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Events

As of Aug. 3

Saturday, August 7

Virtual Witnesses for Christ Conference

Tuesday, August 10

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

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

12:00am 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

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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Last week to register: Virtual Conference on August 7th

Dr. Petroc Willey drawing people from several other states!

Gather at the parish on Saturday, August 7th to hear Dr. Petroc Willey. We have people from many states joining us as Petroc is a gifted teacher and speaks at a level that everyone can understand. Group discussion will be included, for practical application. Visit diolc.org/witness for further details and to register. Cost is \$10 per person. Schedule is 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 6 hours of certification to fulfill the yearly requirement will be given. Petroc Willey is the Director of the Catechetical Institute who produces *Franciscan at Home*.

Here is the Facebook link for this event:

<https://fb.me/e/lxDMVD96>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Looking to Renew Your Mind

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 the ZOOM recording of Bill Keimig's presentation regarding *Franciscan At Home*, please contact Beth at bjohnson@diolc.org. The interactive presentation was very helpful and answered important questions.

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 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

A Compelling Resource for Parish Small Groups

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 two years. Fr. Brian Konopa and three facilitators explain how well this series has worked with many groups at Mary, Mother of the Church Parish.

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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!

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 Brochure for NFP Awareness Week: [Updated Brochure](#)

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

- Creightton, 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. Class size is limited, so don't delay!

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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 (i.e., two Masses for the two obligations). 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*.

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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.

School and Religious Education programs will be starting soon. All paid staff and volunteers need to be background checked and trained before they begin working with children.

Paid Staff also need to be fingerprinted. Many places closed during COVID, but are now open by appointment. If you have staff that have not been fingerprinted yet, please try to get this done as soon as possible.

Upcoming Zoom Trainings- open to anyone. Just send me your email and the date you want to attend, and I will send the link. August 18 at 6:30 pm, August 19 at 6:00 pm, August 25 at 6:00pm and August 31 at 10:00 am.

Did you know that neglect is also a form of child abuse? Signs to watch for include:

- Frequently unwashed or hungry.
- Not wearing clothes suitable for the weather
- Having untreated illnesses or injuries
- Beg or steal food or money
- Lose or fail to gain adequate weight
- Being left alone or allowed to play in an unsafe situation
- Frequently late or missing from school.

All children deserve:

- A safe shelter.
- Adequate food
- An education.
- Medical care
- Freedom from violence
- Loving caregivers.

Neglect occurs when children are consistently deprived of the above.

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Office for Social Concerns

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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:

Join us for Rural Life Day – Sept. 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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Request for information:

A few weeks ago an email went out via the Google Parish Finance Contacts Group asking for your cooperation providing 2020-21 Fiscal Year Offertory information. 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. If your parish has submitted the three lines of information already, thank you. We are receiving valuable insight into the fiscal health of the diocese. If you have not submitted your offertory information, please do so as quickly as possible so we can move this project forward.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections:

Stewardship Bulletin reflections for weekends:

- 8/08 [Click Here](#)

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

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- [Click Here for the weeks 8/08 – 8/22](#)

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. We have sent out several hundred copies per individual request and each parish has received a copy. If you like additional copies, please 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.

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

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

We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, that God fill those called to single blessedness, vocations of marriage, priesthood and religious life with the courage and faith to respond to a life of service.

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.

Called to More

What if there was more? What if I could be more? Sometimes we can look around and think that there isn't anything more that can be offered to us, that this is the best I can get. We

settle for something that leaves us feeling empty and hungering for more. Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask the Lord what He is calling you to do. As we turn to God in the midst of human mediocrity, we can find something that is eternally greater. Consider your vocation and where God may be leading you. Could it be a call to the priesthood? 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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The annual **Fall Ministry Conference, Monday October 11-12, 2021** is currently planned to be an in-person gathering, 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. An advance registration notice and details regarding schedule and accommodations will soon be disseminated for all priests, deacons and parish administrators of the diocese. Please be reminded that this is a mandatory event.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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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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