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Events

As of Aug. 10

Wednesday, August 11
Anniversary of the Installation of Bishop William Patrick Callahan as La Crosse's 10th Bishop
Friday, August 13
Leader of Prayer - Marathon - August 13-14
Saturday, August 14
1:00pm Deacons and their wives - Day with Bishop Callahan - La Crosse
Sunday, August 15
Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary
Tuesday, August 17
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Tuesday, August 24
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Friday, August 27
Leader of Prayer - La Crosse - August 27-28
Tuesday, August 31
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Tuesday, September 7
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Friday, September 10
3:00pm LFI/Deacon Formation - La Crosse - Sept. 10-12
Saturday, September 11
LFI/Deacon Formation - La Crosse - Sept. 10-12
Sunday, September 12
» 4:00pm LFI/Deacon Formation - La Crosse - Sept. 10-12
2:00pm 40 Days for Life Kick-Off - La Crosse
Tuesday, September 14
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Tuesday, September 21
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Wednesday, September 22
40 Days for Life - Sept 22-Oct 31 - La Crosse Campaign
Rural Life Day
10:00am 40th Annual Rural Life Day - Osseo
Sunday, September 26
NET Ministering at Various Parishes - Sept. 26-Oct. 12
Tuesday, September 28
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Saturday, October 2
8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield
Sunday, October 3
Life Chain

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, diolc.org/calendar, and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to datebook@diolc.org. Make sure you include the following details: date, beginning/ending times, event location, description, menu and cost, etc. If you have any questions, please call Pam Willer at 608.788.1524 for more information.

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Notice to Pastors, Employees and the Faithful within the Diocese of La Crosse.

We recognize that everyone is receiving a barrage of communication, information and recommendations in regards to the current status of Covid-19 and the Delta Variant within your local communities. We are also realistic, knowing that not all of the communication is consistent, and in fact some may be contradictory.

A committee made up of members of the Curia, Pastors and representatives of parishes and school systems has been formed. The committee will meet regularly to review the wealth of information available, doing our best to make sense of the ever changing data. The committee will then make recommendations to Bishop Callahan regarding any change to the current guidelines.

Know that we are monitoring, researching and evaluating the status across all counties.

At this time, we are recommending no change to the current guidelines in place, but we continue to encourage you to use common sense practices to make all people feel safe and comfortable while worshipping our blessed Lord.

You will be receiving updates and potential further recommendations as time passes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Margaret Ebner, Director of Human Resources, who is chairing the committee, at mebner@diolc.org.

We continue to ask the intercession of so many saints, particularly our patrons St. Joseph and St. Francis, along with our Blessed Mother, that the healing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ may bring an end to this pandemic.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Free subscription to *Franciscan At Home* Learning System

All parishes and schools have a free subscription to *Franciscan At Home* learning system by way of generous donors. The format of each workshop is ten-minute videos, each followed by an application task, with the spiritual life of the learner at the heart of the formation. There are currently 13 different tracks available, such as Parenting Track, Adult Faith Study

Track, Catechist Track, Catholic School Teacher Track, Adult Study of Sacred Scripture, Parish Catechetical Leader Track etc.

Below are simple directions to onboard

1. Visit franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse and scroll to the bottom of the page.
2. On the right, click on the middle blue button: "My parish or school is already registered, and I would like to set up my individual free account under that institution." This will allow you to create a FREE account under your Parish or school.
3. Then click "Create an Account." Complete the information and click Save. Select the Diocese of La Crosse from a drop-down menu, and then your Institution = your parish / school from a second drop-down menu, listed by city and name. Once you have finished by clicking on the "Sign Up" button, you will have a dashboard. This will enable you to select from the variety of tracks. A track is a grouping of workshops. Select a track on the left, and then enter it to see the various workshops.

If you would like to hear further details about *Franciscan At Home* from a recording of Bill Keimig, Assistant Director of the Catechetical Institute, with people from around the Diocese, please contact Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org.

Pandemic Information for the Fall?

Regarding the COVID-19 and the fall Faith Formation Program, no mandates are planned. At this time, we are asking all of our parishes to make sure you are working with your local county health department to plan a safe Faith Formation year. Decisions on wearing masks, social distancing, what type of sanitizing takes place, etc. will be made at the local level. If Bishop Callahan wishes to make a mandate due to changes within the pandemic, you will be notified immediately.

