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### Chancery Office

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### Donations for Ukraine

The Diocese of La Crosse is not administering collections for Ukraine relief.

Please remit contributions directly to:

Chalice of Mercy  
N13740 Fairview Road  
Fairchild, WI 54741-8514  
[chaliceofmercy.org](http://chaliceofmercy.org)

For more information on Chalice of Mercy and collection efforts, please refer to the Social Concerns section below.

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## Events

As of March 22

### 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 Men's Virtual 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

### Tuesday, April 26

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

### Wednesday, April 27

9:00am Endowment update, Diocese of La Crosse

### Saturday, April 30

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point

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

### Sunday, May 1

Annual Priest Retreat - Oconomowoc - May 1-6

### 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 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**

### **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.

### **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).

### **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. Cost is \$30 per person. 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).

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Formation dates**

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers Christian formation for children ages 0 through 12. Through this experience, children (and adults) are helped to form an authentic, faithful relationship with God. This Catechesis is grounded in scriptural and liturgical study, framed by Montessori's principles of education. It gives children the opportunity to hear the Gospel and absorb its message through the use of sensorially rich materials and the work of their hands.

The atrium is a place of community and worship. It is a place to be with God, enjoy Him, listen to His Word, and to pray. It is designed to reflect the beauty of His creation and God's abiding love. It is also a place to begin to learn and recognize the signs and symbols that speak of Him through the liturgies of Eucharist and Baptism. We currently have 14 Atria in parishes and schools. The effects with children are striking!

Level 1 Formation will be offered in Wausau July 14-19 and August 19-20. For further details and registration form, click here: [diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching](http://diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching) State-wide formation dates and times are also available at the same link.

## 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.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

[facebook.com/events/1011121513151693](https://www.facebook.com/events/1011121513151693)

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

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**Attention Pastors, Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries:** For parishes who wish to have Parish Message Lines on the back cover of the May/June 2022 issue of *Catholic Life* magazine, please enter them by Friday, April 1. The May/June issue is expected to arrive in homes by Thursday, May 5. Please direct questions to Sr. Donna: [dkrzmarzick@diolc.org](mailto:dkrzmarzick@diolc.org)

**Reminder: 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.

## Reminder: 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](https://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 Missions**

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**Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land:** Each year the Commissariat for the Holy Land, members from the Order of Friars Minor whose role it is to care for the holy sites enshrining historical places significant in the life of Jesus, promotes the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. The funds raised are used to support the important work of the Franciscans in the Holy Land. The friars preserve and promote the shrines, assist Christians to stay in residence in the Holy Land, and provide educational opportunities for religious formation and archeological

research. They also operate 29 parishes and a Christian Media Center in the Holy Land. Parishioners who participate in the Diocesan Annual Appeal already give to the Good Friday Holy Land collection, since a portion of the appeal funds are forwarded to the Commissariat each year. Still, because of the grave need many parishes continue to hold the collection. There is no need for envelopes since the collection is taken up during the Good Friday service. Funds should be first deposited in the parish for inclusion on the parish year-end tax statements. Parishes then send the total to the Diocese of La Crosse through the Office of Temporalities. The Mission Office promotes the annual collection but does not handle the funds. More information can be found at the Pontifical Good Friday Collection website: [myfranciscan.org/good-friday/](http://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/)



**From Fr. Joe Walijewski Legacy Guild/Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II:**

For your parish bulletin:

Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II orphanage in Lurin, Peru, a mission of the Diocese of La Crosse, is looking for volunteers 20 years and older for 3 to 12 month periods. Volunteers take on a variety of tasks which vary according to the duration of stay and the volunteer's interests and capabilities. Needs range from education or tutoring, nursing assistance, administrative tasks or manual labor (painting, gardening, cleaning, etc.). Duties vary, but all volunteers will work directly with the children and families.

Due to volunteer restrictions regarding the number of volunteers we can accept at one time, all long-term volunteers are chosen following an application process. Additional information is available at [homeajpm.org/volunteer](http://homeajpm.org/volunteer) or email Noel Furger at [nfurger@frjoesguild.org](mailto:nfurger@frjoesguild.org)



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**Office for Pontifical Ceremonies**

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### **Confirmation Information**

Confirmations for the spring will be here in as early as a month for some parishes. I will send specific information for each confirmation one month before the confirmation is celebrated. This will include the Order of Liturgy, List of Confirmandi and Server forms. Please be on the look out for this.



You can find some more general information to help you prepare [here](#).

Please reach out to me with any questions you may have as you continue to prepare for the celebration of confirmation with your parish.

