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Events

As of Sept. 20

Wednesday, September 21

10:00am 41st Annual Rural Life Day

Friday, September 23

6:00am St. Andrew Parish Pancake Breakfast - Warrens - Sept. 23-25

Saturday, September 24

7:00am St. Mary Parish Pancake Breakfast - Gays Mills - Sept. 24-25

9:30am 2022 Marian Conference - Edgar

2:00pm St. Peter Parish Family Life Bake Sale - Stevens Point - Sept. 24-25

4:00pm St. Mary Parish Fall Festival - Durand

Sunday, September 25

10:30am St. Paul Parish Fall Festival - Bloomer

10:30am St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish Fall Social - West Salem

11:00am St. James Parish Charcoal Chicken Dinner - Vesper

Tuesday, September 27

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

Wednesday, September 28

40 Days For Life Kick Off - La Crosse Campaign - Sept. 28-Nov. 6

Friday, September 30

Fall Educator Faith In-Service - La Crosse

Saturday, October 1

Discernment Weekend - Marshfield

5:00pm St. Bronislava Parish Fall Fest - Plover - Oct. 1-2

Sunday, October 2

11:00am St. Philip Parish Fall Festival - Rolling Ground

Tuesday, October 4

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, secondary patron of the Diocese

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

Friday, October 7

Fall Educator Faith In-Services - Wausau

LFI/Deacon Formation - Wausau - October 7-8

11:00am Mary, Mother of the Church Fall Rummage Sale - La Crosse - Oct. 7-8

4:00pm St. Olaf Parish Men's Club All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry - Eau Claire

4:30pm Holy Rosary Parish Fish Fry - Lima

5:00pm Marshfield Rosary Rally - Marshfield

Saturday, October 8

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Marshfield

Sunday, October 9

Stay the Day With Us - Marshfield

7:30am St. Mary Parish Pancake Breakfast - Coon Valley

9:30am St. Joseph Parish Fall Breakfast - Galloway

11:00am Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Annual Pork Steak Dinner - Jim Falls

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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For your Parish Bulletin

Bulletin Insert on Politics, Voting and the Christian Faith

In light of the November elections and our nation's political turmoil, consider including in your parish bulletin this insert on "Politics, Voting and the Christian Faith." Click here:

diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts

Priests: Provide 10 minutes of Formation and Application to Life Discussion

Parish Pastoral Council Meetings, Education Commission Meetings, Liturgy Meetings etc. are a great opportunity to provide 15-20 minutes of formation and discussion before "getting down to business."

Franciscan at Home online learning provides the Resources. Subscribe to Franciscan at Home for free. Workshops are 10 minute videos followed by application questions.

1. Visit franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse and scroll to the bottom of the page.
2. On the right, click the middle blue button: "My parish or school is already registered, and I would like to set up my individual free account..."
3. Click "Create an Account." Complete the information and click Save. Select the Diocese of La Crosse from a drop-down menu, and then your Institution = your parish | school, listed first by city and name. Finally, click on the "Sign Up" button; you will have a Dashboard. Scroll down to "Franciscan Tracks" under "Start Learning" on the left and select the "Forming Faith at Home Track" or "Four Pillars of the Catechism Track" (A Track is a collection of workshops.) Click "Start this track" and then click on the workshop that interests you

Catechetical Leader Information

Teaching Children and Youth How to Pray - Essential Foundation

Over the last several years, young people from various parts of the diocese have expressed a desire to develop a deeper friendship with Jesus Christ through prayer, asking that they go beyond simply saying words that possibly have no meaning for them. Rather, they truly want to pray the words of these prayers from their heart, speaking with and listening to Jesus Christ as they do so.

In this initiative of "Going Deeper in Prayer," the resources provide a focus on one prayer for each age level for the entire year. These prayers have been carefully chosen, beginning with the simplest in words and what the smallest children are able to grasp. As the young people mature in their late teens, there is a progression that builds, always moving toward an adult relationship

with Jesus. Click here for all resources, including a prayer card, a letter of explanation and resources that help us to “go deeper” in our relationship with God:

diolc.org/catechesis/prayer

For the 12th grade, upon multiple requests by students, a series of sessions on “How God Guides Us” was developed. Each session contains a teaching on one way that God guides us, a Scripture study on how God guided a particular person in this manner, and two real-life stories of how God guided a man and a woman in our time, in this way. Click here

diolc.org/catechesis/prayer and scroll down to 12th grade.

