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Events

As of Feb. 23

Thursday, February 25

2:00pm Virtual Formation - God's Sacrament of Healing for Our Wounded World

Friday, February 26

Day of Prayer and Penance for Diocesan and Universal Church Needs

Saturday, February 27

Diaconate Discernment Retreat - Altoona

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

Tuesday, March 2

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

Friday, March 5

Deacon Formation - Marathon - March 5-6

Lay Formation Institute - La Crosse - March 5-6

Saturday, March 6

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire

9:00am Spirituality Day 2021 - A Virtual Lenten Journey Through the Holy Land

Tuesday, March 9

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

Friday, March 12

1:30pm Blessing of Cathedral Cornerstone Project - La Crosse

2:00pm Press conference - Restoration of the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman - La Crosse

Saturday, March 13

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point

Sunday, March 14

10:30am Anniversary of the opening of the cause of Servant of God, Father Joe Walijewski - La Crosse

Tuesday, March 16

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

Tuesday, March 23

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

Thursday, April 1

Holy Thursday - Curia Offices Closed

Friday, April 2

Passion of Our Lord (Good Friday) - Curia Offices Closed

Saturday, April 3

Easter Vigil

Monday, April 5

8:00am Easter Monday - Curia Offices Closed

Tuesday, April 6

11:00am Tune-In Tuesdays

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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Virtual Formation – Thursday, February 25, 2-4 p.m.

God's Sacrament of Healing for Our Wounded World

Msgr. Joseph Hirsch will present on the Sacrament of Reconciliation: God's Sacrament of Healing for our Wounded World. This is a timely topic for Lent. This presentation will deal with the common questions and struggles surrounding this Sacrament. This series is FREE but registration is necessary. Contact Paula Boyle at pboyle@diolc.org to register. Catechetical leaders, catechists, Catholic school teachers, administrators, parents and any interested adult are invited to attend this Virtual webinar.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

<https://fb.me/e/PRumekuQ>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

Planning for Fall: Thursday, March 3rd, 2-3 p.m.

Catechetical Leaders: ZOOM Meeting on A Family of Faith

Numerous catechetical leaders have requested to hear from DREs about how it is working to use [A Family of Faith by Sophia Institute](#) in the parish. Three Catechetical Leaders will share their experiences, especially the impact that formation in the home is having on parents. This ZOOM meeting will be Thursday, March 3rd from 2-3 p.m. Please register through Paula at pboyle@diolc.org. The information shared in this virtual meeting may help stir ideas on engaging parents in a variety of ways.

For Parish Communications

Excellent Resource: *Person and Identity Project*

In this rapidly changing culture, there is widespread confusion regarding sexual identity. Many young people are struggling with the basic questions such as "Who am I?" and "What is my identity?" Through social media, young people are bombarded by a gender ideology, which is a false system of beliefs about the person that claims human identity is changeable and self-defined in an unreasonable way.

The *Person and Identity Project* provides Catholic formation, resources, and pastoral guidance on issues of faith, "gender," and sexual identity. This excellent website is user friendly and offers understandable articles and recordings. Visit: personandidentity.com See information for Parents, Schools and Parishes.

For Parish Communications

Lenten Resources for Individuals, Families or Small Groups

A Series on How God Guides Us

This series on “How God Guides Us” was developed due to requests from students in our Catholic High Schools through surveys and interviews over several years. There are six sessions and each session includes the following:

- a teaching on specific ways that God guides us.
- a Scripture passage that relates how God guided a person related to the teaching.
- two modern-day true stories in which individuals experienced God’s guidance related to the teaching.
- discussion questions for each section.
- Visit diolc.org/deeper for the downloadable materials for adults and diolc.org/prayer for high school students/families (See 12th grade)

For Parish Communication:

Pastoral Care amid Confusion about Sexual Identity with Fr. Paul Check

In the midst of a confused culture, how can we affirm and teach God’s fundamental design for the human person as male and female, created in His image and called to a life of self-giving love? How can we do this in a sensitive way, and yet in a way that is also unafraid to speak the truth—because we know God has written that truth deep within every human heart? These are the questions that Father Paul Check, along with Chris Ruff and Terry Bell, will address as they consider the most common misconceptions about identity and gender.

Visit diolc.org/recordings A list of helpful resources is also available: diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Helpful-Resources.pdf

For Parish Communications: (different list than last week)

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

Fast from discontent, feast on gratitude

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal Truth.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds.

