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Chancery Bulletin Schedule.

We will not be publishing a Chancery Bulletin on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, and will resume the normal weekly schedule on Tuesday, April 26.

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Events

As of April 12

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

Sunday, May 8

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Tuesday, May 10

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

Friday, May 13

Diaconate Discernment Retreat - La Crosse - May 13-14

LFI/Deacon Formation - La Crosse - May 13-14

Saturday, May 14

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Menomonie

Tuesday, May 17

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

Tuesday, May 24

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

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

Director: Ann Lankford – 608.791.2658 | alankford@diolc.org

Bulletin Insert for the weekend of April 24th:

Divine Mercy Sunday: Growing in Trust

Throughout the Catholic Church worldwide, the Sunday after Easter – April 24th – is called Divine Mercy Sunday. This feast is based upon what we already know and believe from the Scriptures as well as messages that Jesus gave to Sr. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, about God’s mercy and how much we need it. A key aspect of the Divine Mercy message is growing in trust in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

For Your Bulletin: All are Welcome to Divine Mercy Devotions - April 24th

If your parish will not be offering Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions on April 24th, will you please include this information in your bulletin?

All are welcome to attend Divine Mercy Sunday at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on April 24th, the site for the La Crosse Deanery’s celebration. The message of God’s mercy is one of hope, healing and answers to many prayers. Click here for details of the schedule and a printable poster: guadalupeshrine.org/divinemercysunday

Catechetical Leader Information

First Holy Communion - Guideline

In many parishes, the well-intentioned leaders want each child to have a specific role at Mass so that the children feel a greater sense of being part of the celebration. However noble this intention may be, this desire for each child “to do” something at Mass improperly forms children and is not the way to approach coming to the table of the Lord for the first time. Help your Catholic School teachers and catechists to teach the proper sense of active and conscious participation in the Mass as taught by the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council. An article on “Active Participation”, which speaks to the matter at hand, is available here:

diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/first-confession.

Furthermore, the reader for the Liturgy of the Word is a ministerial role. This designated role of reader should be the commissioned individuals who have been properly trained to proclaim the Word of God. Breaking up the reading into sections to be read by several children is to be avoided. See Chapter II of “Instruction on Certain Matters to be Observed or to be Avoided Regarding the Most Holy Eucharist” at the same link above.

Involving Parents in the Formation of their Children with Dr. Bill Keimig

This one-hour ZOOM recording is well worth your time to hear successful ways to involve parents. Bill provides insight on ways to include parents with gentleness and acceptance of

where they are in their faith journey. Visit:

diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/certification

Catechists Years of Service

Please complete the form to indicate those catechists who have taught in your parish, which may include the time teaching in another parish of the LaCrosse Diocese, for at least five, ten, fifteen, twenty years or more. They do not have to be consecutive years. (Please note: Certificates are issued in 5 year increments only.) Certificates will be mailed to you for you to distribute to your catechists. Allow two weeks for mail time. Click this link for the form:

diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info

Vacation Bible School

If you looking for a Catholic Vacation Bible School Resource, check out the list of 8 options by clicking here and scrolling to the bottom of the webpage:

diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - A Vision for Children

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.

This method of catechesis began with Maria Montessori and was continued in Rome, Italy, in 1954 by Sofia Cavalletti, a Hebrew and Scripture scholar, and her colleague, Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori trained educator. Both women were Roman Catholic. In their work with children, they sought to discover what face of God children most needed to see, in order to grow in their knowledge and love of God. Children need the sensitive guidance of the adult and the inner guidance of the Holy Spirit to nurture this relationship. The adult prepares the sacred space for children, called the atrium, which allows them a prayerful place to learn to listen to and respond to a relationship with God through Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

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.

For a complete list of training opportunities in the Diocese of La Crosse and around Wisconsin, click this link and scroll down to the box labeled "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching This formation is bearing incredible fruit with the children and their parents, in parishes and Catholic Schools in our diocese.

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Office for Consecrated Life

Director: Sr. Donna Krzmarzick, ISSM – 608.791.2690 | dkrzmarzick@diolc.org

Attention Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries: The deadline for entering changed quantities for materials for the Retirement Fund for Religious (year 2023) is April 30. For more information, refer to Sr. Donna's email of March 29 or contact her: dkrzmarzick@diolc.org

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Office for Human Resources

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Parish Job Opportunity

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Holmen is seeking a full or part-time music director. This entails excellent piano and vocal skills and ability to coordinate and lead a choir. Please send your resume to Msgr. Steve Kachel at 1031 Main St., Onalaska, WI 54650.

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 24, 2020 - May 13, 2020), and /or a reduction in gross receipts for any quarter during 2020 or 2021.

If your parish suffered a reduction in gross receipts, your parish may be eligible for a tax credit based upon the number of your employees. You may be able to claim the credit, even if you received a PPP loan. Any payroll dollars used to obtain PPP loan forgiveness, cannot be again for the Employee Retention Credit claim, but there may still be credits available. In order to determine if you are eligible for a credit, the attached file should be completed by all parishes and returned to the Diocesan Finance office. (jreider@diolc.org)

[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 (jreider@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 complete the spreadsheet and 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

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

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 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 this form: 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 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

Use 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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Office for Ministries

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Office for Missions

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608.791.2676 | wpace@diolc.org

Bulletin Editors - Please promote in your parish bulletins.



Padre Jose Polish Party - Celebrating Father Joseph Walijewski

Saturday, May 14th – 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm

at Memories Ballroom,

142475 County Road NN, Marathon City

\$30 adult; \$10 6-12 year olds; Free 5 and under
\$10 dance only, begins at 6:00 pm

Purchase advance tickets at: homeajpm.org/events

Come and enjoy a family-friendly dinner and dance celebrating Father Joseph Walijewski, his Polish heritage, and the legacy he left for us through the good works he did as a priest in South America and the Diocese of La Crosse.

