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### Events

As of July 26

**Wednesday, July 27**

1:00pm Endowment update, Summer, Diocese of La Crosse

**Friday, July 29**

Priests for Tomorrow - La Crosse

**Saturday, July 30**

Domestic Church Retreat - Chippewa Falls - July 30-31 - CANCELLED

**Tuesday, August 2**

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

**Saturday, August 6**

8:30am Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe - La Crosse

**Sunday, August 7**

Peace Day, Diocese of La Crosse

**Tuesday, August 9**

Welcome Back Retreat - School Administrators - La Crosse

**Sunday, August 14**

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass and Dinner - La Crosse

**Monday, August 15**

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. NOT a Holy Day of Obligation in 2022

**Tuesday, August 16**

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

**Friday, August 19**

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend - Aug. 19-21

**Tuesday, August 23**

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

**Wednesday, August 24**

5:30pm Witnesses for Christ Conference - Virtual

**Tuesday, August 30**

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

**Tuesday, September 6**

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

**Friday, September 9**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - Sept. 9-11

LFI/Deacon Formation - Wausau - September 9-10

**Tuesday, September 13**

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

**Friday, September 16**

Married Love: Two Becoming One - Chippewa Falls - Sept. 16-18

**Tuesday, September 20**

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

**Wednesday, September 21**

10:00am 41st Annual Rural Life Day

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

#### **Chris Stefanick to speak on Living Joy - Wednesday, August 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Chris Stefanick, an internationally-known speaker and author, will speak for the Witnesses for Christ Virtual Conference, on Wednesday, August 24th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Join with other parishioners, or from the comfort of your own home, to listen to an important presentation about Joy. Every person is born looking for joy but joy isn't a luxury. It's a necessity and every heart is powered by it. Chris Stefanick will share the path to living joy, the joy that only Jesus Christ can give. Cost is \$10 per person and those who register will receive Chris's new book, "Living Joy" for free. To register and/or download a brochure visit [diolc.org/witness-joy](https://diolc.org/witness-joy).

Here is the diocesan Facebook link to this event

<https://fb.me/e/1oJEHJHu2>

Please share this on your parish Facebook.

Click [here](#) to download the Living Joy poster and place it on your parish bulletin board for everyone to see.

### Catechetical Leader Information

#### **Catechetical Leader Calendar**

A new calendar for 2022-2023 for DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers is available by clicking here: [diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info](https://diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info)

#### **New Catechetical Leaders**

If you are a new Director (DRE), Coordinator (CRE) and/or Youth Minister, or other parish leader, the local person in charge of ParishSoft needs to sign you up to receive the weekly Chancery Bulletin. This is the weekly means of communication from the Diocesan Pastoral Offices to keep you up-to-date on current information and resources being provided. Further, new Catechetical Leaders are asked to contact Ann Lankford, the Director of Office for Catechesis and Evangelization, at [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org) so that you can be welcomed.

**New Catechetical Leader Training** will be held in September in La Crosse. This will be a helpful and enjoyable day. Further details and a registration form to follow.

#### **Formation of Catechists**

Catechetical Leaders are reminded that all catechists are to receive 6 hours of formation per year and DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers are to receive 12 hours of formation per year. A proven way to complete this formation is through *Franciscan at Home* online workshops. Every parish and school has a free subscription from June 2022-2023. Each workshop is worth 4 hours of certification. It is best when the workshops are completed with a group. See below for online groups forming, beginning Wednesday, July 27th.

Simple directions to register for *Franciscan at Home* for free:

1) Visit [franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse](https://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 **“Franciscan Tracks”** on the left and select **“Catechist”** Track. In this Track, you will see 3 choices under Courses of Study. Click on **“Foundational Catechist Certification”** and you will see listings under **“Workshops”** and **“Electives.”** Choose a workshop that will be most helpful for you and your catechists. There is much to learn in each workshop.

A good time frame for these workshops is 1 hour increments, covering 2 videos and 2 application tasks, or 1 ½ hour increments, covering 3 videos and 3 applications tasks.

