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### Synod on Synodality

The USCCB has released the national and regional reports for the United States. Here are the regional reports (we are in region VII) [usccb.org/resources/2021-2023-synod-regional-syntheses](https://usccb.org/resources/2021-2023-synod-regional-syntheses)

The national report (in English and Spanish) is available at [usccb.org/synod](https://usccb.org/synod) or directly at : [usccb.org/resource/US%20National%20Synthesis%202021-2023%20Synod.pdf](https://usccb.org/resource/US%20National%20Synthesis%202021-2023%20Synod.pdf)

### Mass Counts

Reminder: The Annual Mass Counts will be conducted again this year during the month of October. Please find more information and the form [here](#).

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### Events

As of Sept. 27

**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 - Oct. 1-2

**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 &amp; 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**

9:30am Stay the Day With Us - Marshfield

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

2:30pm Billings Ovulation Natural Family Planning Method Class - La Crosse

**Tuesday, October 11**

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

**Wednesday, October 12**

3:30pm St. Peter Parish 55th Annual Sauerkraut Supper - Middle Ridge

6:30pm St. Ladislaus Parish Youth Rally - Bevent

**Saturday, October 15**

7:45am Fall 2022 Discernment Workshop - Marshfield

8:00am Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat - Marshfield - Oct. 15-16

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Wausau

**Monday, October 17**

6:30pm The Startup Challenges and Blessings of Opening a Classical School - Wausau

**Tuesday, October 18**

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

6:00pm White Mass / Gospel of Life

**Friday, October 21**

7:00pm St. Paul Parish Trivia Night - Bloomer

**Sunday, October 23**

World Mission Sunday

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

#### **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" found here:

[diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts](https://diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts)

### Evangelization Tools for your Parish

There are several ways your parish can begin or strengthen its evangelization efforts. Of the suggested items, choose one and do it well! The choices are currently being used in various parishes throughout the diocese. Visit [diolc.org/evangelization](https://diolc.org/evangelization) and scroll down to "Resources to Lead Others to Jesus Christ." Click **Evangelization Tools for the Parish 2022 - 2023**.

### Clergy: Provide 15 minutes of Formation and Application Discussion

Staff meetings, Parish 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, with the fees of all parishes and schools covered by a generous donor. Workshops are 10 minute videos followed by application questions.

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 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 "**First Proclamation and Evangelization 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 will be most helpful.

### Catechetical Leader Information

#### **Reminder: Surveys of Catholic Attitudes and Practices - Registration Form**

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 are to be given the last week of October or one of the first three 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 minutes. There must be at least six 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. Click here for **the Registration Form, which is due Oct. 12.** [diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info](http://diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info)

### **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 the following link 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](http://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 this link: [diolc.org/catechesis/prayer](http://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 students throughout the year. 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](http://diolc.org/safe-environment/library)

### **Reminder:**

#### **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.

Subscribe to Franciscan at Home for free. Workshops are 6-10 minute videos followed by application questions.

4. Visit [franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse](http://franciscanathome.com/diocese-la-crosse) and scroll to the bottom of the page.
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### Parish Fall Festivals

We are excited to announce the parish fall festival page: [diolc.org/parish-festivals](http://diolc.org/parish-festivals). We developed a "one stop" page to list and promote the many great fall festivals happening across our diocese. Please use and share [diolc.org/parish-festivals](http://diolc.org/parish-festivals) with your parishioners. To get your festivals listed on this page, simply send the information 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.

### 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](http://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:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>
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](http://diolc.org/roundtable). Please contact Jack Felsheim at [jfelsheim@diolc.org](mailto: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](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.

### **Reminder: Parish/School staff email accounts**

We are expanding the offering of [Google Workspace for Nonprofits](https://www.google.com/workspace/) accounts to all parish and school staff in the Diocese of La Crosse. Now you can get diocesan secure accounts branded with [diolcparish.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://www.google.com/workspace/) 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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### **Reminder: For your parish bulletin**



**Secular Carmelite Discernment:** Are you attracted to Carmelite spirituality or the writings of Saints Teresa of Jesus, John of the Cross, or Therese, the Little Flower? Do you desire to deepen your prayer life, to seek the face of God? Do you desire the support of a community? The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites in the Diocese of La Crosse meets once a month in Marshfield and will begin a new

formation cycle in October. Please call Lori Slattery at 715-213-2732 for more information.

