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### Officials

No officials this week.



### Events

As of June 23

**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](#)**Saturday, August 29**10:00am [Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement - Virtual Conference](#)

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, [diolc.org/calendar](http://diolc.org/calendar), and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to [datebook@diolc.org](mailto: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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No items this week.

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## **Reminder: For Your Parish Communications**

### **Discouragement – All of us face this!**

#### **Attend this important Virtual Conference – Saturday, August 29th**

Fr. Timothy Gallagher, a world-renowned teacher and spiritual director, will present on “Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement” at a Diocesan Virtual Conference on August 29<sup>th</sup>. 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. For further details, a downloadable brochure or to register online, go to at [diolc.org/witness](http://diolc.org/witness) Cost is \$15 which includes Fr. Gallagher’s book shipped to your home. Read “Facing Our Greatest Obstacle in Life” that explains why you would want to attend this important Conference by going here: [diolc.org/witness](http://diolc.org/witness).

Here is the Facebook link to this event: [facebook.com/events/2216728398621141](https://facebook.com/events/2216728398621141)

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Note: If you have not used ZOOM, there is a very simple way to do a trial run by visiting [zoom.us/test](https://zoom.us/test) and following the instructions.

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#### **Reminder: 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](http://diolc.org/live) and on the diocesan Facebook.

Here is the Facebook link for the Mass: [facebook.com/events/552827978937531](https://facebook.com/events/552827978937531)

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

#### **Reminder: 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 the Diaconate

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**Reminder: Diaconate ordinations** of Mr. Arturo Viguera 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](https://diolc.org/live).

Here is the Facebook link for the Mass: [facebook.com/events/297924164556506](https://facebook.com/events/297924164556506)

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## Office for Missions

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**FISCAL YEAR-END REPORT – MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS:** We understand the financial and “limited time in the office” strains and other challenges during this corona pandemic for all our parishes. If possible, please send in any outstanding World Mission Sunday 2019, Mission Coop 2019 and MCA (Lenten Mite Box Program) 2020 donations to the Mission Office by June 30, in order to be included in the Fiscal Year-End Report. These amounts will be featured in the Sept/Oct 2020 *Catholic Life* article highlighting our diocesan generosity to the Missions. Contributions received after June 30 will be applied to the new fiscal year.

**MISSION COOP 2020:** Our public Masses have begun with 25% capacity and we hope things continue to improve soon as we move directly into the summer. 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. If you are assigned an international priest who is not able to come, or you are having difficulty setting up a schedule, please let us know. Other alternatives may include the following:

1. Another representative could be sent by the missionary to make the appeal on the missionary's behalf
2. On the chosen week-end of the pastor, the pastor could read a statement from the missionary on his behalf as he conducts the appeal for the missionary. The Mission Office can help supply envelopes
3. A final option was presented to us by our national Society for the Propagation of the Faith office. It involves uploading information about the appeal to [missio.org](http://missio.org) by the missionary. This is a website that seeks funders for Catholic mission projects around the world. They have set up an internal way for the Mission Co-op Program missionaries to connect with pastors and their parishioners for online giving. The set up happens through the office in New York. We just offer information to missionaries and pastors if this is the route chosen.

If you are an international priest serving in our diocese as the Mission Coop coordinator for appeals for your home diocese, please send the Mission Office a copy of your appeal schedule (the arranged date and who is giving the appeal) as soon as possible. If you are having another priest outside our diocese help with any appeals, please send us their Letter of Suitability as soon as possible also. These need to be in the Mission Office before any appeals are given.

Many thanks to the combined efforts of all missionaries and pastors in helping to facilitate a smooth program under difficult circumstances. May God bless our desire to spread the Gospel to all ends of the earth together!

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

### **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.

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. I will be offering Safe Environment Training through Zoom on Wednesday, August 12. If you have not received an invitation and would like to train, please let me know. Training times will be at 1-2 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. This is open to all staff and volunteers. This will count as annual training.

I have been receiving a lot of fingerprint cards without a release form. They can't be processed without this form. There is a new form that combines both the Basic Background Check form and the FBI Release for Authorization form. 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](http://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 All coaches and janitors regardless if paid or volunteers. All grandfathered staff, coaches and janitors must be fingerprinted by the end of 2020.

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## Office for Social Concerns

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### Reminder: 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](http://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](http://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.

### Reminder: 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](http://www.usccb.org) and click on [Religious Freedom Week 2020](#).

### 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 abundant resources on this topic, visit [diolc.org/faithful-citizenship](http://diolc.org/faithful-citizenship).

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## Office for Stewardship & Development

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**Final Reminder 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** 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 focusing on the person will promote a greater sense of community. They, as a person, are essential and a vital part of the 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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### **Annual Report to the Bishop**

It's time again to start working on the Annual Report to the Bishop. All necessary documents and forms can be found on the [Temporalities website](#) page under Offices and Ministries – Annual Report. You can reach the website by [clicking here](#). All reports (except for the Society-Organization Report) are due in the Office for Temporalities by August 31. Parishes should **NOT** be using old reports from St. Ambrose Financial Services, Inc., or even older. Please delete your local electronic copies and use only those published online this year.

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### **Office for Vocations**

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**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](https://diolc.org/live).

Here is the Facebook link for the Mass: [facebook.com/events/576789636508983](https://facebook.com/events/576789636508983)  
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