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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Sept. 22

Wednesday, September 23

Rural Life Day Celebrated in the Diocese of La Crosse

Sunday, September 27

Annual Appeal Kickoff Weekend 1 - Sept. 26-27

Friday, October 2

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

Sunday, October 4

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

Respect Life Sunday

7:30pm Pro-Life Rosary with Bishop William Patrick Callahan - Live Stream

Friday, October 9

Deacon Formation - Marathon - October 9-10

Lay Formation Institute - La Crosse - October 9-10

Sunday, October 11

7:30pm Pro-Life Rosary with Bishop Donald Joseph Hying of the Diocese of Madison - Live Stream

Sunday, October 18

Pro-Life Rosary with Bishop David Laurin Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay - Live Stream

World Mission Sunday

Sunday, October 25

7:30pm Pro-Life Rosary with Bishop James Patrick Powers of the Diocese of Superior - Live Stream

Thursday, October 29

NET Team in the Diocese of La Crosse - Oct. 29-Nov. 10

Saturday, October 31

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

Sunday, November 1

Solemnity of All Saints

7:30pm Pro-Life Rosary with Archbishop Jerome Edward ListECKI of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee - Live Stream

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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**Office for Catechesis & Evangelization**

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Bulletin Insert on October Pro-Life Rosaries with the Bishops of Wisconsin

Beginning Oct. 4 with Bishop Callahan, the faithful are invited to join each of our five Wisconsin Bishops for a live-streamed Pro-Life Rosary from 7:30-8:00 PM on five consecutive Sundays. [Click here for a bulletin insert](#) promoting this prayer initiative for Respect Life Month.

Catechetical Leaders

A beautiful Bible Story Book for parents to read to their children, for use by Kindergarten through 6th Grade, is *The Great Adventure Storybook, A Walk through the Catholic Bible* by Emily Cavins and published by Ascension Press. This book helps to form an understandable foundation of how much God loves us and that He wants to develop a relationship with us. ascensionpress.com/products/the-great-adventure-storybook.

Reminder: For Parish Communications

Guiding Children and Young People to a Relationship with Jesus

“Going Deeper in Prayer” was developed in response to students’ requests, for the past 9 years, to encounter Jesus in prayer and grow in their relationship with Him, rather than easily falling into rattling off words that could have little or no meaning. “Going Deeper in Prayer” includes a prayer card for each age level, with a format that opens the door to conversation with Jesus about what stood out for them in the prayer, as well as asking and thanking Him for something important. These are proven, helpful tools. Go to diolc.org/prayer for Preschool through 12th Grade downloadable resources. Young people in 12th Grade also requested to know how God guides them. At the same link, scroll to 12th Grade for these resources. As you the parent, teacher or catechist use these prayer cards with the young people, remember your own personal enthusiasm in using these resources is an important aspect and will inspire the student’s willingness to become engaged.

Reminder: Confirmation Resources

As preparation for Confirmation begins, go to diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation/ for many helpful resources, including:

- Bishop Callahan’s recorded greeting
- A recorded teaching on the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit by Msgr. Hirsch
- Confirmation Brochure
- Retreat Guidelines
- Praying with Scripture

For Parish Communications

Sacred Scripture is the privileged place to encounter Jesus Christ

This is a great time to be more committed to praying with Scripture. A simple, downloadable prayer card with short passages from the Bible on the life of Jesus are available here.

diolc.org/deeper.

Reminder: Catechetical Leaders Information

Susan Skemp, the administrative assistant for the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization, retired on Friday, September 11, after 18 years of faithful service. We wish to thank Susan for her dedication in helping so many in the parishes and Catholic schools throughout the

Diocese as well as her co-workers at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center. Paula Boyle will be the administrative assistant for the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization and the Office for Family Life, which includes both Marriage and Family Life and Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Paula can be reached at 608-791-2658 or pboyle@diolc.org.

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Office for Communications

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Graphics to support Pro-Life rosaries with the bishops of Wisconsin

Graphics to support your parish promotion of these October [Sunday night events](#) can be found on the [diocesan Facebook](#) or at diolc.org/media-resources.

