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As of Oct. 19

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

Friday, October 29

Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat - Chippewa Falls - Oct. 29-31

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

Tuesday, November 16

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

Saturday, November 20

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) Experience in the Diocese of La Crosse

Sunday, November 21

Solemnity of Christ the King

Tuesday, November 23

Giving Tuesday

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

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving - Curia Offices Closed - Nov. 25-26

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, November 30

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

Friday, December 3

12:00am LFI/Deacon Formation - La Crosse - December 3-4

Tuesday, December 7

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

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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For Your Parish Bulletin

Are you interested in growing in your faith and your relationship with God?

Through some generous donors, every parish and school have free access to ***Franciscan at Home*** online learning system. There are already over 1,000 active learners and 511 workshops have been completed. Each workshop is one hour, divided into 6, 10-minute segments, followed by application / discussion. The content is beautiful and the spiritual life of the learner is a primary focus. Check it out!

- visit franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse 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.
- 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. Scroll down and select a workshop from the Adult Faith Study such as:

1. *The Father, Origin and Desire of All*
2. *Christ: His Person and Works*

How to Help Children and Teens Desire God

If you are interested in listening to a webinar on *Fostering Desire for God in Children and Teens*, which will include how to help children and teens love His Church and not just go through programs or be informed in a classroom", please contact Ann at alankford@diolc.org. Dr. Bill Keimig from the Catechetical Institute presents this webinar and is available to all.

Catechetical Leader Information

Safe Environment Power Points Updated

The power points for grades Kindergarten through 12th grade have been updated, as requested for those who print them out for presentation and are available here: diolc.org/safe-environment/library. Scroll to the bottom of the webpage. Consider scheduling the Safe Environment training for all students during the month of October.

Sacramental Prep Meeting with Parents

Parents are to receive formation at an adult level when their children are preparing to receive sacraments. Using ***Franciscan at Home***, allow the parents to view one or two, 10-minute videos with an application task that follows each video for helpful engagement and discussion. See directions for free registration [here](#).

First Communion Preparation – suggested workshop

- *The Family as the Context of Catechesis* (scroll to Franciscan Tracks, Forming Faith at Home Track; click on Help for Parish Leaders Seeking to Support Families)
- Provide parents with a Prayer Card to pray with their second grader: diolc.org/prayer. Model with the parents and child how to use the Prayer Card, to allow prayer to be more personal. Prayer cards needs to be used in the classroom also.

Confirmation Preparation – suggested workshop

- *Holy Spirit, Converter of Hearts* (in the Four Pillars of the Catechism Track)
- Provide parents with a Prayer Card to pray to the Holy Spirit: diolc.org/prayer. Model with the parents and confirmandi how to use the Prayer Card, to allow prayer to be more personal. Prayer cards needs to be used in the classroom also.

Praying with Scripture

“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” (Saint Jerome) Students need to become very familiar with the Bible and praying with a Scripture passage provides an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to make a connection between the passage on one’s own life. The “Praying with Scripture” prayer worksheet is very simple and available here: diolc.org/prayingwithscripture. Visit diolc.org/prayer 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:

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

Implementing Theology of the Body in Middle and High School

For info to implement gradually diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info/

For letters to parents and parent summaries of each session visit: diolc.org/tob

For year-long schedules for different Confirmation Programs including Theology of the Body, visit diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation

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Office for Communications

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Attention Pastors, Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries:

Parish Message Lines for the back cover of the December issue of Catholic Life magazine are due by Monday, October 25. The December issue is expected to arrive in homes by Saturday, November 27. Please direct any questions to Sr. Donna: dkrzmarzick@diolc.org.

Deadline for parish events to be listed in the Jan/Feb Catholic Life – 10/22/21

In order to get your Jan/Feb parish events listed in the Jan/Feb issue of Catholic Life, please make sure we have received your event information by October 22. 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.

Reminder: Parish/School staff email accounts

We are expanding the offering of [Google Workspace for Nonprofits](#) accounts to all Parish and school staff in our Diocese. Now you can get diocesan secure accounts branded with diolcparish.org 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 standardize your parish email scheme while taking advantage of the Google Workspace platform without incurring any additional expenses.

To get started, simply send me 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 [Google Workspace for Nonprofits](#) 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 dependant on any particular service and will work with mobile devices.

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Office for the Diaconate

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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 [GSuite](#). Your diolclergy.org account will include the full range of G Suite functionality. Simply send an email message to Jack Felsheim, jfelsheim@diolc.org, 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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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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There's Still Time to Register for the Men of the Cross Conference: "Walking with St. Joseph"

There are still spots available to be with us! 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: fb.me/e/1RVl8uQmc Please share this on your Parish social media.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

After the last year-plus of pandemic life, many of us are looking for a fresh start. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming date November 19th-21st in Holstein, IA. Also, call for information on a 2022 date in the Diocese of La Crosse. Register at iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 with any questions.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

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 [Flyer](#) and [Brochure](#).
- Click [here](#) to access the Packing and Lodging document.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event: fb.me/e/1NclCtAYv Please share this on your parish Facebook.

