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Events

As of Aug. 31

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

Tuesday, October 19

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

Saturday, October 23

Men of the Cross Conference - La Crosse

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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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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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. The date is **Wednesday, September 1st at 11 a.m. or 7 p.m.** Please register by contacting Beth at bjohnson@diolc.org. The session will include:

- ideas for gradual implementation of Theology of the Body
- "big picture" principles of TOB
- details from your peers who have implemented TOB

Theology of the Body provides foundational understanding of our true identity while combating the culture which bombards our young people with lies about their dignity. Bishop Callahan wisely called for the implementation of Theology of the Body in Middle School and High School Parish Programs in the fall 2021. (The original call for implementation was 2011).

BULLETIN INSERT for the Weekend of Sept 5th or 12th

This fall, join with a small group to grow in your faith. Ongoing study and reflection with other Catholics is a necessary component of the Christian life. Bulletin insert available here: diolc.org/insert

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you want to deepen your faith and your relationship with Jesus Christ?

Sign up to read through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 15 minutes per day. A modest schedule of 15 paragraphs per night (roughly 3 pages) has been arranged that will take about 10-15 minutes of reflective reading, 5 nights a week over 38 weeks. You will

receive a schedule every two weeks. To register, send an email to Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org with Catechism written in the subject line.

Guidelines for Opening Parish Faith Formation in the Fall

We have some important information for you regarding the opening of the Parish Faith Formation Program. Please read carefully the attached document with Guidelines for the 2021-2022 School Year. This document was developed with Margaret Ebner, the Human Resource Director, and a Diocesan-wide COVID-19 committee. If you have any questions or feedback, please let me know.

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 as a group through *Franciscan at Home*.

franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse

Suggested Workshops to choose from:

- Jesus: The Center of all Teaching
- Introducing the Liturgy to Children
- Prayer: the Spiritual Life of the Catechist
- Engaging Youth Culture
- Fostering Holiness in Children

Workshops consist of 6 to 8 ten-minute videos followed by an application task. 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**

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 the Catechist Track and the Parish Catechetical Leader Track. Select a track on the left, and then enter it to see the various workshops.

New Catechetical Leader Training – September 17

Please let us know if you are a new Parish Catechetical Leader. There will be a day at Holy Cross Diocesan Center on Friday, September 17 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. Click here for the registration form: diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info

Catechetical Leader: Surveys of Students’ Attitudes and Practices to be given

Attitudes and Practices Surveys will be given this year. 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. Faith Knowledge Assessments will **not** be given this year. The purpose of the surveys is to allow the catechetical leader, the pastor, catechists and parents to recognize the attitudes that students have toward faith and how they are practicing (or not practicing) the Catholic Faith in their daily lives. Each student will need access to a computer or laptop and if that is not possible, then they can use a paper copy to be mailed in. There must be at least 3 students in the grade to take the surveys, as there must be total confidentiality.

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Adoration mention and times on diolc.org/eucharistic-adoration?

Please review your parish's Eucharistic Adoration mention and times on diolc.org/eucharistic-adoration. We do not have a good way to actively update this page. If you find anything needing updating, please let us know.

September/October Catholic Life

The September/October issue of Catholic Life should be delivered to your parishioners by the end of this week. The electronic version of the magazine is found at catholiclife.diolc.org.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Email Regarding the Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph"

This week there will be an email going to every male in our diocese, age 18 and older, inviting them to attend the Men of the Cross Conference to be held in person on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse. This email will include an online registration link. We are also excited to announce that high school and college age men can attend for free (These spots are limited).

Here is the link to the Facebook event:

<https://fb.me/e/1RVI8uQmc>

Please share this on your parish social media.

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat – October 30-31, 2021

A Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat begins on a Friday morning at 7:30 AM and ends at 1PM the following Sunday. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The goal of the retreat is to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center.

