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Officials

The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, D.D., Bishop of La Crosse, makes the following announcements:

The Reverend **Thomas F. Lindner**, Pastor of St. Anne Parish in Wausau, is also appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Michael Parish and Church of the Resurrection Parish, both in Wausau, with continued residence at St. Anne Parish rectory, effective November 15, 2022.

The Reverend **Anbalagan Shanmugam**, with the permission of Monsignor I. John Robert, Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Vellore, is appointed Parochial Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish in Elmwood, Sacred Heart Parish in Spring Valley, and St. Luke Parish in Boyceville, with residence at Sacred Heart Parish rectory in Elmwood, effective November 25, 2022.

The Reverend **Robert M. Letona**, Parochial Administrator of St. James the Less Parish in La Crosse, is appointed Pastor, effective November 25, 2022.

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No items this week.

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Events

As of Nov. 15

Wednesday, November 16	
6:30pm	Classical Curriculum Pedagogy - Wausau
Friday, November 18	
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - Nov. 18-20	
4:00pm	St. John the Baptist Parish Christmas Bazaar - Edgar
Saturday, November 19	
8:00am	Blessed Sacrament Parish Advent Christmas Fair - La Crosse
9:00am	St. Therese Parish Holiday Showcase - Schofield
2:00pm	St. Ladislaus Parish Noodle, Baked Goods and Vendor Sale - Bevent
Sunday, November 20	
Solemnity of Christ the King	
2:30pm	Billings Ovulation Natural Family Planning Method Class
Tuesday, November 22	
Giving Tuesday	
11:00am	Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Sunday, November 27	
First Sunday of Advent	
Tuesday, November 29	
11:00am	Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Friday, December 2	
LFI/Deacon Formation - La Crosse - December 2-3	
4:00pm	St. Olaf Parish Men's Club All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry - Eau Claire
Saturday, December 3	
"SEALED!" Diocesan Wide Confirmation Retreat	
8:00am	St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral Bazaar and Bake Sale - La Crosse
8:00am	St. Mary Parish Craft Show - Coon Valley
6:00pm	Immaculate Conception Parish Pizza Saturday - Eau Claire
Sunday, December 4	
9:30am	Immaculate Conception Parish Doughnut Sunday - Eau Claire
2:30pm	Billings Ovulation Natural Family Planning Method Class
6:30pm	Frequently Asked Questions About Classical Education - Wausau
Tuesday, December 6	
11:00am	Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Wednesday, December 7	
9:00am	Eucharistic Adoration - Eau Claire
Thursday, December 8	
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy day of obligation	
Friday, December 9	
10:30am	Holy Family Parish Holiday Bazaar - Arcadia
Saturday, December 10	
7:30am	Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Cookie Walk & Craft Sale - La Crosse

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, diolc.org/calendar, and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to 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

Eucharistic Revival

The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year movement in the United States, sponsored by the U.S. Bishops, to restore and deepen understanding and devotion to this great mystery of Jesus' true Presence in the Eucharist. This is an extremely significant time to realize fully that the Eucharist is the most important place of encounter with Jesus and is the foundation of our Catholic Faith. Don't miss it! The Advent Series provides a starting point.

Reminder: For your parish bulletin

Parish Advent Series

Parishioners are invited to participate in the Advents Series that will help to prepare for Christmas, with a special focus on the Eucharist, in light of the Eucharistic Revival. The following are the titles and presenters of these recordings. The recordings will be 45 minutes, with discussion questions provided. People may be part of an organized group at the parish or watch virtually from home.

- 1st week of Advent: Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist with Msgr. Joseph Hirsch available here: diolc.org/catechesis
- 2nd week: Receiving and Adoring Jesus - Communion and Thanksgiving with Fr. Justin Kizewski
- 3rd week: Offering ourselves with Jesus to the Father with Msgr. Richard Gilles
- 4th week: "Source and Summit" of the Church's Life with Father Steven Weller

For your parish bulletin

A Minute with Jesus

As part of the Eucharistic Revival, a short proclamation will be provided each week for the bulletin or other parish communications. These concise proclamations are meant to help deepen understanding and belief in the source and summit of our Faith - the Holy Eucharist. See below, under "Eucharistic Revival, *A Minute with Jesus*", for the proclamation for the weekend of Nov. 20.

