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Save the Date – Catholic United Financial Clergy Golf Outing

Catholic United Financial will be hosting their annual Clergy Golf Outing and Dinner on August 1, 2022 at Drugan's Castle Golf Course in Holmen. More details and registration will be sent closer to the date of the event.

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Events

As of March 29

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

8:20am Jesus and the Challenge of Suffering: A Lenten Day of Reflection - La Crosse

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

Saturday, April 23

8:30am LDCCW Biennial Convention: "I Came That They May Have Life and Have It Abundantly"

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

7:30am 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

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 April 10th: Schedule for Holy Week with fillable boxes for parish times

The events of Holy Week changed the world and are, therefore, the holiest days of the year. The bulletin insert provides a schedule for April 10 - 17 with a brief explanation of the major events being celebrated each day. There is space to type in the times of the sacred liturgies at your parish. Visit diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts

Reminder: 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 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 “**Institution Tracks**” and select “**Adult Faith Study**”. Click on “**The Father: Origin and Desire of All**.” This workshop is like a retreat and is outstanding. The workshop consists of 6, 10-minute videos with application questions.

For your Parish Bulletin: A Lenten Day of Reflection: Jesus and the Challenge of Suffering

On Saturday, April 9, 2022, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse will be hosting a Lenten Day of Reflection. Everyone is invited to attend the day, or part of the day. No registration is required. Visit <https://guadalupeshrine.org/lent-reflection-2022/> for the schedule.

Catechetical Leader Information

Updated 3.29.22 | For Lent: Examinations of Conscience for grades 2-3, 4-5, 6-9, 10-12.

Downloadable examinations of conscience are available for use during Lent by clicking the link: diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/lent-resources The Middle School examination of conscience is now available. 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.

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

**Attn: DREs, CREs, Youth Ministers, Catechists and Spouses
Need Recharging? Join us for a Retreat on Saturday, June 18**

This day is for YOU! This retreat will allow 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. "Be Still and Know" retreat will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. To register and for further details, including a downloadable brochure, visit diolc.org/still.

Please provide all of your 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.

Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference – August 24 with 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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Reminder: Attention Pastors, Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries: For those 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

Reminder to check your Mass and Confession time listings on all outlets.

With Holy Week and Easter quickly approaching, now is a good time to make sure your times

are all accurate. Websites, Facebook, myParish app, signage, bulletins, Masstimes.org are just a few places people will be looking. Thanks for your extra efforts!

A video recording of the presentations, slides and handout from the Communications Spring 2022 Roundtable meeting is available for download at diolc.org/PIMS.

Parish staff who may have been unable to attend, or who wish to review the roundtable proceedings and handouts can access those resources at diolc.org/PIMS. Navigate to Spring 2022 under the heading Roundtable Meeting Handouts, or [click here](#).

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Office for Human Resources

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Potential Tax Credits

Parishes may be eligible to receive tax credits (Employee Retention Credit) due to government shut-down (WI - Safer at Home Order: March, 2020 - May 13, 2020), and /or reduced collections/earnings during COVID. (Quarterly comparison prior year or prior quarter) may be eligible for up to 8 tax credits (each quarter 2020 and 2021).

Your parish may be eligible for the credit, even if you claimed the PPP loan. The restrictions and regulations have been amended, and may provide additional credits. The only restriction is you are not able to claim the same dollar for both PPP and the Employee Retention Credit.

[This file](#) provides information regarding the tax credit and should help you determine if you are eligible to claim the credit. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Jim Reider (jreieder@diolc.org) or Margaret Ebner (mebner@diolc.org).

After April 18 (tax day) Wegner CPAs is willing to help our parishes file for the tax credit - for an hourly fee. We are providing this information to you now so you can determine if you may be eligible to receive the credit for some or all of the eligible quarters.

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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/

Reminder: Marquette Model NFP Instruction Available Again

We are partnering with Whole Mission 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/. 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:

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 or phone 402-827-3735 ext. 1317.