**Reminder: 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. 15. 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. 1 and 2 – 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. 9. 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 [franciscancongofdivinemercy@gmail.com](mailto:franciscancongofdivinemercy@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 are a Private Association of the Christian Faithful with statutes approved by Bishop William P. Callahan in December 2020. 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 [fcofdivinemercy.org](http://fcofdivinemercy.org)

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## Office for the Diaconate

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### Upcoming Events:

**Ongoing Deacon Formation Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022** - Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Wausau.

Schedule and registration information can be found here:

[diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Deacon-Continuing-Education-Fall-2022.pdf](http://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Deacon-Continuing-Education-Fall-2022.pdf)

**Fall Ministry Conference for all Priests and Deacons:** Monday noon through Tuesday lunch, Oct. 10-11. Registration can be made online or by calling Teresa Brown @ 608.791.2679. This year,



we will be featuring an evening cruise on the Mississippi River. Be aware, it can get chilly in October, so bring a jacket. Online registration can be found at:

[diolc.org/vicarforclergy/fall-ministry-days/](https://diolc.org/vicarforclergy/fall-ministry-days/)

**Diaconate Discernment Retreat** will be held on Nov. 5 at Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse: Is Deacon Formation for You?

**Deacon and Wives Retreat** – Feb. 17-19, 2023 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.

**Bishop's Day with Deacons and their wives:** Aug. 12, 2023 Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse - attendance expected.

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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**For Your Parish Bulletin!**

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

Use the camera on your phone to scan the image below!



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.

**Please share “UNSCRIPTED” on your parish Facebook pages:**

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/274932325884358/1138922703695705/>

## 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 has 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](http://menofthecross.org) for more information and to register.

Here is the Facebook event link

<https://fb.me/e/2OEXob7hr>

Please share on your parish Facebook page.

## For your parish bulletin:

- **Natural Family Planning (NFP) Class – Billings Ovulation Method**
  - Taught by student doctor Ruby Gravrok, Billings Ovulation Method Instructor
  - Starts 2:30 p.m., Sunday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> and will meet biweekly on Sundays. This course includes an introductory session and 4 chart follow-ups.
  - Cost: \$115 - \$25 off regular \$140
  - Couples can use the pre-registration form online at [diolc.org/nfp](http://diolc.org/nfp) to sign up for classes with these teachers. They will be providing in-person and virtual instruction.
- **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](http://diolc.org/nfp). Choose Billings Ovulation on pre-registration form or email: [rubygravrok@gmail.com](mailto: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
- **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. The diocesan contact person is Christy Kitzhaber at [ckitzhaber@diolc.org](mailto:ckitzhaber@diolc.org).
- **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.
- **Instructor background**
  - Ruby Gravrok, [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 and is in her practicum for teaching the Creighton method.

### 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/](http://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/) or email [region7.couple@domesticchurchfamilies.com](mailto:region7.couple@domesticchurchfamilies.com).

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

#### 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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### Some Liturgical Dates and Notes for the Liturgical Year 2023

Please click [here](#) for a list of significant liturgical celebrations for the liturgical year 2023.

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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).

I'd like to thank all the schools and parishes that invited me to do their annual Safe Environment training either in person or through Zoom. I was able to connect with almost 1,000 people. If you still have not done training and would like me to assist, please let me know.

Before you submit a background form or print cards, look them over for missing information. This only causes delays in the process if they need to be sent back.

It's never too early to send in your completed 2022-23 Safe Environment Report. Even though it is due on March 1, 2023 does not mean you need to wait until then to return it. Two parishes

have sent their reports to me. They have all their staff and volunteers trained and all background checks are current. Nice work Kristi Vuorinen who coordinates for St. Joseph Parish in Stevens Point and St. Mary's Parish in Torun. Kristi submitted one report in August and one in September.

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## Office for Catholic Schools

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No items this week.

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## Office for Social Concerns

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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](http://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.

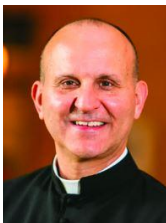
### La Crosse Area Parish Bulletins:

#### Sign Up for 40 Days for Life, La Crosse

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](http://40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse). Questions? Call Marie Allen at 608.784.5189.

### 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](http://diolc.org/gospel-of-life).

Here is the Facebook link to this event: <https://fb.me/e/5AentBh0E>

Please share this on your social media.

### 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](http://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month).