Catechetical Leader Information

Requested Resource for the Eucharistic Revival

One short proclamation has been requested per week to deepen understanding and belief in the 'source and summit' of our Faith - the Holy Eucharist. This initiative is called *A Minute with Jesus*. An ongoing list of proclamations, beginning with October 23 are available here:

diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info

Eucharistic Revival

A Minute with Jesus for Nov. 20, with a focus on thanksgiving

5. Jesus is our greatest Friend.

Jesus loves each one of us and desires to be with us always. Jesus gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist, so that He can live in our heart. The Holy Eucharist is Christ's Body and Blood. We

know that Jesus is our greatest Friend because He gives Himself to us completely in the Holy Eucharist. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, Thank You for giving Yourself to me and being my closest Friend.

(Suggested artwork from the Internet: A Picture of Jesus with a youth)

Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Family needs to be "Student"

The family has the most important role in communicating the Christian values that form the foundation for a child's understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The catechesis offered should help parents grow in their own understanding and appreciation of Confession, and enable them to catechize their children more effectively. (See NDC, 36.A.3a)

"Pastoral experience provides abundant evidence that catechesis in school and parish had meager results without the collaboration of the family... Without this collaboration from the family, school and parish labor in vain."

Provide Parents with this resource: "How Can I Help Prepare My Child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation ?" Click here: diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info

Developing a Mindset of Focusing on the Family

The faith of children at any age is intimately bound up with the way in which they are parented. As a parish staff, or the catechetical leader and catechists, experience a workshop on *Franciscan at Home*. It works well to watch 2, 10 minute videos and discuss each during an hour.

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 "**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. Contact Ann for a recommendation that best fits the situation.

Interested in starting the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program at your parish?

If you are interested in hearing more about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and starting an atrium at the parish, please contact Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org for information and support. There are currently 17 atria in the parishes and schools throughout the Diocese, and bearing incredible fruit. Level 1 will be available in summer 2023.

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Office for Communications

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Parish Roundtable Notes and Next Steps: We are grateful for the shared time and hospitality as we conducted Parish roundtables. We held our final roundtable today at Richland Center and will shortly publish and share with you our consolidated notes. We will include our planned actions to address your concerns and ideas to improve our systems.

Attention Pastors, Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries: For those parishes who wish to have Parish Message Lines on the back cover of the January/February 2023 issue of Catholic Life magazine, please enter them by Thursday, November 17. The January/February issue is expected to arrive in homes by Friday, December 30. Please direct questions to Sr. Donna: dkrzmarzick@diolc.org

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Reminder: For your parish bulletin

Young women, is He calling you? Beginning on the Feast of Our Lady's Presentation in the Temple, Nov. 21, "Stay with Us" is a 5 to 12 day opportunity offered to single women who wish help in discerning a vocation to religious life. "Stay with Us" is offered Monday, Nov. 21 to Friday, Nov. 25, 2022 or Monday, Nov. 21 to Friday, Dec. 2 on the Merciful Heart of Jesus Farm, Marshfield. For more information, contact Mother Mary Veronica at 715.451.2395 or at franciscancongofdivinemeracy@gmail.com.

Reminder: Retirement Fund for Religious

The annual collection in parishes for the national [Retirement Fund for Religious](#) is scheduled for the weekend of Dec. 10-11. Religious in our diocese and across the nation benefit significantly from this national collection. Please promote the campaign in your parish bulletin, pulpit announcements and petitions at Mass.

For your parish bulletin

Weekend before the collection (Dec. 3-4)

Give in thanksgiving. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education" writes a donor. Please join in thanking senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young, provide health care, minister in parishes and serve others in need. Please give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. May God reward you.