6 suggested workshops:

- Prayer: Introduction to the Spiritual Life of the Catechist with Dr. Ron Bolster. 3 - 1 hour sessions
  - Introducing the Scriptures to Children with Dr. Gerard O’Shea. 4 - 1 hour sessions
  - Penance and First Eucharist Preparation with Dr. Bill Keimig. 4 - 1 hour sessions
  - Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture with Ann Lankford. 3 - 1 hour sessions
  - Introducing the Liturgy to Children with Dr. Gerard O’Shea. 3 - 1 hour sessions
  - Jesus: The Christocentricity of Catechesis (Christ-centered Catechesis) with Dr. Petroc Willey. 4 - 1 hour sessions

**Join with a group of Catechetical Leaders online -**

***Shifting to Family-Centered Formation - Franciscan at Home* workshop**

**1 hour per week starting Wed., July 27th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon (still time to register!)**

Parents need to be more involved in the formation of their children. This goal involves many aspects that need to be thought through carefully to avoid losing families in the process. Join with other DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers to go through this *Franciscan at Home* workshop together online to discuss this topic. The workshop is entitled *Shifting to Family-Centered Formation*, and will also be helpful for those who want to involve parents more in the parish Faith Formation Program. Contact Ann Lankford at [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org) to register. No charge; no homework! The first session will be Wednesday, July 27th, 11 a.m. - 12 noon. We will meet online for a total of 4 Wednesdays. Note: Some small groups have been meeting online over the last year to go through Franciscan at Home workshops together and the format works very well.

### **Confirmation**

Two-year schedules have been updated for the following Confirmation Programs for 2022-2023:

- “Purpose” by Life Teen
- “Chosen” by Chris Stefanick and team
- “Decision Point” by Matthew Kelley
- Diocesan Confirmation Program.

The schedules are available at this link: [diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation](https://diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation).

Scroll down to **“Schedules for 4 Different Programs to Prepare for Confirmation.”**

### **Retreat for Confirmation**

The youth being prepared for Confirmation are to experience a retreat. Please see the guidelines for a retreat pertinent to receiving Confirmation. Visit

[diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation](http://diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation) and scroll down to “Confirmation Guidelines/Resources

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## Office for the Diaconate

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### Upcoming dates

August 13, 2022 - Bishop's Day with deacons and their wives, Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse - attendance expected. (Deacon Candidates are invited as they will be instituted Lectors at Mass) Please rsvp to Debbie Brannon at [dbrannon@diolc.org](mailto:dbrannon@diolc.org) if you have not already done so.

October 8, 2022 - Ongoing Deacon Formation - Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Wausau

October 10 & 11, 2022 - Fall Ministry Conference for all Priests and Deacons: Monday noon through Tuesday Lunch, October 10-11, 2022. Online registration, hotel discounts and further details will be arriving soon and posted in the Chancery Bulletin.- Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse.

November 5 , 2022- Diaconate Discernment Retreat, Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse Is Deacon Formation for you?

February 17-19, 2023 - Deacon and Wives Retreat - Schoenstatt Center, Waukesha. Retreat leader is Deacon Dan Gannon. Priests and Deacons - Please help identify men for the next formation class that will begin in the fall of 2023. I'd be happy to talk to any prospective aspirants. The discernment retreat is in November.

**Letters of Suitability** are needed anytime you leave the Diocese of La Crosse and wish to vest as a Deacon and participate at a function. The letters are created in the Office of Safe Environment

by Teresa Brown. She sends the letter to the Diocese you will be in, the Church or location you are at as well as a copy for your records.

Email or call in your request at least five business days prior to your event to ensure your letter arrives at your location in time. Your request should include the following:

- Where are you going, including the full church or event name and the address
- What diocese will you be in
- The date you will be at the event
- Who is the contact at the parish or event
- If it is a wedding, include the name of the bride and groom and the name of the deceased for a funeral.
- What will you be doing at the event?

If you have any question, contact: Teresa Brown, [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org)

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## Office for Human Resources

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**Job Opportunities:** Please visit the Diocesan Website for a full list of open positions.

[Employment Opportunities | Diocese of La Crosse \(diolc.org\)](#)

**Employee Retention Credit:** Once again we are reminding our parishes and schools to review the information provided at the Parish Finance Webinar in June regarding the Employee Retention Credit (a portion of that information is available here.

