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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

LFI/Deacon Formation - La Crosse - Sept. 10-12

Sunday, September 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

Respect Life Sunday

Monday, October 4

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, secondary patron of the Diocese

Tuesday, October 5

11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers

Friday, October 8

LFI/Deacon Formation - Wausau - October 8-9

Monday, October 11

Fall Ministry Conference - La Crosse - Oct. 11-12

Tuesday, October 12

11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers

Saturday, October 16

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Wausau

Monday, October 18

6:00pm White Mass / Gospel of Life - La Crosse

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ZOOM Mtg for implementation of Theology of the Body in Middle and High School

Catechetical leaders and catechists are invited to a ZOOM meeting to discuss the implementation of Theology of the Body this academic year.

There are two sessions on **Wednesday, Sept. 1**: **One at 11 a.m. or 7 p.m.**

Please register by contacting Beth at bjohnson@diolc.org. The session will include Q/A with those who already have experience with teaching TOB.

Reminder: Bulletin Announcement

Deepen Your Faith

***Franciscan At Home* Learning System – for Busy People**

Every person in the Diocese of La Crosse is welcome to a free subscription to *Franciscan At Home* learning system through your parish. The format of each workshop is ten-minute videos, followed by an application task, with the spiritual life of the learner at the heart of the formation.

Feature workshop: Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture

The most important historical events of the Bible can be briefly described in one Story, connected by one common theme: *union with God*. The Story of the Bible portrays the drama of God's love for every soul and the whole human race: how God created us to be united with Him in a relationship of love; how we lost union with God through the original sin; how Jesus re-united us with God in a relationship of love through His passion, death and Resurrection; and how the Holy Spirit fosters a continuing unfolding of those saving events in the life of Church, as the Lord's Bride. This workshop provides 7, ten-minute videos with accompanying application tasks.

Below are simple directions to onboard *Franciscan At Home*.

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. For the workshop **Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture**, click on Adult Study of Sacred Scripture

Formation for Catechists: *Franciscan at Home* Online Learning

Catechists are to receive 6 hours of formation every year, for the duration of their service. Make use of excellent online workshops through *Franciscan at Home*.

franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse

5 suggested workshops to choose from:

- The Vocation of the Catechist
- Jesus: The Center of all Teaching
- The Deposit of Faith
- Essential Link Between Liturgy and Catechesis
- Prayer: the Spiritual Life of the Catechist

It works to watch 2 videos and complete the corresponding tasks in an hour. Workshops are 6 to 8 videos. For a complete listing of workshops, to address specific needs of the parish catechists, see **Franciscan Tracks on your Dashboard**, and click on **Catechist Track**

Pandemic Information for the Fall

Regarding the COVID-19 / delta variant 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. In-person sessions for students are encouraged along with involving parents in their children's formation. 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 issue a mandate due to changes within the pandemic, you will be notified immediately.

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* (online workshop with 3 sessions) Free subscription through the parish and school. See directions above for onboarding: franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse
- *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald Callaway, MIC. Recognize the wonders, the power and the ceaseless of St. Joseph. Book available here shopmercy.org for \$15 each. 5 sessions with a recommended start date of Sept. 30 or Nov. 8th.
- *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. Available through Cedar House: <https://cedarhouse.co/catholic-christian-outreach/?sort=featured&page=2#>
See information below about the experience of one parish using these resources.

Would you like to become a parish of Missionary Disciples? One excellent way is through the Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) Faith Study Series. This series is more than just an opportunity to add to your knowledge of the Catholic faith. It calls for a conversion of heart and mind and, according to the CCO objectives: "Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, it is designed to bring participants to a real and effective encounter with Jesus Christ and to progressively build them into the Missionary Disciples the Church needs them to be." This recording will provide an overview of CCO's mission, objectives and goals as well as the learnings and experiences of those who have facilitated CCO faith-sharing groups over the past three years. Listen to Fr. Brian Konopa and three facilitators explain how well this series has worked with many groups at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish:

diolc.org/catechesis/recordings-for-your-ministry

New Catechetical Leader Training

Please let us know if you are a new Parish Catechetical Leader. There will be a day at Holy Cross Diocesan Center in mid-September so that we can get acquainted, help you to know the resources available and how we are here to serve you, answer your questions etc.

