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Officials

No officials this week.



Events

As of Sept. 29

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

Friday, November 6

Deacon Formation - Marathon - November 6-7

Lay Formation Institute - La Crosse - November 6-7

Saturday, November 7

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

Friday, November 13

Immersion Retreat - Wisconsin Dells - CANCELLED

Saturday, November 14

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

Sunday, November 22

Solemnity of Christ the King

Tuesday, December 1

12:00am Giving Tuesday

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.



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

Beginning October 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.

For Parish Communications

Small Group Study

Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement is a very simple and yet abundantly helpful book, especially during these difficult days. Fr. Timothy Gallagher is the author of the book, and we recorded four presentations he gave to over 500 people in the Diocese, with an abundance of positive feedback. We have recently developed discussion questions to accompany the book available at diolc.org/witness. This is a good time to gather with a group of parishioners to discuss the book. Group discussion allows for better application to daily life. To purchase Fr. Gallagher's book and have it mailed to your home, and receive the link of his four presentations, mail a check for \$15 to the Diocese of La Crosse, Office for Catechesis and Evangelization. Questions: email Paula at pboyle@diolc.org or call 608-791-2673.

For Parish Communications

The “Good News” has a central and irreplaceable role

We need to be constantly reminded of “the love of God, who invites us to enter into a personal relationship with Himself in Christ.” This “Good News” opens the way to conversion, which is a change of heart that impels the person to know and love Jesus in a much deeper way. (*Mission of the Redeemer*, Pope Saint John Paul II, n. 44)

The “Good News”, also referred to as the Gospel Message, can be expressed like this:

1. God loves you and desires that you develop a deeper friendship with Him.
2. By sin, you reject God's love.
3. Jesus proves the depths of His love by coming to save you from that sin, to restore the relationship through His death and resurrection.
4. You can accept Jesus' love by opening your heart to a deeper relationship with Him through daily conversation and a personal encounter with Him in the Sacraments.

Catechetical Leaders

Being more intentional with Lesson Planning

There is a five-step method that is geared toward leading students deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ and becoming His committed followers. This method allows time for students to personally respond to Our Lord and what He has done for them as expressed in the teaching.

[Click here](#) for the one-page lesson plan worksheet with a brief article that explains more.

Ongoing Formation for Catechetical Leaders

A series of online meetings for ongoing formation for Catechetical Leaders (DREs, CREs, Youth Ministers) will be provided once a month. The presenters will be national speakers, focusing on various components of handing on the Faith in the parish. The first in the series will be **Thursday, October 15th at 2 p.m.** Further details to follow. Free participation but registration is required.

New Catechetical Leader Training

Any new Catechetical Leader (DRE, CRE, Youth Minister) is encouraged to attend a day of training on Friday, October 16th. For a registration form and further details, please contact Ann at alankford@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

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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: 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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Reminder: 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.

Reminder: 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 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.

In the absence of Fall Ministry Days, I'd like to share a training video from the Catholic Mutual Group title: "Clergy Conduct: The Highest Standard" with all priests and deacons. The short video is designed to give clergy members guidance about how their position is perceived by others.

<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Clergy-Conduct-The-Highest-Standard-Flyer-2020.pdf>

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.

I have begun sending out parish spreadsheets along with the new report form. I am working in alphabetical order so if you are further down the alphabet, please be patient. The completed form is due on March 1, 2021. If you have questions or need any help, please let me know as soon as possible.

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**For Your Parish Communications:
Pro-Life Rosaries with the Bishops of Wisconsin**

Beginning October 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 Listecky on Nov. 1, the Feast of All Saints, concluding with their invocation through the Litany of the Saints. Visit www.diolc.org/live to participate in these Rosaries. May God's grace be poured out upon our state, our nation, and our world.

[Click here for a bulletin insert](#) on this statewide pro-life prayer initiative.

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 Listecky, Archdiocese of Milwaukee

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

Resources for Respect Life Month - October

Abundant resources, including Prayers of the Faithful, bulletin reflections and blurbs, homily helps and much more, in English and Spanish, are available at the U.S. Bishops' website www.respectlife.org/october.

Life Chain Locations – Sunday, Oct. 4 – Come Pray and Bear Witness

Arcadia - Hwy 93 at Hwy 95, 2:30 to 3:30 PM.

Eau Claire - 2100 Fenwick Ave, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Friendship - Hwy 13 at Hwy 21, 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

La Crosse - Losey Blvd N & La Crosse St, 2:00 to 3:00 PM.