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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! If you are unable to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed at [diolc.org/live](http://diolc.org/live).

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

<https://fb.me/e/1t616Loon>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

### Order for the Reception of the Holy Oils—USCCB

The Roman Missal directs that “The reception of the Holy Oils may take place in individual parishes either before the celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper or at another time that seems more appropriate” (Chrism Mass, 15). While the Missal does not specify how a “reception of the Holy Oils” would take place, a simple ceremony that is sober yet joyful, consistent with the Roman liturgy, and emphasizing the grace of the sacraments and unity with the bishop, would seem to be the most appropriate way to receive the oils in a parish. One possible model is found in the *Order for the Reception of the Holy Oils*, available from the USCCB at this link:

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/triduum/order-for-the-reception-of-the-holy-oils>

### 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.

### Some Liturgical Reminders

#### *5th Sunday of Lent*

- In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from the Fifth Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain

covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

### *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

- Altar may be decorated with flowers. (Rubric for Holy Thursday [=HT], 5)
- At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, there may be a procession of the faithful in which gifts for the poor may be presented with the bread and wine. (HT, 14)
- Adoration is not to take place in a monstrance: "The Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a closed tabernacle or pyx. Under no circumstances may it be exposed in a monstrance." (*Paschalis Sollemnitatis*, n.55)
- Holy water stoups are emptied after Mass.

### *Good Friday*

- Good Friday liturgy may not be celebrated in the absence of a priest. (Rubric for Good Friday [=GF], 4)
- Only one cross may be used for adoration. (GF, 19)

### *Easter Vigil*

- The Paschal Candle is to be replaced each year: "The paschal candle should be prepared, which for effective symbolism must be made of wax, never be artificial, be renewed each year, be only one in number, and be of sufficiently large size so that it may evoke the truth that Christ is the light of the world." (*Paschalis Sollemnitatis*, n.82)
- If a deacon is not present to carry the Paschal Candle in the procession, the candle is carried by another minister and not the priest. (Rubric for the Easter Vigil [=EV], 15 and following)
- Lights in the church building are turned on when Paschal Candle is placed in its stand at front of church at end of the entrance procession. (EV, 17)
- If possible, the Priest intones triple Alleluia. (EV, 34)
- It is appropriate for the baptism of infants to take place at the Easter Vigil. (*Rite of Baptism for Children*, n.9; also Roman Missal, Easter Vigil rubric n.38)

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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](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](https://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).

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## Office for Social Concerns

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### For Parish Social Media and Weekday Pulpit Announcements:

#### March 25 Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

All the faithful are encouraged to join Pope Francis on Friday, March 25, 2022, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, in prayers of Consecration for Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Pope will carry this out in conjunction with a Celebration of Penance at 8:00 a.m. Central Time (5:00 p.m. in Rome). The Holy Father has invited all the bishops and priests of the world to join in this Consecration. The faithful are encouraged to attend Mass on this great Solemnity, to spend time in prayer, and to watch the live stream Consecration with Pope Francis. More information is expected from Rome, including the Prayer of Consecration and the live stream link, so watch for details on the [diocesan website](#).

### For Your Parish Bulletin:

#### Helping Ukraine through Chalice of Mercy



**Valentyna Pavszyukova, 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. Three full semi-trucks transported 64 pallets of humanitarian goods, to be flown to a neighboring country and then brought 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 Friday, April 8. 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). On behalf of the suffering people of Ukraine, an enormous thank you!

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

**NOTE to Pastors and Ukraine Collection Site Contacts (not for Parish Bulletins)**

If you have a collection site not on the list, please email Chris Ruff at [cruff@diolc.org](mailto:cruff@diolc.org) so it can be added. If your site cannot handle more collected items because of capacity, feel free to stop with what you have. On Thursday, April 7, the collection sites will consolidate to regional hub sites for pickup the morning of April 8, as we did for the first collection. Chris Ruff will give guidance on the logistics of this process to site contacts by Monday, April 4.

**For Your Parish Bulletin:**

**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. Remaining sale dates and locations are: March 26 in Colby; April 2 in Cassel. Full details can be found at [diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/project-seed/](http://diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/project-seed/).

**For La Crosse Deanery Parish Bulletins:**

**May 5 Mayoral Prayer Breakfast**

The Coulee Region Prayer Consortium is once again sponsoring the Annual Mayoral Prayer Breakfast, a beautiful interfaith prayer initiative which coincides with the National Day of Prayer. The focus is on prayer for our elected officials, educators, emergency responders, military personnel and area business and professional leaders. It includes a meal, special prayers and a speaker. This year’s keynote will be delivered by Tom Thibodeau, professor and founder of the M.A. in Servant Leadership at Viterbo University. The Mayoral Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Waterfront Cargill Room from 7:29-8:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 5 and is open to the public. Tickets (\$15) are available at Living Word Christian Church in La Crosse or online at [www.crprayer.org](http://www.crprayer.org).