Catechetical Leader: Schedule for Fall

Attitudes and Practices Surveys will be given this year, after forgoing them for a few years. The surveys will be given in 4th, 8th and 10th grades (and 9th if grades are combined). Surveys will be given the last week of October or one of the first 3 weeks in November. Details to follow. Faith Knowledge Assessments will not be given this year.

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Office for Communications

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Back to School video message from Bishop Callahan

Feel free to use this message as appropriate to welcome your students and teachers back to school this year. <https://youtu.be/LQMpuwvJjAM>

Deadline for parish events to be listed in the November Catholic Life – 8/30/21.

In order to get your November parish events listed in the November issue of Catholic Life, please make sure we have received your event information by August 30. 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 and, if appropriate, menu and cost.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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The Office for Consecrated Life offers many resources for those interested in the vocation of consecrated virginity for women living in the world. Most recently priests and deacons of the Diocese received two booklets with basic information on discerning the vocation. A Power Point presentation explaining the program is available on the diocesan [website](#) for consecrated life. Click on the third banner "Formation Continuing Formation for Consecrated Virgins."

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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

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. More details will be coming out very soon!

Here is the link to the Facebook event:

<https://fb.me/e/1RVl8uQmc>

Please share this on your parish social media.

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 three 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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Votive Mass for Blessed Michael McGivney

Fr. Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus and a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford, was beatified on October 31, 2020. Normally, a blessed is celebrated liturgically only if he or she is inscribed in the calendar of a diocese. Since Blessed McGivney is not on our Diocesan calendar, his August 13 feast day is not observed locally. However, and by way of exception, the Holy See has permitted that “gatherings of Knights [may] celebrate a votive Mass in honor of Fr. McGivney with the permission of the local ordinary and respecting the rules of precedence laid out in the Table of Liturgical Days.” In short, if a priest wishes to celebrate a votive Mass in honor of Blessed Michael McGivney for a group of Knights of Columbus—whether on August 13 or on any day that the liturgical calendar allows—he should request permission from the bishop and proper texts will be forwarded to him.

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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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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

We are working hard on the upcoming Annual Appeal. We are pursuing several compelling case stories and getting our resources up to date. We will continue to update you via the Chancery Bulletin over the coming weeks.

In addition, we are looking for lay members. We meet 1-2 times a year or as needed, and the person should be able to contribute a thoughtful real-life experience from their parish's Annual Appeal activities. Please get in touch with our office if you know somebody, or if you are that person, that will make a great addition to this committee.

Stewardship Bulletin reflections for weekends:

- 8/29 [Click Here](#)
- 9/05 [Click Here](#)
- 9/12 [Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- [Click Here for the weeks 8/29 – 9/12](#)

Reminder: 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 Temporalities**

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August Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group

Please [click here](#) for the August edition of CMG Health Enews.

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**Office for Vocations**

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

For an increase in vocations to marriage, blessed single life, the priesthood and consecrated life; especially that more young men and women will have the courage to follow a call from God to serve in the Church.

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.

What Are *You* Looking For?

The first question that Jesus asks in John's Gospel is, "What are you looking for?" He is speaking to John's disciples as they follow after Him, desiring to know who Jesus is and what His mission is all about. After the disciples respond, Jesus gives them an instruction, "Come and you will see!" Whether we can hear it or not, that same question is being asked to you. What are YOU looking for? So often, we find ourselves searching, not knowing exactly where to go or what to do in life. We seek things that will hopefully fill the emptiness and longing

that we have in our hearts, but nothing seems to satisfy. The real answer to this can be found in Jesus' response as He invites each of us to follow after Him, to get to know Him, and to follow the path He has placed before us. For some men, that path is a very special invitation to walk in Jesus' footsteps as a priest. 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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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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ZOOM Mtg for implementation of Theology of the Body in Middle and High School

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

This webinar will be held Aug. 24, 2021 at 2 p.m. 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.

2023 World Youth Day

We want to get an idea of any groups from our diocese who are planning to attend the upcoming 2023 World Youth Day in Lisbon. If your parish/school is bringing a group, please let our office know by emailing crogers@diolc.org. We would like to keep in contact with you and pray for your planning and pilgrimage.

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 U.S., 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 a.m.!

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