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### Officials

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

The Reverend **Zacharie Beya-Tshingimba**, Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Gays Mills, St. Philip Parish in Rolling Ground and St. Patrick Parish in Seneca, at the request of the Most Reverend Marcel Madila Basanguka, Archbishop of Kananga, is returning home to the Archdiocese of Kananga, the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Reverend **Joseph Okine-Quartey**, Pastor of St. John the Baptist in Plum City and St. Joseph Parish in Arkansaw, at the request of his diocesan Apostolic Administrator, Rev. Fr. John Baptist Attakruh, is returning home to the Diocese of Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana.

The Very Reverend **Jesse D. Burish**, Pastor of Notre Dame Parish in Chippewa Falls, is also appointed Pastor of Holy Ghost Parish in Chippewa Falls and St. Bridget Parish in Springfield, with continued residence at Notre Dame Parish rectory in Chippewa Falls, effective July 6, 2021.

The Reverend **Alan M. Guanella**, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Polonia and Immaculate Conception Parish in Custer, is appointed Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 6, 2021.

The Reverend **Thomas M. Huff**, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Edgar and Holy Family Parish in Poniatowski, is appointed Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Gays Mills, St. Philip Parish in Rolling Ground and St. Patrick Parish in Seneca, with residence at St. Patrick Parish rectory in Seneca, effective July 6, 2021.

The Reverend **Alan P. Wierzba** is appointed Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Edgar and Holy Family Parish in Poniatowski, with residence at St. John the Baptist Parish rectory in Edgar, effective July 6, 2021.

The Reverend **Mark A. Miller**, Pastor of St. Bridget Parish in Ettrick and St. Ansgar Parish in Blair is appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Polonia and Immaculate Conception Parish in Custer, with residence at Sacred Heart Parish rectory in Polonia, effective July 6, 2021.

The Reverend **Kyle N. Laylan**, Associate Pastor at Holy Family Parish in Arcadia and Sacred Heart Parish in Pine Creek, is assigned as Assistant to the Director at Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Lurin, Peru, effective July 6, 2021.

The Reverend **Brandon A. Guenther**, Associate Pastor at St. Bronislava Parish in Plover and Chaplain at Pacelli Middle School and High School in Stevens Point, is appointed Associate Pastor at Notre Dame Parish in Chippewa Falls; Holy Ghost Parish in Chippewa Falls and St. Bridget Parish in Springfield, with residence at Holy Ghost Parish rectory in Chippewa Falls, effective July 6, 2021.

The Reverend **Todd A. Mlsna**, Associate Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, St. Joseph Parish, St. Peter Parish and St. Stephen Parish, all in Stevens Point, is also assigned as Chaplain to Pacelli Middle School and High School in Stevens Point, with continued residence at St. Stephen Parish rectory in Stevens Point, effective July 6, 2021.

The Reverend **Jeyaseelan Yobu**, from the Archdiocese of Madurai, India, with the permission of his Archbishop, the Most Reverend Antony Pappusamy, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Bridget Parish in Ettrick and St. Ansgar in Blair, with residence at St. Bridget Parish rectory in Ettrick, effective July 6, 2021.

The Reverend **Junabe Villapaz**, from the Diocese of Pagadian, Philippines, with the permission of his Bishop, the Most Reverend Ronaldo I. Lunas, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. John the Baptist in Plum City and St. Joseph Parish in Arkansaw, with residence at St. John the Baptist parish rectory, Plum City, effective July 6, 2021.

The Reverend **Chinnappan Pelavendran**, from the Diocese of Vellore, India with the permission of his Diocesan Administrator, Very Rev. Msgr. I. John Robert, is appointed Associate Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Mauston, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 6, 2021.

Deacon **Arturo Viguera**s, upon ordination to the priesthood, will be appointed Associate Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Arcadia and Sacred Heart Parish in Pine Creek, with residence at Holy Family Parish rectory in Arcadia, effective July 6, 2021.

Deacon **Eric J. Mashak**, upon ordination to the priesthood, will be appointed Associate Pastor at St. Bronislava Parish in Plover with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 6, 2021.

