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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
Sunday, October 24
World Mission Sunday
Tuesday, October 26
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Monday, November 1
All Saints - Curia Offices Closed
Solemnity of All Saints. Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2021
Tuesday, November 2
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Friday, November 5
12:00am LFI/Deacon Formation - La Crosse - Nov. 5-6
5:30pm Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild Dinner Benefiting Casa Hogar - La Crosse
Tuesday, November 9
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Saturday, November 13
8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Tomah

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, <u>diolc.org/calendar</u>, and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to <u>datebook@diolc.org</u>. 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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Reminder: Annual Mass Counts

The Annual Mass Counts will be conducted again this year during the month of October. Please find more information and the form <u>here</u>.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Bulletin insert for the weekend of October 3 or 10

Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet – October 18

All the faithful are most welcome to honor the dedicated service of Catholic doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals at the Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. Dr. John Travaline, a teaching surgeon, a deacon and expert in St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body will speak on *Seeing Human Dignity through the Theology of the Body*. Click here for the bulletin insert: <u>diolc.org/insert</u>. Learn more and register at <u>diolc.org/gospeloflife</u>.

Reminder: For Your Parish Bulletin

Nationally-Known Speaker on Oct 12 – 13

Dr. Edward Sri will be speaking at St. Patrick's Church in Onalaska on Tues. October 12 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm and at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral on Wed. October 13 from 9 – 11 a.m. All are welcome.

Catechetical Leader Information

Prayer is Essential

Our purpose in putting forth the "Going Deeper in Prayer" initiative is to provide opportunities for a personal encounter with Jesus Christ for each student so that we have the assurance that a growing relationship is in place. Visit <u>diolc.org/prayer</u> for a Prayer Card for each grade level, with a focus on one prayer for the entire year. A complete list of the prayers that students are to learn by heart can be found here: <u>diolc.org/prayer</u>

Reminder: Ongoing Formation for Catechists / Catechetical Leaders

With the excellent learning method of *Franciscan at Home* learning system, as evidenced by 13,000 evaluations, we are asking that catechists complete one workshop and catechetical leaders complete two workshops this academic year. Directions to register:

1. visit <u>franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse</u> and scroll to the bottom of the page.

- 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 the Catechist Track on the left, and then enter it and choose a workshop that will fit the formational needs of your catechists.

Passing on the Faith: The Challenge and the Blessing – Thurs, October 21 & Wed. October 27

Empowering young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ is increasingly a challenge ... and a blessing! The territory for pastoral ministry is changing rapidly, as evidenced by the significant increase in the "nones" – the non-affiliated. Dr. Robert McCarty will describe the role of the Church in accompanying young people on their spiritual journey, identify pragmatic pastoral practices for engaging young people in the faith community, and propose Catholicism as a comprehensive way of living. Sponsored by the Wausau Deanery catechetical leaders. For further details and to register for free, visit wausaudeanery.weebly.com/passing-on-the-faith-the-challenge-and-the-blessing.htm

Suggested 2-year Confirmation Schedules that include Theology of the Body Sessions

Schedules for the following Confirmation Programs are available in Word so that they can be adjusted for specific parishes: Purpose by Life Teen; Chosen by Ascension Press; Decision Point by Dynamic Catholic; Diocesan Confirmation Program has been updated. Theology of the Body sessions are included in both years, where students in 10th grade have not yet received this formation. Visit: <u>diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation</u>

Parishes who have already implemented TOB in Middle and High School New resources by TOBET are available for Pre-school through 5th grade in storybook format. The storybooks are compelling and focus on the dignity of the human person. If you would like to pilot two simple booklets in two grades, contact Ann.

Gradual implementation of Theology of the Body in Middle and High School

Theology of the Body provides foundational understanding of every person's true identity while combating the culture which bombards our young people with lies about their dignity. Bishop Callahan wisely calls for the implementation of Theology of the Body in Middle School and High School Parish Programs in fall 2021, with Bishop's original instruction given in 2011. Visit <u>diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info</u> for a plan for gradual implementation.

