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Saturday, February 26
8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Wausau
Tuesday, March 1
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Wednesday, March 2
Ash Wednesday
Friday, March 4
LFI/Deacon Formation - Wausau - March 4-5
Saturday, March 5
Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Mauston
Sunday, March 6
2:00pm Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - La Crosse
Tuesday, March 8
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Friday, March 11
Day of Prayer and Penance for Diocesan and Universal Church Needs
Saturday, March 12
Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point
Sunday, March 13
10:30am 9th Anniversary of the Opening of the Cause of Servant of God, Father Joe Walijewski - La Crosse
Tuesday, March 15
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Tuesday, March 22
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Saturday, March 26
Men's Lenten Virtual Retreat
Tuesday, March 29
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Friday, April 1
12:00am LFI/Deacon Formation - La Crosse - April 1-2
Saturday, April 2
Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield
Tuesday, April 5
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Tuesday, April 12
10:30am Chrism Mass - La Crosse
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Thursday, April 14
Holy Thursday - Curia Offices Closed
Friday, April 15
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - Curia Offices Closed

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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Reminder: Parish Divine Mercy Sunday events – special section for April *Catholic Life*

If your Parish is planning a Divine Mercy Sunday event, please send the information to datebook@diolc.org. In addition to adding it to the diocesan calendar, your parish event will also be featured in a special section of the April issue of *Catholic Life* magazine. All events received by February 25th will be published in the April *Catholic Life* magazine.

Reminder: Bishop Callahan's Lenten Video Message

Bishop Callahan's Lenten video greeting is available [here](#). Please share his message on your Parish Facebook and your parish website. <https://youtu.be/9sUYhXu0zK4> We will also be using Facebook video cross posting. Lenten website and Facebook banners have also been created and are available for your use at the diocesan media resources page diolc.org/media_resources.

March 2022 *Catholic Life*

The March issue of *Catholic Life* Magazine should be delivered to your parishioners before February 28. The electronic version is available at catholiclife.diolc.org.

Guide Star Listing

If your parish is looking to be listed in Guide Star, usually for Amazon Smile, you will need documentation from the USCCB. Please contact Zach at ztudahl@diolc.org to request this. We will need your parish name and EIN to request this letter.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Marquette Model NFP Instruction Available Again

We are partnering with Whole Mission thewholemission.com to provide virtual instruction for couples who are looking to learn the Marquette Model. Angie Plendl will continue to teach face to face and virtual classes from within the diocese but this partnership allows the demand for Marquette instruction to continue to be met. Couples will pre-register for Whole Mission through the form on the website diolc.org/marriage/natural-family-planning/nfppreregistration-form/. Then they will be directed to the Whole Mission website to register. They will receive a certificate of completion from Whole Mission. NFP Support Groups In conjunction with Natural Family Planning Awareness week, the Office for Family Life, through the NFP coordinator, would like to pilot a few NFP support meetings throughout the diocese. Please contact Christy Kitzhaber at ckitzhaber@diolc.org if you would like more information on this blossoming idea.

Crosswoods Family Camp June 10-12, 2022

This camp is for families wanting to deepen their faith in the great outdoors, together! Participants will experience Family in Faith Speakers, Adventures, Bonfires, Praise & Worship, Crafts, etc. The cost is \$280/family of 4, \$30 more/person to max of 6 persons (\$340). For

more information, visit www.crosswoods.camp and select the "Family Camp" webpage for more information and how to register.

Reminder: Diocesan Website for Clergy and Marriage Ministers Regarding Marriage Preparation

FYI, follow this link: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/marriage-preparation-for-ministers/> to go 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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Rite of Election—March 6

The Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman on Sunday, March 6, at 2:00. It is an occasion that marks entry into the period of Purification and Enlightenment that coincides with Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity for candidates and catechumens to see the larger Church, be introduced to their new Cathedral, and receive the grace of the Rite. Father William Dhein will be the celebrant.

The registration form for Rite of Election is available at <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Rite-of-Election-Registration-form-2022.pdf>.

