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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Aug. 11

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

11:00am [Re-opening the Religious Education Program - ZOOM conference](#)

1:00pm [Protect and Heal Training - ZOOM conference](#)

6:00pm [Protect and Heal Training - ZOOM conference](#)

7:00pm [Re-opening the Religious Education Program - ZOOM conference](#)

Saturday, August 15

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

8:00am [Uniting Wisconsin in Prayer and Petition to Our Blessed Lady - La Crosse](#)

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](#)

Tuesday, September 8

11:00am [Tune-In Tuesdays](#)

Friday, September 11

[LFI/Deacon Formation - Marathon - September 11-12](#)

Tuesday, September 15

11:00am [Tune-In Tuesdays](#)

Saturday, September 19

8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield](#)

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: Open Position – Master of Ceremonies: The Diocese of La Crosse has an opening for the position of Master of Ceremonies. Bishop Callahan is interviewing for a worthy

candidate to assume the duties as his Master of Ceremonies and driver for transportation around the Diocese for Sacred functions and other Diocesan events. In addition to assisting the Bishop at liturgical functions this individual will assist the Office of Sacred Worship with liturgical planning. The chosen candidate would be a person in full communion with the Catholic Church with appropriate knowledge of sacred worship, liturgical law, and rubrics, together with pastoral skill in ordering sacred worship in particular circumstances. Must be in possession of a valid driver's license. Please send resume with references to the Office of the Bishop 3710 East Ave. So. La Crosse, WI 54601 or electronically to dbrannon@diolc.org

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Reminder: Catechetical Leaders ZOOM Meeting for Re-opening in the Fall: August 12

Since formation of the whole person is accomplished most effectively in-person, and, since formation of our youth is at the heart of our mission of leading children and their parents to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, all parishes should plan to provide in-person Faith Formation for both grade school and high school students beginning in the fall. We realize that some parents will choose not to send their children and there might be extraordinary exceptions that limit full scale in-person, weekly sessions.

HIGH IMPORTANCE: Join us for a one-hour ZOOM meeting on **Wednesday, August 12th at 11 a.m. or Wednesday, August 12th at 7 p.m.** This session will address Making Adaptations, clarify and discuss some of the Directives and Guidelines that are to be implemented in Parish Faith Formation and are to be made public on the parish website, and Homeschooling Options. Please send Ann an email with the specific time that you will attend so the link may be sent directly to you: alankford@diolc.org.

Best Practices for what is working in Parish Programs and Catholic Schools are available here diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info that focus on

- Guiding Students to a Relationship with Jesus and His Church
- Involving Parents
- On-line Resources

Reminder: For Parish Communications

Always have HOPE by having confidence in GOD

One of the greatest obstacles in life is spiritual discouragement or discouragement in general. “Do you easily fall into discouragement? If you give into it, this will cause further failures. It is here more than anywhere else that you must strengthen yourself by proposing always to desire to be invincible in hope – by having confidence in God – whatever may happen, and however weak you see yourself to be; because for our part, the basis of our hope is precisely our weakness, and on God’s part, His mercy, which is nothing other than a heartfelt compassion for our weakness.”

These words are by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, who will be presenting at the Diocesan **Virtual Conference on Saturday, August 29th**. Father Gallagher's warmth and style of speaking is for people of all states in life and all levels of formation. Cost is \$15 which includes Fr. Gallagher's book, *Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement* shipped to your home. To register online go to diolc.org/witness.

Join with a group at your parish for this live-streamed ZOOM webinar, or watch comfortably in your own home with a few people, to discuss this most important topic necessary for growth in the spiritual life. There will be 4 presentations, beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding at 3 p.m. There will be an hour lunch break. If you are new to ZOOM, please email Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org to be part of a "practice run" in mid-August.

Here is the Facebook link for the conference: facebook.com/events/2216728398621141
Please share this on your parish Facebook.

For Parish Communications

Bulletin Insert for the weekend of August 23

Voting as a Christian

As Christians, we do not leave our faith behind when we enter the voting booth. We understand that politics, like every other part of life, must be illuminated by God's light or we will stumble in the dark and lose our way.

Catechetical Sunday 2020

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, September 13th. The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." (1 Corinthians 11.23) Those who the community has designated to serve as catechists – along with their parents – will be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Go to the US Bishops Conference at usccb.org for posters, liturgical resources etc.

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. To avoid shipping costs, let us know if someone from your parish is coming to La Crosse and could pick them up.

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Office for Communications

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Uniting Wisconsin in Prayer and Petition to Our Blessed Lady – Saturday, August 15

In honor of our Blessed Mother, patroness of our nation, and on the Feast of the Assumption, please join the bishops of Wisconsin in prayer for peace in our day on Saturday, August 15, 2020.

Bishop Callahan will be celebrating Mass at 8:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, followed by Eucharistic adoration. Consider a similar Mass or prayer service at your parish.

