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Events

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Friday, March 11

Day of Prayer and Penance for Diocesan and Universal Church Needs

Saturday, March 12

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Stevens Point

Sunday, March 13

10:30am 9th Anniversary of the Opening of the Cause of Servant of God, Father Joe Walljowski - La Crosse

Tuesday, March 15

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

Tuesday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 26

Men's Lenten Virtual Retreat

Tuesday, March 29

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

Friday, April 1

12:00am LFI/Deacon Formation - La Crosse - April 1-2

Saturday, April 2

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield

Tuesday, April 5

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

Tuesday, April 12

10:30am Chrism Mass - La Crosse

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

Thursday, April 14

Holy Thursday - Curia Offices Closed

Friday, April 15

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - Curia Offices Closed

Saturday, April 16

Easter Vigil

Monday, April 18

Easter Monday - Curia Offices Closed

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

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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Bulletin Insert for the weekend of March 13th

To Ukraine, with Love — Please help this People Ravaged by War

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

For Your Bulletin: Sign Up for Free Daily Lenten Reflections

- Chris Stefanick – Real Life Catholic: reallifecatholic.com
- Bishop Robert Barron – Word on Fire: wordonfire.clickfunnels.com/lent-english
- Matthew Kelly – Dynamic Catholic: dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html
- Fr. Mike Schmitz – a 7 minute podcast each day:
media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-presents/fr-mike-schmitz
- For other Lenten Resources, visit
diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/lent-resources

For Your Bulletin: Going Deeper in Prayer during Lent

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

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

visit diolc.org/deeper and choose one.

Catechetical Leader Information

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 this link: diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/lent-resources. Middle School examination of conscience will be completed soon. Other Lenten resources are also available at this webpage. Consider the possibility of having parents present on the day that the children go to confession and the parents help their child to examine their conscience.

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 are reminded that this is not our permanent home as we are made to be with our Heavenly Father forever in Heaven.

Being in the Presence of Jesus

Please take the students in the Catholic Schools and Parish Faith Formation Programs to spend time with Jesus and provide a time for silence. This allows undistracted space for the students and adults to encounter Jesus. The schools and parishes who have this practice are finding that the children and young people greatly appreciate the silence in the Presence of the Lord.

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

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.

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.

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 your 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. 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 cross posting for easy sharing of the Easter Message. <https://youtu.be/N0tYjbVOUIY>

Easter graphics are available at diolc.org/media-resources

Spring Parish Round Table Virtual Meetings:

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

Meeting Agenda

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

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

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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

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

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

Marquette Model NFP Instruction Available Again

We are partnering with Whole Mission 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:

<https://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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COVID Guidelines for Liturgies

After hearing from pastors, the faithful, and the diocesan Presbyteral Council, and in light of the decrease in current COVID infections, any precautions surrounding COVID-19 in the liturgy can be made by the local pastor. He will take into account present liturgical norms, the circumstances of his parish or group of the faithful, and the common sense learned from the past two years. Thus, beginning on Ash Wednesday, the pastor can implement guidelines for his parish(es) that are in keeping with the options found in the liturgical books. For example, he can determine whether to apply Ash Wednesday's ashes by sprinkling or marking; whether and when to distribute communion to the faithful from the chalice; or how to venerate the Cross on Good Friday. Contact the Office for Sacred Worship with any COVID questions related to the liturgy.

Liturgical Calendar

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

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

Chrism Mass, April 12

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

Easter Vigil Start Time

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

Prayers over the People at the end of Mass

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

1. Prayer after Communion.
2. Brief announcements, if necessary.
3. “The Lord be with you.”
4. “And with your spirit.”
5. “Bow down for the blessing,” said by the Deacon or Priest.
6. Prayer over the people, with hands outstretched. R/. Amen.
7. “And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you ever.” R/. Amen.
8. “Go in peace.”
9. “Thanks be to God.”

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Office for Safe Environment

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DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Many thanks to the 85 parishes and 20 schools that made the March 1 deadline in sending in their 2021-22 Safe Environment Reports. If you need help completing the report, please let me know and I can assist by phone, email or ZOOM.

We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today.
Stacia Tauscher, *Irish Artist*

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Office for Social Concerns

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For Your Parish Bulletin: Helping Ukraine through Chalice of Mercy



Valentyna Pavsyukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy mission to Ukraine and a member of our diocese, is working to get humanitarian aid to the suffering people of her homeland. You can donate financially at www.chaliceofmercy.org/donation. You can also see specific humanitarian needs and a list of parish collection sites in the diocese at www.diolc.org/social-concerns (learn there how to set up a collection site in your parish). Humanitarian shipments to Ukraine through Poland are being arranged by Chalice of Mercy. To learn more about Valentyna and the beautiful mission of Chalice of Mercy, visit www.chaliceofmercy.org.

For Your Parish Bulletin: Project Seed Sales 2022 coming in March and April

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

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

Find Diocesan Annual Appeal status 24/7 (Login Required)

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

Need Materials for your Parish?

