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### Events

As of April 26

**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**

Walk for Virtues - Wild About Jesus - Eau Claire

LF/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

**Sunday, May 29**

Solemnity of the Ascension

**Monday, May 30**

Memorial Day - Curia Offices Closed

**Tuesday, May 31**

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

**Tuesday, June 7**

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

**Friday, June 10**

Crosswoods Family Camp - Mason - June 10-12

**Monday, June 13**

12:30pm 2nd Annual Vocations Golf Outing and Dinner - La Crosse

**Tuesday, June 14**

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](http://diolc.org/calendar), and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to [datebook@diolc.org](mailto:datebook@diolc.org). Make sure you include the following details: date, beginning/ending times, event location, description, menu and cost, etc. If you have any questions, please call Pam Willer at 608.788.1524 for more information.

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## Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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### **Bulletin Insert for the weekend of May 8 or 15:**

#### ***“To Ukraine with Love - 60 Tons of Aid from the Diocese of La Crosse.”***

Thanks to the generous donations of the faithful of the diocese, together with an enthusiastic network of volunteers at parish and Catholic school collection sites, Chalice of Mercy, led by Valentyna Pavsukova, has been able to ship 60 tons of medical and other humanitarian supplies into the heart of Ukraine, via Poland. Please know that while parish collections of supplies have ended, the need for financial contributions continues. Click here for the insert: [diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts](http://diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts)

#### **Pastors: Employment Contracts for Catechetical Leaders**

If you would like to receive an Employment Contract for your parish DRE, CRE and/or Youth Minister, please contact Ann Lankford. It is suggested that contracts only be offered to full time Catechetical Leaders who work 30 hours or more, which was the original reason that contracts were established. Further, keep in mind that contracts are not an absolute necessity. For example, everyone working at the Diocesan Offices are at-will employees. Note: If a pastor would like information on the benefits to be offered in hiring a new catechetical leader for 30 hours or more or if a pastor does not intend to renew a contract with any of the above-mentioned employees, please contact Ann at your earliest convenience.

#### **Catechetical Leader Information**

##### **First Holy Communion - Guidelines**

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](http://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](http://diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/certification)

##### **Honoring Catechists for their 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 La Crosse 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 five-year increments only.) Certificates will be mailed to you for you to distribute to your catechists. Allow two weeks for mail time. Click here for the form: [diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info](http://diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info)

### **Vacation Bible School**

If you are 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](http://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 Wisconsin, click here and scroll down to the box labeled "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd." [diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching](http://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 throughout the Diocese.

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**Office for Communications**

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The [May/June issue of Catholic Life](#) will be delivered to your parishioners the first week of May.

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## Office for Human Resources

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Job Opportunity: **Catholic Cemeteries–La Crosse area**

Grounds Crew - (up to 8 Seasonal Employees)

Catholic Cemeteries in the La Crosse area runs four cemeteries. Each requires lawn mowing, watering and general grounds keeping work during the Summer months. Flowers and memorials also need to be maintained and watered.

The Director of Catholic Cemeteries is in need of a team of grounds keepers this summer. Part time or full time work is available. You will work mainly outdoors, at multiple locations, mowing and watering lawn, watering flowers, and general grounds keeping.

No driver's license is required, as full time staff will drive teams between the cemetery locations. Each team will work with a supervisor or experienced groundskeeper.

Must be able to lift up to 60 lbs, be on your feet for the majority of the work day (4 hours or 8 hours) and must be able to tolerate the heat / sun.

The total number of hires will depend upon the number of hours each individual is willing/able to work. Number of hours is flexible, but once a schedule is determined, each employee will be expected to maintain a consistent work schedule.

To apply: Email Jeff Reinhart ([JReinhart1@yahoo.com](mailto:JReinhart1@yahoo.com)) to express your interest in the position or to ask questions. Please be sure to provide the number of hours you are willing / able to work each week.

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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

We are partnering with Whole Mission [thewholemission.com](http://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/](http://diolc.org/marriage/naturalfamilyplanning/nfppreregistration-form/). Then they will be directed to the Whole Mission website to register. They will receive a certificate of completion from Whole Mission.

### **NFP Support Groups**

In conjunction with Natural Family Planning Awareness week, the Office for Family Life, through the NFP coordinator, would like to pilot a few NFP support meetings throughout the diocese. Please contact Christy Kitzhaber at [ckitzhaber@diolc.org](mailto:ckitzhaber@diolc.org) if you would like more information on this blossoming idea.