### For Your Parish Bulletin:

#### Participate in Life Chain on Oct. 2, Respect Life Sunday

Join many others in bearing silent pro-life witness as part of Life Chain at these locations:

- Arcadia: 2:30 PM - Intersection of Highways 95 & 93 by Waumandee State Bank.
- Eau Claire: 2:00-3:30 PM - 2100 Fenwick Ave. (Regis HS parking lot, access off Keith St.).
- La Crosse: 2:00-3:00 PM - Along Losey Blvd. from La Crosse St. to Ferry St.



### 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).

### For Your Parish Bulletin:

#### Ukraine Still Needs Us! Donate to Chalice of Mercy



Valentyna Pavsyukova

Valentyna Pavsyukova continues to ship tons of humanitarian aid – especially donated medical supplies and equipment – to Ukraine through her Chalice of Mercy mission. She is able to ship at a discounted rate, but shipping costs for such volume are still very high. These supplies and other aid are delivered directly to a Ukrainian hospital and

received there with tears of joy and gratitude. Please consider donating, as every penny goes directly to the relief effort. To learn how you can help, visit [chaliceofmercy.org/donation](http://chaliceofmercy.org/donation).

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## Office for Stewardship & Development

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### Givingtrend Issues:

Due to system enhancements being pushed out intermittently, some users are encountering issues with their sign-on. It is recommended that all users sign out instead of Xing or simply closing the browser.

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:**

- 10/02:  
[diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/10.02.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf](https://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](https://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](https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/10.16.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf)
- 10/23  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/10.23.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>

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

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

- For Weeks 10/02- 10/23  
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Homily-Guide-09.27.22.pdf>

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

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

Our Estate Planning Guide can help people save several hundred dollars in legal and financial estate planning costs. We have sent out several hundred copies per individual request, and each Parish has received a copy. If you would like additional copies, do not hesitate to contact our office.

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

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

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## Office for Temporalities

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### Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group

Please [click here](#) for the September edition of CMG Health Enews.

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## Office for Vocations

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**Deacon Ordinations: On Sept. 29, 2022** two of our seminarians at the North American College in Rome, Jared Clements of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Holmen and Isaac Pecha of St. Paul Parish, Bloomer, will be ordained to the diaconate. *Deo volente*, they will join Deacon Alex Kren and Deacon John Zweber, all to be ordained to the priesthood at the conclusion of Priest Unity Days, June 24, 2023. We give praise to God for their families and parishes who have supported them through the years of their formation. Please keep them in your prayers during the final moments of their formation and transition into diocesan ministry.

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

That our parish communities will nurture holy single lives, marriage and religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action in the world.

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.

What does your future hold?

When we are young, we look towards the future and wonder what's in store. Perhaps there are dreams of accomplishing great things, helping others or being able to change the world. Well, there is a vocational calling that can provide the opportunity to do all of that and so much more: the priesthood! Consider the Lord's call to the priesthood, a calling that gives young men the opportunity to be part of something greater, the Church. It provides an opportunity to be part of God's healing mission, a mission to save souls and bring people into a deeper relationship with Him. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering this call, please contact me: 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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## **Upcoming Events:**

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**Fall Ministry Conference for all Priests and Deacons:** Monday noon through Tuesday Lunch, Oct. 10-11, 2022. Registration can be done online or by calling Teresa Brown @ 608.791.2679. This year, we will be featuring an evening cruise on the Mississippi River. Be aware it can get chilly in October, so bring a jacket. Online registration can be found at: [diolc.org/vicarforclergy/fall-ministry-days/](https://diolc.org/vicarforclergy/fall-ministry-days/)

**Annual Priest Retreat:** Held at the Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc. This retreat 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.

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## **Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

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### **For Your Parish Bulletin!**

**“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.

**Please also share “UNSCRIPTED” on your Facebook pages:**

[facebook.com/watch/274932325884358/1138922703695705/](https://facebook.com/watch/274932325884358/1138922703695705/)

**Save the Date!** Youth Leadership Camp for High School Students

**When:** November 4-6, 2022

**Where:** Crossroads Camp in Mason, WI

Youth are not only the future of the Church, they are also, very much, the present. Come experience a time to learn how to fulfill your call as a leader in the Church. More information is coming soon!

**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](mailto:crogers@diolc.org) to discuss dates and topics.

**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=cDdHWUROV29QMjY9UenJRNfZnY0Q0dz09#success.](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87591793038?pwd=cDdHWUROV29QMjY9UenJRNfZnY0Q0dz09#success)

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