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Events

As of March 23

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

10:00am Ordination to the Diaconate - La Crosse

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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For Parish Communication

Bulletin Insert for the Weekend of 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 to us 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! As we prepare to celebrate the holy events of our Redemption, 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 with times for Holy Week

The Week that Changed the World: Entering into Holy Week

The events of Holy Week are summarized, which includes boxes to type in the specific times of the Parish Liturgy for each day. Visit diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts to download the bulletin insert.

For Parish Communications

Welcoming and Seeking information from those who attend Mass on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

There will be more people returning to Mass on Easter, as well as guests who might only go to Church a few times a year. The Easter Pew Cards are to provide parish staff and volunteers with information on connecting with people who want to become more active (again). Visit diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts to download 2 Easter Cards per page.

For Parish Communication

Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition

To access an Examination of Conscience and Act of Contrition for daily use, and/or to prepare to make a good confession visit diolc.org/deeper.

Note: The Prayer Card will be helpful for RCIA candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

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.

For Parish Communication

Virtual Formation for Theology of the Body

Saturday, June 5th

Why is this formation in Theology of the Body so important and necessary for parents, grandparents, teachers, those in leadership and any interested adult? **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. Gather with a group at the parish for this significant formation. Visit diolc.org/tob for further information and to register. Note: This day of formation will not be recorded.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

<https://fb.me/e/1Y5gDXdQB>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

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Office for Communications

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April Catholic Life:

The April issue of Catholic Life Magazine will be delivered to your parishioners around Friday, March 26. You can view the electronic version [here](#).

Attention Pastors, Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries: Parish Message Lines for the back cover of the May/June issue of *Catholic Life* magazine are due by Monday, March 29. The May/June issue is expected to arrive in homes by Saturday, May 1. Please direct any questions to Sr. Donna: dkrzmarzick@diolc.org

Holy Week Live Stream Schedule:

We will be live streaming Holy Week from the Cathedral. diolc.org/live

[Thursday at 7:00 p.m.](#)

[Friday at 12:10 p.m.](#)

[Saturday at 8:30 p.m.](#)

[Sunday at 10:30 a.m.](#)

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.

Updated information regarding the future of myParish app

There have been several communications regarding the future of myParish app. After continued dialog, Diocesan has offered the parishes of the Diocese of La Crosse the ability to continue using the myParish app without an ongoing monthly charge. If you are unsure how to send messages or modify content in your parish's app, you can contact Mike using the information at the bottom of this section.

Analytics for myParish app has been upgraded and will now accurately show the app usage for your parish as of February 7, 2021. Data prior to February is inaccurate. To access the analytics for your parish, visit admin.myparishapp.com and log in using your parish credentials.

[EVANGELUS](#), the service enabling parishes to use a single new communications tool to reach their parishioners through email, text, myParish app, social media and websites is a for pay product. The typical cost is \$99/month per parish. Exclusively for the Diocese of La Crosse and its parishes, the cost is \$59/month per parish.

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Open Positions:

Administrative Assistant

Receptionist

For more information: www.diolc.org/jobs

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

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Office for Ministries

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

Be Part of an Amazing Adventure in Faith – Join the Lay Formation Institute!

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/lay-formation. 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 24 at 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

Liturgical Guidelines for Holy Week 2021

Holy Week guidelines are available on the [Diocesan website](#).

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.

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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.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

See *Roe v. Wade* the Movie – The Real Story You've Never been Told

Coming in April, see *Roe v. Wade*, a new movie that looks behind the scenes of the infamous 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy. The story is told through the eyes of Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the New York OB/GYN who paved the way for abortion on demand but later became pro-life. Visit www.diolc.org/respect-life for links to the movie website and trailer. The film will be available for streaming on Amazon Prime and iTunes in April, with the DVD to be released in May. It is currently available for pre-order from Amazon, Walmart and Target, as well as Christian booksellers.

Reminder: 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 usccb.org/committees/communications/abuse-prevention-resources.

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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."

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 at 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

- [3/28 Click Here](#)
- [4/04 Click Here](#)
- [4/11 Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- Click Here for the weeks [3/28 – 4/11](#)

Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild

Join us to learn more about and celebrate the life and works of Father Joseph Walijewski. The Guild will be unveiling that share stories of his missions with the children in Peru.

Friday, March 24, 2021, 7:00pm CST Zoom Meeting

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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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March Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group

Please [click here](#) for the March edition of CMG Health Enews.

PNQ video for QuickBooks Online users: QBO Accounts and Classes, March 19, 2021.

[Click here](#) to watch this important 20-minute video explaining the Chart of Accounts and Classes pre-loaded into parish QuickBooks licenses. Parish staff using QuickBooks Online should watch this video before setting up the parish Chart of Accounts. Learn how classes are designed to report Endowments, Cemetery, and departmental allocations for the Annual Report. Please contact Nick Lichter, nlichter@diolc.org, with any questions.

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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 young men and women will listen to the Holy Spirit in their hearts and respond to the cry from deep within to vocations of marriage, single blessedness, priesthood and religious life.

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 does your future hold?

When we are young, we look towards the future and wonder what's in store. Perhaps there are dreams of accomplishing great things, helping others, or being able to change the world. Well, there is a vocational calling that can provide the opportunity to do all of that and so much more: the priesthood! Consider the Lord's call to the priesthood, a calling that gives young men the opportunity to be part of something greater, the Church. It provides an opportunity to be part of God's healing mission, a mission to save souls and bring people into deeper relationship with Him. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering this call, 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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We have three new international priests who have arrived for service in the Diocese of La Crosse. Many thanks to those who have helped to welcome them, accompany them through various periods of quarantine and are soon to introduce them to parish life and ministry in our corner of Wisconsin. Please welcome them and keep them in your prayers. Their official assignments will be decided after a period of welcome, orientation and formation.

Fr. Junabe Villapaz: Fr. Jojo comes to us from the Diocese of Pagadian, Philippines where he was ordained a priest in 2010. After completing the quarantine with relatives of Fr. Gilbert Hingone, his diocesan brother and friend of La Crosse, he is working through orientation at St. Patrick Parish, Sparta with Fr. Eric Berns and Fr. Fernando Lara.

Fr. Jeyaseelan Yobu: Fr. Jey comes to us from the Archdiocese of Madurai, India where he was ordained a priest in 2004. He is completing his time of quarantine at St. Mary rectory, Bangor with Fr. Kennedy. His next place of residence to begin orientation will be at St. Bartholmew Parish, Trempealeau with Fr. Antony Joseph.

Fr. Chinnappan Pelavendran: Fr. Chinnappan comes to us from the Diocese of Vellore, India where he was ordained a priest in 2008. He is completing his period of quarantine with Fr. Peter Raj Mariasamy at Blessed Sacrament Parish, La Crosse. His next place of residence and orientation is yet to be determined.

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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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