### **Reminder: 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 (\$340). For more information, visit [crosswoods.camp](http://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/](http://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/marriagepreparationfor-ministers/) to go directly to the section of our website containing resources for clergy and marriage ministers. There are step-by-step instructions, downloadable guidelines, downloadable forms and much more! Please let us know if we can assist you in this ministry.

### **Reminder: Process for Training FOCCUS Facilitators**

The process for training FOCCUS Facilitators is as follows: each parish needs to contact FOCCUS directly to set up an account for your parish, if one has not already been set up, and then train your couples directly through FOCCUS. The contact person at FOCCUS is Max Allen. He is happy to work directly with your parish priest or contact person. His contact information is: email: [mrallen@foccusinc.com](mailto:mrallen@foccusinc.com) or phone 402-827-3735 ext. 1317.

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## Office for Missions

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**Reminder: Bulletin Editors - Please promote in bulletins.**



### **Padre Jose Polish Party - Celebrating Father Joseph Walijewski**

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – 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

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 an 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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### **Masses to Offer for Peace in Ukraine**

The selection of Masses for Various Needs and Occasions in the Roman Missal offers additional ways in which parishes can continue to pray for peace in Ukraine. These are found in Part II of the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, “For Civil Needs.” They include the Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice (no. 30), the Mass In Time of War or Civil Disturbance (no. 31), and the Mass for Refugees and Exiles (no. 32). During Easter season, these Masses can be used on most weekdays, even on obligatory memorials, at the discretion of the celebrant in the case of serious need or pastoral advantage. (Read more at Adoremus Bulletin:

<https://adoremus.org/2022/03/mass-during-wartime/>)

## **Prayers for Farming and Rural Life**

As spring and planting season arrives, remember to support those who grow our food and fulfill God's command to "till the earth and keep it." Please find below possible intercessions for the Universal Prayer that can be used at Sunday Masses around the time of spring planting or throughout the year. Consider, also, distributing and/or praying a prayer to St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers and rural life, at the weekend Masses of May 14-15 (his feast day is Sunday, May 15, 2022). Also consider offering a blessing for seeds, soil or crosses that are placed in fields and gardens, which the people can bring to Mass that weekend to be blessed. There is also a blessing of a farmer's fields at their farm.

### *Sample Intercessions for Sunday Mass*

For favorable weather during planting season: that the fruits of the earth may provide food enough for all people and provide for the livelihoods of farmers and growers. Let us pray to the Lord.

For farmers and their families, and for those who work in agriculture: that they be good stewards of the goods of the earth and receive what they need for their spiritual and material well being. Let us pray to the Lord.

For farmers who are struggling to make ends meet: that they may be encouraged by the support of their neighbors, their parish and all of God's people. Let us pray to the Lord.

For a greater knowledge and love of rural life: that its values, traditions and faith be nurtured in our communities. Let us pray to the Lord.

### *Prayer to St. Isidore*

Good Saint, we are told that your devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was so great that you would rise before it was light in order to be able to attend Mass before beginning your work in the fields. Obtain for us, we pray, some of that loving devotion to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There it is that the fruits of our farm labor, bread and wine, are brought and offered to God by the priest. Then, in the Consecration, Christ Himself, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, becomes present on our altars under the appearances of this same bread and wine. And in what was the altar bread, He comes to us to be the very food of our souls. If we deeply realize the value and beauty of Holy Mass, we will be very happy to attend as often as we possibly can. Help us to understand that in the Mass we offer ourselves to God with Christ by the hands of the priest. There we can bring to God all that we do and offer it to Him in union with His Holy Sacrifice. The more often we do this now, the happier we shall be hereafter. Good Saint Isidore, bless us and our labors, that we may someday reap the reward of good works with you in heaven. Amen.

For more information and texts of various blessings, please contact Father Daniel Sedlacek, Chaplain of the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, at [frdanielsedlacek@gmail.com](mailto:frdanielsedlacek@gmail.com). If you want to learn more about rural life, go to: [diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life](http://diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life). For novena prayers to St. Isidore (May 7-15), please go to Catholic Rural Life website: [catholicrurallife.org/resources/spiritual/novena-to-st-isidore/](http://catholicrurallife.org/resources/spiritual/novena-to-st-isidore/).

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## DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

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

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### Office for Social Concerns

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### 60 Tons of Aid Reaches Ukraine from the Diocese of La Crosse

Thanks to the generous donations of the faithful of the diocese, together with an enthusiastic network of volunteers at parish and Catholic school collection sites, Chalice of Mercy, led by Valentyna Pavsukova, has been able to ship 60 tons of medical and other humanitarian supplies into the heart of Ukraine, via Poland. Read about it [here](#).

