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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

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 1

12:00am Giving Tuesday

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, <u>diolc.org/calendar</u>, and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to <u>datebook@diolc.org</u>. 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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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.

Ongoing Formation for Catechetical Leaders

A series of monthly online meetings to provide ongoing formation for Catechetical Leaders (DREs, CREs, Youth Ministers) will be available via ZOOM. The presenters will be national speakers. The first in the series will be **Thursday, October 15**th **from 2 -3 p.m**. In your role as a catechetical leader, would you like to be mentored personally by a professional with abundant experience in the field? Bill Keimig, from the Catechetical Institute and long-term DRE will describe the components of this process. There will be no charge for participating but registration is required. Email Paula Boyle at pboyle@diolc.org or call 608-791-2658.

For Parish Communications

Pray the Rosary with the Bishops of Wisconsin – Sunday, October 18th

During this month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, 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. Join Bishop Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay on Sunday, October 18th. Go to diolc.org/live for the live-stream. A downloadable poster is available for promoting this prayer initiative for Respect Life Month with family and friends.

Advent Virtual Parish Mission

Each parish in the Diocese has the opportunity to offer an Advent Virtual Parish Mission. The focus of the Parish Mission is "Preparing for the Birth of the Christ Child through the Eyes of St. Joseph." There will be four presentations, one for each week of Advent. The length of the talks will be roughly 30-40 minutes and discussion questions will be provided. The purpose of the Parish Mission is to bring parishioners together to prepare for Christmas and to strengthen community.

The Presenters and Titles of the Presentations for each of the Four Weeks of Advent

- Week 1 of Advent) "St. Joseph: The Man Selected by God to be Closest to Mary and to Jesus. – Msgr. Joseph Diermeier
- Week 2) "Joseph and Mary: A Holy Love Story" Msgr. Joseph Hirsch
- Week 3) "That Holy Night, through Joseph's Eyes" Fr. Alan Wierzba
- Week 4) "Joseph, Son of David...You are to Give Him the Name Jesus" Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Each parish is encouraged to choose the day of the week and specific time that parishioners will gather, over the four weeks. Please email the following information to Paula Boyle at pboyle@diolc.org so that the information of participating parishes may be advertised:

- Parish
- City
- Day of the week and time that the Advent Virtual Parish Mission will be held
- Contact person and email

For Parish Communication

Deepening our friendship with Jesus is most needed during these challenging times!

Our relationship with Jesus is essential to live a life with peace, joy and fulfillment. The following explanation about the *Sign of the Cross* helps us become more aware of the meaning of the words and the gesture, so that we pray from our heart.

Praying *The Sign of the Cross:* "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

- As Catholics, we always begin and end our prayer with the Sign of the Cross, which is a
 prayer not just an introduction. When we make the Sign of the Cross, we want to
 become more aware of how much God loves us, by being mindful that we are
 "Crossing" ourselves as a reminder that Jesus died on the Cross for our sins.
- Each time that we make the *Sign of the Cross* and pray the words, we give praise to the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- In the words of the *Sign of the Cross*, we are praying in the *name* of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The words "In the name of" are synonymous with "in the Person of". We are placing ourselves under the power and authority of the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, which means we are calling upon the power of the name of God. It is essential to know that the prayer, the *Sign of the Cross*, is not complete when leaving out the words "In the name of."
- "Christians are baptized in the *name* of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their *names*, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, His only Son and the Holy Spirit: The Most Holy Trinity." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 233)

For further explanation of this important prayer, go to <u>diolc.org/deeper</u>. Scroll to "Sign of the Cross." A simple, downloadable Prayer Card with the Sign of the Cross and related prayer, Glory Be to the Father... is also available.

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Parish Events

To get your parish events included in the December *Catholic Life* magazine, please send them to datebook@diolc.org before October 21.

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Office for Human Resources

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Internal Auditor/Staff Accountant

The Diocese of La Crosse is looking for a detailed, self-driven Internal Auditor/Staff Accountant to join our team!

