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### A message from Bishop William Patrick Callahan

#### Beacon of Light and Hope Celebration – September 11

After much patience, hard work and commitment from so many, I am happy to announce that the restoration of our magnificent Cathedral, dedicated to St. Joseph the Workman, is complete. Giving thanks to God, I will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m. Food, fun, music, games, tours, trivia and other events to follow!



### Officials

No items this week.

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### Events

As of Aug. 16

**Friday, August 19**

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend - Wausau - Aug. 19-21

**Saturday, August 20**

9:00am St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Picnic - Almond

11:00am St. Patrick Parish "Summerfest" - Sparta - Aug. 20-21

**Sunday, August 21**

10:00am Sacred Heart Parish Picnic - Polonia

10:00am Holy Rosary Parish Picnic - Sigel

**Tuesday, August 23**

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

6:00pm St. Ladislaus Parish Outdoor Concert - Bevent

**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 &amp; Youth Ministers

**Tuesday, September 6**

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

**Thursday, September 8**

11:00am Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Chicken-Que - La Crosse

**Friday, September 9**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - Sept. 9-11

LFI/Deacon Formation - Wausau - September 9-10

5:00pm Festivals of the Falls - McDonell - Chippewa Falls

**Saturday, September 10**

5:30pm Festivals of the Falls - Notre Dame - Chippewa Falls

**Sunday, September 11**

10:00am St. Patrick Parish Annual Fall Bazaar - Seneca

10:30am Beacon of Light and Hope Celebration - La Crosse

10:30am St. Patrick Parish 4th Annual Blue Mass - Onalaska

11:00am Festivals of the Falls - Holy Ghost - Chippewa Falls

11:00am St. John the Baptist Parish Fall Festival - Cooks Valley

**Tuesday, September 13**

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

**Wednesday, September 14**

6:00pm Father and Son Dinner - Richland Center

**Friday, September 16**

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

**Sunday, September 18**

11:00am St. Joseph Parish Fall Festival - Prescott

**Tuesday, September 20**

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

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

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## Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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### For Your Parish Bulletin

#### Do you want more joy in your life?

#### Join Chris Stefanick on Wednesday, August 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The power of joy is vital to remain steadfast in trials: both the large and small difficulties of everyday life. Joy gives you the right perspective to face every challenge in your life. Jesus told us “Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” (*John 16:24*) Would you like to claim the joy and the life you were made for, in simple ways?

Chris Stefanick, renowned speaker and author, will present simple rules to help you rediscover and live joy every day. The date is Wednesday, August 24th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. 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). You are invited to join with other parishioners or with family from the comfort of your home.

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. Click [here](#) to download brochures for the back of Church.

### Bible Studies and Faith Building Resources Fall 2022

Adult Faith Formation is the most important formation that is needed. Encourage all adults to be part of a small group to study the Bible or a Faith-Building Resource to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Check out the list of excellent resources here:

[diolc.org/catechesis/bible-studies-and-small-group-resources](https://diolc.org/catechesis/bible-studies-and-small-group-resources)

### For Your Parish Bulletin

#### Getting to know Jesus Christ in a deeper way: Reading the Catechism in 10 months

We grow in our love for someone as we get to know them better. Would you like to grow in your love for Jesus Christ through coming to know Him better? Reading the Catechism, a few pages each day, will help you to deepen your understanding of His incredible love for you.

A modest schedule of 15 paragraphs per night (roughly 3 pages) has been arranged that will take about 10-15 minutes of reflective reading, 5 nights a week over 38 weeks. A schedule is emailed to participants every two weeks. To sign up, email Ann Lankford at [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org) with the word *Catechism* in the subject line. There are usually over 100 people who participate each year and they express that the fruits are well worth the effort. Invite your friends to join.

### Catechetical Leader Information

#### Catechetical Leader Calendar

A 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)

## **Confirmation: Goals for the Process of Preparation**

There are specific, stated goals that need to be built into the preparation of students to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. These include

- Develop a more intimate union with Jesus Christ in daily prayer (CCC 1309).
- Cultivate a relationship with the Holy Spirit as well as have a more lively familiarity with His actions, His gifts and His promptings in order to be capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities.
- Be committed to living a Sacramental Life, above all by participating in Sunday Mass each week and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation frequently.
- Comprehend how to live life in the Holy Spirit.

