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### Officials

The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, D.D., Bishop of La Crosse, makes the following announcements:

The Reverend **Clayton R. Elmhorst**, Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Lyndon Station, has been granted an indefinite medical leave of absence for continued recovery following an automobile accident, effective March 26, 2021.

The Very Reverend **John A. Potaczek**, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Mauston, in accord with Canons 539 and 540 of the *Code of Canon Law*, has been appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Mary Parish in Lyndon Station, effective March 26, 2021.

The Very Reverend **Valentine Joseph Gasparraj**, Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids, at the request of his Archbishop, Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy, is returning home to the Archdiocese of Madurai, India to teach at St. Paul's Regional Seminary, Trichy, effective June 1, 2021.

The Reverend **Justin J. Kizewski**, Pastor of Holy Ghost Parish in Chippewa Falls and St. Bridget Parish in Springfield, to be assigned to the teaching faculty at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee, effective July 6, 2021. He will continue as Director of Spiritual Formation in the Diocesan Program for Permanent Deacons.

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### Events

As of April 13

<b>Saturday, April 17</b>	
8:00am	Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Wausau
<b>Tuesday, April 20</b>	
11:00am	Tune-In Tuesdays
<b>Saturday, April 24</b>	
7:15am	Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse
<b>Sunday, April 25</b>	
World Day of Prayer for Vocations	
<b>Tuesday, April 27</b>	
11:00am	Tune-In Tuesdays
<b>Saturday, May 1</b>	
St. Joseph the Workman, principal patron of the Diocese	
10:00am	Ordination to the Diaconate - La Crosse
<b>Tuesday, May 4</b>	
11:00am	Tune-In Tuesdays
<b>Friday, May 7</b>	
Deacon Formation - Marathon - May 7-8	
Lay Formation Institute - La Crosse - May 7-8	
Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral	
<b>Tuesday, May 11</b>	
11:00am	Tune-In Tuesdays
<b>Saturday, May 15</b>	
8:00am	Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Durand - FULL
<b>Sunday, May 16</b>	
Solemnity of the Ascension	
<b>Tuesday, May 18</b>	
11:00am	Tune-In Tuesdays
<b>Saturday, May 22</b>	
8:00am	Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire
<b>Tuesday, May 25</b>	
11:00am	Tune-In Tuesdays
<b>Tuesday, June 1</b>	
11:00am	Tune-In Tuesdays
<b>Saturday, June 5</b>	
Virtual Formation for Theology of the Body: Unlocking the Meaning of Our Humanity	

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, [diolc.org/calendar](http://diolc.org/calendar), and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to [datebook@diolc.org](mailto: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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### Novena to St. Joseph - Order for the Parish

In this Year of St. Joseph, consider offering your parishioners a beautiful Novena leading up to May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Visit [diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph](http://diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph) to see a sample of the Novena. Each day of the Novena draws on Pope St. John Paul II's [\*Guardian of the Redeemer\*](#), in which he contemplates the virtues and mission of this great saint to whose care the Son of God was entrusted. Questions and orders should be directed to Ann at [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org). **To receive the Novenas in time for distribution at Masses this weekend, orders would need to be placed by noon on Wednesday, April 14.**

Cost for the Novena pamphlet:

\$5 for 50 + \$3 shipping

\$15 for 200 + \$5 shipping

\$25 for 500 + \$7 shipping

Note: This Novena can be used at any time, and especially during the Year of St. Joseph.

### First Holy Communion Guidelines

As preparations are being made for children to receive their First Holy Communion, please review these guidelines that have been in place.

In many parishes, the well-intentioned leaders want each child to have a specific role at Mass so that the children feel a greater sense of being part of the celebration. However noble this intention may be, this desire for each child “to do” something at Mass improperly forms children and is not the way to approach coming to the table of the Lord for the first time. Those in leadership are to help Catholic School teachers and catechists teach the proper sense of active and conscious participation in the Mass as taught by the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council in the document [\*Sacrosanctum Concilium\*](#). Further, [\*Redemptionis Sacramentum\* #40](#), speaks to the matter at hand. You will find a brief article on “Active Participation” and “Instruction on the Most Holy Eucharist” here: [diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep](http://diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep). Furthermore, the reader for the Liturgy of the Word is a ministerial role. This designated role of reader should be the commissioned individuals who have been properly trained to proclaim the Word of God. Breaking up the reading into sections to be read by several children is to be avoided.

### For Parish Communications

### **Parents: Walk with your son or daughter**

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 5<sup>th</sup> to hear an overview of the Theology of the Body so that you can "walk with" your son or daughter as they receive this formation in Middle School and High School. Visit [diolc.org/tob](http://diolc.org/tob) for further details and to register. Cost is \$10.