As our internal auditor, you will be assisting the financial operations of the parishes within the Diocese of La Crosse. Using agreed upon procedures, you will review operations, ensure the guidelines and procedures of the diocese are being followed within each parish, develop and recommend changes to standardized guidelines/procedures for parishes. In addition, you will assist the Diocesan Finance Officer with monthly and annual reporting, year-end audit, and cash receipts processing.

For Further Information: diolc.org/jobs

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Process for Training FOCCUS Facilitators

It has been exciting to hear about couples who are stepping forward, wanting to become FOCCUS Facilitators! The process for training FOCCUS Facilitators is as follows: each parish needs to contact FOCCUS directly to set up an account for your parish, if one has not already been set up, and then train your couples directly through FOCCUS. The contact person at FOCCUS is Max Allen. He is happy to work directly with your parish priest or contact person His contact information is:

Email: mrallen@foccusinc.com Phone #: 402-827-3735 ext. 1317

Unite Our Nation Rosary Rally - Marshfield

Sunday, October 18 at 1pm. The Eucharistic procession will begin in the parking lot of St. John the Baptist Church in Marshfield and will go 3 blocks to the old Hudson's parking lot, across the highway from the police department. There will be a blessing for the police department and time spent in prayer. Then, the procession will go back to St John's via Central Ave,. Click here for more information!

Reminder: The Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) will be offering a free webinar on Nov. 10 at 12 p.m. 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 <u>Catholics for Family Peace</u> has prepared a toolkit of helpful resources to use next month. Download this toolkit of helpful resources for your parishes in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>.

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 we are spending so much of our time at home. Click here to register.

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Office for Missions

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World Mission Sunday October 18, 2020 is this week-end!

Please help promote this important event in your parishes per the letter and materials you should have already received. 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." May God reward your generosity with His abundant goodness and grace.

Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild and Casa Hogar:

Have you ever wanted to travel to Casa Hogar to see our Diocesan Mission? Have your or your parish visited Casa Hogar in the past and cannot wait to go back? Want to learn more about Fr. Joe's Legacy and what the children are up to? Join us in "traveling" to Peru for a night to connect with the children, families, and staff at Casa Hogar in a new way.

Though we will not be together in person this year for our annual benefactor dinner, we hope you, your parishes and your families can join us for a night filled with music, Peruvian food, house tours and of course some international smiles during our Night in Peru!

Register online
Invitation Message from Peru



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Office for Sacred Worship

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Clarification on the Formula for Baptism

The Holy See clarified on June 8 that baptisms done with the words, "<u>We</u> baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," are invalid would have to be done again. See an explanation of their response here, as well as their reemphasis on the Second Vatican Council's teaching that no one, "even if he be a priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy on his own authority."

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DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its <u>policies and procedures</u>, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679; or tbrown@diolc.org.

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For Your Parish Communications:

Pro-Life Rosaries with the Bishops of Wisconsin

Continuing on Oct. 18 with Bishop David Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay, 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. Visit diology.corg/live to participate in these live rosaries or replay ones from the past . May God's grace be poured out upon our state, our nation, and our world.

Click here for a flyer/poster on this statewide pro-life prayer initiative.

Schedule of remaining Pro-Life Rosaries Sundays, 7:30-8 p.m.

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/

For Your Parish Communications:

November Election & Faithful Citizenship

In these turbulent times, and with the election just weeks away, what should a Catholic be thinking about and weighing? For a reflection on "Voting as a Christian," a comparison of Republican and Democratic Party Platforms, and a wealth of resources from the US Bishops and the Wisconsin Bishops, visit diolc.org/faithfulcitizenship.

For Your Parish Communications

Voter Guides and Candidate Comparisons

For purposes of voter education, there are many voter guides and candidate comparisons that can be consulted. In the sampling below, the first two links are from explicitly Christian organizations and the second two are from secular sources. Many more can be accessed through a simple Internet search.

- ivoterguide.com
- prayvotestand.org/guides
- <u>knowyourvote.io</u>
- votesmart.org

Reminder: 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.

Act: COVID aid for Catholic Schools; Ethical vaccines; Ending mail-order abortion

Find out how to make your voice heard on important issues. Visit votervoice.net/USCCB/home.

Rural Life: 10 Ways to Protect your Barn from a Fire

Barn fires move fast. In less than four minutes, a fire can fill a barn with smoke and completely engulf it in flames. <u>Click here for an article</u> walking you through 10 checkpoints to assess fire preparedness.

