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### Events

As of Oct. 4

**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

Deacon Ongoing Formation - October 7-8 - 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**

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

9:30am Stay the Day With Us - Marshfield

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

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

5:00pm St. Mary Parish Fall Festival - Altoona - Oct. 15-16

**Sunday, October 16**

11:00am St. Ladislaus Parish Taste of Bevent Brunch - Bevent

**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 - La Crosse

**Friday, October 21**

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

**Saturday, October 22**

4:30pm St. Joseph Parish Lasagna Supper - Fairview

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)

### For your Parish Bulletin

#### **Pray a decade of the Rosary each day during October**

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. Join with your family in setting aside 10 minutes a day to pray a decade of the Rosary. Resources available here:

[diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info](https://diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info)

The victory of the Battle of Lepanto is the reason that Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on Oct. 7 and the whole month is dedicated to the Rosary. (See the true story about the Rosary below)

### 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**.

### Catechetical Leader Information

#### **October: The Month of the Rosary**

The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary. Find resources for all ages at

[diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info](https://diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info)

The victory of the Battle of Lepanto is the reason that Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on Oct. 7 and the whole month is dedicated to the Rosary. After the Turks of the Ottoman Empire had conquered the Middle East, killing millions and forcing Islamic conversions, Pope Pius V called on religious communities and the laity of Europe to join him in praying the Rosary for protection through the intercession of the Blessed Mother. The Catholic League headed into battle against the Turks to save Italy, even though they were vastly outnumbered. Miraculously, the Catholic League were victorious after a daylong battle known as the Battle of Lepanto. In thanksgiving for answered prayers and even miracles through praying the Rosary, let us turn to Our Blessed Mother with our intentions and pray at least a decade of the Rosary each day in October.

#### **Reminder: Surveys of Catholic Attitudes and Practices - Registration Form due Oct. 12**

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)

### **Certification Folders for Catechetical Leaders and Catechists**

Updated Certification Folders are being provided to Catechetical Leaders and Catechists. In order to be an effective witness in handing on the Catholic Faith, ongoing formation is needed. Catechetical Leaders are required to receive 12 hours of formation each year and Catechists are to receive 6 hours per year. *Franciscan at Home* is the way to receive this formation as the workshops are geared toward the specific aspects of these roles. Contact Beth Johnson at [bjohnson@diolc.org](mailto:bjohnson@diolc.org) with your name, parish name and city and the number of certification folders needed this year.

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](http://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 "**Catechist Track**" or "**The Parish Catechetical Leader Track.**" (A Track is a collection of workshops.) Click "Start this track" and then click on the workshop that will be most helpful.

Click here to download the simple directions:

[diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/certification](http://diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/certification)

### **Confusion about Sexual Identity**

In the midst of a confused culture, how can we affirm and teach God's fundamental design for the human person as male and female, created in His image and called to a life of self-giving love? How can we do this in a way that is sensitive to the ears of our young people (and their parents) and to their sincerely-held though often misled beliefs? And yet in a way that is also unafraid to speak the truth — because we know God has written that truth deep within every human heart? Two helpful resources are available:

- A recording with Fr. Paul Check, Chris Ruff and Dcn. Terry Bell can be found here: [diolc.org/catechesis/recordings-for-your-ministry](http://diolc.org/catechesis/recordings-for-your-ministry)
- The Person and Identity Project is an excellent website that provides teaching and resources for Parents, Catechists/Teachers, and Leaders here: [personandidentity.com](http://personandidentity.com)

### **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)



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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.

### Reminder: 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. Please note we have added another location on November 15. 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)
  - Safe Environment (Teresa)
  - 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. 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
Tues. Nov. 15	1:30 p.m.	St. Mary Parish	160 W 4th St	Richland Center

Register here: [diolc.org/roundtable](http://diolc.org/roundtable). Please contact Jack Felsheim at [jfelsheim@diolc.org](mailto:jfelsheim@diolc.org) with any questions.

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### For your parish bulletin



*Is the Divine Child Jesus calling you?*

The Seraphic Adorers of the Child Jesus is a contemplative community of women in the Diocese of La Crosse dedicated to Eucharist Adoration while living a simple and joyful Franciscan way of life. Consecrated to the Divine Child Jesus, they strive to imitate the virtues of His Most Sacred Heart. After the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth, the members strive for holiness through contemplation, a deep interior life and humble service within the community. They also intercede in His Eucharistic Presence for the needs of the Church, the world, all priests, and those who ask the sisters to pray for them. They desire to give witness to a life that is centered on Jesus in the Eucharist,

bound by familial charity, simplicity and joy, while promoting adoration of the Holy Eucharist together with devotion to the Child Jesus among the faithful. The Seraphic Adorers live in the Stevens Point area. If you would like to know more about this community, please contact them at [seraphicadorers.com/vocations](http://seraphicadorers.com/vocations).

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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)

Registration must be completed by Oct. 6.