### **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](http://diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching)

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### **Office for Communications**

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### **Size of the type for Catholic Life Magazine?**

In an effort to make the articles in Catholic Life accessible to as many people as possible, I'm soliciting feedback from those who minister to the homebound. Since we began publishing in 2015, I've received a few comments about the size of the type being too small. The size we are using is a "standard" size. If you have received feedback or have other ideas how to get the stories available in other formats please let me know.

All articles are available at [catholiclife.diolc.org](http://catholiclife.diolc.org), on the [Catholic Life Facebook](#) and on the myParish App, all with options to increase the size of the type.

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## Office for Human Resources

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### Open Positions:

[Maintenance Assistant](#)

[Receptionist](#)

[Administrative Assistant](#)

[Employment Opportunities | Diocese of La Crosse \(diolc.org/jobs\)](#)

### Mandatory Notices and Posters. (Minimum Wage / Family Medical Leave, etc.)

You may be receiving PAST DUE NOTICES from HRdirect or other agencies which appear to require you to purchase / pay for Mandatory Employment Posters. These are all ads and you do not need to purchase your posters from any service.

If you need to update your mandatory Notices, you are able to verify which notices you need to post at: <http://webapps.dol.gov/elaws/posters.htm> (First Step Poster Advisor)

You will be able to print the notices from that site at no charge.

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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.

**Reminder: 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](mailto: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](http://diolc.org/lay-formation). Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at [ministries@diolc.org](mailto: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](http://diolc.org/ministries) and click on "Leader of Prayer."

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### Office for Missions

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

I will be out of the office April 12-17. If you need immediate assistance or a letter of suitability, contact Mary Lou Berg, Administrative Assistant to the Vicar for Clergy at 608-791-2280 or [mberg@diolc.org](mailto:mberg@diolc.org).

As a reminder, email or call in your request for a letter of suitability five (5) business days prior to your event to ensure your letter arrives at your location in time. You should include the following:

- Where are you going, include the full church or event name and the address
- What diocese will you be in
- The date you will be at the event
- Who the contact is at the parish or event
- If it is a wedding, the name of the bride and groom and if it's a funeral, the name of the deceased.
- What will you be doing at the event; Celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, speaking, etc.

If you have questions about a suitability letter, contact: Teresa Brown, [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org) or 608-791-2679.

Are you one of the 62 parishes or 8 schools that have not turned in your 2020-21 Annual Report on the March 1 due date? If you have not called to ask for an extension, please do so. I will begin contacting you on April 26 to set up a time that I come to your location and assist with the report at your expense if I don't hear from you.



## 30 Ways to Connect with a Child

Playing and interacting with your child is one of the most important things you can do to help your child learn. This is also a time to build a bond with your child and help him or her develop a sense of competence and self-worth. Below are 30 ideas for connecting with your child:

1. Read books together – each pick out your favorite.
2. Draw a picture to share with a family member or friend.
3. Talk about what you are thankful for.
4. Help another family member.
5. See what will sink in water.
6. Visit the library and get your child their own card.
7. Have a family game night.
8. Have a picnic outside.
9. Pretend to be dinosaurs.
10. Watch a television show together.
11. Eat a meal together.
12. Look for circle shapes inside and outside.
13. Learn a new skill.
14. Paint your favorite thing.
15. Volunteer together as a family.
16. Dance to music.
17. Go to the park or playground.
18. Pretend you are a circus performer (tightrope walker, ringmaster, etc.).
19. Make silly faces.
20. Give lots of hugs.
21. Turn off the TV for a day.
22. Leave a love note for someone on their pillow.
23. Coordinate a treasure hunt around your house.
24. Make a list of things you are thankful for.
25. Bake or decorate cookies.
26. Choose something to count (trucks, dogs, etc.) and take a walk to look for them.
27. Watch the sunset.
28. Finger paint.
29. Plant some flower seeds.
30. Tell your child that you love him or her.



Remember to let interactions with children happen at the child's pace and take cues from the child when doing something new. Keep in mind that children need more time to learn and move from one idea to another. A parent's participation, encouragement, and positive feedback are critical to helping a child play, interact, and learn. Learn more at [preventchildabusewi.org](http://preventchildabusewi.org).

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**Office for Social Concerns**

**For Your Parish Bulletin:**

**Discover and Support the Work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse embodies the heart and hands of Jesus Christ to our neighbor in need. It does incredible work in addressing homelessness and poverty, providing crisis pregnancy and adoption services, assisting the elderly, people with disabilities and immigrants, rushing to aid our communities when disaster strikes, and so much more.

Learn about its mission and services, and how you can volunteer or donate, by visiting [cclse.org](http://cclse.org).

**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....” Read more and make your voice heard – Visit [diolc.org/social-concerns](http://diolc.org/social-concerns).