Necedah - Hwy 80 at Hwy 21, 1:35 to 4:00 PM.

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 www.diolc.org/faithfulcitizenship.

Reminder: For Pastors and Bulletin Editors:

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

Wisconsin Bishops' Letter to President Trump on behalf of Hmong Community

"As the Catholic bishops of Wisconsin, we write in response to a February 14, 2020, letter by the U.S. Department of State acknowledging negotiations with the government of Laos to

accept deported Hmong and other Lao U.S. residents. We understand that legal residents may be deported if they have committed certain crimes and that previous administrations have sent several hundred individuals back to Laos, but we urge you to limit, not amplify, such deportations...." [Click here to read more.](#)

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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, our Christ-given mission, and our community united to the cross. The theme is **"His Church is Still Here, His Church Still Provides, His Church is You and Me."**

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 kick-off. 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 kick-off.

*The next weekend kick-off available for sign up for this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal is October 17/18. You must sign up on the Appeal portal appeal.diolc.org by the end of day **10/5/2020** to have the materials delivered by that weekend.*

Parishes must let us know which weekend they would like your mailings to arrive. The mailings are placed into the postal mail stream on Wednesday before the weekend of choice, with the expectation the envelope will arrive in mailboxes on Friday or Saturday. Below is a chart with dates through November 15, 2020.

Cut off to Join	Dropped in Mail	Arrive in Homes	Sunday Kickoff Date
10/5/2020	10/13/2020	10/16/2020	10/18/2020
10/12/2020	10/20/2020	10/23/2020	10/25/2020
10/19/2020	10/27/2020	10/30/2020	11/1/2020
10/26/2020	11/3/2020	11/6/2020	11/8/2020
11/2/2020	11/10/2020	11/13/2020	11/15/2020

Please sign up as soon as you know which weekend you wish to start, even if you want to wait until later this year or into the first part of 2021.

DAA Parish Meetings – ZOOM meeting on 10/1/2020

Our process for conducting the Appeal has not changed. However, unfortunately, we will not be having an in-person meeting this year. We will be hosting a Zoom meeting on **Thursday 10/1/2020 at 2:00 PM**. Please register [here](#) for a link to join the live webinar. A recording of the webinar will be made available for your viewing pleasure on the Appeal Portal following the presentation.

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

Parish Materials – 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 two 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 on the Appeal Portal: [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 now 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

Our Estate Planning Guide can help people save several hundred dollars in legal and financial estate planning costs. We have seen a significant increase in requests for this guide; this increased interest in Planned Giving mirrors what we find 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

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Parish Finance Webinar scheduled for Tuesday, October 27th

Pastors, parish Finance Contacts and parish Finance Council members are invited to attend the Parish Finance Webinar via Zoom Tuesday, October 27th. Please reserve time from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to participate.

This webinar will cover important finance-related topics including the parish accounting software project, clergy compensation, benefit plans, parish endowments, insurance, buildings & grounds information and more. The webinar is this year's Annual Parish Finance Seminar.

Presenters include:

Father Dhein, Vicar General

James Reider, Diocesan Finance Officer

Dennis Herricks, Executive Director of St. Ambrose Financial Services

Lisa Thurston of Mutual of America

Kris Twining of Catholic Mutual

Signup for the webinar using this [online signup form](#). Only attendees using the [signup form](#) will receive the Zoom link. Finance personnel unable to attend via Zoom, or needing additional technical support to attend should contact Nick Lichter for assistance. nlichter@diolc.org.

Catholic Mutual Group Risk Management Minute – Fall/Winter Maintenance Guide

Each winter we experience losses which are avoidable with good maintenance procedures. [Click here](#) to review the steps you can take to reduce losses.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Virtual Retreat for Youth in Grades 9-12

Since the Immersion Retreat is cancelled this year, we are exploring the idea of holding a virtual retreat for grades 9-12. This anticipated retreat would feature speakers and musicians from around the country to minister to our young people. Right now, the plan is to hold the retreat on Sunday, November 15, 2020 (the original Sunday of the Immersion Retreat). We would encourage you to gather your youth at your parish (while following all COVID/Social Distancing protocols) for approximately 3 hours to include powerful speakers, music, games that are interactive with the other joining parishes, and small group discussions (at your parish). If you are interested, please let us know by Monday, October 5. Email Chris Rogers at 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: 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 11:00 am!

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: 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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