<https://appeal.diolc.org>

Reminder: Parishes receiving cash for the Annual Appeal must deposit all money locally and then write a parish check payable to the Diocese of La Crosse with documentation identifying who made the donations. Please include the Family DUID for each gift.

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

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

- 03/13
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/03.13.22-stewardshipbulletinannouncements.pdf>
- 03/20
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/03.20.22-stewardship-bulletinannouncements.pdf>
- 3/27
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Homily-Guide-03.08.22.pdf>

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

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

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

For March weeks <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Homily-Guide-03.08.22.pdf>

Planned Giving - Leaving a Legacy, Wills, Bequest, and Endowments:

We have inherited such treasures from our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, those whose shoulders we stand on today. Now, it is our turn to make sure future generations can enjoy the reverence and beauty of a well-maintained parish. Leveraging the Capital Campaign and providing parishioners with information on Endowments, Trusts, and Bequest are just a few ways a parish can help prepare for its future.

Our Estate Planning Guide can help people save several hundred dollars in legal and financial estate planning costs. We have sent out several hundred copies per individual request, and each Parish has received a copy. If you would like additional copies, do not hesitate to contact our office.

Our Planned Giving website is diolclegacy.org. People can find calculators, additional information, sign up for a newsletter, and request copies of specific estate planning guides and information.

If you would like more legacy giving information, presentations, or ads for your Parish bulletin, do not hesitate to contact our office or Rick Jeric at the Catholic Foundation of West Central Wisconsin (cfwcw.org) at 608.519.9892 or email: rjeric@cfwcw.org

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Office for 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/temporalities/> following the April 7th 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.

Risk Management Minute - Catholic Mutual's Guidelines for Parish Festivals

[Click here](#) for safety and insurance guidelines designed to assist festival committees in planning and managing parish festivals.

Mutual of America Budgeting Seminar

Take control of your financial life with this easy budgeting course. This course has everything you need to become the boss of every single dollar that comes into your bank account each month. It offers a fresh approach to budgeting and provides you a step-by-step strategy to put your money to work. This is a course that brings clarity to your financial life!

Objectives:

- Assess your financial situation
- Crunch numbers like a pro
- Know exactly what you can afford
- Identify risky financial behavior
- Discover strategies and tools to keep spending under control

Hosted by Tom Ewig

To Register for this event click the link below for date and time that works with your schedule.

[Registration Sign Up: Coffee Talk - Budgeting on Wednesday, March 9th @ 8:30am CT](#)

[Registration Sign Up: Lunch and Learn - Budgeting on Thursday, March 17th @ 12pm CT](#)

[Registration Sign Up: Late Afternoon Session - Budgeting Tuesday, March 22nd @ 4:30pm CT](#)

***PLEASE NOTE – Default registration time zone is EASTERN TIME.

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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

Please check out our latest newsletter <https://diolc.org/priesthood/vocations-newsletter/>
If you'd like to receive this in hard copy form, please use the sign up on the link.

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

That families will strive to make their homes places where children can hear God call them by name.

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.

How does God speak to me?

Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While

this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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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 time to process experiences.

Please visit <https://www.viterbo.edu/franciscan-core> for more information. Or contact Emily Dykman at 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 time with hundreds of other middle school youth from across Northcentral Wisconsin as we come in person in faith to celebrate the one true cornerstone of our faith, Jesus Christ!

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

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

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

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

2022 Durand Deanery Youth Rally

Bring your youth to a lively spirit filled day to learn more about; "**BE~1.To exist or live ~ Be Eucharist.**" This event will be held at St. Henry's Parish Hall Eau Galle, WI. All youth in grades 7 through 12 and college age are welcome! Cost is free! 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 convention. These scholarships are for first time attendees. Contact Andrew Brueggen for more information at youthdir@stpatsonalaska.com.

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

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

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

Adventure Camp: June 26-July 1, 2022

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

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

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

<https://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/>.

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

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

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

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

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

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral Parish, a growing vibrant Catholic parish located downtown La Crosse, WI, seeks a full-time energetic, highly organized and collaborative Parish Mission Associate to assist leadership in deepening and sustaining integrated and involved parish life. This person fosters parishioners' growth in knowledge and practice of the Faith and facilitates active relational commitment to the parish family. Principal duties include developing avenues in which increased knowledge of and love for the faith leads to a deepened relationship with Christ; promotes devotional life; organizes parish events; and supports sacramental prep. Required qualifications: practicing Catholic; relevant working experience; bachelor's degree (or working toward it); good communication, organizational and team-building skills; proficient in social media; and excellent writing/communication skills. Please send resume with three references to Monsignor Richard W. Gilles at rgilles@diolclergy.org by May 1, 2022.

Reminder: Tune-In Tuesdays

Join us as we come together to network and share how we are doing, how our ministry is going and talk about ways we can support each other. Please follow this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87591793038?pwd=cDdHWUROV29QMjY5UenJRNfZnY0Q0dz09#success> to join us for Tune-In Tuesdays at 11 a.m.!

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