## **U.S. 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 [votervoicenet.org/USCCB/home](https://votervoicenet.org/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](https://diolc.givingtrend.com/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f)

Need Materials for your Parish?

[appeal.diolc.org](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:**

- 03/27  
<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>
- 04/10  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/04.10.22-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 included 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 03/27 - 04/10

- <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Homily-Guide-03.22.22.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 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, please 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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### **Spring Parish Finance Webinar, Thursday, April 7, 8:30am – 11:30am:**

The Office for Temporalities is hosting the spring parish finance webinar. We will be using ZOOM as our hosting platform. Registration is required. There will be only one session which will be recorded and posted to <https://diolc.org/temporalies/> following the April 7 th session. Parish Finance Contacts, Finance Council Chairpersons, Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries, Pastors, and other parish staff are welcome to attend. Registration is required to receive the meeting link. [Click here](#) to register. The webinar will last about 3 hours.

### **Meeting Agenda**

- 1) Kris Twining, Catholic Mutual Group, Certificates of Insurance
- 2) Margaret Ebner, Human Resources, Pre-tax Health Insurance premiums
- 3) Annual Report, Parish Financials
  - Automated Annual Report, prototype review
  - Quota letter – June 2022
  - 2021-2022 closing issues, notice to Claudia Weinberger by July 15th

- 2021-2022 all parishes Books Close, August 30th
  - Choice school audit entries through October
  - Endowments and Cemeteries reports
  - Census data
- 4) Building projects

[Click here](#) to register. Forward any questions to [nlichter@diolc.org](mailto:nlichter@diolc.org).

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## Office for Vocations

Director of Vocation Recruitment: Fr. Nate Kuhn – 608.791.2666 | [nkuhn@diolc.org](mailto:nkuhn@diolc.org)

### Upcoming events:

#### May 7, 2022 Diaconate Ordination

#### June 13, 2022 Golf Outing – Fox Hollow

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

[facebook.com/events/735755864057144](https://www.facebook.com/events/735755864057144)

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

#### June 25, 2022 Priestly Ordination

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

[facebook.com/events/4833280366780524](https://www.facebook.com/events/4833280366780524)

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

#### July 29, 2022 Priests For Tomorrow

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

<https://fb.me/e/1FTNuvFSA>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Check out our latest newsletter [diolc.org/priesthood/vocations-newsletter/](https://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.

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

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

What does your future hold?

When we are young, we look towards the future and wonder what's in store. Perhaps there are dreams of accomplishing great things, helping others, or being able to change the world. Well, there is a vocational calling that can provide the opportunity to do all of that and so



much more: the priesthood! Consider the Lord's call to the priesthood, a calling that gives young men the opportunity to be part of something greater, the Church. It provides an opportunity to be part of God's healing mission, a mission to save souls and bring people into deeper relationship with Him. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering this call, 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 Vicar for Clergy

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No items this week.

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## Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Director: Christopher Rogers – 608.791.2659 | [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org)

### NET Ministries

Each year, NET Ministries sends over 175 young adults across the country in teams of 8-14 to proclaim the Gospel to Catholic youth. The NET teams will share their love of Christ and the Church with over 90,000 youth from September to May this year. They come from a wide variety of states and countries. The team members have been trained in the teachings of the Catholic Church and formed as brothers and sisters in Christ, a quality young people consistently notice and to which they are attracted. The experienced team members take care of most everything, including retreat content, set up, and tear down. Your level of involvement is up to you; they partner with you to ensure a perfect match for your group's needs.

- When: September 27-October 9, 2022 - Please contact the NET CENTER ([www.netusa.org/retreats](http://www.netusa.org/retreats)) to reserve your Retreat!
- Where: All Around the Diocese of La Crosse
- Cost: Depends on the type of retreat.

For details about hosting a retreat including themes, costs, housing, etc. please download the [Welcome Packet](#) or see our website at <https://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/net-retreats/>.

### 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).



Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

<https://fb.me/e/1H2shLpzs>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

### **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/yva/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/>.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

<https://fb.me/e/2811taz4a>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

### **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).

### **Reminder: Job Opening:**

[Parish Mission Associate for St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral Parish](#)

### **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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