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: 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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Office for Missions

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This Sunday (October 24, 2021) is World Mission Sunday!

**“WE CANNOT BUT SPEAK
ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE
SEEN AND HEARD”**

[ACTS 4:20]

**2021
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

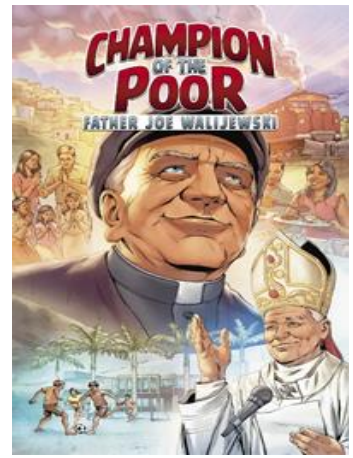


The annual prayer and collection for **World Mission Sunday 2021** is this Sunday! Letters and supplies should have arrived at your parishes. If you need additional materials for this year or if there are any changes you wish to make for next year, please [let us know](#). Liturgical suggestions including [General Intercessions](#) along with more information and aids can be found at the [World Mission Sunday website](#). Thank for your generous support!

Download promotional materials here: diolc.org/missions/world-mission-sunday/

New Comic Book on the life of Father Joe Walijewski

We are happy to announce the comic book *Champion of the Poor*, based on the life and work of Father Joe Walijewski. This action-packed, full-color comic book biography tells the inspiring life story of Father Joe Walijewski, priest of the Diocese of La Crosse and founder of the Casa Hogar orphanage in Peru. From his days as an impressionable young boy in Michigan, where he discovered a unique call to the priesthood, to his daring adventures as a missionary in South America, readers are immersed into the heroic actions of a courageous Champion of the Poor. Parishes and Schools can pre-order copies before November 1 to ensure delivery in time for Christmas at the following link: voyagecomics.com/fatherjoe/



Qty discounts: 1-19: \$6.99, 20-49: \$4.90 (30%), 50-99: \$4.19 (40%), 100 +: \$3.49 (50%)

For your parish bulletin:



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

You are invited to attend the Father Joseph Walijewski Guild Dinner Benefitting 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 <https://www.homeajpm.org/events/> or via [email](mailto:nfurger@frjoesguild.org) by Wednesday, October 27. If you have any questions, contact Noel Furger at nfurger@frjoesguild.org 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 12th, 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 [here](#) 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 one-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.

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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

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Pray for Dobbs – Join Catholics and Protestants uniting in Pro-Life Prayer

From the website www.prayfordobbs.com:

In the USA, abortion takes the lives of over 600,000 babies a year. *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* could change that. The Mississippi law at stake in this case **bans abortion** after 15 weeks. This is the case that could **overturn Roe v. Wade**—the Supreme Court decision which made abortion legal in all 50 states. Nine justices stand between life and death for millions of innocent children and their mothers. **What can we do?** The most important thing we can do is to bend our knees in supplication to our Lord Jesus Christ, asking for the end to Roe, and to the brutal practice of abortion. We all need to pray without ceasing. And we need to tell our friends and church communities to join us. Can you imagine what could happen if all who want an end to abortion joined together? If each believer committed to prayer and fasting? And if we organized within our local churches so that our communities would do the same? What would happen if tens or hundreds of millions of Americans prayed for an end to abortion? With God, all things are possible!

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 diolc.org/social-concerns. Please do what you can to help alleviate the plight of the thousands of Afghan refugees coming to the U.S. (13,000 are at Ft. McCoy near Tomah), the suffering caused by the earthquake in Haiti and Hurricane Ida's battering of Louisiana. To learn how you can help, visit www.diolc.org/social-concerns.

Your Voice Urgently Needed to Stop Taxpayer-Funded Abortion on Demand

From the USCCB Action Center: "The House of Representatives voted to pass **the most radical abortion bill ever**. The so-called Women's Health Protection Act, H.R. 3755, would:

- Allow **abortion on demand nationwide** throughout EVERY STAGE of pregnancy.
- BAN pro-life laws **in every state and local government**.
- Force Americans to support abortions with their tax dollars.
- Likely eliminate conscience protections for doctors—among other extreme actions.

Of those present, all but one House Democrat voted for the bill and all House Republicans voted against. In his [statement](#) responding to this vote, Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, called this bill 'the most extreme proabortion bill our nation has ever seen.'"

The USCCB Action Center brings two other threats to human life to our attention as well: funding of abortion through "Human Infrastructure," and President Biden's proposal to eliminate the Hyde Amendment. To contact your elected representatives on these urgent matters, visit votervoice.net/USCCB/home.