[https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/ERC-Information\\_Diocese-of-La-Crosse.pptx](https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/ERC-Information_Diocese-of-La-Crosse.pptx) You may be eligible for IRS Tax Credits for calendar years 2020 and 2021. Those who are eligible and request the credit will receive payment from the IRS.

The initial review is quick and painless. Bishop Callahan is asking that all parishes determine their eligibility status by using the spreadsheet below:

<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/ERC-Gross-Receipts-Test.xlsx>

Please direct any questions to: Jim Reider, Diocesan Finance Officer: [jreider@diolc.org](mailto:jreider@diolc.org)

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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**For the Parish Bulletin:**

**Called to the Joy of Love: Natural Family Planning supporting God's plan for love and life!**

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 24-30, 2022. Come experience the Joy of Love and find a NFP class (in-person and online) at [diolc.org/nfp](https://diolc.org/nfp). Have questions about using NFP in your marriage? Call 608.791.2658 to connect with Christy.

Here is the link to a 2-sided bulletin insert:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/2022%20NFP%20Week%20Called%20to%20the%20Joy%20of%20Love%20Final.pdf>

Here is the link to the poster:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/2022%20Poster%20English%20Text%20for%20web.pdf>

### **Information on NFP Providers for Pastors and Marriage Prep Coordinators**

There are two new NFP providers in the diocese. Ruby Gravork, [rubygravrok@gmail.com](mailto:rubygravrok@gmail.com), is a Medical student in the La Crosse area. She is in her practicum for teaching the Billings method. Michelle Werner, [michelle@tcnfp.org](mailto:michelle@tcnfp.org), is a nurse from the Eau Claire area that is in her practicum for teaching the Creighton method. Couples can use the pre-registration form online at [diolc.org/nfp](https://diolc.org/nfp) to sign up for classes with these teachers. They will be providing in-person and virtual instruction.

### **Save the Date! Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Upcoming dates are September 9-11 in Dubuque, IA or November 18-20 in Holstein, IA. For more information, call Greg and Denise at 563.920.9419 or [drubner9419@gmail.com](mailto:drubner9419@gmail.com).

### **For Your Parish Bulletin: Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend Coming Soon!**

For more than 40 years, Retrouvaille has been a lifeline of hope and healing for struggling marriages. Here in Central Wisconsin, hundreds of couples have participated in the program since 1998 with lasting success. We thank you for your vital support in sharing these announcements. We are a grass-roots volunteer-run organization by couples that have been through the program, at every level, locally and abroad. With your help we continue to “pay it forward!” The next program begins with a weekend stay, August 19-21, 2022. Registrations are due by August 5th to allow time for room reservations to be guaranteed. Late registrations may be accepted, if space is available. Please announce this program at your earliest convenience and as often as possible from now through the beginning of August, it will be a lifeline for a couple and family in need. You can visit our website at:

<https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-help/> to get all the information.

Also below are some other quick links:

- [A new series of short bulletin announcements](#), each with a slight variation. Please pass them to your church bulletin editor!
- [A one-page flier](#) with all pertinent details. This may be provided to a couple in need or serve as a bulletin insert or as a poster for your vestibule or hallway.
- [A flier with tear-off information](#).

### **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: 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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## Office for Sacred Worship

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### Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus (July 29)

From the USCCB's [Committee on Divine Worship](#)

On January 26, 2021, Pope Francis ordered the inscription of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus into the General Roman Calendar, to replace the existing celebration of Saint Martha alone. Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus are celebrated each year as an Obligatory Memorial on July 29.



*Roman Missal:* An interim Mass formulary has been approved for use at this time in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

*Lectionary:* The Lectionary for the Mass readings on this Memorial have been retained (Proper of Saints, no. 607): the Gospel Acclamation and Gospel are mandatory, but the First Reading and Responsorial Psalm may be taken either from the Mass readings of the day or from the Proper of Saints.

