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Events

As of Dec. 14

Tuesday, December 14
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Tuesday, December 21
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Saturday, December 25
Christmas - Curia Offices Closed - Dec. 24 to Jan. 2
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday, January 1, 2022
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in 2022
Tuesday, January 4, 2022
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Friday, January 7, 2022
12:00am LFI/Deacon Formation - La Crosse - January 7-9
Saturday, January 8, 2022
5:30pm Ukrainian Christmas Dinner - Chippewa Falls
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DRE's, CRE's, & Youth Ministers
Sunday, January 16, 2022
National Religious Freedom Day
Tuesday, January 18, 2022
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18-25
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DRE's, CRE's, & Youth Ministers
Wednesday, January 19, 2022
Pilgrimage for Life - Washington, D.C. - January 19-23, 2022
Saturday, January 22, 2022
Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Sunday, January 23, 2022
Sunday of the Word of God
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DRE's, CRE's, & Youth Ministers
Saturday, January 29, 2022
8:00am Brains and Brawn - La Crosse
Sunday, January 30, 2022
Catholic Schools Week - Jan. 30-Feb. 5
Tuesday, February 1, 2022
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DRE's, CRE's, & Youth Ministers
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
Presentation to the Lord: World Day for Consecrated Life
Friday, February 4, 2022
LFI/Deacon Formation - Wausau - February 4-5

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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Please be aware that a few revisions have been made to the Guidelines for the Public Celebration of Mass. See the updated Guidelines [here](#).

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

Director: Ann Lankford – 608.791.2658 | alankford@diolc.org

Bulletin insert for the weekend of December 19

Advent: “Getting Ready”

In this final week of Advent, we want to prepare our hearts before the annual celebrations of Jesus’s birth on Christmas. How does one go about “getting ready” to receive Christ anew this Christmas? Visit diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts

Parish Pew Card

Welcome Card for Mass on Christmas Eve / Christmas Day

A welcome card is being provided for use in the pew on Christmas Eve or Day for people who would like to commit or re-commit to your parish. Click here: diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts

For Parish Communications

15 min. with the Scriptures leading up to Christmas

A beautiful way to spend the last week of Advent is to pray with Scripture passages that describe the events leading up to the birth of the Christ Child. For simple resources to help prayer become more personal, visit diolc.org/deeper and click on “Praying with Scripture” – Advent / Christmas or click on “Mysteries of the Rosary” – Advent / Christmas.

Reminder: For Parish Communications

Christmas Stocking Stuffer: 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 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. To see sample pages and to order: voyagecomics.com/fatherjoe

Catechetical Leader Information

Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II Virtual Nativity Tour December 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm

See the Missions Office below with further details. During Advent the Casa Hogar family has the tradition of creating Nativity scenes for each family, the cafeteria and the Church; eleven scenes in all. The amount of work and time put into making the fields, rivers, shepherds, kings, animals, stables, Josephs, Marys and Baby Jesus' is amazing. Join us for the 2nd Annual Nativity Tour on December 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm CST by emailing Noel Furger at nfurger@frjoesguild.org for the link.

***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* – Jan. 14th ZOOM Mtg. to learn more**

There are currently 14 parishes / schools in the Diocese who are using *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* for teaching the Faith to children. The teaching space, called an Atrium, is designed for children to encounter God and grow in their relationship with Him, based upon Montessori principles. Join us as a trained professional will provide an overview of *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and answers your questions. Contact Beth Johnson at bjohnson@diolc.org to register for this Zoom on **Friday, Jan. 14th at 9:30 a.m.**

BEET Grants

The purpose of the Bishop's Education Endowment Trust (BEET) is to support and assist the mission of the Diocese of La Crosse in providing funds for all aspects of Catholic education in the Diocese and are based upon need.

The method for applying for the BEET grant for the 2022-23 fiscal year has changed from a paper application to completing an online Google Forms (application). Because the process is new, please allow yourself extra time to become familiar with the new process, review the application questions and set aside time to complete the Google Form (application). The online form makes reading applications easier for all of the grant reviewers and dramatically reduces the time it takes to process the grants for review. The deadline for submission and approval is **Friday, January 28, 2022.**

Visit diolc.org/catechesis for the directions and form to complete the grant application. You will find the words "BEET Grant Application" in the middle of the large picture. Contact Ann or Beth if you have questions.

