

Graphics for NFP week

Please note, there are several graphics and a poster to promote Natural Family Planning Awareness Week | July 25-31, 2021. Find all at diolc.org/media-resources.

diolclergy.org email accounts for all clergy

All clergy of the Diocese of La Crosse are able to obtain a free, professional and secure email account. Given the many email scams and counterfeits we see weekly, it is recommended that all clergy use an email with the diocesan domain diolclergy.org or at least one from their Parish. Keep in mind a diolclergy.org email address is highly available, portable and moves with you as you move between assignments. The diolclergy.org domain is part of the diocesan GSuite. Your diolclergy.org account will include the full range of G Suite functionality.

Simply send me a message indicating you would like to get a diolclergy.org email account setup and I'll take it from there.

It is recommended that all parish and school staff eliminate the use of free domains such as Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, or domains from their Internet provider and other such services when representing the diocese/parish/school via email correspondence. Adherence to this recommendation will establish an authenticity of the correspondence and reduce the potential for misrepresentation or impersonation.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Consecrated Life

Director: Sr. Donna Krzmarzick, ISSM – 608.791.2690 | dkrzmarzick@diolc.org

No items this week.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for the Diaconate

Director: Deacon Bryan Hilts – 608.791.2665 | bhilts@diolc.org

No items this week.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Human Resources

Director: Margaret Ebner – 608.791.2670 | mebner@diolc.org

No items this week.



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

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.

Poster to Print Out for NFP Awareness: [2021 NFP Poster](#)

Natural Family Planning News For Priests and Marriage Ministers:

- The Diocese of La Crosse is now offering 3 NFP methods.
 - SymptoPro, the online sympto-thermal method remains the mainstay because of its online self paced nature. There are 7 instructors from the La Crosse diocese that volunteer to teach this method.
 - Marquette, this sympto-hormonal method is taught by a parishioner in the Chippewa Falls Deanery either face-to-face or virtually.
 - Creighton, this sympto only medical model method is taught by a parishioner in the Stevens Point Deanery either face-to-face or virtually.

- Registration for all courses is done through the website, diolc.org/nfp.
- The diolc.org/nfp web page now has a quiz that helps couples choose which method would work best for them.
- **National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week** – The 2021 National NFP Awareness Week will be held July 25th- 31st.
 - Homily Notes and Prayers of the Faithful for National NFP awareness week can be found [here](#).
- **Grandparents Day:** Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the [celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly](#) beginning in 2021 on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.
 - Prayers of the Faithful: [July 26 suggestions for Grandparents/Elderly day](#)

Natural Family Planning News For Your Parish Bulletin:

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week – The 2021 National NFP Awareness Week will be held July 25th- 31st.

Three options for bulletin blurbs:

1. To have, To hold, To honor. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 25th-31st. Learning how to live in harmony with God's design for love and life in marriage is the mission of NFP education. The Diocese of La Crosse offers NFP classes virtually and face to face in 3 different methods. To find a class or learn more go to diolc.org/nfp.
2. To have, To hold, To honor. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 25th-31st. In following the path of marriage, husband and wife love and honor each other for as long as they shall live. The Diocese of La Crosse offers NFP classes virtually and face to face in 3 different methods. To find a class or learn more go to diolc.org/nfp.
3. To have, To hold, To honor. Did you take a course in NFP during your marriage preparation but put practicing it on hold? Now is the perfect time to begin. Contact Christy at ckitzhaber@diolc.org for information on a refresher course.

Looking for an insert? A testimonial on the benefits of NFP connecting to the year of St. Joseph can be found [here](#).

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Ministries

Director: Christopher Ruff – 608.791.0161 | cruff@diolc.org

For Your Parish Bulletin:

***Take the Plunge* – Join the Lay Formation Institute (LFI)**

Spend one weekend a month (Friday evening-Saturday afternoon) as part of an enthusiastic, faith-filled class that prays and learns together. See why a recent graduate said: "I am amazed how my understanding of my faith has deepened and how many times I've been able to answer questions that come up." And why a pastor said: "Our RCIA team is filled with LFI

graduates, not to mention all of the parish ministries and committees. The spiritual fruits are abundant and lasting!" Visit diolc.org/lay-formation for full details and speak to your pastor about enrolling. Class size is limited, so don't delay!

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Missions

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

No items this week.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Sacred Worship

Director: Christopher Carstens – 608.791.0161 | ccarstens@diolc.org

Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus (July 29)

From the USCCB's [Committee on Divine Worship](#)

On January 26, 2021, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus into the General Roman Calendar, to replace the existing celebration of Saint Martha alone. Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are celebrated each year as an Obligatory Memorial on July 29.

Roman Missal: An interim Mass formulary has been approved for use at this time in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Lectionary: The Lectionary for the Mass readings on this Memorial have been retained (Proper of Saints, no. 607): the Gospel Acclamation and Gospel are mandatory, but the First Reading and Responsorial Psalm may be taken either from the Mass readings of the day or from the Proper of Saints.