Safe Environment Training

September, or early October, is the best time to complete Safe Environment Training with students. This training is essential for the student throughout the year, with a focus on the dignity of the human person. Powerpoints that can also be printed are the required materials for Safe Environment Training in the Diocese of La Crosse with the focus on the dignity of each human person. Other materials are not to be used. Visit the Safe Environment webpage, click on Library and scroll to the bottom for the powerpoint lesson plans.

diolc.org/safe-environment/library

Proven Tools to help Children, Youth and Adults to encounter Christ

- Praying with Scripture (lectio divina) prayer worksheet:
diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/praying-with-scripture
- Teaching for Conversion lesson plan format:
diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/lesson-plan-format
- Going Deeper in Prayer for each grade level with a major focus on one prayer:
diolc.org/catechesis/prayer
- One-page formational handouts for correspondence with parents:
diolc.org/evangelization/questions
- Theology of the Body Summaries for Parents with children in Middle and High School:
diolc.org/evangelization/questions
- Diocesan Virtue Program which includes explanation, a saint who modeled this virtue, activities and recommended resources for 12 virtues:
diolc.org/catechesis/understanding-and-living-the-virtues
- Confirmation schedules for 4 different Programs, Guidelines for a Retreat, Bishop’s Letter to Parents, Confirmation brochure that lists components to be prepared properly
diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation

Surveys of Catholic Attitudes and Practices

For parishes who were not able to take these last year, the surveys will be given in 4th, 8th and 10th grades (and 9th if grades are combined). Surveys will be given the last week of October or one of the first 3 weeks in November. The purpose of the surveys is to allow the catechetical leader, the pastor, catechists and parents to recognize the Catholic attitudes that students have toward the Faith and how they are practicing (or not practicing) the Catholic Faith in their daily lives. Each student will need access to a computer or laptop and if that is not possible, then they can use a paper copy. The surveys can be completed in about 15 mins. There must be at least 6 students in the grade to take the surveys, as total confidentiality must be ensured. To confirm, only parishes that did not take the surveys last year will take them this year. Note: The Faith Knowledge Assessments will not be given this year.

Confirmation Retreat - Dec. 3rd

Students preparing for Confirmation need to attend a retreat. There will be an opportunity on Dec. 3rd at St. Olaf Parish in Eau Claire. See further info under [Youth and Young Adult](#).

Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture

The most important historical events of the Bible can be briefly described in one story, connected by one common theme: union with God. *The Story of the Bible* portrays the drama of God's love for every soul and the whole human race: how God created us to be united with Him in a relationship of love; how we lost union with God through the original sin; how Jesus reunited us with God in a relationship of love through His passion, death and Resurrection; and how the Holy Spirit fosters a continuing unfolding of those saving events in the life of Church, as the Lord's Bride. Often in a catechetical setting we fall into the habit of teaching individual topics without reference to the greater context of salvation history. In order to draw others into the life of God and the Church we have to help them make this *Story of the Bible* their own. Everything that the Church teaches, her doctrines, disciplines, worship, and morality makes sense when delivered within the context of the *Story of the Bible*. The *Story of the Bible* tells us of our spiritual roots, our dignity, our destiny, and daily vocation to follow Jesus Christ, providing peace and authentic hope to those we seek to teach and evangelize.

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Office for Communications

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Fall Parish Round Table Meetings

The Office for Communications and Public Relations is hosting in-person parish roundtable discussions this fall. Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries, School Administrative Assistants and Secretaries, ParishSOFT users, those involved in parish social media and other parish staff are welcome. Pre-registration is required: all meetings are 1 1/2 hours. Register online at diolc.org/roundtable.

