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A message from Bishop William Patrick Callahan

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Events

As of February 28

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

Saturday, April 16

Easter Vigil

Monday, April 18

Easter Monday - 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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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Bulletin Insert for the weekend of March 6th or March 13th

To Ukraine, with Love

Please Help this People Ravaged by War

Learn about Valentyna Pavsukova, a member of our diocese and founder of Chalice of Mercy mission to Ukraine. Learn how you can help her get humanitarian aid to her war-torn homeland. Visit diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts

For Your Bulletin: Sign Up for FREE Daily Lenten Reflections

Chris Stefanick – Real Life Catholic: reallifecatholic.com

Bishop Robert Barron – Word on Fire: wordonfire.clickfunnels.com/lent-english

Matthew Kelly – Dynamic Catholic: dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html

Fr. Mike Schmitz – a 7-minute podcast each day:

media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-presents/fr-mike-schmitz

For other Lenten Resources, visit diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/lent-resources

For Your Bulletin: Going Deeper in Prayer during Lent

Lent is a time to set aside more time for daily prayer. If you are interested in:

- praying with a different Scripture each day for a few minutes, or
- praying a decade of the Rosary each day with a very brief explanation of the mystery of Christ's life, or
- understanding better a well-known prayer to make it more personal,

visit diolc.org/deeper and choose one.

For Your Bulletin

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Wisconsin Regional Gathering

For those involved in a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, or for those interested in knowing more, you are most welcome to attend this worthwhile gathering and hear Mary Mirrione, the National Director of CGS in the U.S.

Saturday, March 12th from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with Mass at 8 a.m.
Holy Name Parish in Wausau, WI

Lent: Resources for Small Groups

A list of Small Group Materials, including Bible Studies and Faith Building Resources, successfully being used in parishes throughout the Diocese can be found by clicking here: diolc.org/catechesis/bible-studies-and-small-group-resources. Some are available for free rental from the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization. Contact us at 608-791-2658.

Parish Book Give-Away for Lent

The following have been found to be good choices of books for a parish give-away.
Catholic and Christian by Alan Schreck

Catechetical Leader Information

Being in the Presence of Jesus

Please take the students in the Catholic Schools and Parish Faith Formation Programs to spend time in silence with Jesus. The schools and parishes who have this practice are finding that the children and young people greatly appreciate the silence in the Presence of the Lord. We need to provide such settings for the children and young people to encounter our Savior.

For Lent: Age-specific Examinations of Conscience 2nd grade through 12th grade

There will be a downloadable examinations of conscience for each age-level available for use during Lent. More information to follow next week. For other Lenten Resources, visit diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/lent-resources

Middle School Rally: March 30, 6:30- 8 p.m.

Joe Melendez will be the featured speaker for the Middle School Rally ABLAZE at Newman Catholic High School in Wausau, WI. All youth in Grades 6-8 are most welcome. Theme of the night: Overcome: Break through your biggest tests and trials. How to overcome fear, worry, doubt and anxiety. For more information and to register your parish group, go to: wausaudeanery.weebly.com/2022-ablaze-middle-school-rally.htm Questions: Contact John Schmitt, johns@stanneswausau.org or 715-849-3930 x306

RCIA – Fostering a Prayer Life

It is essential for the people in RCIA to be helped to develop a daily habit of prayer. For a prayer card on the *Apostles' Creed* with a simple process that allows prayer to more personal visit diolc.org/deeper. The *Apostles' Creed* is important for both the Rite of Election and Holy Saturday. Prayers such as the *Sign of the Cross*, *Apostles' Creed*, *Our Father* and *Hail Mary* are available with resources that provide explanation of the words and other helpful formation.

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Office for Communications

Attention Pastors, Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries: For those parishes who wish to have Parish Message Lines on the back cover of the April 2022 issue of *Catholic Life* magazine, please enter them by Wednesday, March 9. The April issue is expected to arrive in homes by Tuesday, April 12. Please direct questions to Sr. Donna: dkrzmarzick@diolc.org

Spring Parish Round Table Virtual Meetings:

The Office for Communications is hosting virtual roundtable discussions this spring. We will be using ZOOM as our hosting platform with regional sessions. If the date works for your region, please register for that session. If you have a conflict, you may register for any other date. Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries, School Administrative Assistants and Secretaries, ParishSOFT users and other parish staff are welcome. Registration is required to receive the meeting link; all meetings will be about 1 ½ hours.