Deacon **Timothy M. Reither**, upon ordination to the priesthood, will be appointed Associate Pastor at St. Mary Assumption Parish in Durand, Holy Rosary Parish in Lima and Sacred Heart Parish in Mondovi, with residence at Holy Rosary Parish rectory in Lima, effective July 6, 2021.

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## Events

As of May 4

<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>
Feast Day of St. Isidore, the Farmer
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
<b>Tuesday, June 22</b>
Religious Freedom Week - June 22-29
Virtual Franciscan CORE Youth Theology Institute at Viterbo University
<b>Thursday, June 24</b>
10:00am Chrism Mass - La Crosse
<b>Saturday, June 26</b>
10:00am Ordination to the Priesthood - La Crosse
<b>Saturday, July 10</b>
7:15am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - La Crosse
8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Eau Claire
<b>Friday, July 23</b>
Leader of Prayer - Marathon - July 23-24

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

Director: Ann Lankford – 608.791.2658 | [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org)

### Bulletin Insert for the Weekend of May 9

This is the eighth in a series on how God guides us. The essence of this insert is the spiritual principle that sin binds. It is crucial to know that sin, in whatever form, blurs our ability to “see” both in the natural order as well as the spiritual. Click here for the bulletin insert:

<https://diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts/>

### For Parish Communication

#### Formation in Theology of the Body

Pope St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body provides a road map to discovering our purpose in life and resonates with the deepest desires of the heart. **Catechetical leaders, deacons, catechists, parents, grandparents and all those who serve youth**, join us virtually on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> to hear an overview of the Theology of the Body by Brian Butler, the author of Theology of the Body for Middle School and High School. Visit [diolc.org/tob](https://diolc.org/tob) for further details and to register for \$10. These sessions will not be recorded.

**Note:** All parish programs and Catholic Schools are to implement Theology of the Body in 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and in high school during the 2021-2022 school year, based upon Bishop Callahan’s letter from 2011. This formation for our young people is crucial in light of the culture.

### Catechetical Leaders

#### Save the Date: Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference Saturday, August 7

We invite all Catechetical Leaders to gather with their catechists, parents and interested adults on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> for our annual Virtual Conference. Dr. Petroc Willey will be the keynote presenter for the interactive sessions and will provide a great deal for preparing to teach in the fall. Petroc is a gifted teacher as his deep relationship with Christ shines out in a profound way. Go to [diolc.org/witness](https://diolc.org/witness) for further details and to register.

A Save the Date Postcard, Poster and Brochure are available here: [diolc.org/witness](https://diolc.org/witness)

### Employment Contracts for Catechetical Leaders

If you would like to receive an Employment Contract for your parish DRE, CRE and/or Youth Minister, please contact Ann Lankford. It is suggested that contracts only be offered to fulltime Catechetical Leaders who work 30 hours or more, which was the original reason that contracts were established.

Further, keep in mind that contracts are not an absolute necessity. For example, everyone working at the Diocesan Offices are at-will employees. Note: If a pastor would like information on the benefits to be offered in hiring a new catechetical leader for 30 hours or more or if a pastor does not intend to renew a contract with any of the above-mentioned employees, please contact Ann at your earliest convenience.

## Preparation for First Holy Communion

- One of the most important aspects to prepare children for their First Holy Communion is to help them know what to say to Jesus after receiving Him in the Holy Eucharist. Thanking Jesus for this incredible gift and praying the Our Father slowly are a good place to start.
- The children will look beautiful to receive their First Holy Communion. Let us guide these compliments in the proper direction. The children look beautiful in order to receive Jesus.
- Inform parents that there will be time after Mass for photos of the First Communicants. The sacred moment of a child receiving Jesus for the first time is not the time to take pictures.

## 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. Catholic School teachers and catechists are to teach the proper sense of active and conscious participation in the Mass as taught by the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. 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.