Fall Roundtable Agenda:

- Introductions

- Parish Feedback
 - What's on your mind?
 - What can we do to better support your parishes / you?
 - What are we doing well that we shouldn't change?
 - Are there any systems that are particularly onerous or helpful?
- Diocesan Update
 - Annual report to the bishop (Nick/Jack)
 - Social Media (Erik)
 - myParish App (Erik)
 - FlockNote (Jack)
 - Catholic Life (Jack)
 - Diocesan Email Addresses (Zach)
 - Staff Listings in ParishSoft (Sr. Donna / Jack)
 - ParishSOFT Ministry Software Module (Nick / Jack)
- Upcoming event promotion
 - Diocesan Events and Focus (Erik)
 - Fishfrynder
 - Fall Festivals
 - Eucharistic Revival & Adoration
 - Others as needed
- Parish Updates
 - Items parishes would like us to share/amplify/attend/cover/be aware of
 - Areas where parishes would like assistance

Fall Roundtable Locations:

Date	Time	Location	Address	City
Tues. Oct. 4	9:30 a.m.	Holy Cross Diocesan Center	3710 East Ave. S	La Crosse
Tues. Oct. 25	9:30 a.m.	Queen of the Apostles Parish	303 W Monroe St	Tomah
Tues. Oct. 25	1:30 p.m.	St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish	10455 Mallard Road	Fall Creek
Wed. Oct. 26	9:30 a.m.	St. Paul Parish	603 4th St	Mosinee
Wed. Oct. 26	1:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish	711 Prospect Ave	Nekoosa

Register here: diolc.org/roundtable. Please contact Jack Felsheim at jfelsheim@diolc.org with any questions.

Listing your parish events in the December issue of Catholic Life

If your parish has events for inclusion in the December issue of Catholic Life, please submit them by Sept. 30. To get your parish events listed on diolc.org/calendar, and in Catholic Life magazine, please send an email to 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.

Reminder: Parish/School staff email accounts

We are expanding the offering of [Google Workspace for Nonprofits](#) accounts to all parish and school staff in the Diocese of La Crosse. Now you can get diocesan secure accounts branded with [diolcparish.org](#) and coupled with your six character parish/city identifier; these accounts create unique email domains linked to your particular parish. As an example, the email address for Holy Family Parish in Poniatowski is [parishoffice@hfppon.diolcparish.org](#). If you have multiple parishes, we have options for constructing your parish prefix. Many parishes are still using gmail.com, hotmail.com or other Internet service provider based accounts. This is a chance to update and standardize your parish email scheme while taking advantage of the Google Workspace platform without incurring any additional expenses.

To get started, simply send Zach Tudahl (ztudahl@diolc.org) the unique names for the people who wish to have parish email accounts. Some examples to consider: secretary@, bookkeeper@, parishoffice@ or dre@. You could also choose to use people's names or abbreviations (first initial, last name) to construct your email addresses. You will have complete flexibility as to what you can use before your @xxxxxx.diolcparish.org domain. We suggest standardizing the naming convention to simplify matters. Keep in mind, these are fully functioning [Google Workspace for Nonprofits](#) accounts, complete with email, video calling, calendar, drive, contacts and productivity apps. There are no setup or recurring costs for these accounts. Also, utilizing these accounts will not require you to change your existing Internet service provider. These accounts are not dependent on any particular Internet service provider and will work with mobile devices. Please note: during the setup of your new account, Google may require a cell phone number for verification purposes.

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Office for Consecrated Life

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For your parish bulletin

Are you considering a vocation or discerning your life's vocation? This fall the Sisters of the Franciscan Congregation of Divine Mercy are offering the following opportunities at the Merciful Heart of Jesus Farm in Marshfield.

For single men and women: "Discernment Workshop" on Oct. 15th. This workshop will begin with Holy Mass. It will offer instruction to help you discern God's Will for your state in life, whether that be to the married state, the religious life, or the single life.

For single women age 18 and above: "Discernment Weekend for those considering religious life," Oct. 1st and 2nd – A two day opportunity, beginning with Holy Mass, to join with the Sisters of the Franciscan Congregation of Divine Mercy in prayer and work. Guidelines for discerning a vocation and individual time to receive guidance as regards your personal vocation will be offered.

For single young women age 17 and under: "Share the Day with Us" on Oct. 9th. A one day opportunity to spend the day with the Sisters for those who might be considering a vocation to religious life.

Open to single women age 18 and above: “Stay with Us”. A one to three month opportunity for eligible women to live with the Sisters and share in their prayer and work. Women must pass an application process in order to be eligible. Teaching on discerning God’s Will for your life and vocation and time to discuss God’s calling for your life will be available.

For further information or to register for any of the above, please contact Mother Mary Veronica at 715-451-2395 or at franciscancongofdivinemercury@gmail.com.