**Visit the U.S. Bishops’ “Action Alerts” Page ([Votervoice.net/USCCB/home](http://Votervoice.net/USCCB/home)):**

- Advocate in favor of the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.
- Tell Congress to keep the Hyde Amendment – No taxpayer funding of abortion.
- Oppose the ERA and the “Equality Act” that hurt women and the unborn and discriminate against people of faith.

**For Your Parish Bulletin:**

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

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 [diolc.org/respect-life](http://diolc.org/respect-life) for links to the movie website and trailer. The film is now available on many streaming services, 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 [diolc.org/respect-life](https://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](https://usccb.org/committees/communications/abuse-prevention-resources).

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### **Office for Stewardship & Development**

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**FINAL REMINDER - Diocesan Annual Appeal for 2021-22:** To ensure accuracy, a few weeks ago, we sent out to the parish priests their respective numbers from the 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](mailto: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](#) for resources at [appeal.diolc.org](https://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

- [4/18 Click Here](#)
- [4/25 Click Here](#)
- [5/02 Click Here](#)

### **Stewardship Homily Reflections**

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- [Click Here for the weeks 4/18 – 5/02](#)

**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](http://diolclegacy.org). People can find calculators, additional information, sign up for a newsletter, and request copies of specific estate planning guides and information.

#### **Christ our Cornerstone Restoration Update:**

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

- Total Restoration Need: \$6.1 million
- Overall Total Pledged: \$6.01 million (includes the \$3m match from St. Ambrose)
- Need Remaining \$88,532

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

Pastors, if you would like to know how your parish(es) responded, please email Jeff Reiter at [jreiter@diolc.org](mailto:jreiter@diolc.org) to get your parish specific numbers

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#### **Office for Temporalities**

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#### **PNQ Transition Guide, revision 3-26-2021.**

[Click here](#) to download a copy. We want to especially thank all of the parish staff and pastors who led the way by transitioning their parishes January 1. Their experience has allowed us to make a number of improvements to the transition process. Here are some key features of the new Transition Guide:

- The new guide contains specific reference to QuickBooks Online help articles, screenshots and more.
- There is a new sequence of steps in the updated Guide. Budgeting for instance is listed early on in the transition sequence. Budgeting offers a great opportunity to work with the new Chart of Accounts, to line up your old accounts with the new ones. Even parishes that plan to transition in July should be working now with their new software and Chart of Accounts to make next year's budget.
- The updated Guide provides much better information on how to enter Beginning Balances, aka Opening Balance Equity in QBO. Read the Guide to see how you can set opening/beginning balances with a single journal entry.
- For parishes transitioning April 1, there is a similar update for handling summary journal entries to bring your fiscal year up to date.
- The section on Payroll accounts total year-to-date is important for parishes transitioning on both April 1, and those transitioning on July 1. It details the reports

and data transfers to the new system needed to transition payroll accounts accurately.

Please review these materials as soon as may be convenient, no matter when your parish is transitioning. Become familiar with the sequence of transition, terms, reports, and data elements involved. As always, bring any questions to [nlichter@diolc.org](mailto:nlichter@diolc.org) or to [cweinberger@diolc.org](mailto:cweinberger@diolc.org).

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## Office for Vocations

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### Upcoming Events:

Diaconate Ordination of Matthew Bowe and Steven Weller will be May 1, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be no reception after the Mass.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

<https://fb.me/e/dfNG8zJoe>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

Priestly Ordination of Deacons Eric Mashak, Timothy Reither, Arturo Vigueras will be June 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

<https://fb.me/e/2bG1R9MWe>

Please share this on your parish Facebook

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

That we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world as we discern where our Lord is calling us to serve.

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](mailto:vocations@diolc.org) if you'd like the full document emailed to you.

### A Call to Serve

There are few things in life are more uplifting than being able to help someone or be there for someone in need. When we can use our gifts and talents to make someone else's life better, it can bring joy to not just our lives, but to those we are able to serve as well. Jesus tells us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. As friends of Christ, we are called to love in this way, to be willing to lay down our life for others. A powerful way to do this is by being a priest of Jesus Christ. He is calling young men to

consider this call to serve, to offer their lives out of love for their sisters and brothers. He may be calling YOU! If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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### Office for Vicar for Clergy

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No items this week.

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### Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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#### **Eucharistic Miracles of the World**

On **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>** Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish will be hosting the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. Holy Rosary is located at 215 S. Washington Ave., Medford, WI 54451. Experience 126 Church approved Eucharistic Miracles described on 140 panels of the Vatican International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. In the entire history of the Catholic Church there have been numerous Eucharistic Miracles approved by the Catholic Church as worthy of belief. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit is composed of an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions of miracles, healings, and visions. The public will be invited to view the panels on the following dates and times:

- Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 8:00pm
- Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm

There is no cost to come and view the display. Do not miss this opportunity to grow closer to the Eucharist by viewing this incredible display.

#### **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](http://viterbo.edu/franciscan-core) for more information and a link 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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