Enjoy the authentic polish dinner followed by live polka music presented by Rhythm Playboys Trio. There will be many raffle baskets which are sure to have something for everyone.

For questions or to register by phone, please call Noel Furger at 715-297-5139.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

<https://fb.me/e/2hw8NI3zn>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Office for Safe Environment

Director: Teresa Brown – 608.791.2679 | tbrown@diolc.org

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.

The policy on Background checking and training:

There is some confusion on background checks and training. Before someone can begin working or volunteering at a school or parish, they need to complete a background check form and it

must be approved prior to their first day in their position. Safe Environment training must also be done before they begin in their position. Background checks are for those age 16 and older who are employed by a parish or school or volunteers who have consistent contact with minors.

Parishes may decide they want others background checked, such as money counters or council members and this is acceptable. Beginning with the next audit period, July 1, 2022, it had been requested by the USCCB Auditors to have anyone who does home ministry to have a background check. This means those going into a parishioner's home to pray or give communion should be background checked. This is to ensure the safety of the sick and vulnerable.

- All field trip chaperones must be background checked and trained prior to the event they are chaperoning even if it is a one time event.
- Background checks need to be renewed every 3 years. Training is done annually.
- Paid staff age 18 and older and all Coaches and Janitors, regardless if they are paid or volunteer age 18 must be fingerprinted. Fingerprinting is good for a lifetime unless there is a break in service.
- Fingerprints, background checks and training can be transferred from parish to parish, school to parish or school to school as long as there has not been a break in service
- All background checks must be signed with an actual signature. Digital signatures will not be accepted.
- Fingerprints not done for the Diocese of La Crosse are not accepted even if the person has had them done through the military or as a law enforcement officer.

If you have questions about the process, please contact the Office for Safe Environment at 608-791-2679 or tbrown@diolc.org

Letters of suitability. All letters of suitability will be created in the Office of Safe Environment. Please email or call in your request at least five business days prior to your event to ensure your letter arrives at your location in time.

Annual Safe Environment reports are now 6 weeks past due. 38 parishes and 7 schools have not submitted their report yet. If you need help, please contact Teresa and she will help over the phone, through a Zoom meeting or come to you in person. The Diocesan report can not be submitted until all parish and school reports are complete.

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Office for Catholic Schools

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Office for Social Concerns

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Office for Stewardship & Development

Director: Jeff Reiter – 608.791.2653 | jreiter@diolc.org

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

- 04/17
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/04.17.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 04/24
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/04.24.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
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- 05/08
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/05.08.22-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 April/May weeks 04/17 - 05/08

- <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Homily-Guide-04.12.22.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

Mutual of America 403(b)

The link for the late afternoon session on Tuesday, April 19th @ 4:00pm for Women and Retirement was updated. To register for that event please click on the link below.

[Click here to Register for Late Afternoon Session: Women and Retirement on Tuesday, April 19th @ 4:30pm](#)

Catholic Mutual Group

Risk Management Minute - After the Storm

In many parts of the country, tornadoes and severe thunderstorms can cause extensive damage to our properties. [Click here](#) to read more about what you should do while examining the damage.

Cyber Security

Cyberattack is the fastest growing crime in the US, and the church is not immune. Catholic Mutual has partnered with NAS, now Tokio Marine HCC, since 2014 to provide a cyber liability limit of \$250K for each of our members. Cyber incidents and claim payouts have been rising steadily each year. Since inception there have been over 300 incidents reported to Tokio Marine, impacting 75 of our members, with loss dollars exceeding \$5M.

Every institution is at risk. Awareness and preventative steps are crucial to protecting the Church. There are measures that can be taken to guard against cyber liability threats, such as Endpoint Security and Multi-Factor Authentication, the latter of which should be used on all password protected accounts, including email. In fact, having these measures in place has become key criteria for cyber insurers in determining limits, terms & conditions, deductibles, and premiums. Or whether coverage can be written at all. The question for most is, how do we put those measures in place?

Tokio Marine has cybersecurity experts that are available to provide you with personalized advice and assistance; please [click here](#) for details of this free service..

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Office for Vocations

Director of Vocation Recruitment: Fr. Nate Kuhn – 608.791.2666 | nkuhn@diolc.org

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

For a strengthening of all vocations, that we may all strive to follow God's call to holiness.

Have you ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to be a priest? 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

Letters of suitability, all letters of suitability will be created in the Office of Safe Environment. Please email or call in your request at least five business days prior to your event to ensure your letter arrives at your location in time. Your request should include the following:

- Where are you going, including the full church or event name and the address
- What diocese will you be in
- The date you will be at the event
- Who is the contact at the parish or event

- If it is a wedding, include the name of the bride and groom and the name of the deceased for a funeral.
- What will you be doing at the event? Celebrating Mass, hearing confession, speaking.
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If you have any question, contact: Teresa Brown, tbrown@diolc.org or 608-791-2679

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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 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:

diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/parish-rallies-and-retreats/

NET Ministries

Each year, NET Ministries sends more than 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 more than 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 (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/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 viterbo.edu/franciscan-core for more information. Or contact Emily Dykman at eadykman@viterbo.edu.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

fb.me/e/1H2shLpzs

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

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/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.

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/yva/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

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.

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: 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:

us02web.zoom.us/j/87591793038?pwd=cDdHWUROV29QMjY5UenJRNfZnY0Q0dz09#success

to join us for Tune-In Tuesdays at 11 a.m.!

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