For parishes interested in a bulletin insert or flyer: [Fall Discernment Opportunities-Merciful Heart Farm.pdf](#)

The Sisters of the Franciscan Congregation of Divine Mercy is a Private Association of the Christian Faithful with statutes approved by Bishop William Patrick Callahan. The charism of this new community is to reconcile relationships with self, others, and God and to live mercy in one’s daily life. The sisters seek to live their charism through a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to God’s people, which includes catechesis, spiritual formation, work with therapy animals, and other related apostolates. For more information, please visit fcofdivinemercury.org.

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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Please Share on Your Social Media Pages!

“UNSCRIPTED,” A New Web Series from the Office for Family Life



We are excited to introduce a new web series where we simply talk with people from around the Diocese of La Crosse about faith, vocation, life, family, and whatever else comes up in conversation. We have just released the first video in the series where we talk with Father Steven Weller. This episode was recorded two days before he was ordained to the priesthood! Father Weller gives us a profound look into his mind and heart just before his ordination.

Our hope is to reach as many people as possible, so we are asking you to please share the link below on your social media pages, with your parishioners, family, friends, etc. Also, if you have an idea for a guest to be on the show, please contact us.

“UNSCRIPTED” Link: <https://youtu.be/YiO-Rv4epf0>

For Your Parish Bulletin

Save the date! Men of the Cross Catholic Men’s Conference: “Sons of the Father”

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022

La Crosse Center | 300 Harborview Plaza, La Crosse, WI

Cost: \$40 per person; After Oct. 24, 2022, \$45 per person.

It has been said, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." Throughout recent history, Catholic men, in general, have been suffering from this very issue. Mass attendance is down, prayer lives are mediocre at best, and men being spiritual leaders in their families have been substituted by achieving worldly success. Who is going to lead these men back to the faith? The time for men to realize their identity as sons of the Father is now! Come to the Men of the Cross Conference to reignite and reaffirm your identity as a son of the Father! Gather your family members, best buds, men at your parish and even acquaintances, and join your brothers from all over the Diocese of La Crosse.

Go to menofthecross.org for more information and to register.

For your parish bulletin:

NFP Class – Billings Ovulation Method

- Taught by student doctor Ruby Gravrok, Billings Ovulation Method Instructor

- Starts 2:30 p.m., Sunday Oct 9th and will meet biweekly on Sundays. This course includes an introductory session and 4 chart follow-ups.
- Cost: \$115 - \$25 off regular \$140

For engaged couples:

- Satisfies diocesan requirement for NFP class after successful completion of three complete cycles with follow up
- Registration closes Sunday Oct. 2

To register

- Go to diolc.org/nfp. Choose Billings Ovulation on pre-registration form or email: rubygravrok@gmail.com

What is included

- Initial teaching sessions
- Follow up sessions through 3 complete cycles
- Certificate of Completion (for engaged couples*)
- Paper charts and stickers
- Review booklet

To Post or Display at your parish

Domestic Church Retreat Oct. 15-16

Have you and your spouse ever been on a couples' retreat? There will be a two-day Domestic Church Retreat for sacramentally married couples on Oct. 15-16 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Marshfield. For questions, or to register, go to diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/ or email region7.couple@domesticchurchfamilies.com.

- Flyer link: diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-Retreat-Flyer-Detailed-for-Churches-5.5x8.5.pdf
- Brochure link: diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Domestic-Church-Brochure.pdf

Natural Family Planning – For Pastors: Please have people interested in becoming Natural Family Planning instructors contact the FamilyLife/NFP office.

There has been an increased interest in NFP around our diocese and we would like to get these interested instructors connected to our office. Thank you for promoting Natural Family Planning during NFP Awareness Week and throughout the year. The diocesan contact person is Christy Kitzhaber at ckitzhaber@diolc.org.

Information on NFP Providers for Pastors and Marriage Prep Coordinators

There are two new NFP providers in the diocese. Ruby Gravrok, 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, is a nurse from the Eau Claire area and is in her practicum for teaching the Creighton method. Couples can use the pre-registration form online at diolc.org/nfp to sign up for classes with these teachers. They will be providing in-person and virtual instruction.

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

Reminder: Process for Training FOCCUS Facilitators

The process for training FOCCUS Facilitators is as follows: each parish needs to contact FOCCUS directly to set up an account for your parish, if one has not already been set up and then train your couples directly through FOCCUS. The contact person at FOCCUS is Max Allen. He is happy to work directly with your parish priest or contact person. His contact information is: email: mrallen@foccusinc.com or phone: 402.827.3735 ext. 1317.