## Consecration to St. Joseph

There is an appropriate 6-week period for parish groups to learn more about St. Joseph, using Fr. Donald Callaway’s book *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father*. Sessions may begin the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>, with the conclusion of praying the consecration prayer on Father’s Day, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Click here for more information and to purchase the book:

<https://www.consecrationtostjoseph.org/>

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## Office for Communications

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## April 30 - Cathedral construction update

Watch this “view from the top” video as the steeple work is progressing:

<https://youtu.be/00r-O72zg0M>

There are two live construction cameras on [cathedralsjworkman.org/](http://cathedralsjworkman.org/)

## Diaconate Ordination Photos and Video

You can find photos and the Mass video of the diaconate ordination of Deacon Matthew Bowe and Deacon Steven Weller [here](#). Feel free to share the story, photos and video as appropriate.

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## Office for Consecrated Life

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## Office for the Diaconate

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### **August 14 – Deacons and Deacons' wife day with Bishop Callahan.**

Sign-in will be early afternoon. The day will include: updating deacons' photos (please wear clergy shirt and jacket), safe environment update, update from the Office of the Diaconate, update from Bishop Callahan, Mass, Renewal of Commitment, Institution of Acolytes for deacon candidates, social time and evening meal. Attendance is expected.

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## Office for Human Resources

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### **Job Opportunities: Curia**

- Receptionist
- Administrative Assistant

Please send your resume and or questions to: [Mebner@diolc.org](mailto:Mebner@diolc.org).

Job details : [diolc.org/jobs](http://diolc.org/jobs)

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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### **Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat June 4-6, 2021**

A Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat begins on a Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. the following Sunday. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more

deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The goal of the retreat is to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center. The retreat will be held at **Notre Dame Parish | Goldsmith Education Center** 117 Allen St. Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

To request scholarship assistance, please send email to [heinzenalice@gmail.com](mailto:heinzenalice@gmail.com)  
(*This is made possible through the generosity of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.*)

Description: The retreat begins Friday morning, with registration from 7:30 a.m. and ends Sunday, at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$330 per couple, which includes a \$125 non-refundable deposit.

Online Registration is coming soon!

### **A Virtual 50th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration**

There will be a special Mass with Bishop Callahan held via live-stream at 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 11 from the Cathedral. You will be able to view the live stream or recording by visiting [diolc.org/marriage](http://diolc.org/marriage) on and after July 13.

An email will be sent to all parishes that will have an electronic registration form to provide to our office the names of couples who are celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries this year.

### **Reminder: 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: 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

Director: Christopher Ruff – 608.791.0161 | [cruff@diolc.org](mailto:cruff@diolc.org)

### **Pastors – Energize your Parish – Invite Enrollment in the Lay Formation Institute!**

What do many of the most dynamic members of the faithful across the Diocese have in common? They have been through the Lay Formation Institute and powerfully energized their faith. Invite two or three members of your parish to register for the new, two-year cycle that begins this fall, and watch them become an enthusiastic leaven in your parish! For complete information, schedule and application form, visit [diolc.org/lay-formation](http://diolc.org/lay-formation). Questions? 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 Sacred Worship

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**Reminder: Prayers for Farming and Rural Life**

As the temperatures rise, remember to support those who grow our food and fulfill God's command to "till the earth and keep it." Please find below possible intercessions for the Universal Prayer which can be used at Sunday Masses around the time of spring planting or throughout the year; a prayer to St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers and rural life, which can be used when blessing a farmer's fields or the crosses to be placed in fields, gardens, etc., or during the weekend Masses of May 15-16 (his feast day is Saturday, May 15, 2021); and other blessing prayers. For more information, please contact Father Daniel Sedlacek, Chaplain of the Diocesan Rural Life committee.

#### *Sample Intercessions for Sunday Mass*

For a favorable weather during planting season: that the fruits of the earth may provide food enough for all people and provide for the livelihoods of farmers and growers. Let us pray to the Lord.

For farmers and their families, and for those who work in agriculture: that they be good stewards of the goods of the earth and receive what they need for their spiritual and material wellbeing. Let us pray to the Lord.

