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As of Oct. 5

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

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

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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BULLETIN INSERT for the weekend of October 10 or 17

Men of the Cross Catholic Conference

Please help to get this into the hands of every man in the parish! The Conference will be a great experience for men to deepen or reignite their faith that will feed into every aspect of their life, and to connect with Catholic men from around the Diocese. Visit diolc.org/insert to download the bulletin insert.

Reminder: For Your Parish Bulletin

Dr. Edward Sri, nationally known speaker, in Onalaska and La Crosse October 12 – 13

Dr. Edward Sri will speak at St. Patrick's Church in Onalaska on Tuesday, October 12 and the topics of the presentations will be 6:30 p.m. – "The Art of Living" and 7:30 p.m. – "Who Am I to Judge."

Dr. Sri will speak at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse on Wednesday, October 13 and the presentations will be 9 a.m. – "Praying the Rosary like Never Before" and 10 a.m. – "Who Am I to Judge." All are welcome. Visit stpatsonalaska.com

Catechetical Leader Information

Attitudes and Practices Surveys

It is essential that we know what children and young people believe about God and themselves as His children and how they are integrating the foundational truths of Catholicism into their lives. Attitudes and Practices Surveys provide us with this information. The confidential Surveys will be given in 4th, 8th and 10th/11th grades (and 9th grade if combined with 10th) during one session during the weeks of October 31st through November 19th. Surveys take roughly 15 minutes. Further details were emailed to Catechetical Leaders on September 30th along with Survey Registration, Instructions and a sample Parent Letter. (Faith Knowledge Assessments will not be given this year.) Register for a ZOOM meeting on Thursday, October 7th at 1 p.m. to answer your questions about the surveys, by contacting Beth Johnson at bjohnson@diolc.org.

Children to Pray a Rosary on Wednesday, October 13th

With October dedicated to the Rosary, and in honor of the Miracle of the Dancing Sun, and to request Mary's intercession for our crippled world, all students and catechists are invited to pray a Rosary (or at least a Decade) on October 13, 2021, in union with children from around the world. Visit childrenoftheeucharist.org/worldwide-childrens-eucharistic-holy-hour. After reflecting upon

your pandemic protocols, you may include parents and the parish community in this event. See diolc.org/prayer (4th Grade) for a Prayer Card on the Rosary with a short meditation.

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 to register FREE in the following announcement.

First Communion Preparation – suggested workshop

- The Family as the Context of Catechesis (scroll to Franciscan Tracks, Forming Faith at Home Track – 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 (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.

Ongoing Formation for DREs, CREs and Catechists

With the excellent learning method of ***Franciscan at Home*** learning system, we are asking that catechists complete one workshop and catechetical leaders complete two workshops this academic year.

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.

Scroll down and select the **DRE/CRE Track**. 2 recommended workshops:

- *Teaching Catechesis for Conversion*
- The Good News of Jesus Christ (*The Kerygma*, which is the Initial Proclamation and necessary foundation of the Faith)

Select the **Catechist Track** on the left. 2 recommended workshops:

- *The Vocation of the Catechist*
- *Jesus: The Center of Catechesis*

Passing on the Faith: The Challenge and the Blessing – Thursday, October 21 & Wednesday, 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

Implementing Theology of the Body in Middle and High School

For info to implement gradually, visit 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

Updated: Safe Environment Power Points

The power points for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade are being updated, as requested for those who print them out for presentation. Please consider waiting another week before using the power points. 9th through 12th grade power points have been completed and are available here: diolc.org/safe-environment/library. Scroll to the bottom of the webpage. Schedule the Safe Environment training for the month of October.

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Office for Communications

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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.

Parish/School staff email accounts

We are expanding the offering of [Google Workspace for Nonprofits](https://workspace.google.com/) 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.diocparish.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.

Reminder: New Communications Policies and Procedures Document

There is a new [Communications Policies and Procedures](#) document posted to the diocesan website. Please take a few minutes to review the document which formalizes the ongoing practices of our department. This [document](#) 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.

