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Officials

The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, D.D., Bishop of La Crosse, makes the following announcements:

Deacon **Arthur J. Schaller**, Deacon at St. Joseph Parish and St. Stephen Parish, both in Stevens Point, is appointed to serve as Deacon at St. James Parish in Amherst and St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish in Fancher, effective April 3, 2022.

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Chancery Office

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Please see the important information below regarding paperwork for marriage matters.

The Matrimonial Tribunal handles only formal annulment cases. Kelly McCarthy can be reached directly at 608-791-2684 email: tribunal@diolc.org. When mailing materials, it's helpful to include "Matrimonial Tribunal" in the address. Formal annulment forms are available at <https://diolc.org/tribunal/>.

The Chancery Office handles marriage permissions, dispensations, and lack of form cases. Father Kurt Apfelbeck can be reached directly at 608-791-0177 email: kapfelbeck@diolc.org. When mailing materials, it's helpful to include "Chancery" in the address. Forms for the Chancery Office are available at <https://diolc.org/chancery/>.

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Events

As of April 5

Saturday, April 9

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

Tuesday, April 12

10:30am Chrism Mass - La Crosse

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

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, diolc.org/calendar, and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to datebook@diolc.org. Make sure you include the following details: date, beginning/ending times, event location, description, menu and cost, etc. If you have any questions, please call Pam Willer at 608.788.1524 for more information.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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Reminder: Bulletin Insert for the weekend of April 10th: Holy Week Schedule with fillable boxes for parish times

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

Reminder: For your Parish Bulletin:

Retreat at Home during Holy Week

These outstanding workshops are available to you for free! Each workshop consists of 6, 10-minute video segments: Choose from:

- The Father: Origin and Desire of All in the Adult Faith Study Track
- The Human Person in God's Loving Plan in the Parenting Track
- The Sacramental Economy: The Sacraments as God's channels of Divine Life in the Four Pillars of the Catechism Track
- The Trinity in the Four Pillars of the Catechism Track

Follow these Simple directions to register for *Franciscan at Home* for free

- 1) Visit franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse and scroll to the bottom of the page.
- 2) On the right, click the middle blue button: "My parish or school is already registered, and I would like to set up my individual free account..."
- 3) Click "Create an Account." Complete the information and click Save. Select the Diocese of La Crosse from a drop-down menu, and then your Institution = your parish / school, listed by city and name. Finally, click on the "Sign Up" button; you will have a dashboard. Scroll down to "Institution Tracks" and select the Track with the workshop that you are interested in.

Reminder: For Parish Communication:

A Lenten Day of Reflection: Jesus and the Challenge of Suffering

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

Catechetical Leader Information

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

Downloadable examinations of conscience are available for use during Lent by clicking the

link: diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/lent-resources The 6th - 9th Grades examination of conscience is now available.

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 or 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. Click here for the form: diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info

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Office for Communications

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April Catholic Life

The April issue of *Catholic Life* will be delivered to your parishioners around April 12. The electronic version is available [here](#).

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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, 2020 - May 13, 2020), and /or reduced collections/earnings during COVID. (Quarterly comparison prior year or prior quarter) may be eligible for up to 8 tax credits (each quarter 2020 and 2021).

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

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

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

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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

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

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

Reminder: Marquette Model NFP Instruction Available Again

We are partnering with Whole Mission www.thewholemission.com to provide virtual instruction for couples who are looking to learn the Marquette Model. Angie Plendl will continue to teach face to face and virtual classes from within the diocese but this partnership allows the demand for Marquette instruction to continue to be met. Couples will pre-register for Whole Mission through the form on the website www.diolc.org/marriage/naturalfamilyplanning/nfppreregistration-form/. Then they will be directed to the Whole Mission website to register. They will receive a certificate of completion from Whole Mission.

NFP Support Groups

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

Crosswoods Family Camp June 10-12, 2022

This camp is for families wanting to deepen their faith in the great outdoors, together! Participants will experience Family in Faith Speakers, Adventures, Bonfires, Praise & Worship, Crafts, etc. The cost is \$280/family of 4, \$30 more/person to max of 6 persons (\$340). For more information, visit www.crosswoods.camp and select the "Family Camp" webpage for more information and how to register.

Reminder: Diocesan Website for Clergy and Marriage Ministers Regarding Marriage Preparation

FYI, follow this link:

diolc.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/marriagepreparationfor-ministers/ to go directly to the section of our website containing resources for clergy and marriage ministers. There are step-by-step instructions, downloadable guidelines, downloadable forms, and much more! Please let us know if we can assist you in this ministry.

