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Officials

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

The Reverend **George R. Szews**, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish at Prescott, has submitted his letter of resignation from the office of pastor and has been granted the status of senior priest, effective January 3, 2022.

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Events

As of Jan. 4

Friday, January 7

12:00am LFI/Deacon Formation - La Crosse - January 7-9

Saturday, January 8

5:30pm Ukrainian Christmas Dinner - Chippewa Falls

Tuesday, January 11

11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DRE's, CRE's, & Youth Ministers

Sunday, January 16

National Religious Freedom Day

Tuesday, January 18

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

Pilgrimage for Life - Washington, D.C. - January 19-23, 2022

Saturday, January 22

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Sunday, January 23

Sunday of the Word of God

Tuesday, January 25

11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DRE's, CRE's, & Youth Ministers

Sunday, January 30

Catholic Schools Week - Jan. 30-Feb. 5

Tuesday, February 1

11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DRE's, CRE's, & Youth Ministers

Wednesday, February 2

Presentation to the Lord: World Day for Consecrated Life

Friday, February 4

LFI/Deacon Formation - Wausau - February 4-5

Sunday, February 6

World Day for Consecrated Life (celebrated in parishes) - Feb. 5-6

Tuesday, February 8

11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DRE's, CRE's, & Youth Ministers

Friday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick

Saturday, February 12

7:40am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Onalaska

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield

Sunday, February 13

Feast Day of Blessed James Miller

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 January 9th or 16th

New Hope for Babies in the Womb? Pray for Our Supreme Court Justices!

Could the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy be overturned? The Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court could have that outcome – but your prayer is needed. Please post this flyer on your refrigerator and remember to pray and sacrifice for each of the Supreme Court Justices by name! A ruling is expected by June. Visit diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts

Reminder: For Your Parish Bulletin

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 order, visit: voyagecomics.com/fatherjoe.

Reminder: DRE, CRE and Youth Minister Information

***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. Parents, catechists, catechetical leaders and any interested adult are welcome to attend.

BEET Grants

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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.

Reminder: Time of Reflection for Catechists

Every person who hands on the Faith needs ongoing formation. How about offering a time of reflection (3, 1 hour segments) for catechists using a beautiful workshop from *Franciscan at Home*? The workshop *Introducing the Scriptures to Children (and people of all ages)* by Dr. Gerard O’Shea has 5, 10-minute videos with discussion questions / application after each video.

Children have a profound capacity for understanding Scripture and also for developing a deep love for it. Children encounter Jesus through hearing, reading, and praying with Scripture. Mother Church’s call for us to draw our catechesis from Sacred Scripture applies to all of us catechizing children, whether as parish catechists, Catholic school teachers, parents, and so on. The methods by which we introduce the Scriptures to children, and the particular passages we invite them to explore, depend largely on the developmental stage of the children. Thus, in this workshop we will explore when and how to introduce specific passages from the Scriptures to children in such a way as to help them grow in their relationship with God and truly love encountering Him in His Word.

By the end of this workshop, you’ll:

- Know specific Scripture passages that resonate most with children ages 3–12, depending on their developmental stage.
- Be able to more effectively help the children in your care develop a deep love for our Lord through reading Scripture.
- Appreciate more fully a child’s ability to respond to the relationship God has already established with him or her through exploring God’s Sacred Word.

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 Scriptures to Children" for the beautiful workshop by Dr. O'Shea.

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Catholic Schools Week Video Greeting from Bishop Callahan

Catholic Schools Week starts Sunday, January 30, 2022. Please take time to celebrate with the Catholic School students and their families in our diocese, and pray for the continued success of our Catholic Schools. Here is Bishop Callahan's Catholic Schools Week [video greeting](#). As you celebrate in your Parish and schools, please tag your social media posts with the hashtag #CSW22 so we can share your excitement!

Catholic Schools Video Link: <https://youtu.be/tNOkXcWftg8>.

Thank you for supporting our Catholic Schools!

Reminder: 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.

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Save these Dates (all dates tentative)

January 8, 2022 – Continuing Education – CANCELED

February 4-5, 2022 – Board of scrutinies for candidates - Wausau
March 4-6, 2022 – Deacons/Wives Retreat – Schoenstatt Center, Waukesha
(FYI - No retreat leader secured at this time.)
March 5, 2022 – Continuing education, if retreat falls through - Wausau
April 2, 2022 – Continuing education – La Crosse
May 7, 2022 – Diaconate Ordination – Cathedral - All current deacons encouraged to attend
May 14, 2022 – Diaconate Formation Discernment Retreat – La Crosse
August 13, 2022 – Deacon Day with the Bishop

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Your Parish Bulletin

Announcing a Lifeline of Hope and Healing for Struggling Marriages! When the old ways aren't working, the Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. This is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area. A series of "post sessions" provide ongoing healing and support. Presentations are given by couples who share their personal struggles in marriage and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Participants reflect and interact in privacy with their spouse. It is not group therapy. Costs are affordable and no couple is turned away because of limited finances. If you are wondering if this program is right for you or a loved one, find more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call toll-free: 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) All calls are fully confidential. The next program begins on February 18-20, 2022. Space is limited. Early registration is recommended!

