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### Events

As of November 10

**Friday, November 13**

Immersion Retreat - Wisconsin Dells - CANCELLED

**Saturday, November 14**

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

**Tuesday, November 17**

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

**Sunday, November 22**

Solemnity of Christ the King

**Tuesday, November 24**

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

**Sunday, November 29**

First Sunday of Advent

**Tuesday, December 1**

12:00am Giving Tuesday

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

**Friday, December 4**

Deacon Formation - Marathon - December 4-5

Lay Formation Institute - La Crosse - December 4-5

**Tuesday, December 8**

Immaculate Conception of the BVM. Holy Day of Obligation (\*unless obligation is lifted due to Covid-19)

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

**Tuesday, December 15**

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

**Tuesday, December 22**

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

**Friday, December 25**

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. Holy Day of Obligation

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, [diolc.org/calendar](http://diolc.org/calendar), and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to [datebook@diolc.org](mailto: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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**Catechetical Leaders, catechists, Catholic school teachers, administrators and chaplains:  
Teaching from Your Encounter with Christ: An Evangelizing Catechesis with Dr. James  
Pauley – Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2 – 3 pm.**

Each of us wants our teaching to be fruitful. We want participants to truly hear the Gospel as we teach, to take its life-changing content to heart, so that they might become authentic disciples of Jesus. How can the Gospel Message be proclaimed in ways that it can be heard? What approaches have the potential to stir up curiosity and a desire for God? How do we prepare them catechetically while also giving them opportunities to take little steps towards Jesus and an emerging life of discipleship? Join James Pauley, the author of a new book, *An Evangelizing Catechesis: Teaching from Your Encounter with Christ*, as we discuss helpful strategies for crafting a catechesis that leads others to encounter the Person of Jesus. Please register for this ZOOM webinar by emailing Paula Boyle at [pboyle@diolc.org](mailto:pboyle@diolc.org). Cost is free but registration is needed.

**For Parish Communications**

**Bulletin Insert for the weekend of November 15th or 22nd**

**Advent Virtual Parish Mission**

With Advent beginning on November 29, now is the time to advertise the Advent Parish Mission. Designate a specific day and time you will participate. Ask for help from parishioners who will be committed. Otherwise, it is too easy to forget. There are two separate bulletin inserts available at [diolc.org/insert](http://diolc.org/insert) as explained below:

- For parishes organizing in-person and/or virtual gatherings, a bulletin insert is available with fillable boxes for time(s), day(s) and contact information:
- For parishes who would like to publicize the Advent Parish Mission but who will not be organizing groups, a bulletin insert is available that suggests a day and time, and also explains that the presentations will be available anytime on the diocesan website.

**Further information about the Advent Virtual Parish Mission.**

The focus of the Advent Mission will be "**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 with discussion questions available at the end of each presentation and available to print from the website. The purpose of this mission is to bring people together to prepare for Christmas and strengthen the community in light of so much isolation. Parishioners may participate by gathering at their parish or by watching at home. Each presentation will be available at [diolc.org/advent](http://diolc.org/advent). The link to each presentation will be available on the Friday before the corresponding Sunday of Advent, and will be available throughout the rest of Advent.

The presenters and titles of the presentations for each of the Four Weeks of Advent

- Week 1) 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– Father Woodrow Pace

- Week 4) "Joseph, Son of David...You are to Give Him the Name Jesus" – Bishop William Patrick Callahan

To promote the Advent Parish Mission through diocesan social media:

Please email the following information to Paula Boyle at [pboyle@diolc.org](mailto:pboyle@diolc.org) so the information of participating parishes may be advertised through diocesan social media:

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

### **"Go to Joseph" Prayer Cards**

If your parish or school would like to order Year of St. Joseph Prayer Cards, please email Paula at [pboyle@diolc.org](mailto:pboyle@diolc.org) with your parish name, address and number of packs. Each pack contains 100 cards. If someone is traveling to La Crosse, pick up would be appreciated.