Lenten Regulations

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Liturgical Calendar

March 11 (Friday): Day of Prayer and Penance for Diocesan and Universal Church needs. (Note: this observance is the Friday of the first week of Lent, not Friday after Ash Wednesday.) See more information at <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Day-of-Prayer-and-Penance-What-is-it.pdf>.

March 13 (Sunday): Anniversary of the opening of the cause of Servant of God, Father Joe Walijewski, Cathedral of St. Joseph, 10:30.

Chrism Mass, April 12

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 12, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending!

Easter Vigil Start Time

Sunset in La Crosse on Saturday, April 16 is to be at 7:50 p.m. So that the Vigil may begin in darkness, 8:30 should be the earliest beginning time for the vigil.

Prayers over the People at the end of Mass

The Roman Missal includes an optional "Prayer over the People" for each weekday during Lent. The rubrics for using "Prayers over the People" are found in the collection of "Blessings at the End of Mass and Prayers over the People" in the Roman Missal, immediately following the Dismissal texts in the Order of Mass. These indicate the following order:

1. Prayer after Communion.
2. Brief announcements, if necessary.
3. "The Lord be with you."
4. "And with your spirit."
5. "Bow down for the blessing," said by the Deacon or Priest.
6. Prayer over the people, with hands outstretched. R/. Amen.

7. "And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you ever." R/. Amen.
8. "Go in peace."
9. "Thanks be to God."

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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 Stewardship & Development

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

Find Diocesan Annual Appeal status 24/7 (Log In Required)

- <https://diolc.givingtrend.com/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Need Materials for your Parish?

- <https://appeal.diolc.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.

Reminder: We cannot accept parish funds as a payoff for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We will have the finance office inform your Parish of any shortfalls after the close of the Annual Appeal. We will return any such monies received. Should you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our office.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

- 02/27 <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/02.27.22-stewardship-bulletinannouncements.pdf>
- 03/06 <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/03.06.22-stewardship-bulletinannouncements.pdf>
- 03/13 <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/03.13.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- For the weeks 02/27– 03/13 <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Homily-Guide-02.22.22.pdf>

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, do not hesitate to contact 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 (cfwcw.org) at 608.519.9892 or email: rjeric@cfwcw.org

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Risk Management Minute—Unhealthiest Places in Your Home

Most of us consider our homes to be a safe haven, but unfortunately, there are some things in your home that could cause harm. Please [click here](#) for a few things you can do to improve the safety of your home.

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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.

For an up-building of all vocations in the Church and in a particular way for priestly vocations to for the Diocese of La Crosse from our Parish.

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.

What Are *You* Looking For?

The first question that Jesus asks in John's Gospel is, "What are you looking for?" He is speaking to John's disciples as they follow after Him, desiring to know who Jesus is and what His mission is all about. After the disciples respond, Jesus gives them an instruction, "Come and you will see!" Whether we can hear it or not, that same question is being asked to you. What are **YOU** looking for? So often, we find ourselves searching, not knowing exactly where to go or what to do in life. We seek things that will hopefully fill the emptiness and longing that we have in our hearts, but nothing seems to satisfy. The real answer to this can be found in Jesus' response as He invites each of us to follow after Him, to get to know Him, and to follow the path He has placed before us. For some men, that path is a very special invitation to walk in Jesus' footsteps as a priest. 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 Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Scholarships Available for LifeTeen Catholic Youth Ministry Convention June 12-15, 2022

Once again, our diocese has been blessed to be able to offer scholarships to this amazing convention. These scholarships are for first time attendees. Contact Andrew Brueggen for more information at youthdir@stpatsonalaska.com.

So **what is this convention?** A core mission of Life Teen is to equip parishes to do the hard work, the ongoing day-to-day ministry within the lives of teenagers. Supporting parishes often means meeting you in your needs, questions, and struggles with the hope of creating solutions, sharing inspiration, and celebrating this common mission. One of the premier ways we seek to accomplish this is through the **Catholic Youth Ministry Convention**.

This flagship event is not only the best place to experience time-tested training, incredible community, and spiritual renewal – it will be ground zero for those of us who are tired, worn, or simply wondering if any of this is worth it. With God's grace, it will be a place of beginning again.