Theology of the Body is to be implemented in Middle School and High School Parish Programs starting in the fall 2021 (Catholic Schools have already fully implemented TOB)

Bishop Callahan has wisely called for implementation of Theology of the Body to combat the culture which bombards our young people with lies about their true identity and dignity. The suggested resources to be used are Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition and You: Life, Love and the Theology of the Body for High School which are available from Ascension Press. Visit ascensionpress.com/pages/teen-faith-formation. It is necessary that catechists become familiar with the TOB teachings, integrating these foundational truths about the dignity of each human person into their own lives, so that they can enter into discussion with students as a witness.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Countering the Lies of Gender Ideology

Helpful Resources for Parents, Catholic School Teachers and Catechists

Gender ideology is rapidly reshaping the culture, and causing confusion and serious harm. Gender ideology is a false system of beliefs about the person that claims human identity is fluid (can change according to feelings) and that human identity is self-defined. Fr. Paul Check presents understandable and foundational information in a session entitled "Pastoral Care and amid Confusion about Sexual Identity. Visit: diolc.org/catechesis/recordings-for-your-ministry

Another excellent, user-friendly tool is the **Person and Identity Project**. This site presents sound information, which helps to illuminate the truth about who we are, but also to counter the lies of gender ideology. This website provides tools for parents, schools and parish programs to see the depth of the gender theory's influence and the seriousness of what is at stake. Click here: personandidentity.com

Adult Faith Study for Fall: Compelling Resources being used fruitfully in the Diocese

- Father: Origin and Desire of All by Dr. Petroc Willey on *Franciscan at Home* (3 sessions) Free subscription through the Parish and school. See directions to onboard in the first announcement of this section. franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse
- The Search hosted by Chris Stefanick, 7 episodes thesearchbegins.org First episode available on YouTube: youtube.com/watch?v=c0kl7LV84ro
- Lectio Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitre, 10 episodes with workbook available through the Augustine Institute. First episode available on YouTube: youtube.com/watch?v=HSMwrz8J7TA
- How God Guides Us by Ann and Carol Lankford, 8 sessions, downloadable at diolc.org/catechesis/going-deeper-in-prayer
- Catholic Christian Outreach Faith Study Series, 5 booklets. cco.ca/resources Listen to a recording with Fr. Brian Konopa and three facilitators who explain how well this series has worked with many groups at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish: diolc.org/catechesis/recordings-for-your-ministry

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Save the Date! Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph"

We are very excited to announce this conference will be held in person on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse, WI. More details will be coming out very soon!

National Catholic Singles Conference

This conference will be held in Denver, CO August 20-21, 2021. Please click [here](#) for more details.

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.
 - Marquette, a sympto-hormonal method
 - Creighton, a sympto only medical model method
- The diolc.org/nfp web page now has a quiz that helps couples choose which method would work best for them.
- Looking for an insert? A testimonial on the benefits of NFP connecting to the year of St. Joseph can be found [here](#).

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

***Dive Deeper in your Faith* – Join the Lay Formation Institute (LFI)**

Spend one weekend a month (Friday evening-Saturday afternoon) as part of a faith-filled class that prays and learns together. See why a recent graduate said: "I truly fell in love with the Catholic Church during the past two years. It was a wonderful new beginning to the rest of my life!" And why a pastor said: "That spark the LFI helped ignite is a spark of true discipleship. We have one more coming [to LFI] this fall, I still have hope I'll find one more...sending them in two's!" Visit www.diolc.org/lay-formation for full details and speak to your pastor about enrolling.

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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. 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.

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

Tell Congress – No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress, with the support of the Biden Administration, want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have

supported for nearly half a century. Here are two ways you can tell Congress "no" to taxpayer funding of abortion:

- Sign the petition sponsored by the U.S. Bishops at notaxpayerabortion.com.
- Visit marchforlifeaction.org and click on the link for "Save Hyde" to send an email to your U.S. Senators and Representatives.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

40 Days for Life Campaign Kick-Off Rally September 12 in La Crosse

Come learn about 40 Days for Life and take the opportunity to sign up to be part of the prayerful, pro-life witness. Dan Miller, director of Pro-Life Wisconsin, will be an inspirational speaker at this kick-off rally, which will start at 2:00 pm at Black River Beach Neighborhood Center, 1433 Rose Street La Crosse, WI 54603. Refreshments will be available. This fall's 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse will run from Sept. 22-Oct. 31 on the corner of 7th Street and South Avenue. 40 Days for Life is a world-wide effort open to people of all faiths who wish to see an end to the injustice of abortion.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Join us for Rural Life Day – September 22

The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 40th annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 22, hosted by Carla Kostka and her son, Barry, at their Castle Rock Organic Farms, S12360 Young Road in Osseo. Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by members of St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish. For a flyer or brochure, visit diolc.org/rural-life. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, rzietlow@diolc.org.

