [Click here](#) to register.

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Office for Communications

Director: Jack Felsheim– 608.791.2663 | jfelsheim@diolc.org

Chrism Mass live stream

This year the Chrism Mass will be celebrated privately on Friday, June 26 at 10 a.m. The Mass will be live streamed at diolc.org/live and on the [diocesan Facebook](#).

Here is the Facebook link for the Mass: facebook.com/events/552827978937531

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Automatically connecting the diocesan live streams to your parish Facebook

Many of you have accepted the [Facebook Crosspost](#) notice I sent you and have allowed your parish Facebook to stream diocesan live streams automatically. Crossposting is an easy way for you to offer Masses such as the upcoming ordinations or the Chrism Mass to followers of your parish Facebook. If you would like to connect your parish Facebook with the diocesan Facebook

to get the live stream Masses automatically, please contact our office.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Office for the Diaconate

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Diaconate ordinations of Mr. Arturo Vigueras Estrada, Mr. Michael Kamrowski, Mr. Martin Kulak, Mr. John McDonnell, Mr. Gordon Ruplinger and Mr. Kurt Zakrzewski will be on Tuesday, June 23, at 10 a.m. The private Mass will be live streamed at diolc.org/live.

Here is the Facebook link for the Mass: facebook.com/events/297924164556506
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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.

The 2020-21 School & Religious Ed year begins in 3 months. Many of you have begun planning. Do you have Safe Environment Training scheduled with your staff and volunteers? I am available for Zoom Meetings and in person training at parishes and schools. Get the bulk of your training done at the beginning of the year so you are not scrambling in the spring for training dates. Remember 2019? - We had bad weather that closed most programs for almost a month and now 2020 has COVID-19. We never know when an unexpected event will cancel or delay our programs.

Onsite Safe Environment Training Dates:

August 6: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Prairie Catholic School

August 13: 1-5 p.m. Prairie Catholic School

August 17: 11 a.m. St. John the Baptist, Marshfield, 6:30 p.m. St. Mary

August 21: 9:00 a.m. Aquinas, La Crosse ----- p.m. available

August 24: afternoon – Thorp August 24: evening - Boyd

August 25: 6 p.m. St. Agnes, Weston

Staff and volunteers must be background checked and trained **before** they begin working with students whether it's in a classroom, field trip or sports field.

New form: The basic background check form and the FBI Release for Authorization form have been combined. Please destroy any old forms and begin using the new form. The new form is called: [Authorization and Acknowledgement of Criminal Background Check](#). It has the Diocesan seal in the left corner and the Protect and Heal seal in the right corner and can be downloaded here: diolc.org/files/safe-environment/Criminal_Background_Check.pdf. Going forward fingerprint cards will not be accepted unless this form is sent with the cards.

Who needs fingerprinting? All paid staff over the age of 18 and Coaches and Janitors regardless if paid or volunteers. All grandfathered staff and volunteers must be fingerprinted by the end of 2020.

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Office for Catholic Schools

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Office for Social Concerns

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For Your Parish Communications:

Wisconsin Bishops' Statement on George Floyd and Racism

Bishop Callahan and his brother bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference have issued a statement addressing the brutal killing of George Floyd and the painful reality of racism. You can read it, and find other resources, at diolc.org/racism. The statement provides a link to the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter against racism, *Open Wide our Hearts*, which is recommended for study in parishes. It is relevant to our attitudes toward all minorities, including the black, Latino and Hmong communities in our midst.

Reminder: For Your Parish Communications:

Year of St. Joseph Prayer Card

The Diocese of La Crosse is celebrating a Year of St. Joseph from May 1, 2020 to May 1, 2021. We invite you to print a beautiful *Year of St. Joseph Prayer Card* for personal and family use. Go to diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph to download a single card or a set of four on one sheet. St. Joseph was a "just man" who always did what was right, no matter the cost. Let us pray to him that love and justice will prevail in our time, and that he will protect our families and our communities.