Safe Environment Power Points for High School

The power points for 9th through 12th grade have been completed and are available here: <u>diolc.org/safe-environment/library</u>. The power points can also be printed to train young people. It is best to complete this training with students in September or early October.



Director: Jack Felsheim– 608.791.2663 | jfelsheim@diolc.org

New Communications Policies and Procedures Document

There is a new <u>Communications Policies and Procedures</u> document posted to the diocesan website. Please take a few minutes to review the document which formalizes the ongoing practices of our department. This <u>document</u> will help us all as we work to continually improve our efforts to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ to God's people of the Diocese of La Crosse, according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

Parish/School staff email accounts

We are expanding the offering of <u>Google Workspace for Nonprofits</u> accounts to all parish and school staff in our diocese. Now you can get diocesan secure accounts branded with <u>diolcparish.org</u> and coupled with a six character parish/city identifier; these accounts create unique email domains linked to your particular parish. As an example, the email domain for St. James Parish in Amherst would be @stjamh.diolcparish.org. If you have multiple parishes, we can talk about how you would like to construct your address prefix. Many parishes are using gmail.com, hotmail.com or other Internet Service Provider based accounts. This is a chance to update and standaridize your parish email scheme while taking advantage of the Google Workspace platform without incurring any additional expenses.

To get started, simply send us the unique names for the people you wish to have parish email accounts. Some examples to consider: secretary@, bookkeeper@, parishoffice@ or dre@. You could also choose to use people's names or abbreviations (first initial, last name) to construct your email addresses. You will have complete flexibility as to what you can use before your @xxxxxx.diolcparish.org domain. I would suggest standardizing the naming convention to simplify matters.

Keep in mind, these are fully functioning <u>Google Workspace for Nonprofits</u> accounts, complete with email, video calling, calendar, drive, contacts and productivity apps. There is no setup or recurring cost for these accounts.

Also, utilizing these accounts will not require you to change your existing Internet service provider. These accounts are not dependent on any particular service and will work with mobile devices.

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Director: Deacon Bryan Hilts – 608.791.2665 | <u>bhilts@diolc.org</u>

diolclergy.org email accounts for all deacons

All deacons of the Diocese of La Crosse are able to obtain a free, professional and secure email account. Given the many email scams and counterfeits we see weekly, it is recommended that all deacons use an email with the diocesan domain diolclergy.org or at least one from their Parish. The diolclergy.org domain is part of the diocesan <u>GSuite</u>. Your diolclergy.org account will include the full range of G Suite functionality. Simply send an email message to Jack Felsheim, <u>ifelsheim@diolc.org</u>, indicating you would like to get a diolclergy.org email account setup.

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

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

La Crosse County is experiencing significant community spread, and is recommending the cancellation of larger public events, and is now recommending everyone <u>wear masks</u>, both indoors and outdoors, even if fully vaccinated.

Other Counties within the Diocese are experiencing Critically High Community Spread and increased hospitalization rates. In an effort to assist parishes increase mask wearing, a new / modified mask sign is provided <u>here</u>.

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

For your parish bulletin:

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

We are very excited to invite you to join us for the 2021 Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph!" On Saturday, October 23, 2021, we have a seat for you at the table to, not only join us for the day, but to develop friendships with Catholic men from around the Diocese of La Crosse. While this will be a great day for prayer, spiritual nourishment, fellowship, and food, it will also be an opportunity to talk about action steps Catholic men can take in their own parishes and communities to minister to other Catholic men throughout the year. You will hear from nationally known speakers: Jon Leonetti and Monsignor Joseph Hirsch. The day will also include a time of Adoration and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will end the conference with a Eucharistic procession and Mass with Bishop William Patrick Callahan. And there is more exciting news! Dads, you can bring your high school and college-age sons with you at no extra charge (Free spots are limited)! What a great experience for fathers and sons to have together! We hope you will not only register for this awesome day but spread the word to other Catholic men!

To Register, please visit menofthecross.org.

Here is the link to the Facebook event: <u>fb.me/e/1RVI8uQmc</u> Please share this on your Parish social media.

