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Officials

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

The Reverend **Alan M. Guanella**, Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish in Polonia and Immaculate Conception Parish in Custer, is appointed Pastor of these parishes, effective July 1, 2020.

The Reverend **Murali Anand Rayappan**, Parochial Administrator of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Auburndale, St. Kilian Parish in Blenker, and St. Michael Parish in Hewitt, is appointed Pastor of these parishes, effective July 1, 2020.

The Reverend **Joseph Albert Saleth**, Parochial Administrator of St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish in Schofield, is appointed Pastor of the parish, effective July 1, 2020.

Deacon **Michael Maher**, Deacon at Church of the Resurrection Parish and St. Michael Parish, both in Wausau, is relieved of his responsibilities at the parishes, and is assigned to serve as Deacon at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Wausau, effective July 1, 2020.

Mr. **Michael Kamrowski**, upon his ordination to the permanent diaconate, will be assigned to Holy Family Parish in Arcadia and Sacred Heart Parish in Pine Creek, effective June 23, 2020.

Mr. **Martin Kulak**, upon his ordination to the permanent diaconate, will be assigned to St.

Francis Parish in Ellsworth, effective June 23, 2020.

Mr. **John McDonnell**, upon his ordination to the permanent diaconate, will be assigned to St. Michael Parish and Church of the Resurrection Parish, both in Wausau, effective June 23, 2020.

Mr. **Gordon Ruplinger**, upon his ordination to the permanent diaconate, will be assigned to Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Marathon, effective June 23, 2020.

Mr. **Kurt Zakrzewski**, upon his ordination to the permanent diaconate, will be assigned to Holy Cross Parish in Cornell, Sacred Heart Parish in Jim Falls, and St. Anthony Parish in Drywood, effective June 23, 2020.



Events

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

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 & Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. 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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For Parish Communication

Year of St. Joseph Prayer Card

The Year of St. Joseph is being celebrated in the Diocese of La Crosse from May 1, 2020 to May

1, 2021. You are invited to print a beautiful “Year of St. Joseph” Prayer Card for personal and/or family use. Go to diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph/ for a single downloadable Prayer Card, and/or 4 Prayer Cards on one sheet.

Why go to Joseph?

We know from Scripture that St. Joseph watched over and protected Jesus as He grew up. This is the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph being declared the protector of the Catholic Church. Through Baptism, we became a child of God and a member of God’s family, the Church. Therefore, as members of the Church, St. Joseph is our spiritual father and protector. It is *Time to Go to Joseph*, invoking his powerful spiritual fatherhood before God to help us protect marriage and the family, which is under serious attack in our culture.

For Parish Communication

Save the Date: August 29th Witnesses for Christ Conference – Virtual

Amidst the ongoing concerns of spreading the COVID-19 virus, the Witnesses for Christ Conference on August 29th will be VIRTUAL! Fr. Timothy Gallagher will present on “Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement.” Learn to find freedom from one of the greatest obstacles in life – the “cage” of everyday discouragement we all experience. This is such a timely topic in light of the current state of affairs, so we are moving forward with a Virtual Conference. The presentations will be live-streamed by ZOOM webinar. Participants may engage as individuals or groups. Further details to follow.

For Parish Communication – weekend of June 14

How God Guides Us through the Scriptures

This is the third in a series of bulletin inserts on “How God Guides Us.” One of the most concrete ways that God guides us is through Scripture. It is amazing to know that God speaks directly to us through this incredible gift of His revealed Word in the Bible. Your parish may forward this link diolc.org/insert for easy download and/or the actual bulletin insert to your parishioners. Also available at the link are two, modern-day stories of how God guided individuals through reading the Scriptures.

Employment Contracts for Catechetical Leaders

There are two formats of the Employment Contract for the parish DRE, CRE and/or Youth Minister. Contact Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org for a contract to be completed on the computer by filling in the boxes or for a contract to be printed and typed or handwritten. If your pastor does not intend to renew a contract with any of the above-mentioned employees, please contact Ann at your earliest convenience. It is suggested that contracts only be offered to fulltime Catechetical Leaders who work 30 hours or more per week. Further, keep in mind that contracts are not an absolute necessity. All persons who work at the Diocesan Offices, for example, are at-will employees.

Note: If the pastor would like information on the benefits to be offered in hiring a new catechetical leader for 30 hours or more, please contact Ann.

Ministry for Persons with Special Needs (MPSN) – Grant Money Available

There is grant money still available for parish programs and Catholic schools who serve students with special needs and their families. Please send an email to Ann Lankford alankford@diolc.org expressing the specific need by June 15th. The grant money may also be

used for the services of our consultant, Diane Hietpas, who will travel to your parish/school and help with training, planning, coaching parents etc. For further information on Diane's services, go to diolc.org/catechesis/ministry-for-person-with-special-needs/

For Parish Communication

Amazing opportunity to Engage Parents!

