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### Officials

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

The Reverend **Matthew N. Marshall**, Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Coon Valley and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Viroqua, has submitted his resignation as Pastor of the parishes and has requested a leave of absence for personal reasons, and both have been accepted, effective May 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Timothy J. Welles**, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Elk Mound and St. Joseph Parish in Rock Falls, has requested a temporary leave of absence for reasons of psychological and physical health, and it has been accepted, effective May 6, 2022.

The Reverend **Emmanuel Kofi Asamoah-Bekoe**, Pastor of St. Mary's Assumption Parish in Durand, Holy Rosary Parish in Lima, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Mondovi, is also appointed temporary Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Elk Mound and St. Joseph Parish in Rock Falls, during the leave of absence of Father Timothy Wells, Pastor, effective May 9, 2022.

The Reverend **Daniel J. Sedlacek**, Parochial Administrator of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Genoa and Chaplain at Aquinas High School, is appointed Pastor, effective May 10, 2022.

The Reverend **Jeyaseelan Yobu**, Parochial Administrator of St. Bridget Parish in Etrick and St. Ansgar Parish in Blair, is appointed Pastor, effective May 10, 2022.

The Reverend **Junabe Villafior Villapaz**, Parochial Administrator of St. John the Baptist Parish in Plum City and St. Joseph Parish in Arkansaw, is appointed Pastor, effective May 10, 2022.

The Reverend **Baskaran Sandhiyagu**, Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Owen and St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Parish in Thorp, is released from his responsibilities in order to return to his home diocese, effective May 29, 2022.

The Reverend **Zacharie Beya-Tshingimba**, Parochial Administrator of St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish in West Salem, is appointed Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Prescott, with residence at the parish rectory, effective June 1, 2022.

The Reverend **Joseph M. Richards**, Associate Pastor of St. Michael Parish and Church of the Resurrection Parish, both in Wausau, and Chaplain at Newman Catholic Middle School and High School in Wausau, is appointed Parochial Administrator of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Viroqua and St. Mary Parish in Coon Valley, with residence at the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish rectory in Viroqua, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Samuel A. Martin**, Pastor of Holy Name Parish in Wausau, is also appointed Chaplain at Newman Catholic High School and Middle School in Wausau, effective July 5, 2022.

The Very Reverend **Woodrow H. Pace**, Vicar for Clergy, Director of the Mission Office, and Parochial Administrator of St. James the Less Parish in La Crosse, is relieved of his responsibilities as Parochial Administrator of St. James the Less Parish in La Crosse, effective July 5, 2022. He retains his assignments as Vicar for Clergy and Director of the Mission Office.

The Reverend **Robert M. Letona**, Pastor of St. Paul Parish in New Lisbon, St. James Parish in Camp Douglas and St. Michael Parish in Indian Creek, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. James the Less Parish in La Crosse, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Antony Joseph**, Pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish in Trempealeau and St. Mary Parish in Galesville, is appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart-St. Patrick Parish in Eau Claire, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend Monsignor **Steven J. Kachel**, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Onalaska and Parochial Administrator of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Holmen, is released from his responsibilities as Parochial Administrator of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Holmen, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **James C. Weighner**, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Marshfield, is appointed Pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Holmen, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Daniel L. Thelen**, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Alma Center and St. Joseph Parish in Fairview is appointed Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Marshfield, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Robert C. Thorn**, Pastor of St. Matthew Parish in Wausau and Chaplain to the Hispanic Community in the Wausau area, has requested the status of senior priest and it has been granted effective July 5, 2022.