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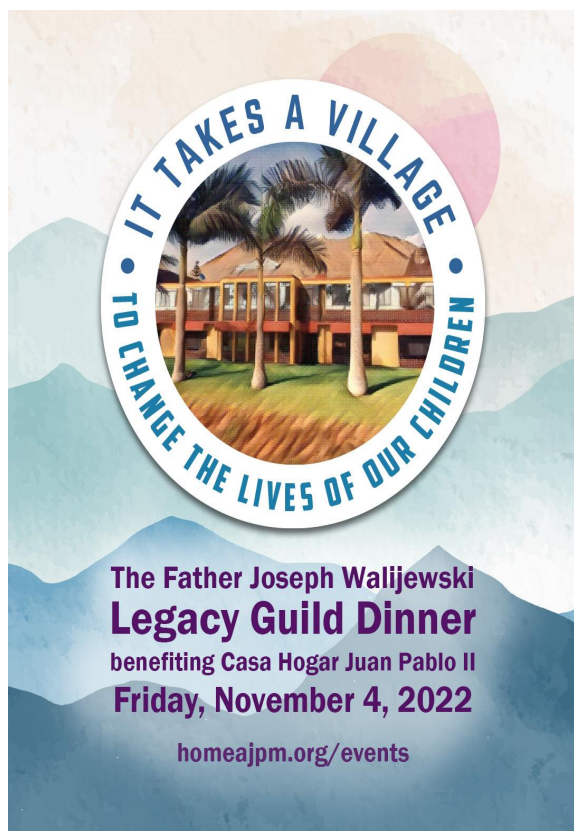
Office for Missions

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608.791.2676 | wpace@diolc.org

Please join us for the annual Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild Dinner benefiting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II on Friday, Nov. 4 at Blessed Sacrament Church in La Crosse.

The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Following dinner, Msgr. Joseph Hirsch will provide an update on the last year at Casa Hogar and the legacy of Servant of God, Father Joseph Walijewski, that lives on still today. Cost is only \$70 per person or \$525 for a table of 8.

Register online at homeajpm.org/events or call 715.297.5139 to register or with any questions. Hope to see you there!



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Office for Safe Environment

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DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

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

through your local Parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

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Office for Social Concerns

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Pastors and Bulletin Editors:

Bulletin Insert on Politics, Voting and the Christian Faith

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

Politics, Voting and the Christian Faith

With the November elections approaching and so much political unrest in our country, visit www.diolc.org/faithful-citizenship for guidelines to assist the Christian faithful as they prepare to vote. There you can read and download a brief commentary on "Politics, Voting and the Christian Faith," find a comparison of the platforms of the two major political parties, and access resources from the Wisconsin Catholic Conference and the USCCB.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Join us for Rural Life Day - Sept. 21



The Diocese of La Crosse will hold its 41st annual Rural Life Day on Wednesday, Sept. 21, hosted by Jack and Pat Herricks at 12130 State Hwy. 33, Cashton. 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. For more information, contact Deacon Bob Zietlow, Rural Life Committee Liaison, rzietlow@diolc.org.

40 Days for Life, La Crosse – Opening Rally Sept. 20

40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. This year we will stand in prayerful witness outside Planned Parenthood, 1201 Caledonia St. in La Crosse, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Sept. 28-Nov. 3. Sign up for vigil hours at 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse.

Attend the Opening Rally on Tues. Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center, 1433 Rose St. in La Crosse. Brian Gibson, Executive Director of Pro-Life Action Ministries, will be the featured speaker. Refreshments served. Sponsored by La Crosse Life League. Questions? Call Marie Allen at 608.784.5189.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

March for Life Wisconsin - Sept. 24, 2022 - Buses from Wausau and La Crosse

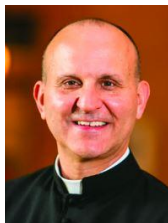
Commemorate this historic year with thousands from around the Midwest.

Saturday, Sept. 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m. – Wisconsin State Capitol (2 E. Main St., Madison).