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Office for Communications

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Facebook memes for Lent

We have several Lenten memes ready for you to use on your parish Facebook. You can find them at diolc.org/media_resources.

Reminder: For Your Parish Bulletin:

Cathedral Restoration Work Blessing and Press Conference - Friday, March, 12

Blessing of the Cathedral Restoration Project - 1:30 p.m.

Join Bishop Callahan as he blesses the beginning of the restoration work on our Cathedral.

Under the guidance of St. Joseph, we ask his protection as this project begins.

Everyone is invited to be present or join via live stream at cathedralsjworkman.org

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

<https://fb.me/e/443mPmtxb>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

Press Conference to announce the start of construction - 2:00 p.m.

Monsignor Gilles, Cathedral Rector – opening remarks and spiritual reason for the project

Steve Mar-Pohl, President at InSite Consulting Architects – structural issues, approach to the restoration work and timeline

Questions

Bishop Callahan – closing remarks

Everyone is invited to be present or join via live stream at cathedralsjworkman.org

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Office for Human Resources

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Employment Opportunity:

Administrative Assistant for the Offices of Catechesis & Evangelization and Family Life/ Youth Ministry

Apply: [Employment Opportunities | Diocese of La Crosse \(diolc.org\)](http://Employment Opportunities | Diocese of La Crosse (diolc.org))

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

Director: Christopher Rogers – 608.791.2659 | crogers@diolc.org

Family Life and Men of the Cross Facebook Pages

We hope to increase our communication and outreach to the people of the diocese. One way to do this is through social media, specifically Facebook. We have combined our “Marriage and Family Life” and “Youth and Young Adult Ministry” Facebook pages into one page called “Diocese of La Crosse Family Life,” which can be found [here](#).

Also, there is a Facebook page for the men of the diocese called “Men of the Cross,” found [here](#). Please Follow, Like, and Share these pages.

Diocesan Website for Clergy and Marriage Ministers Regarding Marriage Preparation

FYI, here is the [link](#) that goes directly to the section of our website containing resources for clergy and marriage ministers. There are step-by-step instructions, downloadable guidelines, downloadable forms, and much more! Please let us know if we can assist you in this ministry.

Reminder: Teaching the Way of Love Newsletter

The next monthly newsletter article is now available from Teaching the Way of Love. This month's topic is "Let's Be Reasonable!" Click [here](#) for the article.

Reminder: Heroic Men Website

If you haven't done so, check out the Heroic Men website [here](#), and let the Catholic men in your parish know about this great site. It is a 100% free Catholic streaming platform designed especially for men who want to discover (or re-discover) the truth, beauty and goodness of the Catholic faith. Offering more than 100 feature-length films, TV shows, documentaries and short films, Heroic Men seeks to source the best Catholic media available and bring it all to you, all in one place.

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 or phone 402-827-3735 ext. 1317

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Liturgical Guidelines for Holy Week 2021

Bishop Callahan emailed Holy Week guidelines to pastors on February 15. These same guidelines are now available on the [diocesan website](#).

Chrism Mass 2021

The Chrism Mass in 2021 will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Thursday, June 24, beginning at 10:00 a.m. See more information under the Vicar for Clergy entry, [below](#). Further details about the Mass will be sent to pastors and parishes as the date approaches.

Easter Vigil Start Time

Sunset in La Crosse on Saturday, April 3 is to be at 7:35 p.m. So that the Vigil may begin in darkness, 8:30 p.m. should be the earliest beginning time for the vigil.

Liturgical Calendar

February 26 (Friday): Day of Prayer and Penance for Diocesan and Universal Church needs. (Note: this observance is the Friday of the first week of Lent, not Friday after Ash Wednesday.) See more information [here](#).

Free Workshop: Celebrating the Easter Mystery

The Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary has just published a series of classes on Celebrating the Easter Mystery, presented by Christopher Carstens, Director of the Office for Sacred Worship. These five, one-hour classes uncover the spiritual treasures of Lent, Holy Week, and the Easter Season by focusing on the liturgy's prayers, readings, and ceremonies. The Liturgical Institute offers the course for \$97, but it can be viewed free of charge by clergy and laity in the Diocese of La Crosse. If interested, follow this link: <http://bit.ly/3dg5rlz>. Offer ends on Easter Sunday.