For farmers who are struggling to make ends meet: that they may be encouraged by the support of their neighbors, their parish, and all of God's people. Let us pray to the Lord.

For a greater knowledge and love of rural life: that its values, traditions, and faith be nurtured in our communities. Let us pray to the Lord.

#### *Prayer to St. Isidore*

Good Saint, we are told that your devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was so great that you would rise before it was light in order to be able to attend Mass before beginning your work in the fields. Obtain for us, we pray, some of that loving devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There it is that the fruits of our farm labor, bread and wine, are brought and offered to God by the priest. Then, in the Consecration, Christ Himself, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, becomes present on our altars under the appearances of this same bread and wine. And in what was the altar bread, He comes to us to be the very food of our souls. If we deeply realize the value and beauty of Holy Mass, we will be very happy to attend as often as we possibly can. Help us to understand that in the Mass we offer ourselves to God with Christ by the hands of the priest. There we can bring to God all that we do, and offer it to Him in union with His Holy Sacrifice. The more often we do this now, the happier we shall be hereafter. Good Saint Isidore, bless us and our labors, that we may someday reap the reward of good works with you in heaven. Amen.

#### *Blessings*

*Sample Bulletin Announcement—Blessing of Crosses for Fields and Gardens:* Planting season is underway! There is an old tradition of blessing crosses which are then placed in our fields and gardens during the growing season. It is a sign of our faith and trust in Jesus Christ with one of the fundamental necessities of life: food. The blessed cross at the edge of our fields or gardens remind us of God's care for us, especially in the things outside of our control (like the weather). Jesus said, "Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than

they?" (Matthew 6:26). And so, I will be blessing crosses at the weekend Masses of \_\_\_\_\_. Make (or buy) a cross that you can place in your garden or field, bring it to the Mass that weekend, and I will bless it for you.

*Texts:* Celebrate the blessing of the crosses after the Post-Communion prayer and before the final blessing. For the words of the blessing, use Chapter 44 of the *Book of Blessings*, "Order for the Blessing of Religious Articles"; or from *The Roman Ritual: The Blessings*, Number 24: "Blessing of Crosses to be set in fields."

A priest or deacon could also bless farm fields individually before or after the spring planting. Use either of these options from the *Book of Blessings*: Chapter 26: "Order for the Blessing of Fields and Flocks" or Chapter 27: "Order for the Blessing of Seeds at Planting Time." Alternately, please find blessings (to be said in Latin) from *The Roman Ritual: Volume II The Blessings* by Fr. Philip Weller: Number 105: "Blessing of Young Crops and Vineyards," Number 106: "Blessing of Fields or Pastures."

### St. Michael Hymnals

The Stout Catholic ministry in Menomonie has 150 new [St. Michael Hymnals](#), plus organ accompaniment, for sale. If interested, please contact Steven Rael-Flores, Director, at [director@stoutcatholic.org](mailto:director@stoutcatholic.org).

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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. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown 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).

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### Office for Catholic Schools

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## Office for Social Concerns

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### 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 [www.cclse.org](http://www.cclse.org).

### For Your Parish Bulletin:

#### **Project Rachel Offers Hope After Abortion**

It is normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. No one has to experience this alone. Project Rachel offers hope, help and healing. Visit [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com) for information and resources. For a list of pregnancy resource centers throughout the Diocese of La Crosse, visit [www.diolc.org/respect-life](http://www.diolc.org/respect-life).

### **Religious Freedom Week: June 22-29**

Once again this year, the U.S. Bishops have declared June 22-June 29 Religious Freedom Week. We are all called to defend the God-given right of religious liberty, which faces grave threats in the U.S. and abroad. Join us, as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious freedom. Visit the [website](#) for more information. [Click here](#) for social media graphics to help promote Religious Freedom Week.

### **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).

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## Office for Stewardship & Development

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## **2020-21 Diocesan Annual Appeal:**

Our next direct mail piece is targeted for the week of May 24, 2021.

