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Events

As of March 16

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](#)

Friday, April 9

Deacon Formation - Marathon - April 9-10

Lay Formation Institute - La Crosse - April 9-10

Saturday, April 10

8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield](#)

Sunday, April 11

Divine Mercy Sunday

Tuesday, April 13

11:00am [Tune-In Tuesdays](#)

Saturday, April 17

8:00am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Wausau](#)

Tuesday, April 20

11:00am [Tune-In Tuesdays](#)

Saturday, April 24

7:15am [Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse](#)

Sunday, April 25

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Tuesday, April 27

11:00am [Tune-In Tuesdays](#)

Saturday, May 1

St. Joseph the Workman, principal patron of the Diocese

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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For Parish Communication

Bulletin Insert for the Weekend of March 21st or March 28th

Preparing for Easter: Receiving God’s Healing and Strength

Every person faces temptations. Jesus has obtained the grace for us, not only to resist temptation, but the grace to receive His forgiveness when we fall. This amazing gift of grace has been purchased for us at the price of Christ’s Blood, shed in His Passion and Death and made available to us through His Resurrection! Therefore, this is a most appropriate time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Visit diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts to download the bulletin insert.

For Parish Communication

Bulletin Insert for the Weekend of March 28

The Week that Changed the World: Entering into Holy Week

This bulletin insert summarizes the events of Holy Week and includes a box to type in the specific times of your Parish Liturgy for each day. Visit diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts to download the bulletin insert.

For Parish Communication

Lent: God’s Sacrament of Healing for Our Wounded World

Recording by Msgr. Joseph Hirsch

If we are to share the hope and healing of Jesus Christ, each of us is called to encounter His healing in our own woundedness. Msgr. Joseph Hirsch shares some of his own experiences of how this Sacrament has been a source of encounter and healing for him. This compelling recording also deals with the common questions and struggles surrounding this Sacrament. This is a timely topic for Lent and is well worth your time. Visit diolc.org/lent to listen to the recording.

Reminder: Year of St. Joseph: 6-week study group on St. Joseph and His Role in Our Lives

Parishes are invited to offer small groups who will meet once a week for 6 weeks, as an opportunity for parishioners to learn more about St. Joseph. Fr. Donald Callaway’s book on *Consecration to St. Joseph* provides short readings for each day, as well as discussion questions. Groups may begin the week of March 28 with a consecration on the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman on May 1st. Visit shopmercy.org to order books.

For Parish Communications

Study group on St. Joseph

Join us as we discover more about St. Joseph, the man whom God chose to be called Jesus’ earthly father. You will also discover that Joseph wants to be a spiritual “father-figure” to YOU, leading you in a closer relationship with his Son, Jesus. (This announcement needs to include the date(s) and time(s) of your parish group(s))

Reminder: For Parish Communication

Courage / EnCourage:

Are you or a loved one experiencing same-sex attraction and looking for answers?

- Courage is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of persons with same-sex attraction.
- EnCourage is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who deal with same-sex attractions.

If you are interested in being part of a Courage Chapter, or an EnCourage Chapter, please contact Ann Lankford, Office for Catechesis and Evangelization, Diocese of La Crosse. **608-791-2658** or alankford@diolc.org Resources can be found here: www.couragerc.org

Planning for Fall: Catechetical Leaders:

- **Theology of the Body** is to be implemented in the fall 2021, in 7th and/or 8th grade as well as in high school. Visit diolc.org/tob for details about formation in Theology of the Body on Saturday, June 5th from 10 a.m. – 3:30 featuring Brian Butler. Why is this formation so important and necessary? **A crisis in the idea of the human person is at the root of so many modern evils.** The young people, and every adult, need to be clear in their understanding of our identity and human dignity. Note: This day of formation will not be recorded, as requested by the speaker.
- **Recording on A Family of Faith Series**
Three catechetical leaders, Julie Meadows from Holy Spirit Parish in Stevens Point, Cassie Thayer from St. Patrick Parish in Mauston and Andrew Brueggen from St. Patrick Parish in Onalaska share their experiences on how they are using A Family of Faith Series. The information on this recording helps stir ideas on **engaging parents** in a variety of ways. Click here for the recording: diolc.org/certification
- **Purpose** – Confirmation Program by Life Teen is receiving compelling reviews by Catechetical Leaders in the Diocese. Visit purposeconfirmation.com

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Office for Communications

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Bishop Callahan's Easter Message

Bishop Callahan's Easter video greeting is available [here](#). Please share his message on your parish Facebook and your parish website. We will also be using Facebook video cross posting for easy sharing of the Easter Message.