The Very Reverend **Sebastian J. Kolodziejczyk**, Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Arcadia and Most Sacred Heart Parish in Pine Creek, Dean of the Arcadia Deanery, and Chaplain to the Hispanic Community in the Arcadia area, is appointed Pastor of St. Matthew Parish in Wausau and Chaplain to the Hispanic Community in the Wausau area, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Peter Raj Mariasamy**, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse, is appointed Pastor of St. Paul Parish in New Lisbon, St. James Parish in Camp Douglas, and St. Michael Parish in Indian Creek, with residence at St. Paul Parish rectory in New Lisbon, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Billy J. Dodge**, Pastor of Roncalli Newman Parish in La Crosse is also appointed Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse, with residence at the Blessed Sacrament Parish rectory, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Leo Johnson Stanislaus**, Pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish in Loyal, St. Mary Help of Christians Parish in Greenwood, and Holy Family Parish in Willard, and Dean of the Thorp Deanery, is released from his responsibilities in order to return to his home diocese, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Emmanuel S. Famiyeh**, Pastor of St. Guardian Angels Parish in Black River Falls, is appointed Pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish in Loyal, St. Mary Help of Christians Parish in Greenwood, and Holy Family Parish in Willard, with residence at the St. Anthony de Padua Parish rectory in Loyal, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Arockia Amirtha-Raj Stanislaus**, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Elmwood, St. Luke Parish in Boyceville, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Spring Valley, is released from his responsibilities as Pastor. The Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Sivagangai, Most Rev. Dr. Stephen Antony, has granted him permission to study Spanish and to serve at Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Lurin, Peru, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Kyle N. Laylan**, Assistant to the Director of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Lurin, Peru, is appointed Parochial Administrator of Holy Family Parish in Arcadia and Most Sacred Heart Parish in Pine Creek, with residence at Holy Family Parish rectory in Arcadia, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Peter J. Kieffer**, Associate Pastor of St. Mary Parish in Altoona and St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish in Fall Creek, Chaplain at Regis Middle School and High School, and Chaplain to the Hispanic Community in the Eau Claire area, is appointed Parochial Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Alma Center and St. Joseph Parish in Fairview, with residence at the Immaculate Conception Parish rectory in Alma Center, effective July 5, 2022.

The Very Reverend **John A. Potaczek**, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Mauston and Parochial Administrator of St. Mary Parish in Lyndon Station is released from his responsibilities as Parochial Administrator of St. Mary Parish in Lyndon Station, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Cryton Outschoorn**, Associate Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Mauston and St. Mary Parish in Lyndon Station, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Mary Parish in Lyndon Station, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Levi J. Schmitt**, Associate Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids, and Chaplain at Assumption Middle School and High School in Wisconsin Rapids, is appointed Associate Pastor at St. Mary Parish in Altoona and St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish in Fall Creek, Chaplain at Regis High School and Middle School in Eau Claire, and Chaplain to Hispanic Community in the Eau Claire area, with residence at St. Mary Parish rectory in Altoona effective July 5, 2022.

The Reverend **Samuel C. McCarty**, Associate Pastor of Queen of the Apostles Parish in Tomah, is appointed Associate Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish and Roncalli Newman Parish, both in La Crosse, with residence at Blessed Sacrament Parish rectory, effective July 5, 2022.

Deacon **Matthew L. Bowe**, upon ordination to the priesthood, will be assigned as Associate Pastor of Queen of Apostles Parish in Tomah, with residence at the parish rectory, effective June 25, 2022.

Deacon **Steven J. Weller**, upon ordination to the priesthood, will be assigned as Associate Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids, and Chaplain at Assumption Middle School and High School in Wisconsin Rapids, with residence at the parish rectory, effective June 25, 2022.

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## Events

As of May 17

**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

**Sunday, June 19**

National Eucharistic Revival - June 19, 2022 - July 21, 2024

**Tuesday, June 21**

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

**Thursday, June 23**

Priest Unity Days - La Crosse - June 23-24

**Saturday, June 25**

10:00am Ordination to the Priesthood - La Crosse

**Sunday, June 26**

Adventure Camp June 26-July 1, 2022

**Tuesday, June 28**

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

**Tuesday, July 5**

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

**Tuesday, July 12**

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

**Saturday, July 16**

7:40am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Onalaska

**Tuesday, July 19**

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

**Thursday, July 21**

8:30am Parish Finance Summer Webinar

**Sunday, July 24**

Mission Trip 2022 - Schriever, La. - July 24-31

**Tuesday, July 26**

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](https://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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### For your parish bulletin:

#### **Hallow - The #1 Catholic prayer, meditation and sleep app in the world**

Are you looking for some quiet and prayerful time with God? Do you need 5-minutes of prayer during the day with a Scripture passage read to you in a calm voice? Do you need something peaceful to help you fall asleep? There are choices, so find what works best for you. Hallow is simple, of high quality, intentionally designed and free. Visit [hallow.com](http://hallow.com)

Note: The app is free with a multitude of resources and there are also paid features within the app. To register, click on the button in the upper right-hand corner. Visit [hallow.com](http://hallow.com)

### For your parish bulletin:

#### **Praying for a specific Priest: Seven Sisters Apostolate**

The “Seven Sisters Apostolate” was begun in 2001 as a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop. Would you prayerfully consider organizing a group of seven women, where each woman will pray a Holy Hour per week, on a specific day on their own, for the priest at their parish?