Week of the collection (Dec. 10-11)

Support aging religious by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for years for small stipends. Today, many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps pay for medications, nursing care and other needs for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It

also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

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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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For Your Parish Bulletin: **Bambino Gesù (“Baby Jesus”) Christmas Collection for Ukraine**

As we approach the Advent and Christmas season, Valentyna Pavsukova is organizing a diocese-wide charitable collection for the suffering children, women,

and men of Ukraine. To learn what is needed, how you can give, and to find a parish or school collection site near you, visit diolc.org/Chalice-of-Mercy. To make a much-needed financial donation, visit chaliceofmercy.org/donate.

[Parish Bulletin Editors: If your parish or school is hosting a collection site, please revise the announcement above to reflect that]

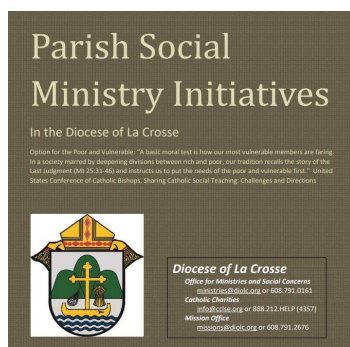
For your parish bulletin

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.

Help Catholic Charities love our Neighbors in Need

Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in need in so many ways, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst, to giving hope and support to moms before and after birth, to working with married couples looking to adopt, to assisting the poor and people with disabilities. Find out more, and how you can help, at cclse.org.



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

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

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Givingtrend Update:

Final Reminder: We can now set up users with view-only Givingtrend reports at the Parish and Diocese levels. This allows parishes to authorize users to access their parish's overall progress without having the ability to view donor-specific information. This is an excellent option for Priests who do not want to know their parishioners' giving and participation but still want to keep up with their parish's progress. Additionally, this option will allow volunteers and other council members who should know the Diocesan Annual Appeal or the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign's overall progress but do not need access to personal donation history.

Previous users should have access to donor information by default. If you wish to have yours changed to view only, don't hesitate to contact us, and we will update your profile. Please include your user ID to ensure we have the correct profile.

If you have issues accessing information, please email or call our office, and we will address it with our vendor, who may contact you to assist you in rectifying it.

Inspired by the Spirit Pledge Cards

We are encountering locally copied parish-specific non-personalized pledge cards (sometimes called in-pew cards). Locally produced copies are sized wrong and lack the information

necessary to scan the pledge card efficiently and effectively, creating more manual entry and cost. If you require additional copies of your pledge cards, please contact our office or your Lynch Development Associate Consultant to have more copies printed.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

- 11/20
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/11.20.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 11/27
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/11.27.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 12/04
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/12.04.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>
- 12/11
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/12.11.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

- For Weeks 11/20- 12/11
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Homily-Guide-11.15.22.pdf>

Reminder: Planned Giving – Leaving a Legacy, Wills, Bequests 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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Catholic Mutual Group - Risk Management Minute

Each winter, facilities in our Diocese experience losses which could be avoided if good maintenance procedures were practiced. Some of the preventable losses are property damage from leaky roofs, ice dams, frozen pipes and bodily injury from slips and falls. Please [click here](#) for tips that will reduce losses.

Catholic Mutual Group - Fire Protection

October was Fire Prevention Month but we all must consider the risks of fire during the winter season. Please [click here](#) to read more about what we can do to prevent fires.

Buildings and Grounds

Please [click here](#) for an updated improvement authorization form for Inspired by the Spirit Capital Campaign Case Statements. Please contact [Kathy Haverland](#) with any questions.

Please [click here](#) for the current Contract Review Procedure.

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Office for Vocations

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

For an increase in vocations to marriage, blessed single life, the Priesthood and Consecrated Life; especially that more young men and women will have the courage to follow a call from God to serve in the Church.

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.

How does God speak to me?

Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the

priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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