Catholic Life Bulk Mailing Program

Directly mailing “extra” copies of *Catholic Life* to your parish seems to be working. If you need to adjust the number of copies you are receiving, please contact Sr. Donna:

dkrzmarzick@diolc.org

Attention Pastors, Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries: Parish Message Lines for the back cover of the November issue of *Catholic Life* magazine are due this Friday, September 25. The November issue is expected to arrive in homes by Thursday, October 29. Please direct any questions to Sr. Donna: dkrzmarzick@diolc.org

Reminder: Address label accuracy for curia to parish mailings

Occasionally we hear about incorrectly addressed postal mail being sent from our offices. It could be letters or packets sent to the wrong parish address or sent to a staff or clergy who is no longer at your location. We do our best to keep our database clean, and use the same list, however, we can always do better. If you are receiving postal mail addressed to someone no longer there or with incorrect address information, please alert our office by sending us a picture of the mailing so we can get our records updated. Thanks in advance for your help.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Office for the Diaconate

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Here's a link to the Deacon Handbook: Norms, Policies and Guidelines for Permanent Deacons in the Diocese of La Crosse.

diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Deacon-Handbook.pdf

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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The Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) will be offering a free webinar on November 10 at 12pm EST.

This webinar will be particularly important for family ministry leaders. Visit religiousalliance.org/webinars or [click here](#) to register.

Reminder: Teaching the Way of Love Newsletter

The first newsletter for this year's Teaching the Way of Love series is posted for either viewing or download. The link is twl4parents.com/newsletter.

Reminder: The Month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

[Catholics for Family Peace](#) has prepared a toolkit of helpful resources to use next month. Download this toolkit of helpful resources for your parishes in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Reminder: Promoting Peaceful Relationships at Home Webinar: October 14, 2020, 1:00-2:30 pm CDT Together with the USCCB, Catholics for Family and Peace will be conducting a free webinar for Catholic leaders, catechists, parishioners, parents on how to promote peace in the home - a relevant topic for these times when so much of our lives is taking place at home. Click [here](#) to register.

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Office for Ministries

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

Parish Leaders of Prayer who were commissioned in 2015 or earlier were asked to participate in the Saturday, August 29, [virtual Witnesses for Christ Conference](#) featuring Father Timothy Gallagher, as a requirement for getting their four-year commission renewed. Any Leader of Prayer in need of renewal who was not able to participate in this conference should email Christopher Ruff at cruff@diolc.org in order to make other arrangements for renewal.

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Office for Missions

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Mission Co-op Program, Summer 2020, complete: Like everything in 2020, “disaster” is one term used to evaluate the year, but certainly not the only one. Congratulations to those who have completed the Mission Appeals for your parishes and those from mission territories you represented. Many thanks for going ahead with the abnormalities of this year’s program and at least giving it a shot. We are seeing less support coming in than during previous years, but still the sums are significant. Furthermore, the gratitude of the receiving missionaries is multiplied during this COVID time because many places in the world you are assisting have experienced unusual deprivation and need. For those who have incomplete appeals or have not yet scheduled one, please do not worry about squeezing something in. We are now well into the fall season with other collections and local financial needs. The Mission Office is considering the MCP finished for 2020. Please call if you have any questions.

World Mission Sunday, October 18, 2020: The annual prayer and collection is fast approaching. Letters and supplies should be arriving soon at your parishes. Envelopes, posters and supplies for World Mission Sunday are sent directly from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith national office to the parishes. As you receive them, if there are any changes you want to make for next year, now is a good time to let us know. More information, including liturgical suggestions and aids can be found at the [World Mission Sunday website](#). Once on the Missio site, click on the menu title, “World Mission Month.”

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Liturgical Calendar Dates

Tomorrow - September 23 (Wednesday): Rural Life Day, day of thanksgiving for blessings received. Prayer texts from *The Mass for Various Needs and Occasions: After the Harvest* (n.28) can be used with Preface V of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. The readings may be taken from *After the Harvest* in the Lectionary (n.20), numbers 917-921. The *Gloria* also ought to be said.

Reminder: RCIA Calendar of Teachings and Liturgies

Please find a 9-month calendar of teachings, retreats, and liturgies for the RCIA [here](#), while a 15-month calendar is available [here](#).

Reminder: Have you considered the 15-month RCIA process? 2020 may be the year to start.

The RCIA is a process of conversion that is meant to form and prepare adults to become committed disciples of Jesus Christ and courageous witnesses to the Catholic Faith. At the heart of the RCIA process is the time candidates need to develop and deepen their relationship with Christ through a daily habit of prayer, to experience conversion through understanding the basic teachings of the Church, and to commit to actively participating in

Sunday Mass. This process takes a minimum of 15 months to develop. [Here's why](#). Given the exceptional circumstances that 2020 has brought, a slower, more intentional pace may be a further benefit to RCIA.

