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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of July 14

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

Friday, September 11

LFI/Deacon Formation - Marathon - September 11-12

Saturday, September 19

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield

Sunday, September 20

Catechetical Sunday

Wednesday, September 23

Rural Life Day

Sunday, September 27

Annual Appeal Kickoff Weekend 1 - Sept. 26-27

Friday, October 2

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Arcadia - Oct. 2-3

Sunday, October 4

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, secondary patron of the diocese

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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Reminder: Parish Catechetical Leaders - Planning for Fall

Wednesday, July 15th, 9 a.m. or 7 p.m.

We are encouraging all parish faith formation programs to begin planning to resume in-person classes this fall, if your parish is able to do so, according to safety protocols, social distancing etc. A preparation sheet has been compiled to help with this process. Go to diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info. It will be most helpful to hear how other catechetical leaders are planning to involve parents, social distance, how cleaning will be handled etc. Join us for a **one-hour ZOOM meeting on Wednesday, July 15th at 9 a.m. or Wednesday, July 15th, 7 p.m.** Come prepared to relate briefly how the Faith Formation Program at your parish is tentatively planning to move forward. Please send Ann an email for the specific time you will attend so the link may be sent directly to you. Note: As always, depending on the situation with COVID-19 in late summer, recommendations could always change. Note: If you are new to ZOOM, and would like to experience a “practice-run” on Tuesday afternoon, contact Ann.

For Parish Communications

Free Catholic Conference for all Adults - Sunday, July 19, 5:30-8:30 p.m. CDT

Join internationally acclaimed Catholic presenters for [Night of Hope](#)—a free, livestreamed Steubenville Adult Conference!

You'll enjoy:

- Worship and prayer with **Sister Miriam James Heidland, SOLT**, and **Bob Rice**
- A keynote presentation by **Scott Hahn**: “Hope to Die, Hope to Rise: Cultivating Eucharistic Amazement”
- Eucharistic adoration with **Father Dave Pivonka, TOR**
- Plus, live Q&A with the entire ministry team

Register for this livestreamed Catholic conference by clicking on [Night of Hope](#), and invite your friends, too. Together, we can bring the light of Christ into the darkness!

Reminder: For Parish Communications

Virtual Conference featuring Fr. Timothy Gallagher – Saturday, August 29th

Do you ever tell yourself: “I feel like I’ll never measure up,” or “My prayer life is not what it should be.” Do you ask: “Why am I not truly happy more often?” or “God, why are you not with me in this struggle?” Everyone has faced such things and all of us need help in this area. Fr. Timothy Gallagher will speak on *Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement*, the title of his book, for Virtual Conference on August 29, sponsored by the Office for Catechesis & Evangelization and Family Life. Learn to find freedom from one of the greatest obstacles in life – the “cage” of everyday discouragement. The presentations will be live-streamed by ZOOM webinar. Father Gallagher’s warmth and style of speaking is for people of all states in life and all levels of formation. For further details, to download a brochure or to register online, go to diolc.org/witness. Cost is \$15 which includes Father Gallagher’s book shipped to your home.

Here is the Facebook link to this event: facebook.com/events/2216728398621141

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Reminder: Parish Catechetical Leaders – Catechist Formation

The Virtual Conference with Fr. Timothy Gallagher is a great way to provide ongoing catechist training that is necessary. The spiritual life of the catechist is the most important aspect of catechist formation as they (and we) must be deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ to be authentic witnesses. Every person faces discouragement, which is the greatest obstacle to the spiritual life. Based upon his book, *Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement*, Fr. Gallagher will help us find freedom from this obstacle. You are invited to gather with your catechists at your parish on August 29th to hear from Fr. Gallagher – a spiritual master – by live-streamed ZOOM webinar. The discussion and lunch-time conversation are an important part of the conference and an antidote to the isolation caused by COVID-19.

Go to diolc.org/witness to download a brochure, an article on why catechists – and any adult – would want to attend, and a poster to advertise at your parish.

Unfamiliar with ZOOM? No worries! A link will be sent to those who register. After clicking on the link, it will prompt you through a simple install process, with display instructions on the screen. Then a window will open where you may join with computer audio. Most laptops have a camera, or a small camera (called a webcam and sells for \$16) may be attached to a desktop computer via a USB port. Call or email if you have questions

Planning for Fall – First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

For the benefit of second-grade children, it is recommended that First Confession be received during the fall, such as during Advent. As usual, First Holy Communion may be received in spring. If both Sacraments are received in close proximity, the preparation for one Sacrament will be greatly deficient, as children in second grade are unable to process the preparation for two Sacraments at one time. Further, when the second graders receive First Reconciliation in the fall, they may receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation several times before receiving their First Holy Communion. This practice will help them develop the habit of going to confession on a regular basis.