Easter graphics are available at diolc.org/media-resources.

The April issue of Catholic Life magazine will be delivered to your parishioners around March 26. The electronic version will be posted to catholiclife.diolc.org.

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Employment Opportunities:

[Administrative Assistant](#): Catechesis and Evangelization and Family Life
See full job description and apply at: www.diolc.org

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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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@focusinc.com or phone 402-827-3735 ext. 1317

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Office for Ministries

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

Join the Lay Formation Institute! Class starts in the Fall – Registration underway!

Registration is now open for the next two-year Lay Formation cycle that begins in fall of 2021. *Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners!* See complete information, schedule and application form at diolc.org/layformation. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-0161.

New Leader of Prayer Class Begins in July 2021

Applications are now open for a new class of men and women who wish to serve as Leaders of Prayer for the Diocese of La Crosse. This is a three-part course of study by which lay persons are prepared and commissioned to serve their parishes by bringing Holy Communion to the sick; conducting a Liturgy of the Word on weekdays when a priest is unavailable (or on Sunday in care facilities or jails); and by leading parishioners in prayer at other times. Applicants must have completed the Lay Formation Institute and be sponsored by their pastor. For more information and to apply, visit diolc.org/ministries and click on "Leader of Prayer."

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Office for Missions

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Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild

Join us to celebrate Padre Jose and learn more about he lives among us as we unveil a new video and share stories of his missions with the children in Peru. This event will be a lead in to Holy Week, which is always a special time to remember Padre Jose in Peru and around the world.

Wednesday, March 24th

7:00pm CST

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86862252025?pwd=ZVd4VjZldVovRmYxaVlTaDkyOFI0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 868 6225 2025

Passcode: 032214

Please feel free to share with your parishes, communities, family and friends.

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Office for Sacred Worship

Director: Christopher Carstens – 608.791.0161 | ccarstens@diolc.org

Meat Allowed on the Solemnity of St. Joseph

Fridays of Lent are to be observed as days of abstinence from meat (Canon 1250). An exception is if a Solemnity were to fall on a Friday: “Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday.” (Canon 1251). Since the Solemnity of St. Joseph falls on Friday, March 19, 2021, the law requiring fasting from meat on that day is lifted.

Liturgical Guidelines for Holy Week 2021

Holy Week guidelines are 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. 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 should be the earliest beginning time for the vigil.

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, click [here](#), or key in Easter.liturgy.online. 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.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Below are some Homily Talking Points:

- Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children.
- During Child Abuse Prevention Month, we are reminded of the call to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. As Jesus entrusts to Peter the care of the flock, we are reminded that this responsibility belongs to everyone as a matter of charity and justice.
- We can also play a role in victim outreach by offering support, compassion, and prayers to those close to us who have been abused. The importance we place on carrying out these acts of charity will go a long way in creating a culture within our Church where children are safe, and victim/survivors find healing.
- We are all part of a larger culture of protection and healing within the Church. As members of this culture, we value the prevention of abuse and the support of those who have been abused. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. Even when we

witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels.

- Child Abuse Prevention Month should lead to heightened awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment for all within the Church and for our communities.
- Our faith also calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children and youth from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this idea.

Next week, I will include sample petitions that can be used throughout the month of April.

Annual Report is Overdue

80 parishes have not sent in their annual report or asked for an extension. It is now 2 weeks late. It's best to send the report while your Religious Education Program is still in session in case a volunteer needs to renew a form or do training. It is difficult to contact them once the program ends and summer starts.