### **For Parish Communication:**

#### **The Importance of Thanksgiving**

During this season of Thanksgiving, let us become more aware, throughout each day, of the things for which we can be thankful, even in the midst of difficult circumstances.

The following Scripture passages help us to know how to express our gratitude to God. Take a minute to stop and read these Bible verses aloud as you think about all the ways God has blessed you this past year!

- "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving **thanks** to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17).
- "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).
- "Oh, give **thanks** to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1).

### **Safe Environment Power Points – Grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Offices for Catechesis & Evangelization and Family Life have recently completed 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade power points. See the information and link under [Youth and Young Adult Ministry](#).

### **Pastors, Catechetical Leaders, and Catechists**

#### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in the Onalaska Area**

In response to growing interest in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), there have been renewed efforts to make this method of religious formation accessible to families in the Coulee Region. CGS is a Montessori style of religious formation which allows for the child to contemplate Scripture and the Liturgy through sensorial materials in a dedicated space called an atrium. CGS gives space for the Holy Spirit to work quietly in the child's heart and form a unique relationship with him or her, which has profound effects on the faith of the child.

One of the major steps in bringing CGS to La Crosse and surrounding areas involves having more catechists in our area who have received the catechist formation on how to properly prepare the environment and help facilitate this relationship between child and God. In order to help make this formation more accessible to local men and women, part of our renewed efforts involves hosting a Catechist Formation in the Onalaska area as early as January 2021. To learn more about CGS, or if you are interested in becoming or sponsoring a catechist, please visit [www.CouleeRegionCatholics.com/cgs](http://www.CouleeRegionCatholics.com/cgs) to learn next steps! Note: There are 9 parishes/schools in the Diocese of La Crosse that have atriums, which are bearing significant fruit in the lives of children.

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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### **Reminder: 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](mailto:mrallen@foccusinc.com) or phone 402-827-3735 ext. 1317

### **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](http://twl4parents.com/newsletter).

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### **Office for Sacred Worship**

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### **Plenary Indulgences for the Deceased through month of November**

According to an October 23 decree from the Holy See, "This year, in the current circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Plenary Indulgences for the deceased faithful will be extended throughout the entire month of November, with adaptation of works and conditions to guarantee the safety of the faithful." In brief, the changes include:

"a.- the Plenary Indulgence for those who visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased, even if only mentally [i.e., mental prayer], normally established only on the individual days from 1 to November 8, may be transferred to other days of the same month, until its end. These days, freely chosen by the individual believers, may also be separate from each other;

"b.- the Plenary Indulgence of November 2, established on the occasion of the Commemoration of all the deceased faithful for those who piously visit a church or oratory and recite the 'Our Father' and the 'Creed' there, may be transferred not only to the Sunday before or after or on the day of the Solemnity of All Saints, but also to another day of the month of November, freely chosen by the individual faithful."

See the full text of the Vatican's decree [here](#).

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

**Reminder:** I would like to create a resource binder to provide victims with efficient, seamless service in their home area of the diocese. This list would provide Community Resources and Agencies, both private and public, that would be able to serve victims and those in need.

If you have a Faith-based Agency, Health Care Facility or a Private Therapist's name and contact information in your area, please send the information to the Office of Safe Environment, Attn: Teresa Brown, so a reference binder can be created to serve those in need.

**Reminder-** All students, whether in Religious Ed or attending one of the Catholic Schools, still need Protect and Heal Training (Safe Environment) for the 2020-21 school year before March 1, 2021, even if they are being taught at home, unless their parent has filled out a declination form. If you have questions, contact the Office of Safe Environment.

Teachers who are teaching virtually also need to be current on their background check, annual and confidential questionnaire and training.

**2020-21 Audit:** The audit for the Office of Safe Environment is in person this year. That means the Audit Team will visit the Diocesan Center and a few schools and parishes. It is extremely important that you send your completed report to the Office of Safe Environment by the March 1, 2021 deadline to ensure we are prepared for the auditors. If you have questions or need help, please let me know and I will assist you in completing your report.