After Christmas Retreat for Catechists

Every person who hands on the Faith needs ongoing formation. How about offering a morning of reflection (1 ½ - 2 hours) for catechists using a beautiful workshop from *Franciscan at Home*? The workshop *Introducing the Liturgy to Children (and people of all ages)* by Dr. Gerard O'Shea has 5, 10-minute videos with discussion questions / application after each video.

Every gesture and word of the Mass has significance, and all of us — when taught the concrete meaning of each element — can joyfully and excitedly engage with the Mass and encounter the Person of Jesus. This workshop offers a method to introduce the liturgy to children and young people, in order for them to enter into the liturgical rites and to pray the Mass to the best of their abilities.

Simple directions to register for *Franciscan at Home* for free and to “check out” the workshop.

- 1) Visit franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse and scroll to the bottom of the page.
- 2) On the right, click the middle blue button: “My parish or school is already registered, and I would like to set up my individual free account...”
- 3) 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, listed by city and name. Finally, click on the “Sign Up” button; you will have a dashboard. Scroll down to “Franciscan Tracks” on the left and select “Catechist Track”, and then enter it and you will see Electives for this Track, and below that Children’s Catechesis. At the bottom, click on “Introducing the Liturgy to Children” for the beautiful workshop by Dr. O’Shea.

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Office for Communications

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Promoting your parish Lenten meals

While Lent may seem a ways out, we would like you to start sending in the dates for your parish Lenten meals. We are again featuring your meals in the March issue of *Catholic Life* and using the diocesan website to host the [Fish Frynder](#), a place where people can find when and where a fish fry, or other parish Lenten meal is taking place throughout the diocese. The deadline for getting your Fish Frynder events for the March issue of *Catholic Life* is 1/14/22. Others will be posted to the Fish Frynder as received. Email your meal information to datebook@diolc.org. Please include the date, beginning/ending times, event location, description, menu and cost.

Bishop Callahan's Christmas Video Message and supporting graphics:

Bishop Callahan has recorded his [Christmas video message](#) for you to share with your parishioners on your Facebook page and link to your website. If you have a Crosspost relationship setup with the diocesan Facebook, you will receive the video in your video library and can share from there. <https://youtu.be/-FbheRLg4eI>.

Supporting Christmas graphics are found on the [Media Resources page](#).

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Attention parish bookkeepers: All donations for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** should be run through parish bookkeeping and then submitted payable to the Diocese of La Crosse with "Retirement Fund for Religious" in the memorandum line. Thank you.

Bulletin Announcements

Religious give thanks. "'Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister regarding the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection!

For more information and further resources: [Retirement Fund for Religious](#)

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Televised Mass Schedule for Christmas

- Eau Claire, Channel 18, at 10 p.m. on Christmas Day.
- La Crosse, Channel 19, at 10 p.m. on Christmas Day.
- Marshfield (Public Access), Channel 990, at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve, and 8:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.
- Stevens Point (Public Access), Channel 984 and Channel 3, at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve, and Noon and 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Day.
- Wausau, Channel 12, at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day
- Wausau (Public Access), Channel 980, at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and 1:00 p.m. on Christmas Day.
- Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access), Channel 985 and Channel 3, at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve, and 9 a.m. Christmas Day.
- Livestream from the Cathedral at Midnight on Christmas Eve (with Bishop Callahan), and 10:00 a.m. on Christmas morning diolc.org/live.
- The Mass for Christmas is also available any time on the Diocesan Facebook page and website, diolc.org.

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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](http://diolc.org). 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.

Letters of Suitability when ministering outside of the Diocese of La Crosse

Letters of Suitability are required for all priests and deacons who plan to minister outside of the Diocese of La Crosse. This includes: weddings, funerals, baptisms and speaking at an event. Letters of Suitability are created by the Office of Safe Environment. Please email or call in your request at least five business days prior to your event to ensure your letter arrives at your location in time. Your request should include the following:

- Where are you going, including the full church or event name and the address
- What diocese will you be in
- The date you will be at the event
- Who is the contact at the parish or event
- For a wedding, include the name of the bride and groom. For a funeral, the name of the deceased.
- What will you be doing at the event? Celebrating Mass, hearing confession, speaking, etc.

If you have any questions, contact: Teresa Brown at tbrown@diolc.org or 608-791-2679

77% of students say they have been verbally bullied in some way or another. This includes spreading rumors or yelling obscenities based on an individual's gender, race, religion or sexual orientation. Bullying is a form of abuse. Don't allow this at your parish or school. Source: National Center for Education Statistics

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Office for Social Concerns

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

Join our Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C., -- With two Special Guests!



