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### Events

As of March 15

**Tuesday, March 22**

11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers

**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

**Saturday, April 9**

9:00am Spring Virtual Men's Retreat

**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

**Tuesday, April 19**

11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers

**Monday, April 25**

Annual Priest Retreat - Marathon - April 25-29

**Tuesday, April 26**

11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers

**Saturday, April 30**

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point

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

**Monday, May 2**

St. Joseph the Workman, Principal Patron of the Diocese

**Tuesday, May 3**

11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers

**Saturday, May 7**

Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral

10:00am Ordination to the Diaconate - La Crosse

**Sunday, May 8**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, [diolc.org/calendar](http://diolc.org/calendar), and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to [datebook@diolc.org](mailto: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 20 or March 27 Lent:**

**Praying with key Scriptural Passages** If you are looking for a way to pray more during Lent, this might be it! Praying with Scripture is a way of spending time - 15 minutes - with a Scripture passage and allowing the Holy Spirit to make a connection between the passage and your own life. Visit [diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts](http://diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts)

### **For your Parish Bulletin:**

**Lenten Study at Home – for the Busy Person** Every parish in the Diocese of La Crosse has free access to Franciscan at Home. This beautiful and compelling online learning system is worth checking out. Each workshop is 1 hour, broken into 10-minute video segments with an application that follows. There are currently 1,121 active learners on the system giving excellent evaluations.

**Follow these Simple directions to register for *Franciscan at Home* for free** 1) Visit [franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse](http://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 “**Start Learning...**” with “**Institution Tracks**” under it and select “**Adult Faith Study**” and click on “**Christ: His Person and Works**”. Or you may click on “**Adult Study of Sacred Scripture**” and click on either “**Introduction to the Old (or New) Testament.**”

## **Catechetical Leader Information**

### **Updated 3.14.22 | For Lent: Examinations of Conscience for grades 2-3, 4-5, 9-12.**

Downloadable examinations of conscience are available for use during Lent by clicking the link: [diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/lent-resources](http://diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/lent-resources) The Middle School examination of conscience will be completed soon. Other Lenten resources are also available at this webpage. Consider the possibility of having parents help their child to examine their conscience in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance, Confession).

### **Why do Catholics Give Up Something for Lent?**

During Lent, we want to make sacrifices by giving up something, such as a type of food like chocolate or dessert, or a habit that we want to quit, such as spending too much time on social media. Or we can make the choice to do something for others. Why do we do this? Lent is a time to accompany Jesus into the desert, imitating His example of prayer and fasting. By making such sacrifices of giving up something or doing something for others, we have more room in our heart to refocus our attention on God. Further, we may offer these sacrifices for the people of Ukraine, as so many are living away from home with the possibility that their home and city have been destroyed. We can also pray for the conversion of Russia, most especially the leaders of the country.

### **Webinar on “Including Parents in their Children’s Formation and the Need for Gradual Transition to Family Catechesis” with Dr. Bill Keimig**

Are you seeking to include parents more in the process of the formation of their children? Please join us on **Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. – 12 noon** to hear the abundant experience of Dr. Bill Keimig on these two important topics. Please email Beth Johnson at [bjohnson@diolc.org](mailto:bjohnson@diolc.org) to register for this important FREE webinar. The session will be interactive.

### **Being in the Presence of Jesus – Confirmation Retreat**

Please take the young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation during their Retreat to spend time with Jesus and provide a time for silence during their Retreat. This allows undistracted space for them to encounter Jesus. Experience has shown that young people greatly appreciate the silence in the Presence of the Lord.

### **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, visit: [wausaudeanery.weebly.com/2022-ablaze-middle-school-rally.htm](http://wausaudeanery.weebly.com/2022-ablaze-middle-school-rally.htm) Questions: Contact John Schmitt, [johns@stanneswausau.org](mailto:johns@stanneswausau.org) or 715-849-3930 x306

### **All DREs, CREs, Youth Ministers and Catechists – Join Us on Saturday, June 18 “Be Still and Know” Retreat on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist**

This day is for you to rest in Jesus’ Presence, to feed on His Word, hear inspiring meditations, and visit with fellow “workers in the vineyard.” Spouses are most welcome. The Retreat will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. For further details, visit [diolc.org/still](http://diolc.org/still).