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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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For your parish bulletin:

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

UPDATE! The Early Bird Registration Deadline has been extended to October 13, 2021. 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.

Special Request: We would very much appreciate if parishes could print the poster, found [here](#), and hang it up in your parish.

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.

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/1NcICtAYv 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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World Mission Sunday October 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 and posters for World Mission Sunday are sent directly from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith national office to the 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](#). More information, including liturgical suggestions and aids can be found at the [World Mission Sunday website](#).

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

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Formation Opportunities at the Liturgical Institute, Mundelein, IL

The Art of Preaching, with Father Daniel Cardó, November 12, 2021. This conference will offer theological and practical approaches to the art of preaching. Father 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 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.

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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.

If you have changed Safe Environment Coordinators or the DRE/CRE at your Parish, please email me with the new contact name and email so Safe Environment information continues to be sent to the correct person.

Can you believe March is just six months away? In October, I will begin to send each parish information for the Annual Safe Environment Report that is due on March 1, 2022. March 1 is the deadline, but you don't have to wait until then to submit your parish report. St. Mary-

Torun in Stevens Point sent their completed report in on August 24, 2021. Thank you goes to Kristi Vuorinen for a job well done!

Bullying is a form of abuse. It causes anxiety, fear, hate and loneliness. It can lead to self harm and suicide. If you hear it or see it on the playground, lunch room or hallway, put a stop to it immediately. Bullying takes many forms: verbal attacks (name calling, threats and teasing) physical attacks (hitting, pushing, slapping, taking others possessions) and rumors/gossip.

Bullying denies dignity to another human being. When a bully targets another child, they are also targeting God since we are all made in the image of God. If we tolerate bullying, we are turning a blind eye to God.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:45)

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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 diolc.org/gospeloflife (registration deadline Oct. 11).

Here is the link to the Facebook event:

facebook.com/events/536447557399332

Please share this on your parish social media.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

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

From the USCCB Action Center: “Last Friday was a very dark day as 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 pro-abortion 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.

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. (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 diolc.org/social-concerns.

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 www.diolc.org/respect-life (scroll down) to learn more and to sign up for this 40 Days for Life fall campaign.

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

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.

Also, parish materials (in-pew pledge cards, envelopes, brochures, prayer cards, and thermometers) will be mailed directly to parishes by the default kickoff weekend. If you need materials above the 10% of your registered families, please complete this link, **by 10/6/21: [Parish additional material/Kickoff Weekend form](#)**

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>

The process for the Appeal donations is the same as last year.

The Parish must deposit all cash donations, and a parish check is written to the Diocese with documentation identifying who made the donations. Please include the Family Duid for the donation. Would you please call Sarah Komperud with any questions, 608-791-2653?

We will be updating the Appeal Portal with all the materials as they come available:

[Appeal Portal 2021-2022](#)

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 how coming together as a Church united in Christ and its impact 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.

Stewardship Bulletin reflections for weekends:

- 10/10 [Click Here](#)
- 10/17 [Click Here](#)
- 10/24 [Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

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

Planned Giving - Leaving a Legacy, Wills, Bequestj 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 Vocations

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

That young men and women will listen to the Holy Spirit in their hearts and respond to the cry from deep within to vocations of marriage, single blessedness, priesthood and religious life.

A Call to Serve

There are few things in life are more uplifting than being able to help someone or be there for someone in need. When we can use our gifts and talents to make someone else's life

better, it can bring joy to not just our lives, but to those we are able to serve as well. Jesus tells us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. As friends of Christ, we are called to love in this way, to be willing to lay down our life for others. A powerful way to do this is by being a priest of Jesus Christ. He is calling young men to consider this call to serve, to offer their lives out of love for their sisters and brothers. He may be calling YOU! 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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No items this week.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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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

Update! 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. **Our registration priority deadline date is October 14, 2021.** 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/e/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-faith-thechallenge-and-the-blessing.html>
- October 27 - <https://wausaudeanery.weebly.com/engaging-young-people-in-godtalk.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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