Special Request: We would very much appreciate if parishes could print the poster, found <u>here</u>, and hang it up in your parish.

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat – October 29-31, 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 \$335 per couple, which includes lodging. Or \$225 per couple without lodging. Both costs include a \$150 non-refundable deposit.
- 2021 Domestic Church Retreat <u>Flyer</u> and <u>Brochure</u>.
- Click <u>here</u> to access the Packing and Lodging document.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event. fb.me/e/1NcICtAYv

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Reminder: Diocesan Website for Clergy and Marriage Ministers Regarding Marriage Preparation

FYI, <u>here is the link</u> 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: 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.

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World Mission Sunday Oct. 24, 2021:

The annual prayer and collection for World Mission Sunday 2021 is fast approaching. Letters and supplies should be arriving soon at your parishes. Envelopes, posters and supplies for World Mission Sunday are sent directly from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith national office to the parishes. As you receive them, if there are any changes you want to make for next year, now is a good time to please <u>let us know</u>. More information, including liturgical suggestions and aids can be found at the <u>World Mission Sunday website</u>.

Fr. Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild Dinner Benefitting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II:



You are invited to attend the Father Joseph Walijewski Guild Dinner Benefiting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II on Friday, November 5 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 130 Losey Blvd S, La Crosse, WI. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour followed by dinner and a program. Please RSVP online at

<u>homeajpm.org/events</u> or via email by Wednesday, Oct. 27. If you have any questions, contact Noel Furger at <u>nfurger@frjoesguild.org</u> or 715.297.5139

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Formation Opportunities at the Liturgical Institute, Mundelein, IL

The Art of Preaching, with Fr. Daniel Cardó, November 12, 2021. This conference will offer theological and practical approaches to the art of preaching. Fr. Cardó will begin with a reflection on the centrality of preaching in the context of the situation of the Church and the world and then lay the foundations of the theological understanding of preaching, following recent teachings from the Magisterium and the insights of classic authors on the topic. This will lead to a reflection on the incarnation as a key for effective preaching, which will be the foundation for the final topics of a more practical nature: the preparation and delivery of the liturgical homily. Click <u>here</u> for more details.

Sacramental Preparation for RCIA, with Dr. William Keimig, Rev. Randy Stice, and Dr. Timothy O'Malley, November 29–December 2, 2021. Modeled on the Liturgical Weeks of the mid-20th century, this conference on Sacramental Preparation for RCIA will teach directors how to build a robust program with a solid foundation in sacramental theology. Each full day at this conference consists of a short course made up of five 1-hour lectures as well as sung liturgies. Participants will leave with a better understanding of the RCIA process from the first candidate meeting to the mystagogical formation after initiation. Click here for more details.

Liturgical Calendar: All Saints Day

The Solemnity of All Saints, celebrated on Monday, November 1, is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2021.

Some Liturgical Dates and Notes for the Liturgical Year 2022

Please click here for a list of significant liturgical celebrations for the liturgical year 2022.



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 <u>policies and procedures</u>, 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/safeenvironment/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.

Please look over all forms sent in for background checks and fingerprinting. The forms are coming in missing information and many are not legible. This only causes delays in processing.

Are your Catechists Safe Environment trained? They must be trained before they work with children.

Safe Environment Training for High School Students has been revised. New power points for each grade are available on the Diocesan Website.

I will be out of the office the following Fridays: October 1, 8 and 22. If you need an urgent background check done or a Letter of Suitability, contact Mary Lou Berg in the Office for the Vicar for Clergy.

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

October 18 Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet with Bishop Callahan

Join us on Monday evening, October 18, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. Dr. John Travaline, an expert on Catholic medical ethics and on St. John Paul II's teachings, will speak on: "Seeing Human Dignity Through the Theology of the Body." **6:00 pm – White Mass** with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals

7:00 pm – Banquet

7:45 pm – Presentation

Cost: \$20/person \$10/students, teachers and school administrators. All are welcome! To learn more and to register, visit <u>diolc.org/gospeloflife</u>.

Here is the link to the Facebook event:

facebook.com/events/536447557399332

Please share this on your parish social media.