After the pastor has a committed group, subsequent groups may be formed for others, such as for Bishop Callahan, the parochial vicar etc. All further details may be found at [sevensistersapostolate.org](http://sevensistersapostolate.org)

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is to be contacted when the group is set. Visit [sevensistersapostolate.org/mission-and-structure](http://sevensistersapostolate.org/mission-and-structure) and see “Starting a Group” at the bottom of the page.

### For your parish bulletin:

#### **Healing Conference: Bringing the Gift of God’s Mercy to the World! with Dr. Mary Healy**

Through the generous donation of a donor, this Healing Conference is free. Join us Saturday, July 16, 2022 at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse for this Healing Conference: Bringing the Gift of God’s Mercy to the World! featuring Dr. Mary Healy. Dr. Healy is professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, an international speaker and author. Most importantly, Mary speaks at a level that everyone can understand. All are welcome. This Healing Conference is hosted by Living Water! Prayer Community. For questions, contact Deacon Kent Jacobson at [livingwaterprayercommunity@gmail.com](mailto:livingwaterprayercommunity@gmail.com).

When we, or a family member or friend, are faced with an injury or illness, physical or emotional, our thoughts turn to God in prayer for healing. We want to believe that God will grant healing, but we wonder. And if we as Catholics have doubts, what does this mean to a hurting world, also in need of healing? Dr. Mary Healy will answer such questions as:

- Is Jesus still healing people today?
- Are these healings real and do they last?
- How do we know if God wants us to pray for healing?
- Isn't God asking us to endure suffering and hardships instead of asking for healing?
- How can we pray for healing?

- Can my broken heart be healed as well as my body?

## **Catechetical Leader Information**

### **Need Catechists in the Fall?**

Please consider praying a Rosary Novena for the catechists that you will need in the fall. God always answers our prayers. Many catechetical leaders have spoken about the abundant fruits of praying such a Novena.

### **Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism**

A key time to help parents become strengthened in their relationship with Jesus Christ and more engaged with their Catholic Faith is the baptism of their baby. If you are interested in reviewing a booklet to prepare parents for the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Ann Lankford at [alankfor@diolc.org](mailto:alankfor@diolc.org). The booklet was prepared by the Offices for Catechesis & Evangelization, Marriage and Family Life and Sacred Worship. There are two parts to the booklet:

- 1) Entering into the Words and Symbols in the Rite of Baptism
- 2) Living as a Catholic Family

For parishes using the booklet, parents provide excellent feedback.

### **Ministry for Persons with Special Needs**

For parishes and schools who are serving children, young people and adults with special needs, and specific resources would be helpful but funds are needed, please contact Ann Lankford at [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org). A simple grant can be submitted for limited funds that are available.

### **Planning for Next Year**

If you are desiring to involve parents more in the formation of their children, check out the series “A Family of Faith” by Sophia Institute. It’s user-friendly and practical. A starting point could be for the catechetical leader to use ideas from the series for simple ways that parents can interact with their children in handing on the Faith. Visit [sophiainstituteforteachers.org](http://sophiainstituteforteachers.org) A video on how three catechetical leaders are using this series in completely different ways, click for information: [diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/certification](http://diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/certification) (second video)

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## **Office for Communications**

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## **Office for Consecrated Life**

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## Office for Human Resources

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[Employment Opportunities - Diocese of La Crosse \(diolc.org/jobs\)](http://diolc.org/jobs)

### Music Director

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Holmen

### Director of Religious Education

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Holmen  
- St. Patrick Parish, Onalaska

### Coordinator of Finance - Catholic Schools

- Curia Offices, La Crosse

### Potential Tax Credits

Employee Retention Credit: \$\$\$ Potential Tax Credits may be available for each employee on the parish payroll. Monthly credits for each employee can provide substantial funds for eligible parishes.

Refer to the Chancery Bulletin [dated April 12](#) for the forms. Webinars will be held in late May. The completed spreadsheet will reveal your potential eligibility. Worksheets take only 15 minutes, but may be worth thousands of dollars for your parish. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee had multiple parishes who received more than \$100,000.

Please call Margaret Ebner with questions (608) 791-2670.

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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**Reminder: 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 Ministries**

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**Office for Missions**

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**Office for Sacred Worship**

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## **Mary, Mother of the Church Liturgical Texts now Available**

On February 11, 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments inscribed a new obligatory *Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*, into the General Roman Calendar. This memorial is celebrated every year on the Monday after Pentecost—June 6 in the year 2022. Latin liturgical texts were also promulgated the same day, and on January 13, 2022, the Congregation confirmed the English translation of those texts. (An approval and confirmation process is still required for a Spanish translation.) The proper texts in English for the *Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church* are available at [USCCB.org/motherofthechurch](https://USCCB.org/motherofthechurch), and they are also indicated in the current Ordo.