- All people who gave Last Year But Unfortunately have Not yet given This year (LYBUNTs) will receive a mailing.
- Any parish under goal on May 15, 2021, all members, regardless of giving history, will receive a mailing; this includes LYBUNTs, SYBUNTs, and New/Never givers.
- Any parish wishing to include a note regarding the Diocesan Annual Appeal from the Pastor or a Council is welcome to submit a letter. Please submit the letter in a Microsoft Word document and include an image of the corresponding signature(s). The email subject line should also have the parish name, city, and number to readily identify which parish. Please submit your letter by the end of the business day **May 12, 2021**

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.dioc.org](http://appeal.dioc.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:

- 5/09 [Click Here](#)
- 5/16 [Click Here](#)
- 5/23 [Click Here](#)

## **Stewardship Homily Reflections:**

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- Click Here for the weeks [05/09 – 05/23](#)

## **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 [dioclegacy.org](http://dioclegacy.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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## **Priests' 2021 – 2022 Salary Schedule**

The Priests' Salary Schedule for 2021-2022 can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

### **PNQ Accounting project training sessions signup.**

The Finance Office will hold training sessions for parish bookkeepers to assist their July 1 transition to online accounting software and the new chart of accounts. There will be multiple training opportunities including in-person, online via Zoom webinar and recorded video presentations. Laptops will be provided for the in-person training, but limited stations are available so signup is required. A box lunch will be provided. [Click here](#) to sign up. Social distancing will be observed per protocols prevailing at the time of training. Training dates are:

1. St John the Baptist Primary School, Marshfield, WI
  - a. Tuesday, June 1 for ParishSOFT Accounting, 9:00am-3:30pm
  - b. Wednesday, June 2 for QuickBooks Online, 9:00am-3:30pm
2. Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse
  - a. Tuesday, June 8 for QuickBooks Online, 9:00am-3:30pm
  - b. Wednesday, June 9 for ParishSOFT Accounting, 9:00am-3:30pm
3. Zoom online webinar
  - a. Thursday, June 10 for ParishSOFT Accounting, 9:00am-3:30pm
  - b. Friday, June 11 for Quickbooks Online, 9:00am-3:30pm

A video of the online training for both ParishSOFT Accounting and for QuickBooks Online will be made available following the training session. Agenda details and additional information regarding training are forthcoming. [Click here](#) to signup. Refer any questions to Nick Lichter, [nlichter@diolc.org](mailto:nlichter@diolc.org).

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### **Office for Vocations**

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Priestly Ordination of Deacons Eric Mashak, Timothy Reither and Arturo Viguera will be June 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse. Due to COVID19 restrictions there will be no reception after the Mass.

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:

For a strengthening of all vocations, that we may all strive to follow God's call to holiness.

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.

**Come Follow Me!**

When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business, when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets

out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an over-abundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, "Come, follow me..." and Peter did. In just the same way, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man who you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord's invitation to follow Him. 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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No items this week.

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### Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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#### **Newman Connection**

Our diocese participates in Newman Ministry's high school outreach program, called Newman Connection, that connects 2021 grads to college campus ministries across the US, and we want all of our parishes and Catholic high schools to participate. You will be receiving an email in the near future to participate from Newman Ministry. Please sign up to participate or you can use this link to sign-up now: [hso.newmanconnection.com](https://hso.newmanconnection.com) Participating in this program is so simple — you can send your student's college information to Newman Connection, who will pass that on to the college campus ministers in the fall, plus you can encourage your 2021 high school grads to download the Newman Connect app where they can connect, instantly, to their college campus ministry! The app is new this year, and more than 100 college campuses are using it already, to reach Catholic students.

Eucharistic

#### **Miracles of the World On May 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th**

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 6th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- Friday, May 7th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- Saturday, May 8th from Noon to 8:00pm
- Sunday, May 9th 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.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

<https://fb.me/e/3ljwMvzGQ>

Please share this on your parish Facebook!

### **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.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

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

Please share this on your parish Facebook!

### **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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