Liturgy of the Hours: Office of Readings—Psalmody of the day (i.e., Psalter, Week I). First and Second Readings with their Responsories of the day, and Concluding Prayer from the Common of Holy Men. Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer—Psalmody of the day. Other elements from the Psalter of the day or the Common of Holy Men. Concluding Prayer from the Common of Holy Men.

Calendar Advisory: Christmas 2021 and Solemnity of Mary 2022

Adapted from the USCCB's *Committee on the Liturgy March-April 2021* Newsletter

This year, Christmas falls on a Saturday and is immediately followed on Sunday by the Feast of the Holy Family. In cases of consecutive feast days, there are often questions regarding which Mass is to be celebrated on Saturday evening and whether Evening Prayer II of the current day or Evening Prayer I of the following day is prayed at the *Liturgy of the Hours*.

On the evening of Saturday, December 25, the Nativity Mass during the Day is celebrated with its accompanying readings from the Lectionary, and Evening Prayer II is prayed. There

are also questions regarding the fulfillment of the obligation to attend Mass. In short, the prevailing view of many canon lawyers is that each obligation (in this case, one for Christmas and another for Holy Family) must be fulfilled with a separate Mass. The fulfillment of the Mass obligation does not depend upon the Mass prayers and readings but rather on the time of day at which one attends Mass. The obligation to attend Mass for Christmas may be fulfilled from the evening of Friday, December 24 through Saturday, December 25. For example, one may attend the Vigil Mass of the Nativity, or Mass during the Night (celebrated at any time), or a morning/afternoon/evening Mass on December 25. The obligation to attend Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family may be fulfilled from the evening of Saturday, December 25 through Sunday, December 26. For example, one may attend an afternoon/evening Mass on December 25 (even though the Mass texts will be for the Nativity), or a morning/afternoon/evening Mass on December 26.

The situation with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on Saturday, January 1, 2022 and the Solemnity of the Epiphany on Sunday, January 2, 2022 is more straightforward. In the United States, the obligation to attend Mass on the Solemnity of Mary is abrogated when this celebration occurs on a Monday or a Saturday. In this case, because the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God occurs on a Saturday, the Vigil Mass of the Epiphany is celebrated and Evening Prayer I of the Epiphany is prayed at the *Liturgy of the Hours*.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Safe Environment

Director: Teresa Brown – 608.791.2679 | tbrown@diolc.org

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. 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.

School and Religious Ed programs will be starting in just over a month. As a reminder, all staff and volunteers must be background checked and trained prior to being in the classroom with children. I am available to help train staff and volunteers. Call or email so we can discuss training options.

Now is the time to get your Fall Coaches background checked, printed and trained so they will be ready. Don't wait until practice has started.

Law Enforcement Agencies are beginning to open to the public for fingerprinting again. If you or a member of your staff has not been fingerprinted due to Covid closures, please contact your local agency, and schedule an appointment.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Catholic Schools

Superintendent: Thomas Reichenbacher – 608.788.7707 | treichenbacher@diolc.org

No items this week.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Social Concerns

Director: Christopher Ruff – 608.791.0161 | cruff@diolc.org

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Pregnancy Resource Centers – Pro-Woman, Pro-Life

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, there are many pro-life pregnancy care centers around the diocese. For a complete listing, visit www.diolc.org/respect-life and click on “Pregnancy Help.”

Pastors and Social Ministry Representatives:

Help us Update the Diocesan [Directory of Parish Social Ministry Initiatives](#)

Please review the Directory to see the kind of initiatives being undertaken around the Diocese. Get ideas for your Parish or deanery. If you have a social ministry initiative that is not listed in the directory, please [complete this form](#) so we may update it. Questions? Email Chris Ruff at cruff@diolc.org or call 608-791-0161.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Visit the U.S. Bishops’ “Action Alerts” Page

Our Bishops have a list of action items calling upon us to make our voices heard. Many have to do with threats against the unborn, against the dignity of the family, and against religious freedom as individuals and Christian charitable institutions. Visit votervoices.net/USCCB/home for more information and to take action.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Stewardship & Development

Director: Jeff Reiter – 608.791.2653 | jreiter@diolc.org

Reminder: Please do not send in any parish monies for shortfalls prior to the Finance Office billings. The Finance Office will bill you for the correct amount in July. The appeal year runs until June 30, and we are still receiving monies from individual supporters. Any checks from the parishes received for shortfall estimations will be returned to the Parish uncashed.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections:

Stewardship Bulletin reflections for weekends:

- 7/18 [Click Here](#)
- 7/25 [Click Here](#)
- 8/01 [Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- [Click Here](#) for the weeks [7/11 – 8/1](#)

|

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, do not hesitate to contact our office. Our Planned Giving website is diolclegacy.org. People can find calculators, additional information, sign up for a newsletter, and request copies of specific estate planning guides and information.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Temporalities

Diocesan Finance Officer: James Reider – 608.791.2668 | jreider@diolc.org

Church Unemployment Pay Program (CUPP)

CUPP has developed a new web application. Eligible former employees must use this online portal to apply for CUPP unemployment benefits. The website includes a first-ever Program handbook and poster.