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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.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal This year's theme emphasizes the Church's relevancy, 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." Our next direct mailing is scheduled to arrive in homes by the week's end before Holy Week (est. March 26). If you would like to include a letter from your pastor or parish committee members, **please send us a draft before March 5, 2021.**

Whether you made your goal or are still working on it, there is something for your bulletin or social media. Check the [Appeal Portal](#) for resources. appeal.diolc.org If you cannot find something or would like something different, let us know, and we will do our best to meet your needs.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections

Stewardship Bulletin reflections for weekends: 2/28 -3/14 [Click here to download](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development: [Click Here for the weeks 2/28 -3/14](#)

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. 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.

Christ our Cornerstone Restoration Update:

Our \$6.1 million restoration need is well within reach! We hope you will join us in one final effort to bring this campaign to a successful conclusion.

- Total Restoration Need: \$6.1 million
- Overall Total Pledged: \$5.6 million (includes the \$3m match from St. Ambrose)

Bulletin and pulpit announcement for your use. To download the announcements, [click here](#).

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Office for Temporalities

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PNQ update for QuickBooks Online users:

A 15 minute informational video with account useage advice for parishes transitioning to QuickBooks Online has been posted under the topic heading PNQ Accounting Project on diolc.org/temporalities, or by [clicking here](#). The PNQ update for QuickBooks Online users video advises why old QuickBooks data cannot be imported into QBOOnline, it demonstrates account mapping, how to add unlisted accounts, how to use QBO Classes and why no transactions should be recorded in header accounts. Watch this video before beginning a QBO transition project to save time and aggravation. Contact Nick Lichter nlichter@diolc.org with any questions, or for more information.

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Office for Vocations

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:

In thanksgiving for those marriages, priests, sisters, and brothers who inspire and strengthen us by the witness of their commitment.

Please consider adding a vocations paragraph to your parish bulletin. Below is an example - they will be changed each week. Feel free to use any or all of them. Contact Renee' at vocations@diolc.org if you'd like the full document emailed to you.

What Are *You* Looking For?

The first question that Jesus asks in John's Gospel is, "What are you looking for?" He is speaking to John's disciples as they follow after Him, desiring to know who Jesus is and what His mission is all about. After the disciples respond, Jesus gives them an instruction, "Come and you will see!" Whether we can hear it or not, that same question is being asked to you. What are YOU looking for? So often, we find ourselves searching, not knowing exactly where to go or what to do in life. We seek things that will hopefully fill the emptiness and longing that we have in our hearts, but nothing seems to satisfy. The real answer to this can be found in Jesus' response as He invites each of us to follow after Him, to get to know Him, and to follow the path He has placed before us. For some men, that path is a very special invitation to walk in Jesus' footsteps as a priest. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Chrism Mass, 10:00 am Thursday, June 24, 2021 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral: Once again Chrism Mass is affected by the pandemic. But hope prevails through significant changes to the experience of 2020. Outside the norm, Chrism Mass will once again be held close to the celebration of priestly ordination, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2021. All priests and deacons of the diocese are invited to join Bishop Callahan for Chrism Mass 2021. Please set this time aside for the renewal of your priestly vows and the blessing of the Holy Oils. Further instructions will be sent from the Diocesan Office for Sacred Worship as the date approaches. Priest Unity Days will follow immediately after the celebration of the Chrism Mass as we move from the Cathedral to the Diocesan Center.

Here is the Facebook link for the Chrism Mass:

[facebook.com/events/465943164430834](https://www.facebook.com/events/465943164430834)

Please share this on your parish Facebook

Priest Unity Days, June 24-26, 2021 at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center: Priest Unity Days will be held between the cathedral celebrations of Chrism Mass and priesthood ordinations. A complete schedule amended from previous years is forthcoming. All clergy are reminded to set these days aside for the much-needed gathering of diocesan clergy for our camaraderie, discussion and spiritual input from the presenters. Petroc Willie and William Keimig are scheduled to address this topic: The Priest as Teacher.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Save the Date! Virtual Confirmation Retreats

We will be offering two dates for Virtual Confirmation Retreats using the Young Life Catholic Retreat Team. They will be offered March 13, 2021 and April 10, 2021 from 10:00am-1:00pm on both days. More information is coming soon!

National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) Membership

If you are not yet a member of the NFCYM and would like to learn more about becoming a member call our office and/or click [here](#).

Reminder: Tune-In Tuesdays

We are excited to continue to offer a series of ZOOM Meetings we call "Tune-In Tuesdays." Join us as we come together to network and share how we are doing, how our ministry is going and talk about ways we can support each other. Please follow this [link](#) to join us for Tune-In Tuesdays at 11:00 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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