**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/](http://diolc.org/vicarforclergy/fall-ministry-days/) Please RSVP by Oct. 5 if you have not already done so.

**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.

**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:**  
[facebook.com/watch/274932325884358/1138922703695705/](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](https://menofthecross.org) for more information and to register.

Here is the Facebook link

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

Please share on your parish Facebook page.

#### **For your parish bulletin:**

- **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.
- **NFP 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)

Here is the Facebook link:

<https://fb.me/e/21fLB1vNb>

Please share this on your parish Facebook page.

#### **Reminder: Diocesan Website for Clergy and Marriage Ministers Regarding Marriage Preparation**

Use this link: [diolc.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/marriagepreparationfor-ministers/](http://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/marriagepreparationfor-ministers/) to go directly to the section of our website containing resources for clergy and marriage ministers. There are step-by-step instructions, downloadable guidelines, downloadable forms and much more! Please let us know if we can assist you in this ministry.

#### **Reminder: Process for Training FOCCUS Facilitators**

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

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## Office for Missions

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### October is World Mission Month & World Mission Sunday is October 23, 2022!

The annual prayer and collection for **World Mission Sunday** (always the penultimate Sunday of October, and **not** to be confused with the summer Mission Coop Program) is fast approaching! Letters, directions, and supplies should be arriving soon at your parishes. Envelopes and posters for World Mission Sunday are sent directly from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith national office to the parishes. Please have parishioners submit donations and make checks payable to their local parishes; parishes then submit totals to the Mission Office along with a [Parishsoft WMS report](#). Videos, liturgical suggestions and more information/resources can be found on our [World Mission Sunday website](#). A small sampling of just some of the many special missionary relationships shared with our diocesan parishes will also be highlighted in the coming weeks. Please contact the [Mission Office](#) with any questions. May God bless your prayers and sacrifices with His peace.



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 still lives on today. Cost is only \$70 per person or \$525 for a table of 8.

Register online at [homeajpm.org/events](https://homeajpm.org/events) or contact Noel Furger at [nfurger@frjoesguild.org](mailto:nfurger@frjoesguild.org) or 715.297.5139 to register or with any questions.

Hope to see you there!

Here is the Facebook link  
<https://fb.me/e/2uDDca686>

Please share on your parish Facebook page.

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## Office for Sacred Worship

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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 will be out of the office every Thursday from Oct, 6 thru the end of the year. No background checks or alternative driver requests will be processed on Thursdays. Please plan accordingly.

Background forms and print cards are still being sent in missing information. This causes delays in processing. Look the forms over carefully before you submit them. Has the form been signed with an actual, not digital signature? Is the city they live in listed? If there is no social security number listed, is there a contact number to call?

Print cards - Employer and address is the name and address of the school or parish they work at, not their current employer. The OCA number is N10923. If there is any other number, it needs to be whited out and N10923 needs to be entered. The cards must be signed not only by the person who is being printed, but by the officer taking the prints.

### Letters of Suitability for Deacons and Priests are created in the Office of Safe Environment.

Please send your request at least 5 days before the event to ensure it arrives on time. Include the following:

- What Diocese you will be ministering in
- Name of the church you will be at and the name of the town where it is located
- What you will be doing, i.e., celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, attending a conference
- Name of the bride and groom, deceased or conference name
- Date of the event

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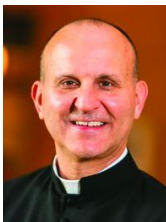
### For your Parish Bulletin:

#### 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.

### 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 parish Facebook page.

### 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.

**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:****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 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:**

We are in the process of upgrading our security to better protect personal privacy. We have turned off access to personal giving information until we have the optional security access rights established. If you need a list for your parish of the personal donor information to the Inspired Campaign, please contact our office. We will be happy to provide you with that information.

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:**

- 10/09  
[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 [diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Homily-Guide-10.04.22.pdf](https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Homily-Guide-10.04.22.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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## **Summer Parish Finance Webinar, Wednesday, October 12th, 8:30am – 11:00.**

The Office for Temporalities is hosting the fall parish finance webinar. We will be using ZOOM as our hosting platform. Registration is required. [Click here](#) to register. There will be only one session which will be recorded and posted to [diolc.org/temporalities](http://diolc.org/temporalities) following the October 12th session. Parish Finance Contacts, Finance Council Chairpersons, Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries, Pastors, and other parish staff are welcome to attend. Registration is required to receive the meeting link. [Click here](#) to register. The webinar will last about 3 hours.