Please provide all of the parish catechists with a brochure for this wonderful opportunity to find peace, grow in faith and be re-charged. 7 hours of certification credit will be given. Register now at [diolc.org/still](http://diolc.org/still).

### **Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference – Chris Stefanick!**

The Witnesses for Christ Conference will feature Chris Stefanick and will be held this year

on **Wednesday, August 24**. In working with a committee, it was decided to hold the "Conference" virtually on a Wednesday evening. Chris Stefanick will present virtually to you and your catechists as you meet together at the parish. This interactive presentation will be from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., with the suggestion that the Catechetical Leader then host further formation and information for the catechists. This could also include a meal, before the presentation, if you so desire. Cost will be \$10 per person. Further details to follow.

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### Parish Corpus Christi Sunday events – special section for May/June Catholic Life

This year we are attempting to gather all Corpus Christi processions or events for inclusion in the May/June issue of *Catholic Life*. If your Parish is planning a Corpus Christi Sunday event, please send the information to [datebook@diolc.org](mailto: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 May/June issue of *Catholic Life* magazine. All events received by April 8 will be published in the May/June *Catholic Life* magazine.

### Bishop Callahan's Easter Message

Bishop Callahan's Easter video greeting is available [here](#). Please share his message on your parish Facebook and your parish website. We will also be using Facebook video crossposting for easy sharing of the Easter Message. <https://youtu.be/N0tYjbVOUIY>

Easter graphics are available at [diolc.org/media-resources](http://diolc.org/media-resources)

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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/](http://www.tcnfp.org/become-a-practitioner/)

### **Marquette Model NFP Instruction Available Again**

We are partnering with Whole Mission [www.thewholemission.com](http://www.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 [www.diolc.org/marriage/naturalfamilyplanning/nfppreregistration-form/](http://www.diolc.org/marriage/naturalfamilyplanning/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](mailto: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](http://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:

[diolc.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/marriagepreparationfor-ministers/](http://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/marriagepreparationfor-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](mailto:mrallen@foccusinc.com) or phone 402-827-3735 ext. 1317.

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### **Office for Sacred Worship**

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### **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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## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

Thank you to the 95 parishes and 23 schools who have sent in the Annual Safe Environment Report. For those who have not yet sent their report, please do so as soon as possible. If you need help, please contact Teresa Brown either by phone or email and she will assist via Zoom, over the phone or in person.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. All children are created in the image of God, therefore, our faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person.

**Bulletin Inserts for Child Abuse Month:**

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/cyp-april-bulletin-insert.pdf>

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/cyp-april-bulletin-insert-spanish.pdf>

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/cyp-novena-bulletin-insert.pdf>

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/cyp-five-ways-bulletin-insert-and-foldable-card.pdf>

Every Friday during the month of April consider wearing blue as a sign of your support to end child abuse.

Proverbs 18:10 *“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe.”*

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**For Your Parish Bulletin:  
Helping Ukraine through Chalice of Mercy**



**Valentyna Pavsukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy mission to Ukraine**, has been thrilled by the generosity shown by the people of the diocese and sends her most profound thanks. The donations received last week, counting medical equipment donated by healthcare institutions, filled 64 pallets at McDonell High School! Three full semi-trucks will carry this aid to then be transported by air to a neighboring country, and on to the areas of need in Ukraine. Valentyna has excellent contacts at each step and a solid plan. Please pray that this aid safely reaches those in dire need of it.

**Next Step in Collections:** By far, the greatest need now is for financial donations (visit [www.chaliceofmercy.org/donation](http://www.chaliceofmercy.org/donation)). But one more delivery of collected goods from the parish/school sites to McDonell High School (the final packing site) is planned for the end of the month. Please donate only items on the "Needs List" and these must be new, not used, to meet shipping criteria. This is very important, and we thank you! To see the "Needs List," and for a list of the collection sites around the diocese, visit [diolc.org/social-concerns](http://diolc.org/social-concerns). If you have a collections site not on the list, please email Chris Ruff at [cruff@diolc.org](mailto:cruff@diolc.org) so it can be added. On behalf of the stricken people of Ukraine, an enormous thank you!