**Parish Bulletin Editors:** You are invited to run the Bulletin Insert, “*To Ukraine with Love - 60 Tons of Aid from the Diocese of La Crosse.*” [diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts/](http://diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts/)

## **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Recent statistics tell us that one out of every four girls and one out of every six boys are sexually abused before they turn 18. A publication from the USCCB indicates the [warning signs of abuse](#). The Catholic Church is absolutely committed to the safety of children. To find out how this is being addressed by the Diocese of La Crosse, visit the [Safe Environment](#) section of the diocesan website.

## **For La Crosse Deanery Parish Bulletins: May 5 Mayoral Prayer Breakfast**

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

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## **Office for Stewardship & Development**

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### **Coming Soon:**

#### **GivingTrend Update:**

In the coming days an upgrade to the GivingTrend parish reporting will be rolled out. The reporting will have a new look and enhanced features. We will schedule a training webinar after the rollout giving users a chance to review the new enhancements and formulate questions and concerns.

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

We have added the final video segment to the appeal portal available for download. It is available for embedding on your website. The video shares the journey of the Bahair family who, with the help of the USCCB, Gary Veltus of St. Mary's in Neillsville, and many unnamed others of our diocese, escaped the Congo civil war, survived as refugees in an Uganda camp for 11 years and is now having a future, growing and prospering in Central WI. It is a story of Mercy and Gratitude!

#### **The Average Gift / Donor & Average Gift Size**

- The Average Gift per Donor is up 10.4%
- The Average Gift size is up 8.5%

#### **Parishes Rebates:**

- The number of parishes receiving rebates this year is up 35.0% over last year for this same time period.
- The dollars parishes receive in rebates is up 6.3% over the same time last year.

## Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

- 05/01  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/05.01.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 05/08  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/05.08.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 05/15  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/05.15.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>

## Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

For May weeks 05/01- 05/15

- <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Homily-Guide-04.26.22.pdf>

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

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

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

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

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

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## Office for Temporalities

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## 2022 Spring Parish Finance Webinar video link.

[Click here](#) to watch a video recording of the 2022 Spring Finance Webinar held April 7, 2022.

Agenda topics covered during the 2.5 hour webinar:

- 1) Kris Twining, Catholic Mutual Group, Certificates of Insurance
- 2) Margaret Ebner, Human Resources, Pre-tax Health Insurance premiums
- 3) James Reider, Annual Report, Parish Financials
  - Automated Annual Report, prototype review
  - Quota letter – June 2022
  - 2021-2022 Books Close, August 30th
  - Choice school audit entries through October
  - Census data
- 4) Kathy Halverson, Building projects

The webinar link has also been posted to [diolc.org/temporalities](http://diolc.org/temporalities) website.

### Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group

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

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### Office for Vocations

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

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

For an up-building of all vocations in the Church and in a particular way for priestly vocations for the Diocese of La Crosse from our parish.

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

What Are *You* Looking For?

The first question that Jesus asks in John's Gospel is, "What are you looking for?" He is speaking to John's disciples as they follow after Him, desiring to know who Jesus is and what His mission is all about. After the disciples respond, Jesus gives them an instruction, "Come and you will see!" Whether we can hear it or not, that same question is being asked to you. What are YOU looking for? So often, we find ourselves searching, not knowing exactly where to go or what to do in life. We seek things that will hopefully fill the emptiness and longing that we have in our hearts, but nothing seems to satisfy. The real answer to this can be found in Jesus' response as He invites each of us to follow after Him, to get to know Him and to follow the path He has placed before us. For some men, that path is a very special invitation to walk in Jesus' footsteps as a priest. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Father Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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### Office for Vicar for Clergy

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## Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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### 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](http://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/](http://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](http://viterbo.edu/franciscan-core) for more information. Or contact Emily Dykman at [eadykman@viterbo.edu](mailto:eadykman@viterbo.edu).

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

[fb.me/e/1H2shLpzs](https://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](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](mailto:youthdir@stpatsonalaska.com).

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

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

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

### **Adventure Camp: June 26-July 1, 2022**

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

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

More information including the link to online registration can be found at [diolc.org/vya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/](https://diolc.org/vya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/).

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

[fb.me/e/2811taz4a](https://fb.me/e/2811taz4a)

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

### **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=cDdHWUROV29QMy9UenJRNFZnY0Q0dz09#success](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87591793038?pwd=cDdHWUROV29QMy9UenJRNFZnY0Q0dz09#success)

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

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