Other Retrovaille Resources:

- [2022 Retrovaille Flyer](#)
- [2022 Retrovaille Cover Letter](#)
- [2022 Retrovaille Bulletin Announcement Series](#)
- [Article: "Pope Thanks Retrouvaille for Support of Couples in Crisis"](#)

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 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](https://www.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](https://www.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.

Happy New Year to all of you! Praise God for another year.

March 1 – Annual Report:

The 2021-22 Annual Parish Safe Environment Report form is missing a line for the volunteers. Please either insert a line on your form or use the corrected report form. The link is below. <https://www.diolc.org/files/safe-environment/Parish-Yearly-Report-2021-22.pdf>

Reports are slowly being sent in. If you have questions or need help completing the annual report, please let me know. I can assist over the phone, by ZOOM or in person. There is no charge for me to help.

Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.

~ Helen Keller

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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. To learn more, visit diolc.org/respect-life. Space is limited, as the buses are filling up.

For your parish bulletin

New Hope for Unborn Babies? Pray for our Supreme Court Justices!



Is the end near for *Roe v. Wade*? Could the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy be overturned? The *Dobbs* case being heard by the Supreme Court could have that outcome – but we must pray. Read about the nationwide initiative of fasting and prayer at diolc.org/respect-life, where you can also [download a flyer](#) with photos of each of the Justices. Post it on your refrigerator and remember to pray and sacrifice for each of them by name! A ruling is expected by June.

For your parish bulletin

Help those Devastated by the December Tornadoes

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

For your parish bulletin

Help Catholic Charities assist the Homeless this Winter; Also Afghan Refugees

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse is second to none in assisting the homeless in our communities, as well as helping the thousands of Afghan refugees who are receiving shelter and care at Ft. McCoy, near Tomah. Find out how you can contribute to these efforts, financially or by volunteering. Visit CCLSE.org.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

We will be submitting the January Rebates for the DAA for disbursements and mailing to parishes next week. We will be pulling the information on 01/11/22. The rebates are for all the monies received over the parish goal.

Reminder: First of the DAA Video Series Posted: Our first video on the Watermark Mission is available for download on appeal.diolc.org. The video is also available on our Youtube Page for embedding into your parish website at <https://youtu.be/3CiVBENvCc0>. If you are unsure how to do this, let us know, we would be glad to help.

The DAA Watermark Mission video is also available for liking and sharing through the [Diocesan Facebook page](#).

The Watermark Mission: With the help of grants from the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, Gary and Rosey Asher from St. Henry Parish in Eau Galle, through their ministry, unite people from all over the diocese and country to help fix and repair homes after natural disasters, providing hope to those in need.

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

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

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

- 01/09 [Click Here](#)
- 01/16 [Click Here](#)
- 01/23 [Click Here](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- Click here for the weeks [01/09 – 01/23](#)

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.

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 dioclegacy.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 (cfwcw.org) at 608.519.9892 or email: <mailto:rjeric@cfwcw.org>

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Office for Temporalities

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Mileage Rate for 2022

Please note the new IRS Mileage rate as of 1/1/2022 is \$0.585 per mile. The Holy Cross Diocesan Center reimburses mileage at the rate of \$0.585 per mile. Each parish may elect to pay whatever rate they would like as long as it does not exceed the IRS Mileage rate.

Priests' 2022 – 2023 Salary Schedule

The Priests' Salary Schedule for 2022-2023 can be accessed by [clicking here](#). The priest's schedule will be added to the Diocesan Website under Temporalities in the near future. Note these rates are not effective until July 1, 2022.

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Office for Vocations

Director of Vocation Recruitment: Fr. Nate Kuhn – 608.791.2666 | nkuhn@diolc.org

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

That through our vocations to marriage, priesthood, single life, or religious life we may be signs of God's presence and love 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.

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 Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Join Us on January 27, 2022 at 1:30pm for a Zoom Webinar on “The Why and the How-To of Mission Trips.”

Let's get to the real work in Faith: Understanding the Vision of Summer Youth Mission Trips. Come join a discussion/panel with other parish leaders throughout the diocese to learn about a chance to partner with other parishes throughout our diocese and serve together on a summer youth mission trip this summer 2022! The fact is, your parish can make a profound transformation with the youth and adults of your parish through the experience of a summer mission trip! This is for any adult: Priest, Parish Staff, Parents, etc. Please visit [this link](#) to register.

Update—2022 Pilgrimage for Life

After surveying parishes and schools, we will be taking two coach buses, which means space is limited. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. 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.

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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.

Reminder: 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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