## **Registration of Confirmation—more than one Parish**

When Confirmation is conferred upon persons from two or more parishes at one ceremony, the official records are made at the parish where Confirmation was celebrated. The parish of registration is also to record an unofficial copy in their records. Additionally, the parish of registration will send notification to the parish of Baptism.

See the [Handbook for Sacramental Records](https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Handbook-for-Sacramental-Records.pdf) (p.15) at [diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Handbook-for-Sacramental-Records.pdf](https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Handbook-for-Sacramental-Records.pdf) for more information.

## **Corpus Christi Processions**

*Corpus Christi* this year falls on Sunday, June 19, and in 2022 signals the start of the United States' Eucharistic Revival, a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In many places, a procession with the Blessed Sacrament will be held. "The annual procession on the feast of *Corpus Christi*...has a special importance and meaning for the pastoral life of the parish or city.... When the Eucharist is carried through the street in a solemn procession with singing, the Christian people give public witness of faith and devotion toward the sacrament" (Roman Ritual). Questions and Answers about *Corpus Christi* and its procession are available at

[diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Corpus-Christi-Procession-QA.pdf](https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Corpus-Christi-Procession-QA.pdf)

Several parishes in our diocese are having processions. Check the back page of the May/June Catholic Life for details: <https://catholicmagazines.org/magazine-archive/catholic-life/lc0522>

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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](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](https://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).

### Thinking about the 2022-23 School & CCD yet?

If you would like me to do training for your school or parish before school starts this fall, just let me know and we can schedule training for your staff and volunteers. I have been invited to:

Wisconsin Rapids - Assumption on August 15 at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

La Crosse - Aquinas, August 19 at 9:00 am and noon

Chippewa Falls - McDonell, August 22 at 2:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Sparta- St. Patrick's, August 24 at 8:30 am

The High Schools have opened their sessions to parishes in the area who would like to attend.

If you would like an in person training or a Zoom training this summer or fall, please contact Teresa Brown at 608-791-2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

As a reminder, all staff and volunteers must be background checked and trained before they begin working with children.

*"Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future."*

*John F. Kennedy*

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## Office for Catholic Schools

Superintendent: Thomas Reichenbacher – 608.788.7707 | [treichenbacher@diolc.org](mailto:treichenbacher@diolc.org)

It is with some sadness but also an overwhelming amount of gratitude that I announce the retirement of Kimberly Huston. For the last ten years her faithful service to our Church, Bishop Callahan, and Catholic Schools has been greatly appreciated. Kimberly's excellent work in the area of finance helped many school administrators better understand the complexity of budgeting, the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, contractual language and staffing. Her help with the Bishop's Education Endowment Trust, Parish Subsidy grants and tuition assistance will be missed.

Please join Bishop Callahan, Father Dhein and myself as we wish her well as she bikes and hikes into the next chapter of her life. We will truly miss her. May Kimberly continue to hear and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd and may He watch over and bless her in all things.

Her last day will be June 3, 2022.

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## Office for Social Concerns

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### For Your Parish Bulletin:

#### ***Roe v. Wade* - What did it say, and how might *Dobbs* correct it?**

Most people know that the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision made abortion legal in all 50 states. But for more detail, and to see how the *Dobbs* case may lead to that tragic decision being overturned, watch an excellent 5-minute video on the diocesan website at [diolc.org/respect-life](https://diolc.org/respect-life). On that page there is also a link for downloading a brochure featuring the names and photos of the nine Supreme Court justices and inviting you to pray for each of them. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, convert hearts and give the justices the strength to overturn *Roe v. Wade*!

### For Your Parish Bulletin:

#### **Pregnancy Resource Centers in the Diocese of La Crosse: Pro-Woman, Pro-Life.**

Women are treated with the utmost respect, sensitivity and kindness at pregnancy resource centers. These facilities provide pregnancy tests, personal mentoring and assistance with the practical needs of women facing the challenges of pregnancy and childcare (baby clothes, diapers, etc.). They offer support for maternity care and referrals to community aid organizations, as well as information on adoption. Some of them are equipped to perform ultrasounds. They are also a source of compassion and care for post-abortive women who are struggling emotionally. All these services are provided free and with confidentiality. For a list of the pregnancy resource centers around the diocese, visit [diolc.org/respect-life](https://diolc.org/respect-life) and click on “Pregnancy Help.”