As we break open the call of **Always Forward**, we will be reminded of the privilege of discipleship, the importance of this mission, and the power we are given to press on through struggle. From engaging keynotes and practical breakouts to transformative prayer and sacramental experiences, we are excited to meet you, support you, and join you in your battle onward. We'll see you June 12-15, 2022 in Scottsdale, AZ.

"The ABC's of Ministry with Gen Z" Thursday, February 24: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Hosted by the Wausau area Deanery Catechetical Leaders Presented by: Tom East This free Virtual workshop will share the research about Gen Z youth and their families along with effective ways for parishes to engage youth and their families. We will include practical ideas and starting points within these topics as we explore the ministry implications for youth ministry, catechesis, sacramental preparation and parish life:

- What sets Gen Z apart from others?
- Listening to and Walking with Gen Z Youth
- Making it Personal through Relationships and Formation
- Transforming Ministries and Creating New Pathways

The workshop is designed for all parish leaders whose ministries touch the lives of adolescents and their families—including pastors, deacons, pastoral associates, coordinators

of youth ministry, leaders in faith formation and catechists, Confirmation preparation leaders, and service/social concerns leaders.

More information and registration is at: <https://wausaudeanery.weebly.com/the-abcs-ofministry-with-gen-z.html> Register even if you are not available to tune in live. The workshop will be recorded and made available later.

Adventure Camp: June 26-July 1, 2022

We are excited that Adventure Camp is happening this year! This is for all students in grades 6-12. Cost:

- Early Bird Registration by May 1, 2022 is \$420 per person.
- (Please note that being registered means all forms are completely filled out, all money has been paid, and Adult background checks and Safe Environment Training are complete.)
- Late Registration after May 1, 2022 is \$440 per person.
- Please know \$100 per person is nonrefundable.

More information including the link to online registration can be found at <https://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/>.

Mission Trip 2022 , Schriever, Louisiana - July 24-31, 2022

Plans are in the works for a beautiful week of service to Louisiana to provide relief for a very demolished area. This city was demolished by Hurricane Ida, which hit in August of 2021. We are working with Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux to set the housing and job sites organized. They have secured us housing at the Lumen Christi Retreat Center. There will be beds for all and is in a dorm like setting. The center will also provide our breakfast and dinners each day. We will be working with Catholic Charities and the Cajun Navy on the job sites. Students must have at least completed their freshman year of high school to qualify. We will leave Prairie du Chien on Sunday, July 24 in the evening by Warco Bus to Schriever, Louisiana. We will make our camp there for the week and start our work on Tuesday morning. We will work through Friday. We are planning a fun event with a possible airboat ride to see alligators and a few other little sightseeing tours as our fun day Saturday. Then we will return home on Sunday July 31, 2022. We are following all COVID guidelines and taking every precaution necessary. Let's all pray that by that time things are much improved by then.

Cost of the trip is \$400. Only out of pocket expenses will be meals on the ride to and from Louisiana and souvenirs. We are asking for at least a \$200 deposit by March 15th to hold the spot, and paid in full by May 1, 2022.

Questions? Contact: Mary Stoeffler - Holy Family Parish, Prairie du Chien, 563-329-0149 or mstoeffler64@gmail.com

Job Opening: Parish Mission Associate for St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral Parish

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral Parish, a growing vibrant Catholic parish located downtown La Crosse, WI, seeks a full-time energetic, highly organized and collaborative Parish Mission Associate to assist leadership in deepening and sustaining integrated and

involved parish life. This person fosters parishioners' growth in knowledge and practice of the Faith and facilitates active relational commitment to the parish family. Principal duties include developing avenues in which increased knowledge of and love for the faith leads to a deepened relationship with Christ; promotes devotional life; organizes parish events; and supports sacramental prep. Required qualifications: practicing Catholic; relevant working experience; bachelor's degree (or working toward it); good communication, organizational and team-building skills; proficient in social media; and excellent writing/communication skills. Please send resume with three references to Monsignor Richard W. Gilles at rgilles@diolclergy.org by May 1, 2022.

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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87591793038?pwd=cDdHWUROV29QMy9UenJRNfZnY0Q0dz09#success> to join us for Tune-In Tuesdays at 11 a.m.!

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