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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of July 21

Sunday, July 19

Natural Family Planning Week - July 19-25

Tuesday, July 21

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

Tuesday, July 28

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

Sunday, August 2

Peace Day

Tuesday, August 4

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

Thursday, August 6

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat - La Crosse - Aug. 6-9

Tuesday, August 11

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

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

Wednesday, August 12

1:00pm Safe Environment Training Through Zoom

Saturday, August 15

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

Tuesday, August 18

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

Tuesday, August 25

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

Saturday, August 29

10:00am Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement - Virtual Conference

Tuesday, September 1

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

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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No items this week.



Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Reminder: For Parish Communications

Virtual Conference featuring Father Timothy Gallagher – Saturday, August 29th

Back by popular demand, Father Gallagher will be presenting on his book, *Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement*, at the Virtual Conference on **Saturday, August 29th**. One of the greatest obstacles in life is spiritual discouragement or discouragement in general. Join with a group at your parish for this live-streamed ZOOM webinar, or watch in your own home with a few people, to discuss this most important topic necessary for growth in the spiritual life. If you are new to ZOOM, please email Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org to be part of a “practice run” in mid-August.

Cost for the Virtual Conference is \$15, which includes Father Gallagher’s book shipped to your home. Go to diolc.org/witness for an article that explains why you will want to participate, to download a brochure and to register online. There will be 4 presentations. The first begins at 10 a.m. and the last is at 3 p.m. There will be an hour lunch break.

Parish Catechetical Leaders – Catechist Formation

The virtual conference with Father Timothy Gallagher is a great way to provide necessary ongoing catechist training. 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*, Father 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 Father 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, a poster to advertise, and an article on why catechists – and any adult – would want to attend this Virtual Conference.

Planning for Fall – Catechetical Leaders

As plans for fall are being made, it is necessary to keep in mind formation for children and young people are to be based upon an approved textbook by the [Subcommittee on the Catechism of the USCCB](#), in order to lead youth through an orderly (systematic) presentation of the Faith. This orderly presentation of the teachings develops the needed foundation on which to go deeper throughout one’s life. Go to usccb.org/conformitylist for the complete list.

Family-based Catechesis – Wednesday, July 29, at 11 a.m.

Sophia Institute has published family-based catechesis entitled [A Family of Faith](#). If you are interested in being part of a webinar on Wednesday, July 29, at 11 a.m., provided by Sophia Institute for the Diocese of La Crosse, please email Ann at alankford@diolc.org.

Helpful Ideas for Fall – Catechetical Leaders

The July-September issue of *The Catechetical Review* focuses on "Living the Virtues." This issue includes "[Forming Parishioners Through Virtual Media](#)" a free access article. Please share with your catechetical team. At this link, you also have access to prior issues. The June issue contains four excellent articles on "Rediscovering Meaningful Leisure."

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

For the benefit of second-grade children, it is recommended that First Confession be received during the fall, and First Holy Communion 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 can go to confession several times before receiving their First Holy Communion. This practice will help with developing the habit of going to confession on a regular basis.

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Attention Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries: Parish Message Lines for the back cover of the September/October issue of Catholic Life magazine are due by Tuesday, July 28. The September/October issue is expected to arrive in homes by Monday, August 31. Please direct any questions to Sr. Donna: dkrzmarzick@diolc.org

Catholic Life Bulk Mailing Program

In an effort to save some cost of providing extra copies of Catholic Life to your parish or school, we will be sending your "extra" copies through the USPS as duplicate copies starting with the September/October issue. If you need to adjust the number of copies you are receiving please contact Sr. Donna: dkrzmarzick@diolc.org

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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 who 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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Office for Ministries

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Reminder: Make Your 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 Father 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 Sacred Worship

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, August 15, 2020

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Saturday, August 15, 2020 (it is not a holy day of obligation this year). Masses of anticipation on Saturday evening ought to use readings and orations from the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Wedding Masses on August 15 must use readings and orations from the Mass for the Assumption, “with inclusion of the Nuptial Blessing and, if appropriate, the proper formula for the final blessing” (Order for Celebrating Matrimony, 34). Still, one of the readings may be taken from the Order of Matrimony (ibid.). Evening Prayer should be taken from EP II of the Assumption.

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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.

Change in Letters of suitability

Beginning July 14, all letters of suitability will be created in the Office of Safe Environment. Please email or call in your request at least five business days prior to your event to ensure your letter arrives at your location in time. Your request should include the following:

- Where are you going, including the full church or event name and the address
- What diocese will you be in
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- Who is the contact at the parish or event
- If it is a wedding, include the name of the bride and groom and the name of the deceased for a funeral.
- What will you be doing at the event? Celebrating Mass, hearing confession, speaking, etc.

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Office for Social Concerns

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Reminder: Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 19-25

The U.S. Bishops have declared this special week to highlight the great gift of natural family planning (NFP), which honors God’s design by supporting the love-giving and life-giving nature of the marriage act. NFP can help married couples to achieve pregnancy; and it also gives them a morally sound method for spacing or limiting pregnancies when prudent. The gift of NFP is not just a personal good, but a moral and social good, because healthy marriages and families are the bedrock of a healthy society. To learn more, visit diolc.org/nfp.

Reminder: 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 and U.S. Bishops Address 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 also provides a link to the U.S. Bishops’ pastoral letter against racism, [Open Wide our Hearts](#).

Wisconsin Farmer Wellness Hotline

Diocese of La Crosse farmers now have another resource they can use when facing extreme stress and other challenges. They now have access to a free and confidential counseling resource, by contacting the Farm Center at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. This is a 24/7 Farmer Wellness Hotline; it can be reached at 1-888-

901-2558. Licensed mental health professionals contracted by the department will provide immediate, in-the-moment care. In addition, long-term options are available.

Persons who prefer an in-person session can request to meet with a local provider through the Farm Center's (1-800-942-2474) longstanding Counseling Voucher Program.

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Office for Temporalities

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Protecting Your Kids from Identity Theft

The recent Catholic Mutual Group Health Enews covers how to protect your children from identity theft. Please [click here](#) for the information.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Director: Christopher Rogers – 608.791.2652 | crogers@diolc.org

Reminder: 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 fulltime 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 Father Jeffrey Hennes at St. Joseph Parish, 715-341-1617. Submit résumé and cover letter to pastor@pointcatholicfaith.org.

Reminder: 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!

Reminder: Safe Environment— 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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