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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.

Important change for background checks and fingerprints:

Effective immediately, all background checks and fingerprint cards should be sent to the Office of Safe Environment, not to the attorney's office. All background checks are processed by the Office of Safe Environment, so this will eliminate duplicate runs and delays.

The [Basic Background Check Form](#) is also the FBI Release Form and needs to be sent with each set of print cards. Cards sent with the old form or without a form will not be submitted.

All current forms have an icon in the top corners of the form. Destroy any old forms.

The Foundations video has been replaced. It is now called [Protect and Heal – Program and Training](#). Please have all new staff and volunteers view this video as part of their initial training. There is also a video called Protect and Heal- Overview of Training and Forms.

CCD Program Training

Is your CCD program online this year? Students still need to be trained. [Power Points](#) for grades 1-5 are on the Protect and Heal page of the Diocesan Website and grades 6-12 will be added in November.

Spreadsheets for each School and Parish along with the new report forms will be sent out beginning in October. The completed form is due on March 1.

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Office for Social Concerns

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For Your Parish Communications:

Pro-Life Rosaries with the Bishops of Wisconsin

Beginning Oct. 4 with Bishop William Patrick Callahan, join each of our five Wisconsin Bishops for a live-streamed Pro-Life Rosary from 7:30-8:00 PM on five consecutive Sundays. October is both Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary, making it a providential time to pray with our Bishops to our Blessed Mother, Patroness of the Unborn, for an end to abortion and other offenses against human life and dignity. The closing Rosary will be led by Archbishop Jerome ListECKI on Nov. 1, the Feast of All Saints, concluding with their invocation through the Litany of the Saints. For more details on this statewide pro-life prayer initiative, visit diolc.org/live. May God's grace be poured out upon our state, our nation, and our world.

Schedule of Pro-Life Rosaries Sundays, 7:30-8:00 PM

Oct. 4 – Bishop William Patrick Callahan, Diocese of La Crosse

Here is the link for this event: www.facebook.com/events/2767764356827317/

Oct. 11 – Bishop Donald Joseph Hying, Diocese of Madison

Here is the link for this event: www.facebook.com/events/650889292488885/

Oct. 18 – Bishop David Laurin Ricken, Diocese of Green Bay

Here is the link for this event: www.facebook.com/events/456493581893298/

Oct. 25 – Bishop James Patrick Powers, Diocese of Superior

Here is the link for this event: www.facebook.com/events/3090558687738830/

Nov. 1 – Archbishop Jerome Edward ListECKI, Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Here is the link for this event: www.facebook.com/events/334174457652808/

Rural Life Day Sept. 23

Wednesday, September 23, is the annual liturgical celebration of Rural Life Day in the Diocese of La Crosse. This is a day to highlight the uniqueness of rural life values and to rejoice in the way that rural life contributes to the Church at large. We ask that all parishes

celebrate this day by prayer and some penitential practice (fasting, abstinence from meat, etc...), especially remembering those whose livelihood depends on the land and the harvest.

Per instructions from the Office of Sacred Worship, prayers for the Mass celebrated on this day can be taken from The Mass for Various Needs and Occasions: After the Harvest (n.28), along with Preface V of the Sundays in Ordinary Time. The readings may be taken from “After the Harvest” in the Lectionary (n.20), numbers 917-921. The Gloria also ought to be said.

Sample Intercessions for Rural Life Day

- For the rural areas of our Diocese, for farmers and their families, and for those who work in agriculture, that they be good stewards of the goods of the earth and themselves receive what they need for their spiritual and material wellbeing. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For all farmers who are struggling to make ends meet, that they may be encouraged by the support of their neighbors, their parish, and all of God’s people. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For a greater knowledge and love of rural life, that its values, traditions, and faith be nurtured in our communities. Let us pray to the Lord.
- For a bountiful harvest and favorable weather, that the fruits of the earth, received from God’s bounty, may provide food enough for all people. Let us pray to the Lord.
- You could also pray a prayer to St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers and rural life.

Prayer to St. Isidore

Good Saint, we are told that your devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was so great that you would rise before it was light in order to be able to attend Mass before beginning your work in the fields.

