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Events

As of March 30th

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

10:00am Virtual Confirmation Retreat

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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Chancery Office

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Due to the Easter holiday, we will not be publishing a Chancery Bulletin, next Tuesday, April 6. We will resume the weekly schedule beginning on Tuesday, April 13.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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For Parish Communication

Bulletin Insert for the Weekend of April 11th

The best word to describe God's Compassionate Heart is Mercy. The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a fitting time to focus on God's forgiving love, the mercy poured out through the suffering, death and resurrection of His Son, including the mercy He shows each one of us in ways too numerous to count.

For Parish Communications

Easter Pew Card for the Weekend of April 4th

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

As seen on Palm 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 <https://diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts/> to download 2 Easter Cards per page. It is best to allow a few minutes for people to complete the Pew Card toward the end of Mass.

For Parish Communications

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Training for Level One, Parts 1 and 2 in Wausau, WI

The training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be offered in Wausau beginning in early May. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers Christian formation for children ages 3 through 12. Through this experience, children (and adults) are helped to form an authentic, faithful relationship with God. This Catechesis is grounded in scriptural and liturgical study, framed by Montessori's principles of education. It gives children the opportunity to hear the Gospel and absorb its message through the use of sensorially rich materials and the work of their hands.

This course is a spiritual formation experience for adults as well as instruction in this approach of catechesis for children. The pace of the course is retreat-like, thus allowing for its contemplative nature. Presentations are given from Scripture and liturgy as they are given to the children. For further details and to download the registration brochure visit:

diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching

For Parish Communications

Parents

Today's middle schoolers and high schoolers face new pressure. Social networking and the whole gamut of virtual reality present new horizons of connectivity yet often without real engagement, adding to the hard task of adolescents finding their identity. We need a message of hope that is more powerful than the glitter of society's offerings. This is what

Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body provides, for it resonates with the deepest desires of the heart. Parents, join us virtually on Saturday, June 5th to hear an overview of the Theology of the Body so that you can "walk with" your son or daughter as they receive formation in Middle School and High School. Visit diolc.org/tob for further details and to register for \$10.

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

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Office for Communications

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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.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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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

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608.791.2676 | wpace@diolc.org

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land: Each year the Commissariat for the Holy Land, members from the Order of Friars Minor whose role it is to care for the holy sites enshrining historical places significant in the life of Jesus, promotes the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. The funds raised are used to support the important work of the Franciscans in the Holy Land. The friars preserve and promote the shrines, assist Christians to stay in residence in the Holy Land, and provide educational opportunities for religious formation and archeological research. They also operate 29 parishes and a Christian Media Center in the Holy Land.

Parishioners who participate in the Diocesan Annual Appeal already give to the Good Friday Holy Land collection, since a portion of the appeal funds are forwarded to the Commissariat each year. Still, because of the grave need many parishes continue to hold the collection. There is no need for envelopes since the collection is taken up during the Good Friday service. Funds should be first deposited in the parish for inclusion on the parish year-end tax statements. Parishes then send the total to the Diocese of La Crosse through the Office of Temporalities. The Mission Office promotes the annual collection but does not handle the funds. More information can be found at the [Pontifical Good Friday Collection website](#).

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Office for Sacred Worship

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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](https://diolc.org). 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 National Child Abuse Month. The 2021 theme is: You can be a connection for children in your community. You can show your support by wearing blue on April 1 and throughout the month.

Sample Petitions that can be used the month of April:

- We pray for all victims of abuse around the world, within the church and beyond, and the Healing Spirit of God move among them and within them. And that the Church – the People of God – be filled with the same healing spirit, we pray to the Lord.....
- We the church pray for its leaders, that they recognize and repent sin and its consequences within the church, especially those sins which cause innocent children, families, the vulnerable and communities to suffer unjustly, we pray to the Lord.....
- For civic leaders entrusted with upholding the common good and justice for all that they may act in ways that show their commitment to the protection of all, especially children and young people, we pray to the Lord
- For parents, mentors, teachers, coaches and all who work with children and young people, that they may look after them with the watchful eye of the shepherd, we pray to the pray to the Lord
- For families who are the first to show God's love, that they may have the necessary support to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people, we pray to the Lord.....
- For those who have suffered abuse, that they may experience God's profound love for them and God's healing powers, we pray to the Lord
- For those who provide help for the abused: counselors, therapists, and advocates that they may act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministry, we pray to the Lord
- For anyone who may be suffering from abuse, that they may they have the courage to tell a trusted adult so the abuse can be stopped and they can begin the journey to healing, we pray to the Lord