When you send the report, all staff and volunteers must have a training date and all background checks must be current. If a background expires before July 1, 2021, it must be renewed. All students must be trained unless there is a signed declination form.

All Parish and System Schools should have received their spreadsheet and the report form. Parishes have been started and should be completed by next week.

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## Office for Social Concerns

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### **For Your Parish Communications:**

#### **Praying for the Dead: A Spiritual Work of Mercy**

The month of November is dedicated to praying for the repose of the souls of the departed. For some excellent information on this practice and on the Church's teaching about Purgatory, visit [ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feastdays/all-souls-20378](http://ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feastdays/all-souls-20378).

For information on gaining the plenary indulgence for the deceased faithful, consult the [Office for Sacred Worship](#) entry in this Chancery Bulletin.

#### **Pray for our country**

With razor-thin margins and questions about the integrity of the process, the U.S. is much divided in the wake of the November 3 elections. Please hold our nation in your prayers, that all issues might be resolved righteously and peacefully.

#### **Act: Ethical vaccines; Ending mail-order abortion; Ending Federal Executions**

Find out how to make your voice heard on important issues highlighted by the US Bishops. Visit [voterveice.net/USCCB/home](http://voterveice.net/USCCB/home).

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

**United States Postal Service:** We continue to have several parishes reporting issues with parishioners reporting they are not getting their appeal mailings as timely as expected. We have found that the mailings are reaching their homes seven days and more later than expected. These reports correlate with the finding by the USPS Inspector General's report and published in an article in the [Wall Street Journal on October 22](#). Thus, we have moved up the registration deadlines and mail drop dates to help counter these issues.

**Current Results:** Four parishes have already met and surpassed their goals. Congratulations Notre Dame Parish, Chippewa Falls; St. Joseph Parish, Fairview; Nativity of the BVM Parish, St. Mary's Ridge; and Mary Mother of Good Help, Wausau; thank you for your leadership.

About 2/3rds of our parishes have now begun, and the early results continue to be promising. The 6,735 supporters of the appeal last year, as of 11/09/19, have given this year, as of 11/09/20; their average investment is up by 19.9%. This increase equates to the appeal experiencing a plus \$445,086.60 YTD, which is a 27.8% increase. Despite limited Mass attendance, we have also added 20 new investors (which is a little over two/week), and 34 more have reengaged.

**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 best weekend for your schedule. **You must register your parish** and tell us which weekend you want the mail to arrive by.

**The next weekend available for sign up is November 29.** Due to USPS delivery times, we have moved up the close of the Register by Date. You must sign up on the [Appeal portal](#) [appeal.diolc.org](http://appeal.diolc.org) by 11:59 pm on 11/13/2020 to have the materials delivered by the weekend listed as the Sunday Kickoff Date. When registering, parishes must let us know which weekend (Sunday after Drop Date) you would like the mailings to arrive. If you have already kicked off and are just now signing up, please enter the next earliest date available. The mailings are placed into the postal mail stream on Tuesday 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 after Drop Date
11/13/2020	11/23/2020	11/27/2020	11/29/2020
11/20/2020	11/30/2020	12/4/2020	12/6/2020
11/27/2020	12/7/2020	12/11/2020	12/13/2020
12/4/2020	12/14/2020	12/18/2020	12/20/2020
12/11/2020	12/21/2020	12/25/2020	12/27/2020
12/18/2020	12/28/2020	1/1/2021	1/3/2021
12/25/2020	1/4/2021	1/8/2021	1/10/2021
1/1/2021	1/11/2021	1/15/2021	1/17/2021
1/8/2021	1/18/2021	1/22/2021	1/24/2021
1/15/2021	1/25/2021	1/29/2021	1/31/2021
1/22/2021	2/1/2021	2/5/2021	2/7/2021
1/29/2021	2/8/2021	2/12/2021	2/14/2021

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.