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## Office for Stewardship & Development

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### GivingTrend Update:

This past week we rolled out an upgrade to the GivingTrend parish reporting. The reporting will have the *Inspired By the Spirit Capital Campaign* data included, a new look, and other 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. As with any major rollout bugs are expected and we are working to correct them as soon as possible. If you find some bugs, please email us; identifying them as best as you can.

### Diocesan Annual Appeal Update:

We will be sending out the last DAA mailing for this fiscal year in the last week of May. If you have a pastor letter you wish to include please provide it to us by Friday, May 20, 2022. Please send a word document and include the pastor’s signature. Also please name the file with your parish 3 digit number.

**Final Reminder:** We have added the final video segment, available for download, to the appeal portal. It is also 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 Wisconsin. It is a story of Mercy and Gratitude! [Appeal.diolc.org](https://diolc.org)

#### **Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:**

- 05/22  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/05.22.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 05/29  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/05.29.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 06/05  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/06.05.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>

#### **Stewardship Homily Reflections:**

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

- For May weeks 05/22 - 06/05  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Homily-Guide-05.14.22.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](https://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](https://cfwcw.org)) at 608.519.9892 or email: [rjeric@cfwcw.org](mailto:rjeric@cfwcw.org)

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## Office for Temporalities

Diocesan Finance Officer: James Reider – 608.791.2668 | [jreider@diolc.org](mailto:jreider@diolc.org)

FEMA currently has a Grant Opportunity: [Nonprofit Security Grant Program \(NSGP\) – Wisconsin Emergency Management](#). If your Parish is in need of security improvements, the deadline to apply is May 27, 2022.

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## Office for Vocations

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

**Golf outing and dinner** sponsored by Diocese of La Crosse Office For Vocations will be held at Fox Hollow Golf Course on Monday, June 13, 2022. Contact [rorth@diolc.org](mailto:rorth@diolc.org) to golf, join for dinner or if you are interested in being a Hole or Birdie Sponsor.

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event:

<https://fb.me/e/1yCfb9BDL>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

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

In thanksgiving for married couples, priests, sisters, brothers and those living a holy single life who inspire and strengthen us by the witness of their commitment.

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.

Have you asked someone recently?

Do you know someone in your life who you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that he would make a good priest, as that may be just what he has been waiting for. Once you encourage him, don't hesitate to put him in contact with me to continue the conversation. I can be reached 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](mailto: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](mailto:crogers@diolc.org)

### 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/).

### NET Ministries Recruiting Missionaries

At NET Ministries, we are so thankful for your dedication and service to the Catholic young people in your area. It has been an honor to partner with you through YDisciple.

As you may know, YDisciple has been owned by NET Ministries since 2018. Each year, NET trains around 150 missionaries and sends them across the country to over 110 dioceses to minister to young people.

This is why we are asking you to please consider helping us build up our missionary teams for 2022 - 2023. We are asking you because you are closest to the young Catholics in your community - and know them well. Our missionary teams are made up of young faithful, mature, and relational Catholics between the ages of 18-28.

NET is launching a new Recruiting Referral Program that is underwritten by a generous donor. As a thank you for sending an invitation to someone you know, NET wants to support you in your mission. If a young adult you recommend to NET serves as a missionary for the 2022-2023 year, NET will give you \$200 to use in one of four ways.

- To go towards your ministry
- To go towards a future NET retreat
- To go towards a YDisciple subscription
- To go towards that missionary's support funds

To participate in our Recruiting Referral Program, simply click the link below or go to [netusa.org/referral](https://netusa.org/referral) to recommend a young adult to our Recruiting Department, and we will walk with them through the application process. But even more importantly, please personally invite the young adults in your life to apply to become a NET Missionary. Just as Jesus called his disciples by name, a personal invitation makes all the difference.

Our Church needs young adults who can be examples to young people of how to make the faith their own, allowing Christ to enter into their lives just as you have. You can send any potential missionaries to [netusa.org/apply](https://netusa.org/apply) for more information and to begin filling out an application.

**Reminder: 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](https://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.

**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.

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

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

- Early Bird Registration by May 1, 2022 is \$420 per person. (Please note that being registered means all forms are completely filled out, all money has been paid, and Adult background checks and Safe Environment Training are complete.)



- Late Registration after May 1, 2022 is \$440 per person.
- Please know \$100 per person is nonrefundable. This deposit is due ASAP to hold spots for your campers.

More information including the link to online registration can be found at [diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/adventure-camp/](https://diolc.org/yya/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=cDdHWUROV29QMjY5UenJRNfZnY0Q0dz09#success](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87591793038?pwd=cDdHWUROV29QMjY5UenJRNfZnY0Q0dz09#success)

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

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