<u>Click here for a Bulletin Insert</u> on "Seeing Human Dignity Through the Theology of the Body" and the October 18 Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet.

Pastors: October 3 is Respect Life Sunday

In October, the Church in the U.S. celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is Respect Life Sunday. To support these annual observances, the <u>USCCB Secretariat</u> of Pro-Life Activities provides materials, including <u>homily helps</u> and an <u>action guide</u>, to help Catholics better understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it.

Here is the link to the Facebook event: <u>https://fb.me/e/13ts5ueNp</u> Please share this on your parish social media.

Pastors: Get Prayer Cards to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

As noted in a letter you received with a Respect Life kit for this Year of St. Joseph, we have available for you lovely prayer cards to St. Joseph, "Defender of Life." Together with the poster you received and other materials, they are suitable for Respect Life Month (October) and beyond. The Office for Ministries and Social Concerns has a limited supply of these prayer cards in English and in Spanish. Please email <u>ministries@diolc.org</u>, or call 608-791-0161 to request them at \$10 per pack of 100 plus \$3.00 shipping (or \$7 shipping for 300 or more). Indicate the quantity you want, your parish address, and whether you want English or Spanish. When we run out, they can also be ordered from the <u>USCCB store</u>.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

September 17 Wisconsin Bishops' Statement on Welcoming Afghan Refugees Your Help Needed: Afghan Refugees, Haiti Earthquake, Hurricane Ida

The Bishops of Wisconsin have issued a statement on Welcoming Afghan Refugees. You can see it by visiting <u>diolc.org/social-concerns</u>. Please do what you can to help alleviate the plight of the thousands of Afghan refugees coming to the U.S. (many to Ft. McCoy outside Tomah), the suffering caused by the earthquake in Haiti, and Hurricane Ida's battering of Louisiana. To learn how you can help, visit <u>diolc.org/social-concerns</u>.

For Your Parish Bulletin (Regional):

October 3 Life Chain, Pro-life Prayerful Witness

La Crosse, 2:00-3:00 pm – Losey Blvd N from La Crosse to Ferry St.

Necedah 1:30-3:00 pm – Meet at 1:00 pm at Necedah Town Hall. Stand at the intersection of Hwy 21 and Hwy 80.

Parish Bulletins – La Crosse Area: 40 Days for Life – La Crosse Campaign Underway **Your pro-life witness is needed!** A 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse is underway until October 31 on the corner of 7th Street and South Avenue. 40 Days for Life is a worldwide effort open to people of all faiths who wish to see an end to the injustice of abortion. Visit <u>www.diolc.org/respect-life</u> (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 August 20 statement and accompanying press release, visit www.diolc.org/social-concerns.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

Parish Targets

Target letters have been mailed out to all parishes. If you haven't received a letter, please call Sarah Komperud, 608-791-2653 or email <u>skomperud@diolc.org</u>

Mailing Date Target

The time frame for the initial launch of this year's Annual Appeal is a mailing date of October 13 to be in the homes before Sunday, October 17. If you wish for a different weekend after that, please let us know via this form https://forms.gle/t4hx32dHnPYr6NC7A . We have been working with our printers to secure enough paper to meet this time frame. Unfortunately, we had to adjust the size of the materials slightly to work around the paper inventory shortage currently plaguing the printing industry.

The default target mailing is October 13 for Sunday, October 17. If you wish to select a different weekend, please submit your request via the material update form found at https://forms.gle/t4hx32dHnPYr6NC7A

Our theme will center on John 17:22, "**That they may be one as We are One**." We have three compelling case stories that promote the good of the Church and the impact we as a Church have on others. This year's stories include:

- Gary and Rosy Asher from St. Henry's in Eau Galle. Their Watermark Mission ministry helps repair homes across the country after natural disasters.
- FOCUS Ministry: Fellowship of Catholic University Students, a ministry aimed at helping college students keep and grow their Catholic faith during and beyond their

college experience. In our diocese, we currently have one such ministry at Roncalli Newman Parish in La Crosse (University of La Crosse) with the vision of expanding to other four-year universities in our diocese.