There has never been a more important time to join the March for Life in our nation's capitol, with the *Dobbs* case being heard by the Supreme Court and the possibility of *Roe v. Wade* being overturned. Plus, our pilgrims will be addressed by two amazing speakers, before and after the March: **Terry Beatley**, Founder of Hosea Initiative, and **Valentyna Pavsyukova**, Founder of Chalice of Mercy. For the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details, visit diolc.org/M4L.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

You are invited! -- Jan. 8 Chalice of Mercy Ukrainian Christmas Dinner



Each year, Valentyna Pavsyukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy, a pro-life mission to Ukraine, hosts a Ukrainian Christmas Dinner at the Lillydale Event Center in Chippewa Falls. All proceeds from this delicious, multicourse meal served by young people in full Ukrainian garb, go to benefit the work of the mission. To learn more, visit diolc.org/chalice-of-mercy.

Pray for Dobbs, Pray for our Supreme Court Justices by Name

Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health is the Supreme Court case that could overturn *Roe v. Wade*—the decision that made abortion legal in all 50 states. Nine justices stand between life and death for millions of innocent children and their mothers. The hearing began Dec. 1, with a ruling expected in June. Please fast and pray for God's grace to touch our Supreme Court justices. Pray for them by name: John Roberts, Samuel Alito, Amy Coney Barrett, Brett Kavanaugh, Clarence Thomas, Neil Gorsuch, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, and Stephen Breyer. For more information and resources, visit PrayforDobbs.com.

Help those Devastated by the Recent Tornadoes in Several States

Assist families and communities affected by the recent devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and at least 5 other states. Visit Catholic Charities' website – CCLSE.org – click on "Donate Today," and enter "tornado relief" and your gift amount in the "general donations" box.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

Reminder: Now that we are in the month of December, the end of the year is approaching quickly. All donations must be postmarked by 12/31/21 to be coded to the 2021 tax year. Any donations postmarked after 12/31/21 will be processed in 2022.

We have submitted a second mailing for the Annual Appeal to LYBUNT (Last Year But Unfortunately Not This Year) givers for distribution in hopes of being delivered to homes by December 20.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Sarah Komperud at 608-791-2653 or skomperud@diolc.org

We will continue to update the page as more materials become available or requested at appeal.diolc.org.

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 gift.

Please throw away all previous year's pledge cards; the coding on the old forms is outdated. Please do not hesitate to call Sarah Komperud with any questions you may have at 608-791-2653.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

- 12/19 [Click Here](#)
- 12/26 [Click Here](#)
- 01/02 [Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- Click here for the weeks [12/19 – 01/02](#)

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

We have inherited such treasures from our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, those whose shoulders we stand on today. Now, it is our turn to make sure future generations can enjoy the reverence and beauty of a well-maintained parish. Leveraging the Capital Campaign and providing parishioners with information on Endowments, Trusts and Bequest, are just a few ways a parish can help prepare for its future.

We are in the midst of the most significant transfer of wealth ever known. The Wall Street Journal estimates that generational wealth transfer between 2018 and 2042 will be upwards of \$70 trillion. As those dollars get divided among a younger generation who are less connected to Church, it will be harder for parishes to maintain operational finances and satisfy their capital needs in the future. This forecast becomes readily apparent when we look at the confluence of the current trend of dissociation of denominational religion reflected in our declining Mass attendance and lower participation of the other Sacraments. Compounding all this is the declining general population of those under 18 in our 19 counties. These trends do not bode well for those who fail to plan.

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 would 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, presentations, or ads for your Parish bulletin, do not hesitate to contact our office or Rick Jeric at the Catholic Foundation of West Central Wisconsin at 608.519.9892 or email: rjeric@cfwcw.org

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Office for Temporalities

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October, November, and December Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group

Please click the month for that edition of CMG Health Enews; [October Edition](#); [November Edition](#); and [December Edition](#).

Asbestos inspection schedule

Monday, December 20, 2021, will begin the school asbestos inspections. The schools will be notified through email or phone call, to let each school know the anticipated inspection day. Rick Stickler from Coulee Region Environmental will be performing the asbestos inspections. He should be contacting the individual schools prior to his arrival and report to the main office of the school. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Kathy Haverland at 608-791-2692 or khaverland@diolc.org.

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