Obtain for us, we pray you, some of that loving devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There it is that the fruits of our farm labor, bread and wine, are brought and offered to God by the priest. Then, in the Consecration, Christ Himself, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, becomes present on our altars under the appearances of this same bread and wine. And in what was the altar bread, He comes to us to be the very food of our souls. If we deeply realize the value and beauty of Holy Mass, we will be very happy to attend as often as we possibly can.

Help us to understand that in the Mass we offer ourselves to God with Christ by the hands of the priest. There we can bring to God all that we do, and offer it to Him in union with His Holy Sacrifice. The more often we do this now, the happier we shall be hereafter.

Good Saint Isidore, bless us and our labors, that we may someday reap the reward of good works with you in heaven.
Amen.

Covid-19 Prevention and Management on Dairy Farms

For an excellent article including guidance for the prevention and management of coronavirus on dairy farms, [click here](#), or visit diolc.org/rural-life.

**Reminder: For Your Parish Communications:
Faithful Citizenship 2020**

In these turbulent times, and with the election less than two months away, what should a Catholic be thinking about and weighing? For a wealth of resources from the US Bishops, the Wisconsin Bishops, and for a reflection on “Voting as a Christian,” visit diolc.org/faithful-citizenship.

Reminder: For Pastors and Bulletin Editors:

A bulletin insert on “Voting as a Christian” can be found [here](#).

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal

This year’s theme emphasizes the relevancy of the Church, the community, and the importance of its mission. The theme is “**His Church is Still Here, His Church Still Provides, His Church is You and Me.**”

Each pastor should have already received their parish's Appeal allocation. If your parish did not receive your allocation letter, please contact our office.

Kick Off Weekend

Due to the fact our communities are not able to come together as we ordinarily do, we are not limiting the weekends available for kickoff. Your parish community can choose the weekend best for your schedule. You will need to register your parish and tell us which weekend you want to kickoff.

The next weekend kickoff for this year’s Diocesan Annual Appeal is October 3/4. You must sign up on the Appeal portal appeal.diolc.org to let us know which weekend you would like your mailings to arrive. The mailings are placed into the postal mail stream on Wednesday prior to the weekend of choice, with the expectation the envelope will arrive in mailboxes on Friday or Saturday. Please sign up as soon as you know. We will need to know at least ten days in advance of your preferred weekend.

DAA Parish Meetings – Our process for conducting the Appeal has not changed. However, unfortunately, we will not be having in-person meeting this year. The Zoom Webinar scheduled for Wednesday September 23rd is rescheduled, due to schedule conflicts. We will be hosting a Zoom meeting on 10/1 at 2:00 PM. We will post the Zoom link in next week’s Chancery Bulletin and on the Appeal portal. A recording of the webinar will be made available for reviewing on the Appeal Portal following the presentation.

Please refer to the Appeal portal website for updates: [Appeal Portal](#)

Parish Materials – This week, parishes will be mailed a supply of in-pew pledge cards, brochures and prayer cards equivalent to 10% of their registered families. You will also get one each of the thermometer posters. Unfortunately, there was not a priest poster done this year. If you need more than the 10% amount of materials, please complete the following form: [Material Order form](#)

We continue to update the appeal portal with new materials as they are completed. Please check the portal regularly. [DAA Video](#) - The Appeal video is available on the Appeal Portal for download. DVDs of the Appeal video will be available by request only. Please contact Sarah Komperud at skomperud@diolc.org or 608- 791-2653 if you want a DVD hard copy mailed to you.

GivingTrend is updated for this coming year's appeal information. If you do not have access, after receiving your pastor's permission, you will need to sign up via the form on the Appeal Portal appeal.diolc.org.

Did you know GivingTrend now has Key Alerts on the right-hand side of your parish's page? Here, all in one place, you can find New Donors, LYBUNTS, Large Gifts, Write-offs, and any of your parishioners who have supported the Appeal but have since died. These alerts are an easy way to find, welcome and thank new supporters from a local perspective (encouraged); who may or may not be registered in your parish. Others identified are Major Investors (+\$2,000.00). Two alerts, LYBUNTS and deceased, will help you identify hurdles you may need to strategize to overcome.

Planned Giving

Estate Planning Guide. Our guide can help people save several hundred dollars in legal and financial estate planning costs. The increased interest in Planned Giving mirrors what we are finding on a national level since the COVID – 19 outbreaks. If you would like more information or ads for your parish bulletin, please contact our office.