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Office for Social Concerns

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

U.S. Bishops' Action Alerts opposing ERA and "Equality Act"

The U.S. Bishops ask the faithful to voice their opposition to a renewed attempt to ratify the deceptively named Equal Rights Amendment, as well as to speak out against the more recent, similarly named Equality Act, both of which threaten the true dignity of women and the lives of unborn children. They would also discriminate against the work of faith-based organizations. For more information and to make your voice heard, visit www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home.

Reminder – For Your Parish Bulletin:

U.S. Bishops' cite ethical problem with Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine

The U.S. Bishops, citing the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, have judged that, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. While the vaccines from

Pfizer and Moderna did use an abortion-derived cell line for testing, they did not use the problematic cell line in their vaccine development and production. By contrast, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine was developed, tested and produced with abortion-derived cell lines, raising additional moral concerns. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's. Sadly, when it comes to a number of vital vaccines—such as the one for Rubella—there is no other choice than either to make use of a tainted vaccine or to forgo vaccination altogether. For a broader discussion, visit diolc.org/respect-life and click on the tab for “COVID Vaccines-Ethics.”

Coming in April: National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The month of April each year is a time to raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect, and to recommit efforts and resources aimed at protecting children and strengthening families. For resources from the U.S. Bishops, visit <https://www.usccb.org/committees/communications/abuse-prevention-resources>.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal: Next mailing is targeted to start to arrive in mailboxes the weekend of March 27/28.

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."

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:

To download

- [3/21 Click Here](#)
- [3/28 Click Here](#)
- [4/04 Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- Click Here for the weeks [3/21 – 4/04](#)

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.

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Office for Temporalities

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Church Mutual Nurse Hotline

Employees who believe they have suffered a work-related injury while working at home must immediately report that injury to their supervisor. After the injury is reported to the supervisor, either the supervisor, the injured employee, or, preferably both, need to report the injury to Church Mutual using the Church Mutual Nurse Hotline at (844) 322-4662 to ensure proper treatment is sought in light of the climate in which we are currently living. [Click here](#) for the Church Mutual Nurse Hotline Instructions Flyer.

PNQ Mentor Sessions Signup

Parish accounting staff can receive one-on-one help to succeed in transitioning to the new Chart of Accounts and online accounting software. Beginning next week, mentor sessions of 30-60 minutes each with Claudia Weinberger are offered on a signup basis. Limited sessions are available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays through April 29th. Additional session availability is likely as future needs may suggest. Appointments are considered as priority issue resolution for the Finance Office, are conducted via Zoom, and may be recorded as video training. [Click here](#) to sign up.

Wisconsin Adopts Broad COVID-19 Civil Liability Immunity

Good news for our parishes and schools. Wisconsin enacted its own COVID-19 civil liability shield law. The immunity protects our parishes and schools from civil liability for the death of or injury to any individual or damages caused by an act or omission resulting in or relating to exposure, directly or indirectly, to the novel coronavirus identified as SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 in the course of or through the performance or provision of the entity's functions or services.

The act makes clear that the immunity does not apply if the act or omission "involves reckless or wanton conduct or intentional misconduct." Reckless, wanton and intentional conduct are standard tort concepts and are used limitations in numerous immunity statutes.

Please [click here](#) for more information related to the recently passed legislation.

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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:

That through our vocations to marriage, priesthood and religious life we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world.

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.

Have you asked someone recently?

Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached 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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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Franciscan CORE Youth Theology Institute at Viterbo University

Franciscan CORE 2021 will be June 13th - 18th in a hybrid format offering virtual gatherings and a one-day on-campus immersion into Catholic Social Teaching and the life of St. Francis of Assisi as a model of service we can offer in our own communities. Franciscan CORE invites rising 10th, 11th, and 12th students to discern their call to leadership and service for the church and the world. Investment for this amazing experience is only \$50. Registration is open! Visit their website viterbo.edu/franciscan-core for more information and a link to register.

Save the Date! Virtual Confirmation Retreat

Our first Virtual Confirmation Retreat was beautiful. We are looking forward to the next on April 10, 2021 from 10:00am-1:00pm. Email us to register!

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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