*Liturgy of the Hours:* Office of Readings—Psalmody of the day (i.e., Psalter, Week I). First and Second Readings with their Responses of the day, and Concluding Prayer from the Common of Holy Men. Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer—Psalmody of the day. Other elements from the Psalter of the day or the Common of Holy Men. Concluding Prayer from the Common of Holy Men.

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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](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).

**Fingerprint Cards:** I am receiving more and more print cards that are not filled out completely or have the wrong information on them. Look them over before you send them in. The OCA number in the middle of the card should be N10923. If it is not there, write it in. If it is an old card and has the number N3253 white it out and put N10923 on the card.

Employer is the name and address of the parish or school the person submitting the card is working or volunteering for. Always have them get 2 cards. If the first card fails for any reason, the 2nd card is sent in. If there isn't a 2nd card, they need to go back to be reprinted.

Fingerprints are for adults only. We do not accept cards for minors.

The **online training program** has been updated. It consists of watching the video once, reading the red and green books and reviewing the new slide presentation. The program has been

enhanced to add more topics. You can not complete the Diocese of La Crosse training in less than 10 minutes, so please advise people to set aside 30 minutes to complete the program. I will continue to send email notifications of those that have completed training weekly, but I will highlight times less than 10 minutes. You will need to contact these people and tell them they need to complete the course again.

I will be doing in person training at the following locations. If you are able to attend one, you are welcome to join in. If you would like to schedule a training session at your parish or school, contact Teresa.

- Assumption (Wisconsin Rapids), August 15, at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Auburndale - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 16 at 6 p.m.
- Prairie Catholic School, August 17 at 9 a.m.
- Thorp, August 18 at the Stanley Parish Hall , 2 p.m., and at the Thorp School Chapel 6 p.m.
- Aquinas, August 19, 9 a.m. through 12 p.m.
- McDonell, August 22, at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- St. Patrick School, Sparta, August 23 at 8:30 a.m.
- St. Patrick School, Mauston, August 23 after 11 a.m.
- St John the Baptist Parish, Plum City, August 23; Zoom meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Regis, August 29, time to be announced.
- Pine Creek - Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, August 31 at 6:30 p.m.

New for Parishes: beginning this audit period, it has been recommended by the USCCB that the Diocese of La Crosse begin background checks for Eucharistic Ministers that are ministering to the homebound. Please begin adding them to your parish reports beginning with the 2022-23 Annual Report and begin background checks and training for them as soon as you are able.

**Letters of Suitability** are created in the Office of Safe Environment by Teresa Brown. Email or call in your request at least five business days prior to your event to ensure your letter arrives at your location in time. Your request should include the following:

- Where are you going, including the full church or event name and the address
- What diocese will you be in
- The date you will be at the event
- Who is the contact at the parish or even
- If it is a wedding, include the name of the bride and groom and the name of the deceased for a funeral.
- What will you be doing at the event? Celebrating Mass, hearing confession, speaking,

If you have questions, contact Teresa Brown [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org) or 608-791-2679

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## Office for Social Concerns

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### For Your Parish Bulletin:

#### **U.S. Bishops' Action Alert: Tell Senators to say “No” to codifying Same-Sex “Marriage”**

In response to the life-saving overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, Congress – instead of stepping up to assist women and children in need – is moving furiously to lock in other anti-family priorities. The “Respect for Marriage Act,” for example, would prevent states from restoring the authentic understanding of marriage between man and woman if given the opportunity by the Supreme Court. As Pope Francis has said, children have a right to a mother and a father, and we must never stop advocating for marriage, in which children do best. Further, it is critical to protect freedom for people like small business wedding vendors and faith-based foster care agencies who serve their communities. Please tell Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin to vote “No” on the poorly-named Respect for Marriage Act. To make your voice heard, and for more information, visit [www.votervoicenet.org/USCCB/home](http://www.votervoicenet.org/USCCB/home).



### Parish Bulletin Editors - important:

#### **Please Publicize a Pregnancy Resource Center Near You**

In this post-*Roe v. Wade* world, many women facing unexpected or unwanted pregnancies need assistance. Would you help them by taking the following two simple steps in your Parish Bulletin?