- The retreat will be held at **Notre Dame Parish Goldsmith Education Center 117 Allen St. Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.**
- The cost is \$300 per couple, which includes lodging. Or \$225 per couple without lodging. Both costs include a \$150 non-refundable deposit.
- **2021 Domestic Church Retreat** [Flyer](#) and [Brochure](#)
[Click HERE](#) to access the Packing and Lodging document.

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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For Your Parish Bulletin:

Last Call – Join the Lay Formation Institute (LFI)

- Find out why a pastor said: “I will always do my best to have parishioners enrolled in the Lay Formation Institute. Our RCIA team is filled with LFI graduates, not to mention all our parish ministries and committees. This is one investment that has always paid immediate and lasting dividends!” – Father Sam Martin
- Find out why a recent LFI graduate said: “I truly fell in love with the Catholic Church during the past two years. I learned so much from such amazing disciples of Christ. It

was a wonderful new beginning to the rest of my life!" Visit diolc.org/lay-formation for full details and speak to your pastor about enrolling.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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RCIA Calendar of Teachings and Liturgies

Please find a 9-month calendar of teachings, retreats, and liturgies for the RCIA [here](#), while a 15-month calendar is available [here](#).

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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 Social Concerns

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

Your Help Needed: Haiti Earthquake, Afghan Refugees, Hurricane Ida

Please do what you can to alleviate the suffering caused by the earthquake in Haiti, the plight of the thousands of Afghan refugees coming to the U.S. (many to Ft. McCoy outside Tomah), and Hurricane Ida's battering of Louisiana. To learn how you can help, visit diolc.org/social-concerns.

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.

For Your Parish Bulletin – La Crosse Area:

40 Days for Life – La Crosse Campaign Sept. 22-Oct. 31 (Kick-off Sept. 12)

This fall a 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse will run from September 22-October 31 on the corner of 7th Street and South Avenue. Come learn how you can be part of the prayerful, pro-life witness at the Sept. 12 kick-off rally, which will feature Dan Miller, director of Pro-Life Wisconsin. The rally will start at 2:00 pm at Black River Beach Neighborhood Center, 1433 Rose Street La Crosse, WI 54603. Refreshments will be available. 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. Visit diolc.org/respect-life (scroll down) to learn more and to sign up for this 40 Days for Life fall campaign.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Wisconsin Bishops Address Vaccination and Conscience Protection

Wisconsin's bishops have issued a statement in which – while urging Catholics who are eligible to seek vaccination as a means to protect themselves and others – they address the ability of individuals to seek exemption from COVID-19 vaccination mandates based on conscience objection. To see the Aug. 20 statement and accompanying press release, visit diolc.org/social-concerns.

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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:

- 9/05 [Click Here](#)
- 9/12 [Click Here](#)
- 9/19 [Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- Click Here for the weeks [9/05 – 9/19](#)

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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Attn: Parish Finance Contact

ZOOM Review and Training, Thursday, November 4, 9:00am-12:00 noon.

Save the Date!

Initial results for the parish accounting transition project, the PNQ Project, are very encouraging. Nearly all parishes are now online and using the new standard chart of accounts successfully. Well done everyone! The new online accounting allows us to work with parishes to insure key financial activities, such as Payroll, are setup correctly. For instance, many parishes are now using ParishSOFT Accounting to accurately and efficiently allocate wage and payroll tax expenses to Catholic Ed at each payroll. We'll share other important Payroll information critical to all parishes in a ZOOM meeting on Thursday, November 4, 9:00am-12:00 noon. Parish Finance Contacts are strongly encouraged to attend. Other interested parties, including Pastors, Parish Finance Council members and Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries are welcome as well. Please contact Nick Lichter, nlichter@diolc.org with your comments and suggestions for agenda topics. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom, will require registration and will be recorded to view later for those unable to attend.

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Office for Vocations

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

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

That families will strive to make their homes places where children can hear God call them by name.

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.

Come Follow Me!

When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business, when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an overabundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, "Come, follow me..." and Peter did. In just the same way, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man who you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord's invitation to follow Him.

To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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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: 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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