Ascension Press has just granted the Diocese of La Crosse special permission to view their Theology of the Body videos (Theology of the Body for Middle School and YOU for High School) for free until June 30, 2020. **Parents, catechists and catechetical leaders** may all view these videos through the links in the announcement. The two, bulleted sentences request that you forward the prepared announcements, which includes the links, to the parents of either 6th-8th grade or 9th-12th grade students.

The Theology of the Body is to be taught in Middle School and High School according to a letter from Bishop Callahan (2011) in which he reminds us that parents are the primary educators in matters of human sexuality. Hence we need to engage parents with these resources. The programs developed by Ascension Press are interesting, respectful, and set at the proper level.

Reminder: Priests, DREs, CREs, Youth Ministers and Catholic School Administrators:

The core principles found in the Theology of the Body provide the foundation for forming young people in their God-given identity, about which there is so much confusion today. As we move into the next year of formation, the teaching of Saint Pope John Paul II will be important and stressed in many and various ways.

Please forward the following announcement to all Parents with a Son or Daughter in 6th – 8th Grade and to all Catholic school teachers and parish catechists

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, their 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.

Please forward the following announcement to all Parents with a Son or Daughter in 9th – 12th Grade and to all Catholic school teachers and parish catechists

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, their 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 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

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Office for the Diaconate

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Diaconate ordinations will be on Tuesday, June 23, at 10 a.m. The private Mass will be live streamed at diolc.org/live.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

Free Online Marriage Conference – The Catholic Marriage Summit, June 11-13, includes some of the most trusted and loved Catholic marriage experts in the world. It will be filled with powerful and practical sessions on everything from finances, to prayer, intimacy, parenting, and more! To register, go to joyfuleverafter.org

For Clergy and Marriage Ministers:

New Married Love: Two Becoming One retreats – Several retreats were cancelled recently and we are now in the process of [rescheduling](#) starting in July. For the most recent opportunities, visit [Marriage Preparation Retreat Schedule](#)

For Parish Digital Content:

For Parents & Teens: We have limited time free access (ends June 30) to brief, engaging videos to open up foundational parent/teen dialogue in the areas of relationships and sexuality,

offering a clear understanding of the deepest desires of our hearts. Go to diolc.org/marriage/at-home-family-faith-building-resources/

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Newly revised Parenting [webpage](#): Parenting is not easy ... and there is no "one size fits all" approach. We want to help! Please check out our newly revised webpage with some great resources to help you and others in your role as parents. diolc.org/marriage/parenting/

Reminder: 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.

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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.

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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For Your Parish Communications:

U.S. Bishop's Statement on George Floyd and Protests

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, President of the USCCB, issued a statement on Sunday, May 31, addressing the senseless and brutal killing of George Floyd and the protests that have followed. You can read it at usccb.org/news/2020/20-84.cfm. Let us act and pray for an end to racism and for the peaceful expression of justifiable outrage, leading to the conversion of hearts and human solidarity.

For Your Parish Communications:

Time to Turn to St. Joseph

Our diocesan Year of St. Joseph comes as our nation is in crisis, facing the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on our economy, and more recently the brutal killing of George Floyd and the violence that has come in its wake. Who better to turn to than the man who protected and provided for Jesus and Mary as they faced dangers and hardships? In everything, St. Joseph sought to know and do the will of God. Noble, strong, quiet, pure: these are some of the traits he exemplified. For a beautiful prayer card and more on the Year of St. Joseph, visit diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph/.

Reminder: Prayers and Blessings for Rural Life

As the growing season begins on our farms, the Diocese of La Crosse Rural Life Committee would like to share some pertinent prayers and blessings. Visit www.diolc.org/rural-life.

Social/Political Action Alerts from the US Bishops

The US Bishops encourage the faithful to contact Congress on a number of important matters, including help for Catholic Schools in this time of economic devastation, strengthening of the SNAP program for hunger relief, development of a COVID-19 vaccine that does not use cell lines from aborted babies, and other issues. Visit votervoicenet.org/USCCB/home to see how you can make your voice heard.

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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 parishioners that donations must be **postmarked** by 6/30/20 in order to be applied to this current Appeal year. If donations are dropped off at your parish office, your parish envelope must have a postmark of 7/6/20. 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 don't hesitate to call Sarah Komperud at 608-791-2653. We appreciate all the time and effort you have dedicated to this year's Appeal. Thank you!

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Office for Temporalities

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Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Update

There have been recent developments related to the PPP program. [Click here](#) for the complete list of proposed changes to PPP loan forgiveness. On May 28, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 7010, the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020, by a vote of 417 to 1. The Senate may consider changes to the PPP as soon as this week.

Some of the key changes being presented for purposes of loan forgiveness, redefines the covered period to begin on the date of loan origination and end on the earlier of the date that is 24 weeks after loan origination, or December 31, 2020. For purposes of avoiding a reduction in the amount of loan forgiveness, extends the date for rehire of employees to December 31, 2020. Requires, as a condition of loan forgiveness, that at least 60 percent of the loan be used to cover payroll costs.

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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. This past week we had guest speaker, Paul Morisi lead us in our discussion. We will be recording our Tune-In Tuesdays and posting them at the bottom of the page [here](#).

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.

Adventure Camp

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.

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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