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Officials

The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, D.D., Bishop of La Crosse, makes the following announcement:

The Reverend **Brian J. Jazdzewski**, Pastor of Sacred Heart-St. Patrick Parish in Eau Claire, has requested a leave of absence to address personal issues surrounding his spiritual and psychological health and has submitted a letter of resignation as Pastor of the parish. I have accepted his resignation from the Office of Pastor and granted his request of a leave of absence effective December 4, 2021.

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Events

As of December 7

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

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

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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Bulletin insert for the weekend of December 12 or 19

Advent: “Getting Ready”

Advent is the time that we set aside for preparing our hearts before the annual celebrations of Christ’s birth on Christmas. How does one go about “getting ready” to receive Christ anew this Christmas? Visit diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts

For Parish Communications

15 min. with the Scriptures for Advent

A beautiful way to spend quiet time during Advent is to pray with Sacred Scripture 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 and Christmas or click on “Mysteries of the Rosary” – Advent and Christmas...

Reminder: For Your Parish Bulletin

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. Parishes and individuals are invited to order now to receive the comic book in time to be a Christmas gift. To see sample pages and to order, click here: voyagecomics.com/fatherjoe

Catechetical Leader Information

Focus on Prayer during Advent

Advent is a good time to focus more intentionally on prayer. Provide your catechists/teachers and students with prayer cards that help to make prayer more personal with a simple 5-step process. With regular use during Parish Faith Formation and School, students will become familiar with the simple process, and the prayer cards may be sent home for Lent for family use. Visit diolc.org/prayer for a different Prayer Card for 12th grade through Pre-school.

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 familiarize yourself 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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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.

The annual collection in parishes for the national Retirement Fund for Religious is scheduled for the weekend of December 11-12. Religious in our Diocese and across the nation benefit significantly from this national collection. Please promote the campaign in your parish bulletin, pulpit announcements, and petitions at Mass (sample texts below).

Week of the collection (December 11-12)

Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years for small stipends. Today, many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps pay for medications, nursing care, and other needs for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

Week after the collection (December 18-19)

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 Human Resources

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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

50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries

We are updating the timing of when we send Jubilee couples their certificates. Our goal is to send the certificates out to each couple around their anniversary date. Please submit the names of those couples celebrating 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries in the year 2022 by December 31, 2021 by filling out [this form](#) and email to crogers@diolc.org. Our hope for 2022 is to return to in-person Jubilee Masses and dinners, and we will continue to look into the state of things as it relates to COVID to determine the best course of action. Therefore, couples will receive two mailings from us, the first will be the certificates around their anniversary, and the second will be an invitation to either an in-person Mass and dinner, or a virtual Mass depending on the state of COVID.

Reminder: NFP: Diocesan Marquette Instructor Taking a Leave of Absence

Please be advised that the diocesan Marquette instructor will be taking a leave of absence until further notice.

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

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608.791.2676 | wpace@diolc.org

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

During Advent the Casa Hogar family has the tradition of creating nativity scenes for each family, the cafeteria and the Church. If you are counting, that is eleven nativity 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. It only seems fair to share all the hard work with you.

Join us for the 2nd Annual Nativity Tour on December 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm CST. With this virtual tour the kids will guide you through each family's nativity scene. And because the kids like a little competition, our virtual guests can vote on the top girl house and top boy house. If you have never seen Christmas in Peru, you're in for a real treat!

For more information and to get the zoom link, email nfurger@frjoesguild.org.

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Office for Sacred Worship

Director: Christopher Carstens – 608.791.0161 | ccarstens@diolc.org

Wednesday, December 8: Celebrate the Immaculate Conception & Close of the Year of St. Joseph

Bishop William Patrick Callahan will preside at the 12:10 pm Mass on Wednesday, December 8, celebrating both the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (a holy day of obligation) and the Close of the Year of St. Joseph. Join us for this special celebration honoring both the Blessed Mother and her spouse, St. Joseph, either in person or via livestream at diolc.org/live.

Liturgical Calendar: Mary, Mother of God, January 1

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in 2022.

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.

RCIA: To Pastors, Pastoral Associates, and RCIA Coordinators

Bishop Callahan wishes to send Christmas greetings and words of encouragement those currently participating in the RCIA process. Please return [this form](#) by December 13. It requests the names of catechumens preparing for entry into the Church at the Easter Vigil and candidates seeking full communion.

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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 Catholic Schools

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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](http://diolc.org), a pro-life mission to Ukraine, hosts a Ukrainian Christmas Dinner at the Lillydale Event Center in Chippewa Falls. All proceeds from this delicious, multi-course 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 Catholic Charities love our neighbor in need this Advent

Thousands of Afghan refugees are being housed temporarily at Ft. McCoy near Tomah, and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse is right there helping them. Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbor in need in many other ways as well, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst, to assisting families in need as the Christmas season approaches. Find out more, and how you can help, at cclse.org. Let your heart be touched this Advent.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

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:

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

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- Click here for the weeks [12/12 – 12/26](#)

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

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.

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. Providing parishioners with information on Endowments, Trusts, and Bequest, are just a few ways a parish can help prepare for its future.

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 Vocations

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

That our parish community will nurture marriage, blessed single lives, and religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action in the world.

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

Have you ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to be a priest? 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 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 [our website](#) to read the registration letter, tentative schedule, and details.

***Please Note:** We need to get an estimate of numbers for planning purposes. So if your parish is getting a group together, please email Chris Rogers at crogers@diolc.org by December 17, 2021 to give us your estimated number of people who will travel with us.

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.

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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