**Reminder:** The Diocese of La Crosse is part of the **Amazon Smile Program** - Do you or your family, friends, or parishioners use Amazon for purchasing online? Join the Amazon Smile program and select the Diocese of La Crosse as your charitable partner. Portions of the proceeds from your purchases on many items qualify.

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support the Diocese of La Crosse every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the Diocese of La Crosse.

Make a difference this holiday. Shop for gifts at [smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0807229](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0807229) to generate donations for the Diocese of La Crosse

**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](https://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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**Office for Temporalities**

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## Parish Accounting Software Pricing Online Discussion

Parish Finance Contacts who want more information regarding parish accounting software pricing are invited to attend an online discussion. There will be two discussion sessions, both covering the same topic of software pricing. Please attend only one of the sessions as they will both cover the same material.

To attend Thursday, November 19, at 2:00pm please click this [link](#). Meeting ID: 835 9821 0945 Passcode: 245094

To attend Tuesday, November 24, at 10:00am please click this [link](#). Meeting ID: 838 9823 4161 Passcode: 251159

If you have any questions please reach Nick Lichter, (608) 791-2681, or [nlichter@diolc.org](mailto:nlichter@diolc.org).

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### Office for Vicar for Clergy

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**Note to All Priests:** First let me thank you for all that you are doing to serve the people of God under your care, especially as your ministry is affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and its related stresses. I have had some conversations with those who are doing even more, keeping people safe and looking outside the box to meet needs. Again, thank you.

We are working on extending some of the established COVID-19 protocols to address clergy specific issues for your instruction and peace of mind. The guidelines will address what to do if you are directly exposed to or have tested positive for the coronavirus. In general, please keep us informed through the Chancery office and follow your local county Health Care Department instructions. If you are in need of a help-out priest to cover the weekend Masses, please continue with the same process you normally follow. If you try and have difficulties finding priest coverage, you may call the Vicar for Clergy office for assistance. Since the number of priests available is presently reduced, there may be instances when the weekend Masses will have to be private for a streaming or pre-recorded audience only or canceled altogether. This is, of course, a last resort, but is becoming a reality for us. COVID-19 protocols do not allow for exception to the emergency scheduling of Communion in the

Absence of a Priest. Therefore, Deacons and Leaders of Prayer are not to be scheduled in advance for COVID-19 coverage.

To that end, please be considerate of your brother priests. We all need days off, down time and vacation; we appreciate family visits and time with other priests and friends. However, at present inter-state and inter-national travel present further complications than normal. Some senior priests are helping out and the Pastors and their Associates have been generous in making themselves available as needed. But our resources are diminished, so out of solidarity with one another, please do what you can to ease the shared burden.

May God's finest blessings be extended to you, your staff and your parishioners.

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## Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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### **Middle School Safe Environment PowerPointS are now available!**

We are excited to announce that the Safe Environment PowerPointS for each grade (6th, 7th, and 8th) are now available on the diocesan website [here!](#) You will find them in the section titled “Diocese of La Crosse Protect and Heal Religious Education Plans” under the “Middle School” drop down box.

### **Reminder: The Diocesan Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, DC is Cancelled**

Due to COVID, we have prayerfully decided to cancel our annual Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, DC in January 2021. We are looking at some virtual and local options to connect people together to pray for all life. More information is coming soon.

### **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. **Click [HERE](#) for a downloadable poster and the Group Registration Form!**

Here are the diocesan Facebook links to these events.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/996054837567324/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/403560010647418/>

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

You can still sign up to participate and view past recordings in MOMENTUM: Moving Ministry Forward which is a multiphase event focused on rediscovering the purpose of programs, evaluating their effectiveness, and creating a strategy to impact the lives of young people and their families. Regardless if you have been in ministry for less than a year or more than 20 years, we now all share a common experience—normal is no longer normal. Now is the time chart a new course, or at least turn the sails. This event seeks to help you plant seeds for long term success in your ministry—learn how to draft your ministry blueprint, activate while adjusting accordingly, and empower a new generation of leaders. Click [here](#) for more information!

### **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.

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