Our Planned Giving website is diolclegacy.org. There, people can find calculators, additional information and sign up for a newsletter, as well as request copies of specific estate planning guides and information.

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Office for Temporalities

Diocesan Finance Officer: James Reider – 608.791.2668 | jreider@diolc.org

Curia resources for parish census and accounting. Parish accounting project restarted.

Parish roundtable sessions typically scheduled for fall have not yet been scheduled due to staff changes and the COVID-19 pandemic. Likewise, the Parish Finance Meeting, typically held in spring, was also postponed. We expect to schedule online meetings on these topics via Zoom in the coming weeks and months. Please watch for meeting announcements here in the Chancery Bulletin. Also, curia staff roles have changed a bit since April. Finally, the online parish accounting and revised parish Chart of Accounts project is restarted.

Nick Lichter is your contact for questions related to ParishSOFT, both the census software Family Suite and the accounting software Ledgers & Payables. Parish staff using the Family Suite census software are reminded not to delete Family or Member records. For technical reasons we strongly prefer instead that defunct records, or those entered in error, or which may become otherwise unusable, be merged. Questions related to these records can be referred to Nick for resolution. Nick is also project leader for parish online accounting, transitioning all parishes to either ParishSOFT Ledgers & Payables or to QuickBooks Online. That project, temporarily suspended, is restarted effective immediately and will include transition to a new, revised, diocesan standard Chart of Accounts. Review a [draft version of the proposed Chart of Accounts](#). Parish Finance Contacts are invited to join the [Parish Finance Chart of Accounts discussion group](#). Click the link to join. Please watch for project announcements here in the Chancery Bulletin. Contact Nick via email at nlichter@diolc.org.

Zach Tudahl is the Technical Support Specialist. He also handles all ParishSOFT licensing issues and is your best curia resource for problem solving technical issues. Contact Zach at ztudahl@diolc.org

Sister Donna Krzmarzick fills several roles in the curia, including Database Administrator for ParishSOFT. She monitors data quality for essential elements such as addresses. She also writes custom reports for distributing mailings, both email and postal, for use by your parish or school. Standards and norms for data entry can be found on our Parish Information Management Systems website diolc.org/pims, in the Census Software Standard Operating Procedures ([SOP](#)) Please reach Sister Donna with any questions about the correct way to enter names, address fields, and so on. Sister Donna is also available to help you report out from ParishSOFT Family Suite any specific data you may need. Contact Sister Donna at dkrzmarzick@diolc.org

Kurt Jereczek handles parish accounting questions about normal coding of parish income, expenses and parish annual reports. Kurt is also your best accounting resource for obtaining information about commonly used parish accounting reports. Contact Kurt at kjereczek@diolc.org

Jack Felsheim is the Director of Communications, the office responsible for connecting ParishSOFT Family Suite across the diocese in support of parish work and other curia offices. Contact Jack at jfelsheim@diolc.org

James Reider, Chief Financial Officer, heads Temporalities, the office responsible for all diocesan and parish accounting systems. Contact Jim at jreider@diolc.org

Please reach any of us for help with parish administrative and accounting needs.

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Office for Vocations

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Fall Ministry Conference canceled for October 12-13, 2020: Thank you for your patience in awaiting the final decision. Larger in-person gatherings at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center remain prohibitive as long as the COVID-19 restrictions remain in place. The decision remains consistent with other cancellations despite an expressed desire to see one another. In the end, there were too many unanswerable questions regarding the safety of the event. So, the final decision is to cancel the Fall Ministry Conference as it was scheduled for October 12-13, 2020. Attempts are still being made to hold something virtual on Saturday, October 13. If it does line up, information will be forwarded as soon as possible.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Immersion Retreat 2020 is Cancelled

After much discussion, thought and prayer, we have decided to make the decision to cancel the Immersion Retreat that was to be held November 13-15, 2020, due to ongoing concerns with the COVID-19 virus. We are looking into the possibility of offering a virtual option and will have more information about those options soon. If you typically have your Confirmation students attend the Immersion Retreat as a Confirmation Retreat, we are happy to assist you in planning a retreat at your parish. Please know that you, the families whom you serve, and your ministry remain in our prayers.

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: 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.

Coordinator of Child and Youth Ministries Needed!

Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Milwaukee, WI is seeking a Coordinator of Child and Youth Ministries to work with the faith formation program, including catechesis, sacramental preparation, school faith formation, and other areas. Please contact John Esser at johnesser@divinemercysm.org for more information.

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