To read the full letter from Bishop Callahan regarding preparation, visit

[diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation](http://diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation) Scroll to Confirmation Guidelines /

Resources. You will also find

- A Confirmation brochure that further explains these components
- Bishop Callahan's Letter to Parents about Confirmation
- Guidelines for Confirmation Retreats
- Schedules for 4 Different Programs to Prepare for Confirmation
- And other important information

## **Confirmation Preparation - A Small-Group Model that works**

If you are interested in a Confirmation Program that is based around small groups, which takes out the issue of "classroom discipline issues," and engages youth through guided discussion, contact Ann at [alankford@diolc.org](mailto:alankford@diolc.org) to receive a link to a recorded webinar on "Purpose," the Confirmation Program by Life Teen. "Purpose" is designed to help teenagers encounter Jesus Christ and deepen their relationship with Him as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**New Catechetical Leader Training** will be held in September in La Crosse. Join us as we provide a helpful and enjoyable day with goals for parent, children and youth formation, guidelines and policies in place, Save Environment training, timely topics and to answer your questions. Further details and a registration form to follow.

## **Catechetical Sunday 2022 - September 18**

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022, and the theme is: "*This is My Body given for you*" (Luke 22:19). Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists, which should include parents, are to be called forth to be commissioned for their service.

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

The Ministry with Persons with Special Needs (MPSN), Diocese of La Crosse, offers support services to Catholic schools, parishes and families to assist teachers, DRE's/CRE's, parish members or parents who are working with individuals with special needs. Possible services can include the following:

- phone/email consultation
- on-site observation and consultation

- assistance with developing ISP's
- evaluations
- recommended resources
- limited funds to purchase resources or other supports
- training on a variety of topics
- supports to parents

Diane Hietpas is the Diocesan consultant for the Ministry for Persons with Special Needs. Diane has a Master's Degree in Education and Special Education and has over 35 years of experience working with students with special needs in public & private school systems. For a list of difficulties and challenges that Diane may be able to assist students with, click here: [diolc.org/catechesis/ministry-for-person-with-special-needs](http://diolc.org/catechesis/ministry-for-person-with-special-needs)

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### Listing your parish events in the November *Catholic Life*

If your parish has events for inclusion in the November issue of *Catholic Life*, please submit them by September 2. To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, [diolc.org/calendar](http://diolc.org/calendar), and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to [datebook@diolc.org](mailto:datebook@diolc.org). Make sure to 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.

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## Office for Missions

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### **Clarification/Refresher for secretaries/bookkeepers: MC vs WMS**

**The Mission Co-op (MC) Program** facilitates the annual assignment of a specific missionary group (vetted and assigned by the Mission Office) to make an appeal at each parish of the diocese. Assignment letters are sent in early spring to each pastor/parish administrator. This appeal takes place each summer (usually May through August, unless special arrangements are made between the missionary and the pastor). It provides a personal connection between the missionary life of the Church and parishioners, whose most important support is prayer. Financial donations for the Mission Co-op Program should be recorded with regular contributions and are deposited in the parish accounts. The totals are later forwarded from the parish to the Mission Office, with “Mission Co-op” in the check memo. We do not keep any records of individual donations for MC. The program is designed to protect the donor information so their offering remains anonymous and does not generate continued solicitation for support. The notice *“Please return and make checks payable to your parish”*, should be printed in the bulletin and/or on envelopes used for the Mission Co-op Program from the parish or missionaries.

**World Mission Sunday (WMS)** is a completely separate event from MC, and **takes place the second to last Sunday of October each year** (this year October 22-23, 2022 week-end). This is a universal pontifical celebration for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and more information for WMS 2022 will be coming soon. No Mission Co-op appeals should be given on World Mission Sunday, as this Sunday is set aside specifically for the pontifical SPOF collection. Please call or [email the Mission Office](#) with any questions.

May God bless our desire and efforts to spread the Gospel to all ends of the earth together with His peace.

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## Office for Sacred Worship

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### RCIA Calendar of Teachings and Liturgies

Please find a 9-month calendar of teachings, retreats, and liturgies for the RCIA [here](#), while a 15-month calendar is available [here](#). Resources for purchase are available [here](#).

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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).

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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"**



The "Respect for Marriage Act" would prevent states from restoring the authentic understanding of marriage between man and woman if given the opportunity by the Supreme Court. It would also infringe on the religious freedom of 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 [votervoice.net/USCCB/home](http://votervoice.net/USCCB/home).

### 13th Annual Hispanic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Guadalupe in La Crosse, WI



**Saturday, September 10, 2022 - 5250 Justin Road, La Crosse, WI 54601**

9:30 am - Arrive and meet at the parking lot.

10:00 am - Pray the Rosary and sing las Mañanitas in church, with the opportunity for Confession.

12:00 pm - Lunch in the crypt of the church.