### **Meeting Agenda**

#### **8:30-9:00 a.m. – Annual Report schedule**

- The parish fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.
- Complete the online [Statement of General Statistics](#) for this past fiscal year (2021-2022) <http://bishoprep.diolc.org/> To date 105 parishes have completed the online form.
- Download and complete [On Consultation in the Parish](#). Email the completed form to [kjereczek@diolc.org](mailto:kjereczek@diolc.org).
- Download and complete [Catholic Mutual Financial Review Verification Form](#). Email the completed form to [kjereczek@diolc.org](mailto:kjereczek@diolc.org).
- Parish books for this past fiscal year (2021-2022) should now be closed. This includes cemetery and endowment accounts.
  - Parishes with schools that participate in the state voucher program and are subject to state audits and are excepted 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 using nonstandard accounts, including header accounts, are subject to reclassification at Finance staff discretion, with notice to the parish.
- Data for the automated Annual Report was extracted on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022.
  - We will accept data updates for parish schools audits until close of business Monday, Nov. 1, 2022.
- Preliminary results for the final Annual Reports will be emailed to parishes beginning Oct. 3, 2022.
- Parish adjusting journal entries subsequent to review of the prior year (2021-2022) Stewardship analysis must be completed no later than Oct. 31, 2022.
- After Oct. 12, 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 Oct. 12, 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). Only meetings pertaining to Annual Report imbalances will be accepted. Parishes with greater than \$5,000 imbalance not scheduled by Oct. 19 will receive notice to the pastor. 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 when all Annual Reports are complete.
- Final Annual Appeal and Quota assessments (2023-2024) will be issued to parishes when all Annual Reports are complete.

**9:00-9:30 a.m. – Annual Report results**

- Parish Annual Report imbalance \$5,000 or less – 74 parishes
- Parish Annual Report imbalance >\$5,000 – 82 parishes
- Excessive imbalances, or missing Cemetery or Endowment accounts – 92 parishes
- A review of the reasons some parishes are imbalanced.

**9:30-9:45 a.m. – break**

**9:45-11:00 a.m. – Annual Report imbalance resolutions. How imbalances will be resolved.**

- Role of the parish and role of the curia in achieving balance
- Adjusting prior year cash balance brought forward
- Diocese of La Crosse (DOL) journal entries

[Click here](#) to register. Refer 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 we may be signs of God's presence and love in the world as we discern where our Lord is calling us to serve.

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.

### Called to More

What if there was more? What if I could be more? Sometimes we can look around and think that there isn't anything more that can be offered to us, that this is the best I can get. We settle for something that leaves us feeling empty and hungering for more. Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask the Lord what He is calling you to do. As we turn to God in the midst of human mediocrity, we can find something that is eternally greater. Consider your vocation and where God may be leading you. Could it be a call to the priesthood? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, 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:

**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/](http://diolc.org/vicarforclergy/fall-ministry-days/) Please RSV[ by Oct. 6 if you have not already done so.

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

Letters of Suitability for Deacons and Priests are created in the Office of Safe Environment. Please send your request at least 5 days before the event to ensure it arrives on time. Include the following:

- What diocese you will be ministering in
- Name of the church you will be at and the name of the town where it is located
- What you will be doing, i.e., celebrating Mass, hearing confession, attending a conference
- Name of the bride and groom, deceased or conference name
- Date 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://www.facebook.com/watch/274932325884358/1138922703695705/)

#### **Youth Leadership Weekend - November 4-6, 2022**

**Where:** Crosswoods Camp – Mason, WI

**Why do we do this?** You are not only the future of the Church, you are very much the present! How is God calling you to help build the Kingdom of God?

**Event Audience:** Youth in the Diocese of La Crosse in grades 9-12.

**Cost:** \$25 per person. Includes Lodging & Food. Does not include transportation to and from camp.

**Link to Promotional Poster:**

[drive.google.com/file/d/1rLW-UqSQKZug1RFT1J2NqxmrmEWwL-v8/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rLW-UqSQKZug1RFT1J2NqxmrmEWwL-v8/view?usp=sharing)

**Online Registration Link:**

[argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/portalParticipant/frmLogin.aspx?TeamID=49884](https://argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/portalParticipant/frmLogin.aspx?TeamID=49884)

Here is the Facebook link

<https://fb.me/e/30OMk2hlq>

Please share on your parish Facebook page.

#### **SEALED! Confirmation Retreat - December 3, 2022**

**Where:** St. Olaf Catholic Church, Eau Claire

**Why do we do this?** It is vital for youth to see the larger Church, and understand how our faith makes us connected to one another. This retreat allows young people to open their eyes to a deeper relationship with Christ regardless of where they are in their life and experience ways to allow the Holy Spirit to take them into the amazing depths of their faith. We are excited to have Ryan Phelan, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of St. Petersburg and Dana Catherine, a Catholic speaker, singer/songwriter as our presenters that day.

**Event Audience:** Youth in the Diocese of La Crosse in grades 9-10.

**Cost: \$30 per person. Includes Lunch!**

**Link to Promotional Poster:**

[drive.google.com/file/d/1rzyqswb5-MY59GCM9J-vpl2WCubATq2i/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rzyqswb5-MY59GCM9J-vpl2WCubATq2i/view?usp=sharing)

**Online Registration Link:**

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Here is the Facebook link

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

Please share on your parish Facebook page.

**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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87591793038?pwd=cDdHWUROV29QMy9UenJRNFZnY0Q0dz09>

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