Pastors and Social Ministry Representatives:

Help us Update the Diocesan [Directory of Parish Social Ministry Initiatives](#)

Please review the Directory to see the kind of initiatives being undertaken around the Diocese. Get ideas for your Parish or deanery. If you have a social ministry initiative that is

not listed in the directory, please [complete this form](#) so we may update it. Questions? Email Chris Ruff at cruff@diolc.org or call 608-791-0161.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

Please be aware that both the USPS and UPS are reporting longer than regular delivery schedules. Like many other logistic company issues, we have been told by both organizations, while they are aware of problems this causes, have taken an "it gets there when it gets there" position.

Our mail house has let us know that in some cases even overnight UPS shipping takes up to 3 days to deliver. Add to the fact that our USPS mailings are Non-Profit—they are ranked just above third class in a matter of priority—we are expecting we will have delivery delays. NonProfit mailings are put into the delivery stream as determined by the USPS workload.

Parish materials (in-pew pledge cards, envelopes, prayer cards, and thermometers) have been mailed/UPS directly to parishes this past week.

Reminder: No Annual Appeal DVD this year

UPDATE: There will not be an in Parish Annual Appeal DVD/Video. Due to a convergence of issues, many parishes are experiencing low Mass attendance combined with many parishes not showing the video and scheduling difficulties; it was determined we would not create a video to be shown at Mass.

Our strategy is to reach as many households as we can via email, social media, and mailings to allow people to watch at their leisure. Our approach is to incorporate short clips and preview trailer-type videos with links to a full version of the video into our email and social media postings. Short brief videos are how most people consume information today and this strategy has been employed with success in other dioceses.

There is no change in the process for processing the Appeal donations; it is the same as it has been the last four years.

Reminder: Parishes receiving cash for the Annual Appeal must deposit all money locally, and then write a parish check to the Diocese with documentation identifying who made the donations. Please include the Family DUID for each donation.

Please call Sarah Komperud with any questions, 608-791-2653.

The Appeal Portal has been updated with many of the materials. We will continue to update as more materials become available appeal.diloc.org

Stewardship Bulletin reflections for weekends:

- 10/24 [Click Here](#)
- 10/31 [Click Here](#)
- 11/07 [Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- Click Here for the weeks [10/24 – 11/07](#)

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 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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Parish Finance Zoom Payroll Review and Training, Thursday, November 4

- **8:30am-11:30am Payroll Review for ParishSOFT Accounting**

Copy and click this Zoom link to attend:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88123481182?pwd=REtpa2xKcWtISTdpWHpBS1lISXJlQT09>

1. **1:00pm-4:00pm Payroll Review for QuickBooks Online**

Copy and click this Zoom link to attend:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88051173724?pwd=TjhZaFdsdmVjNGh4SFkKbjdHemVCZz09>

Parish Finance Contacts are encouraged to attend one of the above Zoom sessions to learn best practices for Payroll software setup and processes. It is important that all parish payroll practices conform to Diocese of La Crosse Norms & Policies for Parishes. This seminar will cover payroll conventions for Pay Items like Holidays, Paid Leave Time, Jury Duty and Funeral Pay. We will show examples of online accounting software setup that pertain to these pay items and discuss records needed for the 3 year parish reviews. 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. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom and will be recorded to view later for those unable to attend. Contact cweinberger@diolc.org with any questions.

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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.

That we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world as we discern where our Lord is calling us to serve.

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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2022 Pilgrimage for Life

We are excited to announce that we are planning to travel to Washington, DC for the Pilgrimage for Life January 19-23, 2022. Please see the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details found [here](#).

New Online Registration Process for All Diocese of La Crosse Office for Family Life Events

The program we are using is called Argenta, and I can tell you this is a company that understands what we are trying to do and has met every need. They are a team of people who want to make all of our lives easier and truly have gone above and beyond the call of duty for us. [Click here](#) for the "Welcome Letter" that explains the process. As an added bonus, the Argenta folks even created a "How-To" video just for us to help walk parish staff, parents, and participants through the online registration process. The link to the video is included in the letter.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) Experience

Online registration is now live for this event! Registrations will be done online using the Argenta software mentioned above. [Here is the link](#) to register and get more information about this amazing opportunity. So please send the link below to the parents of your youth and have them register ASAP. We are also excited to announce that the band [SONAR](#) will be with us live, and in person throughout the day!

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 [here](#).

Here are links to the [poster](#) and [brochure](#) to promote this event.

Here is the link to the Facebook event: [fb.me/e/wh0DbZBc](https://www.facebook.com/wh0DbZBc) 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 - <https://wausaudeanery.weebly.com/passing-on-the-faiththechallengeand-the-blessing.html>
- October 27 - <https://wausaudeanery.weebly.com/engaging-young-peopleingodtalk.html>

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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