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Reminder: 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/)

Reminder: From Fr. Joe Walijewski Legacy Guild/Casa Hogar:

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 www.homeajpm.org/volunteer or email Noel Furger at nfurger@frjoesguild.org



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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Reminder: 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!

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)

Faculties for Adult Confirmation

Presently, a priest has the permission, either in virtue of universal Church law or by grant of the diocesan bishop, to confirm the following persons:

- (a) those persons who are no longer infants and whom he baptizes (cf. Cann. 530, 1°; 566, §1; 882; 883, 2° and 885, §2; *RCIA*, Nos. 14, 24, 215 and 305);
- (b) those persons who have attained the use of reason but already have been baptized in another church or ecclesial communion, when they are received by him into full communion with the Catholic Church (cf. Can. 883, 2° and 885, §2; *RCIA*, No. 481; *NSC*, No. 35);
- (c) the baptized Catholic who has been an apostate from the faith (cf. Can. 883, 2°; *NSC*, No. 28);
- (d) the baptized Catholic who through no fault of his or her own has been raised in a non-Catholic religion or joined a non-Catholic religion (*ibid*);
- (e) the baptized Catholic who through no fault of his or her own never put the faith into practice. (cf. Can. 884, §1; *NSC*, No. 29).
- (f) those who are in danger of death (cf. Cann. 566 §1 and 883, 3°)

If, however, a priest wishes to confirm a baptized Catholic who has been practicing the faith (that is, he or she is not in the circumstances described above), permission for the faculty to do so must be requested from the diocesan bishop (Can. 882, Can. 884, §1). If you have any questions about this faculty, please call the Office for Sacred Worship at (608) 791-2674.

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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.

2021-22 Annual Safe Environment Reports are now 1 month past due. If you need help completing your report, please contact Teresa Brown at 608-791-2676 or tbrown@diolc.org as soon as possible. The diocesan report can't be sent in until all parish and school reports have been received. 10 schools and 50 parishes have not yet sent in their reports.

Restorative Justice - Healing the Harm
Thursday April 7th
7:00 - 8:30 pm CST on Zoom

The Virtual presentation will also be available for viewing at Holy Ghost Church located at 412 S Main St, Chippewa Falls.

Fr. Daniel Griffith from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis will be the speaker. In his words, "Restorative justice, as practiced today, asks three fundamental questions: who was harmed, what was the nature of the harm, and how can the harmed be repaired?"

Teresa Brown, the Director of Safe Environment for the Diocese of LaCrosse will also speak on how to make a report of allegation and the resources available from the diocesan office.

To register please go to Chippewa Valley Grace website :chippewavalleygrace.org/events

This is a free event and open to anyone who has been hurt by abuse or for those that want to learn more. Everyone is welcome!

April is National Child Abuse Awareness and Provention Month.

Bulletin Inserts that can be used in April:

<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>

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Office for Social Concerns

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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. *Medical and other humanitarian aid collected by Chalice of Mercy is at this very moment being brought to the areas of need in Ukraine.*

Next Step in Collections: By far, the greatest need now is for financial donations (visit www.chaliceofmercy.org/donation) or medical supplies (see the last part of the “Needs List” at diolc.org/social-concerns). Food, clothing, diapers, etc. are not needed beyond what has already been collected at the parish/school collection sites. One more delivery of collected goods from those sites to McDonnell High School (the final packing site) is planned for Friday, April 8. On behalf of the suffering 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.

Note to Pastors and Ukraine Collection Site Contacts

At this point the need is financial (www.chaliceofmercy.org/donation) and medical ([see the end of the needs list](#)), and further collecting of food, clothing, etc. is not needed, beyond what has already been collected. On Thursday, April 7, the collection sites will consolidate everything they have received 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/.

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.