The Saturday Mass from the Cathedral will be live streamed at diolc.org/live.

Here is the Facebook link to the event: facebook.com/events/303354057588913/
Please share this on your parish Facebook.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Unite Wisconsin Rosary Rally

[Unite Wisconsin](#) will be held this Saturday, August 15, 2020, from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison. Great organizations of Faith are bringing us together in prayer to Almighty God to activate His powerful and merciful grace upon our hurting world. Only God can change the course of the evil that lie ahead of us. This is the time for Christian unity, action and prayer. This is not a political event, but a Holy Spirit driven event. Visit unitewisconsin.com for more details and to sign up.

Event Details

- Meet at 11:30 a.m. at Holy Redeemer Church, 120 W Johnson St, Madison, WI.
- Eucharistic procession toward the State Capitol at noon.

- Benediction in front of the State Capitol
- Pray the Rosary
- Ends at 3:00 p.m.

Reminder: 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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Attention: Leaders of Prayer in Need of Four-Year Commission Renewal

Parish Leaders of Prayer who were commissioned in 2015 or earlier will need their four-year commission renewed this year. Normally this would be done through a daylong conference at the Diocesan Center, but in light of the pandemic they are asked to participate in the Saturday, Aug. 29, virtual Witnesses for Christ Conference featuring Father Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V. on "Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement." Go to diolc.org/leaders-of-prayer for instructions. If you are unable to participate on Aug. 29, email Christopher Ruff at cruff@diolc.org and other arrangements will be made.

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Office for Missions

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Mission Co-op Program (MCP) Follow-up: We are very grateful to many pastors who are doing Mission Co-op appeals on behalf of missionaries who are unable to travel because of COVID restrictions and other pastors who are having trouble finding help-outs for their parishes in the diocese. Although some appeals have needed to be scheduled into the fall, please remember they are not to be made on World Mission Sunday (Oct. 17-18, 2020, designated for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith annual collection) or on the weekends designated for the launching of the Diocesan Annual Appeal for your parishes.

We appreciate all the kind and creative assistance given during this difficult time! The Mission Office and missionaries realize that the appeals this summer will not generate the same kind of income we may have become accustomed to in “normal” times. However, we are hoping that appeals will be completed under the changed circumstances for a few reasons:

1. Mission territories do not have the same recovery mechanisms we have enjoyed here. The pandemic has caused us some hardship, but in many other places it evolves more quickly into life and death decisions. The ministry of bishops and religious superiors are seriously stifled by the pandemic and your assistance means more now than ever.

2. There are parishioners who want to offer their support to mission territories of the world. The Mission Co-op is a trusted way to offer that support without follow-up database building and further solicitation. For many it is an attractive way to give and feel part of the “solution.”

3. The Mission Co-op is an ongoing program from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith that is personal and effective. Missing one year makes a difference in the experience of the people. It becomes more difficult to reboot a program they don't remember.

MCP Note to Parish Pastors and Staff: Thank you to pastors who consider these points while hosting missionaries or appealing to others on their behalf.

MCP Reminder for International Priests/Mission Co-op Coordinators: Please [email](#) your MC Schedule information, whatever it may be, to the [Mission Office](#) as soon as possible. Thank you and God bless each of you.

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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.

Reminder—Zoom Training this Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

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 Protect and Heal 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.

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Office for Social Concerns

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For Your Parish Communications:

Explosion in Beirut – You Can Help

On August 4, a massive explosion rocked Beirut, Lebanon, injuring more than 5,000 and killing at least 137. Officials are still evacuating residents, while trying to grasp the cost in human life and misery. Along with Caritas Lebanon, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is distributing emergency supplies, clearing rubble, and preparing medical and mental health teams for dispatch. Your donation can help. Visit crs.org to learn how.

For Your Parish Communications:

Ask Congress to Include Non-Public Schools as Recipients of Emergency Aid

Several U.S. Bishops co-signed an [Aug. 5 letter](#) to congressional leaders, which reads in part: “As you consider additional aid to help Americans through the [pandemic] crisis, we implore you to ensure that the education needs of all children are met, including children in Catholic and other nonpublic schools ... The most effective way to help struggling families stay attached to their schools is to fund emergency tuition scholarships for low-income families to use at Catholic or other non-public schools.”

The U.S. Bishops ask the faithful to urge their U.S. Senators and Representatives to support this emergency assistance. For the contact information for Wisconsin Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin and your U.S. Representative, visit govtrack.us.

For Your Parish Communications:

Voting as a Christian – Faithful Citizenship

As the November election approaches, it is important to understand not only candidates and parties, but also the contrasting worldviews that underlie much of our politics – core beliefs about God, the human person, and the meaning and direction of our lives. For a reflection on this vital topic, visit diolc.org/faithful-citizenship, where you will find many other resources as well.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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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: 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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