• Our third story centers on a family from the Congo who, with the help of the USCCB and Catholic Charities, came to the US four years ago via an Uganda refugee camp and are now homeowners and grateful for the opportunity for a new life.

Parish Materials

As in the past, we will send your parish a supply of DAA materials (prayer cards, brochures, in-pew pledge cards/envelopes, thermometer posters) which will be equivalent to 10% of your registered families. Please see this link for your total: <u>Parish 10%</u>

If you need additional material than the 10% allocated, please complete the form below. <u>https://forms.gle/zTGcF1K6gtJqorDB6</u>

Annual Appeal DVD

The Annual Appeal DVD video will be available online, with links available here in the upcoming weeks. Using the downloadable version of the video is the most efficient and economical way to view the video, and it is highly encouraged that you present it this way. **Hard copies of DVDs will be sent to you by request only.** Would you please complete the following Materials form below to request your DVD?

https://forms.gle/t4hx32dHnPYr6NC7A

We encourage any pastor who wishes to include their letter to submit one. Hearing from the pastor or finance council has proven to be one of the most effective ways of garnering support. Please submit your letter to <u>ireiter@diolc.org</u> no later than 9/27/21. We will continue to update you via the Chancery Bulletin over the coming weeks.

Stewardship Bulletin reflections for weekends:

- 10/03 <u>Click Here</u>
- 10/10 <u>Click Here</u>
- 10/17 <u>Click Here</u>

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

• Click Here for the weeks <u>10/03 – 10/17</u>

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

Bequest revenues for the parishes have been 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 <u>diolclegacy.org</u>. 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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Important notice regarding ParishSOFT Accounting!

Transactional access to the old database (lacrosse.parishsoftaccounting.com) will end September 30, 2021 for all parishes per the contract with ParishSOFT.

- View only access, including report capabilities, to the old database (lacrosse.parishsoftaccounting.com), will continue until January 31, 2022.
- Finance Office access, by request, will continue until September 30, 2023.
- Effectively this means that parishes using ParishSOFT Accounting must complete all fiscal year 2020-2021 transactional activity in the old database before September 30, 2021.

Failure to complete all parish transactional activity in the old database before September 30, 2021 may require intervention from ParishSOFT Support at a rate of \$250/hour, which will be billed to your parish.

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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 through our vocations to marriage, priesthood, single life, and religious life we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world.

Please consider adding a vocations paragraph to your parish bulletin. Below is an example - they will be changed each week. Feel free to use any or all of them.

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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National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) Experience

On November 20, 2021, all high school age students are invited to join us for a local/live event at Pacelli Catholic High School in Stevens Point, WI, where we will participate in the simulcast stream of the National Catholic Youth Conference being held in Indianapolis, IN. This event will be more than just watching a screen. We will have live music and speakers who will lead us in praying together, learning together and, most importantly, growing together as disciples! On September 16, 2021 we held and recorded an informational meeting via Zoom meeting. You can find a recording of that meeting and more information <u>here</u>.

Here are links to the <u>poster</u> and <u>brochure</u> to promote this event.

Here is the link to the Facebook event: <u>fb.me/e/wh0DbZBc</u> Please share this on your Parish social media.

2 Free Virtual Webinar Opportunities for Pastors, Parish Staff, Catechists, etc.!

The Wausau Deanery has an amazing opportunity for Pastors, DRE's, CRE's, Youth Ministers, catechists, etc. To hear from Dr. Bob McCarty who presenting a two-part series, "Passing on the Faith: The Challenge and the Blessing" and "Engaging Young People in God Talk." Bob is a nationally known speaker, pastoral ministry consultant and trainer and adjunct faculty at The Catholic University of America and The University of Dallas.

For more information, see the links below:

- October 21 <u>https://wausaudeanery.weebly.com/passing-on-the-faith-the-challenge-and-the-blessing.html</u>
- October 27 <u>https://wausaudeanery.weebly.com/engaging-young-people-in-god-talk.html</u>

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 <u>link</u> to join us for Tune-In Tuesdays at 11 a.m.!

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