For your Parish Bulletin:

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.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

Amount Pledged & Received:

- The Gross Amount Pledged & Received before Parish Rebates YTD versus YTD same time last year is up 5.1%
- The Net Amount Pledged & Received after Parish Rebates YTD versus YTD same time last year is up 4.2%

The Average Gift / Donor & Average Gift \$

- The Average Gift per Donor is up 7.1%
- The Average Gift size is up 7.2%

Parishes Rebates:

- The number of parishes receiving rebates this year is up 15.0% over last year at this same time
- The dollars parishes receiving in the form of their rates is up 15.2% over the same time last year

Find your parish's Diocesan Annual Appeal status 24/7 (Login Required)

diolc.givingtrend.com/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f

Need Materials for your Parish?

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:

- 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>
- 04/17
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/04.17.22-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, Rebuild, and Rejoice* appeal saw an increase on average of 18.22% of their pre-covid (2018-19) 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 04/03 - 04/17

- <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Homily-Guide-03.29.22.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. 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) at 608.519.9892 or email: rjeric@cfwcw.org

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Office for Temporalities

Diocesan Finance Officer: James Reider – 608.791.2668 | jreider@diolc.org

Potential Tax Credits

Parishes may be eligible to receive tax credits (Employee Retention Credit) due to government shut-down (WI - Safer at Home Order: March, 2020 - May 13, 2020), and /or reduced collections/earnings during COVID. (Quarterly comparison prior year or prior quarter) may be eligible for up to 8 tax credits (each quarter 2020 and 2021).

Your parish may be eligible for the credit, even if you claimed the PPP loan. The restrictions and regulations have been amended, and may provide additional credits. The only restriction is you are not able to claim the same dollar for both PPP and the Employee Retention Credit.

[This file](#) provides information regarding the tax credit and should help you determine if you are eligible to claim the credit. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Jim Reider (jreieder@diolc.org) or Margaret Ebner (mebner@diolc.org).

After April 18 (tax day) Wegner CPAs is willing to help our parishes file for the tax credit - for an hourly fee. We are providing this information to you now so you can determine if you may be eligible to receive the credit for some or all of the eligible quarters.

March Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group

Please [click here](#) for the January edition of CMG Health Enews.

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Office for Vocations

Director of Vocation Recruitment: Fr. Nate Kuhn – 608.791.2666 | 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:

<https://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:

<https://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. 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 those who feel a call to and desire for single blessedness, marriage, for priesthood or for religious life may find the courage to say yes to what God asks of them.

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.

Called to More

What if there was more? What if I could be more? Sometimes we can look around and think that there isn't anything more that can be offered to us, that this is the best I can get. We settle for something that leaves us feeling empty and hungering for more. Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask the Lord what He is calling you to do. As we turn to God in the midst of human mediocrity, we can find something that is eternally greater. Consider your vocation and where God may be leading you. Could it be a call to the priesthood? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate

Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

Director: Very Rev. Woodrow H. Pace – 608.791.2689 | mberg@diolc.org

No items this week.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Director: Christopher Rogers – 608.791.2659 | crogers@diolc.org

Youth Rally and Parent Presentation at St. Adalbert and St. Bronislava Catholic Churches - April 26 and 27, 2022

Nationally known Catholic speaker, Noelle Garcia will be speaking to parents at St. Adalbert Catholic Church on Tuesday April 26, 2022 at 6:30pm. She will be speaking about, “Helping our kids find lasting joy.” Then, on April 27, she will speak to high school students in grades 9-12 at St. Bronislava Catholic Church at 6:30pm. Here, she will be speaking about “13 reasons why you matter.”

For more information and to register go to www.stbrons.com/youth-rally-registration.html or contact Anna at annamc@stbrons.com.

You can also find a link to the flyers at this website:

<https://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/parish-rallies-and-retreats/>

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) 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 diolc.org/yva/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.

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:

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! Snacks will be provided! Click this link for more information:

drive.google.com/file/d/16kuol7Fn2nyannv13hjXfleQqt4YUdVM/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 diolc.org/yya/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.

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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