1:30pm - Holy Mass/Confessions. At the end of the Mass there will be a Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

### For Your Parish Bulletin:

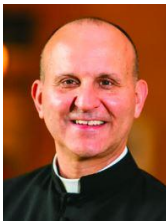
#### Join us for Rural Life Day – September 21



The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 41st annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, September 21, hosted by Jack and Pat Herricks at 12130 Hwy. 33, Cashton, WI. Come celebrate the farmers in our midst, who benefit us all by their good stewardship of the land. The day begins with Mass at 10 a.m. celebrated by Bishop William Patrick Callahan, followed by awards, recognitions, the blessing of crops and machinery, and a catered lunch. For a flyer or brochure, visit [diolc.org/rural-life](http://diolc.org/rural-life). For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, [rzietlow@diolc.org](mailto:rzietlow@diolc.org).

### For Your Parish Bulletin:

#### Oct. 18 Gospel of Life White Mass and Banquet with Bishop Callahan



Join us Tuesday evening, October 18, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse. The Keynote presenter, Fr. Paul Check, Executive Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will speak on: "The Gospel Witness to Life, Truth and Love in a Hostile World." Schedule: 6:00 pm – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7:00 pm – Banquet; 7:45 pm – Presentation. \$20/person, \$10/students. For more information and to register, visit [diolc.org/gospel-of-life](http://diolc.org/gospel-of-life).



### For Your Parish Bulletin:

#### Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is Available.

Make a confidential call to Catholic Charities at 888-212-4357 or text 715-600-6391. To learn more, visit [cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant](http://cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant). For additional pregnancy support resources and locations, visit [diolc.org/pregnancy-resources](http://diolc.org/pregnancy-resources).

### Help the Suffering People of Ukraine

Valentyna Pavsyukova 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 [chaliceofmercy.org/donation](http://chaliceofmercy.org/donation).

**Attn: 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.

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## Office for Stewardship & Development

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## Office for Temporalities

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### Annual Report schedule for parish Finance Contacts

Thank you everyone for your good work toward reconciling your parish accounts. Together we've made tremendous progress incorporating the new chart of accounts and online software. The automated prototype Annual Report, the Cemetery and Endowment reports are making good progress toward balancing. A number of parishes have asked that we run another, individual, per-parish prototype Annual Report to check their work. Unfortunately that is not possible. The report instruments we've developed involve all of the parishes being run in a batch-type process. Here is our planned overall schedule for the next several months as we work together to finalize the Annual Report.

### The schedule for the Annual Report

- The parish fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.
- Complete the online [Statement of General Statistics](#) for this past fiscal year (2021-2022) [bishoprep.diolc.org/](http://bishoprep.diolc.org/)
- Download and complete [On Consultation in the Parish](#). Email the completed form to [kjereczek@diolc.org](mailto:kjereczek@diolc.org).
- Plan to close your parish books for this past fiscal year (2021-2022) not later than August 31, 2022. This includes cemetery and endowment accounts.
  - Parishes with schools that participate in the state voucher program and are subject to state audits are exempt from the August 31 closing. They will not close the fiscal year until their voucher program audit is finalized and adjusting journal entries are recorded. These journal entries must be completed, and the books closed, by October 31, 2022.

- Parishes with schools should download and complete [Catholic Mutual Financial Review Verification Form](#). Email the completed form to [kjereczek@diolc.org](mailto:kjereczek@diolc.org).
- Parishes using nonstandard accounts, including header accounts, have been repeatedly advised since May to reclassify transactions into valid accounts. Any nonstandard account transactions not reclassified by September 1 are subject to reclassification at Finance staff discretion, with notice to the parish.
- Data for the automated Annual Report will be extracted after close of business on Tuesday, September 14, 2022.
  - We will accept data updates for parish schools audits until close of business Monday, November 1, 2022.
- Parish adjusting journal entries subsequent to review of the prior year (2021-2022) Stewardship analysis must be completed no later than October 31, 2022.
- After November 1, 2022 parishes with less than \$5,000 imbalance on the (2021-2022) Annual Report will be resolved to balance at Finance staff discretion and with notice to the parish.
- After November 1, 2022 parishes with more than \$5,000 imbalance on the (2021-2022) Annual Report are required to schedule up to 1 hour with Claudia Weinberger to resolve the parish imbalance, [cweinberger.youcanbook.me](http://cweinberger.youcanbook.me). Claudia will advise a resolution at finance staff discretion including notice to the parish.
- Stewardship offices will report each parish's final and official Annual Report on each parish's Giving Trend website.
- Stewardship offices will calculate next year's (2023-2024) Annual Appeal and Finance offices will calculate next year's (2023-2024) Quota assessments no later than November 30, 2022.
- Final Annual Appeal and Quota assessments (2023-2024) will be issued to parishes at the beginning of December, 2022.

Please direct any questions to [nlichter@diolc.org](mailto:nlichter@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.

That families will strive to make their homes places where children can hear God call them by name.

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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