1. Consult the list of Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRC's) at [diolc.org/pregnancy-resources](http://diolc.org/pregnancy-resources).
2. Create a bulletin announcement using the template that follows, inserting the name, contact info and website address of a PRC within 100 miles of your parish.

### Bulletin Announcement Template:

“Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available from [PRC name, contact info and web address] in [name of town/city]. For additional resources and locations, visit [diolc.org/pregnancy-resources](http://diolc.org/pregnancy-resources).”

**Parish Social Ministry Initiatives**  
In the Diocese of La Crosse

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable: "A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring in a society marked by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the last judgment: who is to be welcomed in to eat the needs of the poor and vulnerable first." United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Sharing Catholic Social Teaching, Challenges and Directions

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Catholic Charities  
cc@diolc.org or 888.212.HELP (4357)  
Mission Office  
mission@diolc.org or 608.791.2676

### Pastors, Deacons, Parish Social Concerns Representatives: Are Your Social Ministry Initiatives listed in the [Directory](#)?

In order to address most fruitfully the social concerns within our diocese, we are asking the parishes of the diocese to review their current social ministry initiatives (any outreach of charity or social advocacy). If these are not already listed in the diocesan [Directory of Parish Social Ministry Initiatives](#), or if updating is needed, the pastor or someone authorized by him is asked to take a moment to [complete and submit this form](#) for each organization/resource.



### Help the Suffering People of Ukraine

Valentyna Pavsukova continues to provide much-needed assistance to the people of her war-torn homeland through Chalice of Mercy. To learn how you can help, visit [www.chaliceofmercy.org/donation](http://www.chaliceofmercy.org/donation).

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## Office for Stewardship & Development

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### Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

- 07/31  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/07.31.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 08/07  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/08.07.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 08/14  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/08.14.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>

### Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

- For Weeks 07/31 -08/14  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Homily-Guide-07.26.22.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

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

**Employee Retention Credit:** Once again we are reminding our parishes and schools to review the information provided at the Parish Finance Webinar in June regarding the Employee Retention Credit (a portion of that information is available here.

[https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/ERC-Information\\_Diocese-of-La-Crosse.pptx](https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/ERC-Information_Diocese-of-La-Crosse.pptx) You may be eligible for IRS Tax Credits for calendar years 2020 and 2021. Those who are eligible and request the credit will receive payment from the IRS.

The initial review is quick and painless. Bishop Callahan is asking that all parishes determine their eligibility status by using the spreadsheet below:

<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/ERC-Gross-Receipts-Test.xlsx>

Please direct any questions to: Jim Reider, Diocesan Finance Officer: [jreider@diolc.org](mailto:jreider@diolc.org)

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## Office for Vocations

*Director of Vocation Recruitment: Fr. 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 a strengthening of all vocations, that we may all strive to follow God's call to holiness.

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 that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? 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 they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that 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)

### Upcoming Events:

**Fall Ministry Conference for all Priests and Deacons:** Monday noon through Tuesday Lunch, October 10-11, 2022. Online registration, hotel discounts and further details will be arriving soon and posted in the Chancery Bulletin.

**Annual Priest Retreat** at the Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc is required for priests in their first five years following ordination and is an option for the annual canonical retreat for all other priests serving in the diocese. There is no cost for the retreat outside of what is deducted from each participant's Continuing Ed Fund. The retreat is scheduled during the Third Week of Easter, Monday noon through Friday lunch, April 24-28, 2023.

**Priest Unity Days for all Priests:** The gathering begins Thursday noon at Holy Cross Diocesan Center and continues through Saturday Mass of Ordination at the Cathedral, June 22-24, 2023. Online registration, hotel discounts and further details will be posted closer to the time of the event.



## Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Director: Christopher Rogers – 608.791.2659 | [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org)

### Speaker for Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Ministry Teams, etc.

In an effort to be more present around the diocese, and as an outreach of the Office for Family Life, Chris Rogers is happy to come to your parish/school to make a presentation to Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Ministry Teams, Married Couples, Engaged Couples, Teachers, etc. Please call 608.791.2659 or email [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org) to discuss dates and topics.

### 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/yva/youth-opportunities/net-retreats/](http://diolc.org/yva/youth-opportunities/net-retreats/).

**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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