In response to increased administration costs, the CUPP Board is instituting an increase in the administrative fee for fiscal year 2021-2022. Starting in July 2021, the administrative fee will be \$17 per eligible employee.

Please [click here](#) to review the changes discussed above plus helpful information about CUPP you will need in the future.

Catholic Mutual Group – Medicare Injury Claim Reporting Requirements

There have been new developments regarding Medicare. Medicare has strict requirements for insurers that any potential Medicare beneficiary that is injured where other insurance is available (such as no fault, auto, or liability coverages) through another provider, that provider takes the primary position to Medicare about payment of bills or reimbursement to Medicare. It is the responsibility of the provider to reach out to Medicare to advise them of any reimbursement potential; failure to report to Medicare can result in fines of up to \$1000

per day. In past years, they have been rather lax in enforcing fines but are now warning insurers that they will be more proactive with penalization.

For Catholic Mutual to remain responsive, sensitive, and proactive to the requirements of Medicare while being protective of its member parishes, it is extremely important that any injuries that occur on church property, especially those involving elderly parishioners or visitors, be reported to Kris Twining at Catholic Mutual Group as soon as possible, even in cases where the injured party indicates they do not wish to file a claim nor receive any church monies. Thank you for your diligence in protecting the Catholic Church.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Vocations

Director of Vocation Recruitment: Fr. Nate Kuhn – 608.791.2666 | nkuhn@diolc.org

Dare to Follow Day, Wednesday, July 21, 2021, St. John the Baptist Parish - Edgar, WI

For young men grades 6-12 who are interested in learning about the vocation of priesthood. Learn more about your Catholic faith while considering God's Call in your life. Join us for prayer and fun!

9:30	Registration/Sign Up
10:00	Welcome
11:15	Mass
Noon	Lunch
1:00	Group Activities
4:00	Adoration
4:30	Closing Prayer

There is no charge to attend this event. Lunch will be provided.

Please email rorth@diolc.org or call 608-791-2667 to sign up.

For your parish bulletin

Priests For Tomorrow supports the education and formation of seminarians. The fundraiser will be held Sunday, August 1 at the Waterfront Restaurant in La Crosse. Tickets are \$125 each, \$225 per couple, or \$1,000 for table of 8. Spend the evening with Bishop Callahan, the newly ordained and the seminarians. Contact vocations@diolc.org or call Renee' at 608-791-2667 for tickets or more information.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

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

Please share this through your Parish social media.

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

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

Please consider adding a vocations paragraph to your parish bulletin. Below is an example - they will be changed each week. Feel free to use any or all of them. Contact Renee' at vocations@diolc.org if you'd like the full document emailed to you.

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!

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Vicar for Clergy

Director: Very Rev. Woodrow H. Pace – 608.791.2689 | mberg@diolc.org

No items this week.

[<<Top >>](#)



Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Director: Christopher Rogers – 608.791.2659 | crogers@diolc.org

NET Retreats

The NET Team will be in our Diocese September 26 - October 12, 2021. For available dates and other details please click [here](#). If you would like to reserve a date, please contact our office ASAP as dates will fill up fast.

Save the date – November 20, 2021! National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) Experience in the Diocese of La Crosse

Every other year, Catholic young people and their adult leaders come together to pray, learn, and grow in their Faith for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). In addition to

opportunities to receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, NCYC participants attend general and breakout sessions on topics relevant to living as a disciple of Christ in today's world, visit with organizations that provide resources and other support to youth and youth ministry, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and engage in service to others. On November 20, 2021, the Diocese of La Crosse will be organize a local/live event in order to participate in the simulcast stream of the main event in Indianapolis, IN. This event will be more than just watching a screen, we will pray together, learn together and most importantly grow together as Disciples! Be sure to check back to [this website](#) often in order to learn all about our plans to experience NCYC in such a unique way!

Here is the link to the Facebook event:

<https://fb.me/e/wh0DbZBc>

Please share this on your Parish social media.

Reminder: 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 from Newman Ministry in the near future to participate. Please sign up to participate or you can use this link to sign-up now: hso.newmanconnection.com. Participating in this program is simple — you 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.

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.

[<<Top >>](#)

Diocese of La Crosse | 3710 East Ave S | La Crosse, WI 54601 | 608-788-7700

To unsubscribe from this e-mail message contact mwilson@diolc.org