Hear from inspirational pro-life speakers, march at the capitol, and pray together for an end to abortion. Pro-Life Wisconsin signs will be available, but bring your own, too! Bus tickets from Wausau or La Crosse: \$30 + \$3.46 Fee (\$10 discount if you bring a pack of diapers). Depart at 10:15 a.m., arrive back at 6 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. See transportation details and purchase tickets at ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

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



Join us Tuesday evening, Oct. 18, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. The keynote presenter, Father Paul Check, Executive Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will speak on: "Witnessing to Life, Truth and Love in a Hostile World." Schedule: 6 p.m. – White Mass with Bishop Callahan, honoring Catholic healthcare professionals; 7 p.m. – Banquet; 7:45 p.m. – Presentation. \$20/person, \$10/students, teachers & school administrators. For more information and to register, visit diolc.org/gospel-of-life.

Pastors and Parish Respect Life Representatives:

USCCB Resources for October - Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life Month, with Oct. 2 being Respect Life Sunday. The USCCB has many pro-life resources available to parishes, including a recorded webinar explaining them all. See it, along with downloadable prayer cards, posters, homily helps, action guide, graphics, and more, at www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month.

For La Crosse Area Parish Bulletins:

Participate in Life Chain on Sunday Oct. 2

Join a large and beautiful throng of Life Chain participants giving silent pro-life witness along Losey Blvd. in La Crosse on Sunday, Oct. 2 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Life Chain will stretch along Losey from La Crosse St. to Ferry St. Volunteers with available signs will be stationed at every corner.



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. For additional pregnancy support resources and locations, visit diolc.org/pregnancy-resources.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Givingtrend Issues:

Due to system enhancements being pushed out in intermittent frequency, some users are encountering issues with their sign-on. If you are having a problem, the vendor recommends two methods that have proven effective in remedying the issues.

You will see your profile button in the upper right of the screen. Click on that and log out, then log back in. This usually helps clear any issues with viewing the data.

The second method is to log out as per the above fix. However, this time you will want to clear your browser cache via your browser settings, close your browser, reopen your browser and then log back into Givingtrend.

If the issue persists, please email our office and we will address it with our vendor, who may contact you to assist you in rectifying it.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

- 09/25
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/09.25.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf
- 10/02
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/10.02.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf
- 10/09
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/10.09.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf
- 10/16
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/10.16.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

- For Weeks 09/25- 10/16
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Homily-Guide-09.20.22.pdf

Planned Giving – Leaving a Legacy, Wills, Bequest and Endowments:

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

Our Estate Planning Guide can help people save several hundred dollars in legal and financial estate planning costs. We have sent out several hundred copies per individual request, and each

Parish has received a copy. If you would like additional copies, do not hesitate to contact our office.

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

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

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Office for Temporalities

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Requirement on Posting Federal and State Employment Posters

This time of year businesses are trying to sell Federal and State employment posters. There is no need to purchase these posters. The posters are available for free by both the Federal Government and State of Wisconsin. Please [click here](#) for more information about what posters are mandatory and where to download them.

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Office for Vocations

Director of Vocation Recruitment: Fr. Nate Kuhn – 608.791.2666 | nkuhn@diolc.org

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

That young men and women will listen to the Holy Spirit in their hearts and respond to the cry from deep within to vocations of marriage, single blessedness, priesthood or religious life.

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 him 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 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 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

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No items this week.

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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

Please Share on Your Social Media Pages!

“UNSCRIPTED,” A New Web Series from the Office for Family Life

We are excited to introduce a new web series where we simply talk with people from all over the Diocese of La Crosse about faith, vocation, life, family, and whatever else comes up in conversation. We have just released the first video in the series where we talk with Father Steven Weller. This episode was recorded two days before he was ordained to the priesthood! Fr. Weller gives us a profound look into his mind and heart just before ordination.

Our hope is to reach as many people as possible, so we are asking you to please share the link below on your social media pages, with your parishioners, family, friends, etc. Also, if you have an idea for a guest to be on the show, please contact us.

“UNSCRIPTED” Link: <https://youtu.be/YiO-Rv4epf0>

Save the date! Sealed! Diocesan Confirmation Retreat

We will have a Diocesan Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, Dec. 3. This will be for all youth in grades 9-10. More information is coming soon.

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 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 2022 through May 2023 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: Tuesday, Sept. 27-Sunday, Oct. 9 – Please contact the NET CENTER 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/.

Reminder: Tune-In Tuesdays

Please join us for our Tune-In Tuesdays at 11 a.m. 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=cDdHWUROY29QMy9UenJRNFZnY0Q0dz09#success.

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