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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 through our Baptism to the Cross. The theme is "His Church is Still Here, His Church Still Provides, His Church is You and Me."

Current Results:

A third of our parishes have now begun, and the early results are promising. If income is a form of applause, people believe in our Christ given Mission, and it is worth investing. As of 10/12/20, the average investment is up by 13.2%. This increase equates to a plus \$120,361.78 YTD for those who supported by this same time last year.

Reminder Kick-Off Weekend:

Because our communities cannot come together as we ordinarily do, we do not limit the weekends available for kick-off. Your parish community can choose the weekend best for your schedule. You must 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 31 /November 1. You must sign up on the Appeal portal <u>appeal.diolc.ora</u> by **12:00 PM noon 10/19/2020** to have the materials delivered by that weekend.

When Registering, parishes must let us know which weekend (Sunday Kickoff Date) they would like the 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 for your reference

Register by:	Dropped in Mail	Arrive in Homes	Sunday Kickoff Date
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
11/9/2020	11/17/2020	11/20/2020	11/22/2020
11/16/2020	11/24/2020	11/27/2020	11/29/2020
11/23/2020	12/1/2020	12/4/2020	12/6/2020
11/30/2020	12/8/2020	12/11/2020	12/13/2020
12/7/2020	12/15/2020	12/18/2020	12/20/2020
12/14/2020	12/22/2020	12/25/2020	12/27/2020
12/21/2020	12/29/2020	1/1/2021	1/3/2021
12/28/2020	1/5/2021	1/8/2021	1/10/2021
1/4/2021	1/12/2021	1/15/2021	1/17/2021

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 Via ZOOM - A recording of the webinar is available for your viewing pleasure on the Appeal Portal. Please refer to the Appeal portal website for updates: Appeal Portal http://appeal.diolc.org

Parish Materials – Parishes are 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: <u>Material Order form</u>

We continue to update the appeal portal with new materials. Please check the portal regularly. DAA Video - The Appeal video is available on the <u>Appeal Portal</u> 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 how we report progress on the Diocesan Annual Appeal. 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 <u>appeal.diolc.org</u>. 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 a registered member of 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 -Leaving a Legacy, Wills, Bequest, and Endowments

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. People can find calculators, additional information, sign up for a newsletter, and request copies of specific estate planning guides and information.

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Director of Vocation Recruitment: Fr. Nate Kuhn – 608.791.2666 | nkuhn@diolc.org

Please include the following intercession for vocations for your Sunday prayers of the faithful.

For a strengthening of all vocations, that we may all strive to follow God's call to holiness.

Please contact the vocations office <u>vocations@diolc.org</u> or 608-791-2667 for more seminarian prayer books and/or posters.

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Two Virtual Retreats: One for Youth in Grades 9-12 and one for youth in grades 7 and 8 We are very excited about the response for these retreats so far! It is going to be a great experience connecting parishes virtually together on these days.

The first retreat will be held for youth in grades 9-12 on Sunday, November 15, 2020 (the original Sunday of the Immersion Retreat) from 12:30-3:30pm, and the second will be held for youth in grades 7-8 on Sunday, December 6, 2020 from 12:30-3:30pm. These retreats will be led by Young Life Catholic Retreats and will feature speakers and musicians from around the country to minister to our young people. Right now, the plan is to have each parish youth group gather at your parish (while following all COVID/Social Distancing protocols) to listen to powerful speakers, music, games that are virtually interactive with the other joining parishes, and small group discussions (that will be done at your parish). Prior to the retreat, you and your young people could attend Mass together, then gather to eat lunch together in a way that follows all safety protocols for serving food to groups (i.e. box lunches, sack lunch from home, etc.). Then, following the retreat, depending on the availability of your priest or deacon, you could spend time as a group together in Adoration. The cost for these retreats would simply be \$10 per person. If you applied for a BEET Grant for a youth event that has been cancelled due to COVID, those funds could be reapplied to these retreats.

We will email an official registration form to parish contacts this week.

Upcoming Virtual Formation from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM)

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 <u>link</u> 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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