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Events

As of Oct. 26

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
Wednesday, December 8
Immaculate Conception - Curia Offices Closed
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, December 14
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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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 more than 1,000 active learners and 511 workshops have been completed. Each workshop is one hour, divided into 6, 10-minute segments, followed by application. The content is concise and engaging. To register:

- 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 **Parenting Track** such as:

1. **The Human Person in God’s Loving Plan**
2. **A Foundational Vision: The Community of the Family**

New Comic Book on the “Champion of the Poor”

A new action-packed, full-color comic book biography tells the inspiring life story of Father Joe Walijewski, priest of the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin 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 individuals are invited to pre-order now to receive the comic book in time to be a Christmas gift. To see sample pages and to pre-order, click here:

voyagecomics.com/fatherjoe

Catechetical Leader Information

Safe Environment Power Points Updated

The power points for grades Kindergarten through 12th grade have been updated, and are available here: diolc.org/safe-environment/library. Scroll to the bottom of the webpage. For each grade level, there are directions provided for:

- The power points to be shown to the students;
- The power point slides to be printed to show the students;
- The content page for each slide to be printed for the catechist.

Consider scheduling the Safe Environment training for all students during the month of October.

Passing on the Faith: The Challenge and the Blessing – 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

<https://wausaudeanery.weebly.com/passing-on-the-faith-the-challenge-and-the-blessing.html>

Implementing Theology of the Body in Middle and High School

- For implementing the Theology of the Body, there are resources to help engage parents here: diolc.org.tob
- For info to implement gradually in middle school and high school visit diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info/
- For year-long schedules for four different Confirmation Programs that include You: Life, Love and the Theology of the Body, visit: diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation

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Imposter Facebook page – Bishop William Callahan

Just letting you know, on Thursday, October 14, someone created a Satire/Parody page for Bishop William Callahan. Please know this is not Bishop Callahan’s page, nor his writings. He does not have a Facebook presence at this time; he communicates through the diocesan Facebook page.

If you are not careful, you may miss the “Satire/Parody” part and believe this is actually Bishop Callahan. Some are engaging in conversation, and the responses by the page can easily be mistaken if you believe it’s from the bishop. If this page is liking, posting or replying

to posts on your parish Facebook, you can hide or block the page. Do not engage with this page. Any interactions with this page may increase its popularity.

We have been working with Facebook to get this page removed.

Free Digital/Print Resources to Welcome People Back to Mass

Our publishing partner Faith Catholic has created several [free resources](#) you can use and customize for your parish. You will find a post-pandemic communication plan, sample pastor letters, and a variety of posters, customizable postcards and social media posts to help you welcome your people back to your parish! growandgocatholic.com/free-resources.html

November Catholic Life

The November 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.

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

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

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Deacons and the wives of deacons – Please be attentive to the recently sent e-mail requesting information to establish a **Deacon Wives Directory**. Thanks.

Up Coming Events: (All events tentative)

Continuing formation (provided by our formation team):

January 8 – Diocesan Center, La Crosse

March 5 – Holy Name Parish, Wausau

Diaconate Discernment Retreat - April 2, 2022, Diocesan Center, La Crosse

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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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 lowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 with any questions.

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 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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For Your Parish Bulletin:



Pray for Dobbs – Join Catholics and other Pro-Life Christians

Register for the National Prayer Event, Thursday, Nov. 18, 7:00 pm.

The *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* case before the Supreme Court represents the best chance we have seen to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. It revolves around a Mississippi law banning abortion after 15 weeks. To register for the Nov. 18 Prayer Event and to access short videos, a background flyer and other resources, visit prayfordobbs.com.

For your Parish Bulletin:

Help Catholic Charities assist Afghan Refugees

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse is doing incredible work assisting thousands of Afghan refugees at Ft. McCoy, near Tomah. Find out how you can help by volunteering or donating – Visit cclse.org/afghanistan-refugee-assistance.

Christ the King & Religious Liberty

The USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty has identified the Solemnity of Christ the King (Nov. 21, 2021) as a fitting moment in the liturgical year to promote the Church's teaching on religious freedom. The Committee has prepared materials to help educate the faithful about this Solemnity. These materials include:

- [1. Lectionary Notes](#)
- [2. A brief background on the Solemnity](#)
- [3. Social media graphics](#)
- [4. A Novena to Christ the King](#)

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Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

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

Due to scheduling conflicts at our printers, some household mailings were delayed. As of last week Thursday, we were back on schedule, and we are now caught up. All parishes should have received the parish materials by now. If you have not, please contact our office.

Our Appeal mailings are USPS 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.

Reminder: No Annual Appeal DVD this year

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.

Stewardship Bulletin reflections for weekends:

- 10/31 [Click Here](#)
- 11/07 [Click Here](#)
- 11/14 [Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- Click Here for the weeks [10/31 – 11/14](#)

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

That the daily living of our vocation may transform our suffering world into a place of love, justice and peace.

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 over-abundance 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 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 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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