For Your Parish Communications:

Religious Freedom Week June 22-29

Religious Freedom Week, proclaimed annually by the U.S. Bishops, begins on June 22, the feast of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, two great saints martyred for upholding their Catholic faith and consciences. For information and resources, visit www.usccb.org and click on [Religious Freedom Week 2020](#).

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 abundant resources on this topic, visit diolc.org/faithful-citizenship.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Annual Appeal Year End – June 30, 2020

The Annual Appeal year-end is fast approaching. Please remind all your parishioners to make sure their donations are postmarked by 6/30/20 for their contributions to apply to the current Appeal year. If contributions are dropped off at your parish office or through the plate, your parish envelope must have a postmark of 7/6/20 to be applied to this Appeal year. It is helpful to call and let us know you have donations at your parish office so we can expect them. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Sarah Komperud at 608-791-2653.

Thank you for all the time and effort you have dedicated to this year's Appeal.

Stewardship: food for thought

As we reopen, it is an excellent time to remind ourselves that stewardship is caring for the whole person. Stewardship popularly focuses on the three extrinsic aspects of time, talent, and treasure. By focusing on the external, we ultimately end in a utilitarian effect, “what can they do for us?” Often leaving people feeling used. Stewardship that focuses on the person will promote a greater sense of community. They, as a person, are essential and vital part of that community because of who they are, not for what they can do for us. Stewarding the whole person is critical for rebuilding and reinvigorating our faith communities, which draws us back to Christ's given mission to share the good news of the gospel. So why do we focus on the externals of stewardship? It is more manageable than concentrating on a full relationship, and it helps satisfy our self-interest more quickly. Stewarding of the whole person does not exclude the need for them to contribute their time, talent, and treasure. Stewarding the whole person encompasses those elements, so the whole person is an active participant in our community.

Our communications should reinforce the mission of our Church, locally (parish), regionally (diocese), and globally. To reinvigorate our parish communities, we must remind our members why our parish communities are essential both for the person and the larger society. Encouraging witness to the importance of our Catholic faith personally, and highlighting the effects of the parish's mission in the community at large is the two-prong approach to rebuilding our faith communities.

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Office for Temporalities

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The [Priests' Salary Schedule 2020-2021](#) is now available on the Diocese of La Crosse website. Due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic affecting the Diocese, priest's salaries were not increased for cost of living adjustment, however, priest's ordination steps should continue to be applied. Please use this for planning/budgeting for the upcoming fiscal year.

You may access the salary schedule by [clicking here](#).

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Office for Vocations

Director: Fr. Alan Wierzba – 608.791.2667 | awierzba@diolc.org

Priestly ordinations of Deacons Samuel McCarty, Joseph Richards, Levi Schmitt and Daniel Williams III will be on Saturday, June 27, at 10 a.m. The private Mass will be live streamed at diolc.org/live.

Here is the Facebook link for the Mass: facebook.com/events/576789636508983
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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Connecting High School Graduates with Newman Centers

The Newman Connection does fantastic work connecting high school graduates/incoming college freshmen with the Newman Center at their college. This year they are focusing more on digital sign-ups. Here is the student sign up form link: signup.newmanconnection.com

They also have additional outreach resources for parishes found [here](#).

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. Please follow this [link](#) to join us for Tune-In Tuesdays at 11:00am!

Safe Environment Reminder – Online Meetings and 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.

UPDATE - Adventure Camp Canceled

After much discussion, thought, and prayer we have decided to make the decision to cancel Adventure Camp this summer due to ongoing concerns with the COVID virus. We had originally moved our date to late July to give us the best chance of holding Adventure Camp, but there are still too many unknowns and parish staff, families, and camp staff need time to make plans accordingly. Please know that you, the families whom you serve, and your ministry remain in our prayers.

Reminder: 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. The NFCYM 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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