Catechetical Leaders – Best Practices with On-line Meetings

It has been requested that a list of best practices for online meetings with students be developed. If you have been meeting online with students and it seems to be going well, please send Ann an email explaining the format and the keys as to why these online meetings are engaging and compelling for young people. Thank you.

Reminder: Year of St. Joseph Prayer Cards - Free

For the celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, Prayer Cards have been produced and are available for free to the parishes of the Diocese of La Crosse. Please contact Susan Skemp at sskemp@diolc.org or 608-791-2658 to place an order. The Prayer Cards are in packs of 100.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Virtual NFP Week July 19 – 25

We will be posting several NFP messages on the [diocesan Facebook](#) to promote NFP during July 19 - 25. Please share as appropriate.

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend: August 7-9, 2020

"Our Retrouvaille experience helped us so much to better deal with the problems we were facing." Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel disillusionment, coldness or conflict in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org for this couple's story and online inquiries. For information or to register for the next program in Central Wisconsin, see website or **Call (Confidential) 1-877-922-HOPE(4673)**.

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For Your Parish Communications:

Consecration to St. Joseph

“Go to Joseph.” We invoke these ancient words in a special way during our diocesan Year of St. Joseph diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph. We also have a unique opportunity to undertake a 33-day consecration, thanks to the book *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*, by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, who has donated a copy to every priest of our diocese. If you are interested in forming a parish group to embark on this initiative, visit consecrationtostjoseph.org for information and speak with your pastor. For further assistance, you can also contact diocesan curia staff members Christopher Ruff cruff@diolc.org or Ann Lankford alankford@diolc.org.

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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.

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Office for Social Concerns

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Reminder: St. Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Day - July 14

The feast day of this Native American saint reminds us of our brothers and sisters in that community, both in terms of the richness they bring and the particular challenges they face. For more information, visit the [website](#) of the U.S. Bishops' Subcommittee on Native American Affairs.

US Bishops Urge the Faithful to Make their Voices Heard

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 hardship, development of a COVID19 vaccine that does not use cell lines from aborted babies, opposition to the so-called Equal Rights Amendment, which would do harm to women and unborn children, and other issues. Visit votervoicenet.org/USCCB/home to see how you can make your voice heard.

75th Anniversary of Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

August 6 and 9 mark the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the first, and one hopes the last, time atomic weapons were employed in war. In observation of this 75th anniversary, the US Bishops invite Catholics in the United States to come together in solidarity in our personal prayers and Masses on Sunday, August 9. For information on the Church's response to nuclear armaments, visit usccb.org/nuclear.

Reminder: 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 brief videos and 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.

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Revision to Priests' Salary Schedule

As indicated in the June 16 Chancery Bulletin, the [Priests' Salary Schedule 2020-2021](#) was made 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. The Presbyteral Council recommended that no increase should be given to the priests for the fiscal year 2021. The bishop accepted their recommendation. Effective July 1, 2020 an increase to the priest salary would not be provided. The Decree Compensation of the Clergy was not updated since the change was only for fiscal year 2021.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Director of Youth Ministry Needed— Stevens Point, WI

Will be responsible for planning and implementing a catechetical program for middle and high school students. This program serves three parishes in Stevens Point, Wisconsin: St.

Joseph, St. Peter and St. Stephen Parishes. Applicants should enjoy working with youth, be organized, self-motivated, and proficient in computer and communications skills. This full-time position requires nights and weekends which are balanced with regular agreed-upon office hours. Certification or experience in Catholic youth ministry preferred. A degree in Theology, Catholic Studies, or Education is a plus. For the right candidate, this position could be part-time with an emphasis on our high school Confirmation program.

For more information, contact Fr. Jeffrey Hennes at St. Joseph Parish, 715-341-1617. Submit résumé and cover letter to pastor@pointcatholicfaith.org.

Franciscan University to Host Livestreamed Summer Conferences for Youth, Adults

Franciscan University of Steubenville will continue its popular Catholic summer conferences for adults and teens with two livestreaming conferences the weekend of July 17-19. Steubenville Live, a two-day event for youth and their families, will be broadcast online from the Steubenville Florida youth conference in Orlando. Night of Hope, to be held July 19 for adults, will originate from Franciscan University of Steubenville. Live audiences at both events will follow all local safety and social distancing guidelines. Registration is now open at SteubenvilleConferences.com

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 continue 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.

Reminder: 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: 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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