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Events

As of March 9

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

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

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, <u>diolc.org/calendar</u>, and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to <u>datebook@diolc.org</u>. 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

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 diolo.org/lent to listen to the recording.

For Parish Communication

Lent: Questions on the Sacrament of Reconciliation

If God knows my sins, why do I have to confess them?

God doesn't need it. We need it. Confessing helps us to own up to the fact that we are sinners in need of redemption. Confessing strengthens us to stop comparing, making excuses and assigning blame.

Planning for Fall:

Catechetical Leaders: 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

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 Communication 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. Dates and time for study group(s): (Please include the dates and time for your parish here)

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

Reminder: 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 <u>diolc.org/tob</u> for details about formation in Theology of the Body on Saturday, June 5th from 10 a.m. 3:30 featuring Brian Butler. This formation will focus on Pope John Paul II's teaching, <u>not</u> on specific resources.
- The Search by Chris Stefanick used for Confirmation: parishes are finding that this resource is received exceptionally well by confirmandi. The Augustine Institute is currently producing resources for The Search to be used in Confirmation preparation. Visit https://www.thesearchbegins.org/ to watch Session 1.
- Vacation Bible School see the list of all Catholic VBS <u>diolc.org/vbs</u>

Contacting the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization

We are in the process of hiring a new administrative assistant as Paula Boyle and her husband have moved back to Ohio to be close to their children and grandchildren. If you need assistance, please email Ann at alankford@diolc.org or call 608-791-2658.

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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 <u>link</u> 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 <u>here</u> 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:

New Lay Formation Institute (LFI) class starts in the fall – Registration underway!

Registration is 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 how he lives among us today. We will unveil a new video and share stories of his missions with the children in Peru at Casa Hogar! This event will be a lead in to Holy Week, which is always a special time to celebrate and remember Padre Jose in Peru and around the world.

Wednesday, March 24th 7:00pm CST

Zoom Meeting: Please email <u>ssceery@frjoesguild.org</u> to sign up in advance. We will distribute the zoom link in next week's Chancery Bulletin.

Reminder: Notes for Teachers and Catechists: Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Lenten Mite Box Program: Please let us know if you have enough materials as you promote this important annual mission of "children helping children". We offer the following links to inspire additional ideas or activities as we continue our Lenten journey and teach children and youth missionary discipleship:

MCA Interactive Calendar for March: The Missionary Childhood Association March "moment for the Missions" <u>calendar</u> includes Lent-related activities through the Wednesday of Holy Week ~ daily opportunities to learn, to pray, to act, to reflect and discuss, and to stand in solidarity with children and families in the Pope's missions. It is posted on the <u>resources page of MISSIO.org</u>. Finally, the most recent <u>MCA newsletter bulletin from Rome</u> also contains articles and pictures from MCA projects around the world. Teachers and catechists are encouraged to share the stories in the classroom and with students and families. The stories with the Holy Spirit may inspire them in ways we cannot imagine. Remember that it was the Spencer Tracy movie, "Boys Town", about Fr. Flanagan and his true-life work with abandoned children on the streets which inspired our own Fr. Walijewski to give his life to the missions in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru. As always, thank you for all you do!

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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.

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 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-our 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 <u>policies and procedures</u>, 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.

Attention needed on all forms: When your volunteers or staff are filling out Safe Environment forms, please advise them that we must have their full legal name. If their legal name is Christopher, the form must have Christopher and not Chris listed and it needs to be signed as Christopher. Digital signatures are not accepted. The entire last name must be included as well. If legally your name is 2 or more names, you must list them all. Background checks must be on the current form. If it is submitted on an old form, it will no longer be accepted and the form will be destroyed.

The FBI Release form is no longer used. DO NOT send them with print cards. This form was updated last year and is now included with the Basic Background Form. A current signed Basic Background Check form should be sent with all print cards.

The 2020-21 Protect and Heal Annual Report is now past due. 84 Parishes and 13 Schools have not sent their reports or called for an extension. As a reminder, all students must be trained this year, even if they are taught at home or through Zoom.

Wear Blue Day – Friday, April 2: Show your commitment to prevent child abuse by wearing something blue.

On Friday April 9, 2021 @ 12PM PST, the Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection will

commemorate Child Abuse Prevention Month through prayer with the Divine Mercy Chaplet with special intentions for victims/survivors of abuse and their families. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be livestreamed across all USCCB social media platforms: Facebook & Twitter

Create a "blue ribbon tree" at your parish or school, encouraging children and adults to tie a blue ribbon around a specific tree (the trunk and the branches) in honor of child abuse prevention. You could also have each person say a prayer for those who have been abused as they tie on their ribbon. This is a great family activity for parents and children to do at home.

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Office for Social Concerns

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

U.S. Bishops' Call to Action:

Oppose Legislation threatening Unborn Children, Religious Freedom and Women's Dignity The U.S. Bishops are calling on us to make our voices heard against the ill-named "Equality Act," which threatens unborn children, religious freedom and conscience rights, and which would also enforce transgender ideology to the detriment of women's privacy and safety and women's sports. To make your voice heard against these evils, visit www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home.

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 www.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 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 <u>Appeal Portal</u> 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

- <u>3/14 Click here</u>
- 3/21 Click Here
- 3/28 Click Here

Stewardship Homily Reflections

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

Click Here for the weeks 3/14 -3/28

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 <u>diolclegacy.org</u>. 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: \$5.8 million (includes the \$3m match from St. Ambrose)
- Need Remaining \$350,135

Bulletin and pulpit announcements are available for your use. To download the

announcements, click here.

<u>Click here to register</u> to join Bishop Callahan as he blesses the Cathederal restoration project and watch the press conference announcing the begin of the restoration.

• Blessing: 1:30 PM, Friday March 12, 2021

Press Conference: 2:00 PM, Friday March 12

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February Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group

Please *click here* for the February edition of CMG Health Enews.

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Office for Vocations

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Please include the following intercession for vocations for your Sunday prayers of the faithful:

That those who feel a call to and desire for marriage, for priesthood and for religious life may find the courage to say yes to what God asks of them.

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.

How does God speak to me?

Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. 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 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. 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 <u>link</u> 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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