Pastors and Respect Life Representatives:

Watch for Beautiful "Year of St. Joseph" USCCB Respect Life Packet

Later this month or in early September, each Parish will be receiving in the mail a packet from the USCCB with a Respect Life Poster and other materials for the Year of St. Joseph. The Office for Ministries and Social Concerns has placed this diocese-wide order because this year's resources are especially beautiful and inspiring as they depict St. Joseph as "Defender of Life." Watch for this packet, which targets October as Respect Life Month but is suitable for the whole Year of St. Joseph and beyond. To preview the resources, visit respectlife.org/respect-life-month.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Reminder Request for information:

A few weeks ago, an email went out via the Google Parish Finance Contacts Group asking for

your cooperation in providing 2020-21 Fiscal Year Offertory information. Would you please complete the three-question request by using the form at <https://forms.gle/CkDx8gNuUXCYx2ys8> by July 31, 2021?

Several parishes have asked for an extension for various reasons. We will keep this open for a couple more weeks to allow for your reconciliations to be completed. We are receiving valuable insight into the fiscal health of the Diocese.

If your Parish has submitted the three lines of information already, thank you. If you have not submitted your offertory information, please do so as quickly as possible to move this project forward.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections:

Stewardship Bulletin reflections for weekends:

- 8/15 [Click Here](#)
- 8/22 [Click Here](#)
- 8/29 [Click Here](#)
- 9/05 [Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- Click Here for the weeks [8/15 – 9/05](#)

Planned Giving -Leaving a Legacy, Wills, Bequest, and Endowments:

Bequest revenues for the parishes are up 131% over the last decade. Our Estate Planning Guide can help people save several hundred dollars in legal and financial estate planning costs. We have sent out several hundred copies per individual request, and each Parish has received a copy. If you like additional copies, don't hesitate to get in touch with 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.

If you would like more legacy giving information or ads for your parish bulletin, do not hesitate to contact our office.

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Office for Vocations

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.

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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The annual Fall Ministry Conference, Monday October 11-12, 2021 is currently planned to be an in-person gathering at Holy Cross Diocesan Center, all pandemic related concerns notwithstanding. Check-in begins Monday, October 11 at noon. The schedule of events for the conference concludes with lunch beginning 12:45 pm Tuesday, October 12. All priests, deacons and parish administrators can be [register online at this link](#). Please be reminded that this is a mandatory event. See below for local Hotel Rooms Blocked for the Fall Ministries Conference:

Gundersen Hotel & Suites 608 793-0200
1520 Clinic Court
La Crosse, WI 54601
Group rate of \$109.00 – Mention 'Diocese of La Crosse'
Includes complimentary breakfast and 24/7 coffee, tea, soda.
Reservation by Saturday September 11, 2021.

AmericInn 608 781-7000
1835 Rose St.

La Crosse, WI 54603
Group rate of \$129.99 - Mention 'Diocese of La Crosse'
Includes Grab and Go breakfast.
Reservation due by Saturday September 11, 2021.

A very limited number of rooms are available at the Diocesan Center on a first come basis
Call the Diocesan Center 608 788-7700 to check for availability.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Free Webinar from the NFCYM for New Youth Ministers (and Veteran YM's)!

This webinar will be held August 24, 2021 at 2:00pm ET and will be presented by Chris Wesley and Michael Theisen. If you are brand new to ministry, whether volunteer or paid, it's important to know where to begin. To reach the young Church with limited resources and support, we have not just to work harder but smarter. That means going into your first year of ministry with the wisdom to slow down and talk with the people around you to learn how to focus on what matters most. This webinar will take the new leader through some of the first things you need to do and know to build a healthy and sustainable ministry, including:

- Leadership that is leading and feeding
- Building a dynamic team of volunteers
- Clarity around the role and partnership with parents
- A student leadership pipeline
- Sustainable and Intentional ministry structures

Toward the end of the webinar, Michael Theisen will debut NFCYM's new online training program "First Things in Youth Ministry: A Formative Journey for New Youth Ministry Leaders" which will begin this fall. Learn how parishes, dioceses, and even regions can support their brand new ministry leaders (whether paid or volunteer) so they get started on the right track by doing the first things, first.

You can register [here](#) for the webinar.

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.

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!

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