If you would like a sample of a short prayer service that can be done at your parish, please email for call the Office of Safe Environment.

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Office for Catholic Schools

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Office for Social Concerns

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

Wisconsin Bishops Speak Out Against “Equality Act”

Wisconsin’s Catholic bishops join with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in opposing the Equality Act of 2021 (H.R. 5). While all people must be treated with dignity and respect, efforts to prevent discrimination cannot foster inequality and intolerance of religion and people of faith. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution specifically protects free speech and the free exercise of faith, as both are essential for a free and open society....

To read more and to find out how you can make your voice heard against this dangerous legislation, visit www.diolc.org/social-concerns.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

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

Coming this 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 preorder 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 www.diolc.org/respect-life and click on the tab for “COVID Vaccines-Ethics.”

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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Diocesan Annual Appeal for 2021-22: To ensure accuracy this past week, we sent out to the parish priests their respective numbers from fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 Annual Report. These data points are used to calculate the parishes' Diocesan Annual Appeal goals. If you find an error in your data, please contact Kurt Jereczek kjereczek@diolc.org so he can reopen the Annual Report database for your parish so you can correct and resubmit your Annual Report.

If you are having issues or unsure how to get the data with Parishsoft Family Suite's using the correct criteria, please contact our office, and we will work with you to resolve the issue.

Please complete your reviews and corrections by April 15, 2021.

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](http://appeal.diolc.org) 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

- [4/04 Click Here](#)
- [4/11 Click Here](#)
- [4/18 Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- [Click Here for the weeks 4/04 – 4/18](#)

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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Mutual of America 403(b)

Mutual of America is hosting six webinars. The fourth webinar in the series is “Retirement Reality Check”. You’ll get in-depth planning tools and insight designed to help you:

- Understand your sources of retirement income
- Calculate how much income you’ll need in retirement
- Make the most of your retirement plans

And much more. I hope you’ll join Mutual of America for what’s sure to be an enlightening and helpful session.

April 14th at noon: [Click here to Register for Nearing Retirement April 14th at Noon](#)
April 22nd at 4 p.m.: [Click here to Register for Nearing Retirement April 22nd at 4 p.m.](#)

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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 our parish communities will nurture holy single lives, marriage, and religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action 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.

Called to More

What if there was more? What if I could be more? Sometimes we can look around and think that there isn't anything more that can be offered to us, that this is the best I can get. We settle for something that leaves us feeling empty and hungering for more. Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask the Lord what He is calling you to do. As we turn to God in the midst of human mediocrity, we can find something that is eternally greater. Consider your vocation and where God may be leading you. Could it be a call to the priesthood? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: 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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Note to Priests: Although this is our second celebration of the Sacred days of the Triduum and Easter under the restrictions of the pandemic, 2021 is faring much better than 2020. We appreciate all you are doing to honor these days following Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem while keeping in mind the health and safety of your parishioners. Catholic parishes gratefully have for the most part a good track record in our church buildings and schools for following protocols and not becoming locations labeled as spreaders of the coronavirus. The high holy days should be no exception as long as we keep the vigil. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in receiving and following the instructions offered for your preparation.

Annual Priest Retreat, April 12-16, 2021: We have finalized the sign-up list of participating priests for both in-person and virtual options. We are at capacity for in-person, but can still take late sign-ups to receive the Zoom links for the conferences and liturgies. The cost to participants will be removed from the annual continuing education fund for each. Please note that the daily conferences will not be recorded or uploaded for later viewing.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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