Meeting Agenda

- 1) Annual Report to the Bishop (new format for July 2022)
- 2) Clergy and Parish email accounts
- 3) ParishSOFT Census SOP (revised 1-3-2022)
- 4) Mailing Address quality
- 5) Items regarding Catholic Life
- 6) Chancery Bulletin – diolc.org/events – diolc.org/media-resources
- 7) Parish Onboarding new employees
- 8) Norms and Procedures for Parishes (initiative to update the document)

Date	Time	Region
Wed. March 9	9:30 a.m.	Click to register for the Wisconsin Rapids region
	1:30 p.m.	Click to register for the Durand region
Thurs. March 10	9:30 a.m.	Click to register for the Stevens Point region
	1:30 p.m.	Click to register for the Wausau region

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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The Twin Cities FertilityCare Center will be hosting a Creighton Practitioner Training

The Twin Cities FertilityCare Center will be hosting a Creighton Practitioner Training this April for anyone interested in becoming a Creighton Practitioner. If you know of anyone interested in learning how to teach the Creighton Model of NFP for our diocese, please pass on this information to them! It can save them time & money to learn in St. Paul, MN rather than traveling down to Omaha.

Do you love the Creighton Model and want to share it with others?

Become a FertilityCare Practitioner and help us teach women and couples while spreading the good news that the female body has been made good! Training to be a FertilityCare Practitioner begins with Education Phase I April 23-30 and Education Phase II November 4-9. Training will be at the new Twin Cities FertilityCare office located at Guiding Star Wakota in West St. Paul, MN. Applications are due March 20th so don't delay! For more information & to apply, please visit www.tcnfp.org/become-a-practitioner/

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-familyplanning/nfpregistration-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/marriagepreparation-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 Social Concerns

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Bulletin Insert: To Ukraine, with Love

Learn about Valentyna Pavszyukova, a member of our diocese and founder of Chalice of Mercy mission to Ukraine. Learn how you can help her get humanitarian aid to her war-torn homeland.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

You can help Ukraine through Chalice of Mercy



Valentyna Pavszyukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy mission to Ukraine and a member of our diocese, is working to get humanitarian aid to the suffering people of her homeland. Please PRAY for peace and consider donating to her effort at www.chaliceofmercy.org/donation/. You can learn more about Valentyna and the beautiful mission of Chalice of Mercy at that website.

Pastors:

Pope Francis has declared Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and prayer for peace in Ukraine. Please note that in your Prayers of the Faithful for that day and invite your parish community to offer their prayers, fasting and sacrifices especially that day, but also beyond.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Project Seed Sales 2022 coming in March and April

A Forage & Seed Corn sale, supported by the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, offering high quality, low cost seed in the midst of a challenging economy. Seed corn is offered in both conventional and glyphosate tolerant varieties. There will be alfalfa and clover ready for sale and non-GMO seed can be ordered. Comparable yields make this seed an attractive alternative. Sale dates and locations: March 12 in Richland Center; March 19 in Stanley; March 26 in Colby; April 2 in Cassel; all Kendall area sales will be directed to Richland Center. Full details can be found at www.diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/project-seed/.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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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:

- 03/06 <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/03.06.22-stewardshipbulletinannouncements.pdf>
- 03/13 <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/03.13.22-stewardship-bulletinannouncements.pdf>
- 03/20 <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/03.20.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Parishes that incorporate Stewardship of Time and Talent in their Stewardship efforts see greater returns in their Stewardship of Treasure. For example, those who include Time and Talent in their Reunite, Recovery, and Rejoice appeal saw an increase on average of 18.22% of their precovid offertory. At the same time, those who did just a Treasure appeal saw an average increase of 8.31%. In contrast, those who did not participate in the appeal effort saw an average -3.5% decrease over their precovid offertory.

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

- For the weeks <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Homily-Guide-03.01.22.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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Office for Vocations

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

For an increase in vocations to marriage, blessed single life, the Priesthood and Consecrated Life; especially that more your men and women will have the courage to follow a call from God to serve in the Church.

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 Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Ablaze Middle School Rally

- **Who:** Middle School youth grades 6-8
- **When:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 6:30 PM, doors open at 6:00 PM
- **Where:** Newman Catholic High School, Wausau, WI
- **Featuring Joe Melendrez**
- **\$2 per student free will offering to cover costs of the event**

Get ready for a high energy and spirit filled time with hundreds of other middle school youth from across Northcentral Wisconsin as we come IN PERSON in faith to celebrate the one true cornerstone of our faith, Jesus Christ!

Theme of the night: *Overcome*: Break through your biggest tests and trials. How to overcome fear, worry, doubt and anxiety.

For more information and to register your parish group, go to:

<https://wausaudeanery.weebly.com/2022-ablaze-middle-school-rally.html>

Questions: Contact John Schmitt, johns@stanneswausau.org or 715-849-3930 x306

2022 Durand Deanery Youth Rally

Bring your youth to a lively spirit filled day to learn more about; "BE~1.To exist or live ~ Be Eucharist." This event will be held at St. Henry's Parish Hall Eau Galle, WI. All youth in grades 7 through 12 and college age are welcome! Cost is FREE! Snack will be provided! Click this link for more information:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16kuol7Fn2nynnnv13hjXfleQgt4YUdVM/view?usp=sharing>

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.

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. **This deposit is due ASAP to hold spots for your campers.**

More information including the link to online registration can be found at

<https://diolc.org/vya/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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