Reminder: Process for Training FOCCUS Facilitators

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

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Office for Pontifical Ceremonies

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Reminder: Confirmation Information

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

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

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

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Office for Sacred Worship

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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 Lent, each of these collections of prayers and antiphons may be used on most weekdays with the permission of the diocesan bishop or at his direction (which Bishop Callahan gives). These Masses cannot be authorized on a Sunday in Lent, however. 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. On weekdays in Ordinary Time, it is sufficient that their use simply foster the devotion of the people. (Read more at Adoremus Bulletin: <https://adoremus.org/2022/03/mass-during-wartime/>)

Chrism Mass, April 12

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

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

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

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Some Liturgical Reminders

5th Sunday of Lent

- In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from the Fifth Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

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

Good Friday

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

Easter Vigil

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

- It is appropriate for the baptism of infants to take place at the Easter Vigil. (*Rite of Baptism for Children*, n.9; also Roman Missal, Easter Vigil rubric n.38)

Faculties for Adult Confirmation

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

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

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

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Office for Safe Environment

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DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its [policies and procedures](#), seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office for 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.

Chippewa Valley GRACE

Restorative Justice - Healing the Harm

Thursday April 7th
7:00 - 8:30 pm CST on Zoom

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

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

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

To register please go to Chippewa Valley Grace website :

<https://www.chippewavalleygrace.org/events>

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

April is National Child Abuse and Prevention Month.

A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds in the United States and 5 children die each day due to abuse or neglect. If you see something, say something.

If not you...then who?

It not now...then when?

If not for the sake of Jesus Christ and his kingdom...then why?

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

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Office for Social Concerns

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Reminder: Help the Suffering People of Ukraine



Valentyna Pavsukova continues to provide assistance to the people of her war-torn homeland through Chalice of Mercy. While the collection of items is now concluding (after an incredibly generous response across the diocese!), the need for financial donations continues, especially to address the tremendous needs for medical care of the wounded. Visit www.chaliceofmercy.org/donation to see how you can contribute. Those who wish may also contribute to the Ukraine relief efforts of [Catholic Relief Services](#).

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.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

Amount Pledged & Received:

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

The Average Gift / Donor & Average Gift \$

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

Parishes Rebates:

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

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

- 04/10
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/04.10.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 04/17
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/04.17.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 04/24
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/04.24.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Parishes that incorporate Stewardship of Time and Talent in their Stewardship efforts see greater returns in their Stewardship of Treasure. For example, those who included Time and

Talent in their *Reunite, Rebuild, and Rejoice* appeal saw an increase on average of 18.22% of their pre-covid (2018-19) offertory. At the same time, those who did just a Treasure appeal saw an average increase of 8.31%. In contrast, those who did not participate in the appeal effort saw an average -3.5% decrease over their precovid offertory.

Stewardship reflections to assist you in your homily development:

For March/April weeks 04/10 - 04/24

- <https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Homily-Guide-04.05.22.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

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Spring Parish Finance Webinar, this week! 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. 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. There will be only one session which will be recorded and posted to <https://diolc.org/temporalities/> following the April 7th session.

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.

Potential Tax Credits:

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

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

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

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

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Office for 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.

That through our vocations to marriage, priesthood, single life and religious life we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world.

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

A Call to Serve

There are few things in life more uplifting than being able to help someone or be there for someone in need. When we can use our gifts and talents to make someone else's life better, it can bring joy to not just our lives, but to those we are able to serve as well. Jesus tells us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. As friends of Christ, we are called to love in this way, to be willing to lay down our life for others. A powerful way to do this is by being a priest of Jesus Christ. He is calling young men to consider this call to serve, to offer their lives out of love for their sisters and brothers. He may be calling YOU! 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 Vicar for Clergy

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

No items this week.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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

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

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

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

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

<https://diolc.org/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 (www.netusa.org/retreats) to reserve your retreat!
- Where: All Around the Diocese of La Crosse
- Cost: Depends on the type of retreat.

For details about hosting a retreat including themes, costs, housing, etc. please download the [Welcome Packet](#) or see our website at diolc.org/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:

<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/16kuol7Fn2nynnnv13hjXfleQgt4YUdVM/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/yya/youth-opportunies/adventure-camp/.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

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

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

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

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

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

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

Reminder: Job Opening:

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

Reminder: Tune-In Tuesdays

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87591793038?pwd=cDdHWUROV29QMy9UenJRNfZnY0Q0dz09#success> to join us for Tune-In Tuesdays at 11 a.m.!

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