- **Watch Valentyna Pavsukova's Powerful Talk** on the tragedy unfolding in Ukraine, mixing sorrow with hope and an invitation to help, at [ww.diolc.org/social-concerns](http://ww.diolc.org/social-concerns).

#### **For Your Parish Bullen:**

##### **Project Seed Sales 2022 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 [diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/project-seed/](http://diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/project-seed/).

##### **US Bishops Action Alert: Support the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act**

Ask Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin to support the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, which would make the workplace safer for pregnant workers and their unborn children by requiring employers to provide pregnant employees with reasonable accommodations. To learn more and to make your voice heard, visit [voterveice.net/USCCB/home](http://voterveice.net/USCCB/home).

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#### **Office for Stewardship & Development**

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##### **Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:**

Find Diocesan Annual Appeal status 24/7 (Login Required)  
[diolc.givingtrend.com/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f](http://diolc.givingtrend.com/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f)

Need Materials for your Parish?  
[appeal.diolc.org](http://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:**

- 03/20  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/03.20.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 03/27  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/03.27.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 04/03  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/04.03.22-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 pre-covid 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 March/April weeks 03/20 - 04/03

- <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Homily-Guide-03.15.22.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 Bequests 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](http://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](http://cfwcw.org)) at 608.519.9892 or email: [rjeric@cfwcw.org](mailto:rjeric@cfwcw.org)

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## Office for Temporalities

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### **Parish Endowments Contact Group For Quarterly Investments Updates.**

Endowment trustees, including persons on parish pastoral, finance councils, or staff who have endowment responsibilities are invited to join an endowment contact group. Group members will receive endowment notices and invitations to attend quarterly update reviews with Columbia Threadneedle Investments. Columbia Threadneedle, which is part of Ameriprise Financial, completed acquisition of BMO GAM (EMEA) on November 8, 2021. In the past BMO's Troy Rossow, account Investment Advisor had provided individual meetings for some of the parishes. Mr. Rossow continues in his role with Columbia Threadneedle Investments. However, he is no longer able to provide individual meetings. Instead, he has graciously offered to conduct quarterly update meetings for any interested parish staff. A schedule for endowment update meetings will be communicated in the coming weeks. It is not necessary that your parish have an account at Columbia Threadneedle Investments. To join the endowment contact group please email [nlichter@diolc.org](mailto:nlichter@diolc.org) with a subject line, "Join endowment contacts group".

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## Office for Vocations

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### **Upcoming events:**

May 7, 2022 Diaconate Ordination  
June 13, 2022 Golf Outing – Fox Hollow  
June 25, 2022 Priestly Ordination  
July 29, 2022 Priests For Tomorrow

Check out our latest newsletter [diolc.org/priesthood/vocations-newsletter/](http://diolc.org/priesthood/vocations-newsletter/) If you'd like to receive this in hard copy form, use the sign up on the link.

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

In thanksgiving for those marriages, priests, sisters, brothers, and those living a holy single life who inspire and strengthen us by the witness of their commitment.

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 asked someone recently?

Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached 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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#### **Franciscan CORE June 19-25, 2022**

This youth theology institute is a five-day summer service opportunity offering education, experience, and reflection on Catholic Social Teaching themes and principles using a Franciscan lens. Each day will include prayer, intentional learning, interaction with leaders in the field, direct service, and meeting to process experiences. Please visit <https://www.viterbo.edu/franciscan-core> for more information. Or contact Emily Dykman at [eadykman@viterbo.edu](mailto:eadykman@viterbo.edu).

#### **Ablaze Middle School Rally**

- **Who:** Middle School youth grades 6-8
- **When:** Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 6:30 p.m., doors open at 6:00 p.m.
- **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 me 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](mailto: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! Snacks will be provided! Click this link for more information:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16kuol7Fn2nynnnv13hjXfleQqt4YUdVM/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 convenon. These scholarships are for first time attendees. Contact Andrew Brueggen for more information at [youthdir@stpatsonalaska.com](mailto: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-opportunies/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 life 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](mailto: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](mailto: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=cDdHWUROV29QMjY5UenJRNfZnY0Q0dz09#success> to join us for Tune-In Tuesdays at 11 a.m.!

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