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Officials

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

The Reverend Monsignor **Jeffrey D. Burrill**, Parochial Administrator of St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish in West Salem, is appointed Pastor, effective November 22, 2022.

The Reverend **Aaron J. Becker**, Associate Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Onalaska and Chaplain at Aquinas Middle School in La Crosse, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Paul Parish in Mosinee, with residence at the parish rectory, effective November 25, 2022.

The Reverend **Samuel C. McCarty**, Associate Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish and Roncalli Newman in La Crosse, is also appointed Chaplain at Aquinas Middle School in La Crosse, with continued residence at Blessed Sacrament Parish rectory, effective November 25, 2022.

The Reverend **Arturo Viguera**s, Associate Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Arcadia and Most Sacred Heart Parish in Pine Creek, and Chaplain to the Hispanic Community of the Arcadia area, is also appointed as Administrative Director for Emmaus Retreats in the Diocese of La Crosse, effective November 22, 2022.

The Reverend **Fernando E. Lara-Hernandez**, Associate Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Sparta and St. John the Baptist Parish in Summit Ridge, and Chaplain to the Hispanic Community in the Sparta area, is also appointed Spiritual Director for Emmaus Retreats in the Diocese of La Crosse, effective November 22, 2022.

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No items this week.

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Events

As of Nov. 22

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
8:00am St. Peter Parish Family Life Cookie Walk - Stevens Point
Tuesday, December 13
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Monday, December 19
9:00am St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral All-Day Confessions - La Crosse
Tuesday, December 20
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers

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

We can always deepen our understanding and devotion to this great mystery of Jesus' true Presence in the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a three-year movement in the United States, sponsored by the U.S. Bishops. 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 Parish 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. The following are the titles and presenters of these recordings. The recordings are 40 - 45 minutes, with discussion questions provided. People may be part of an organized group at the parish or watch virtually from home. The videos are available here: diolc.org/catechesis
A poster to advertise the Advent Series can be downloaded here: diolc.org/catechesis

- 1st week of Advent: [Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist](#) with Msgr. Joseph Hirsch
At Christmas we read from Scripture that Jesus is Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Jesus came on the first Christmas to save us. Again and again, Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist. Our faith comes alive as we understand better that Jesus gives us His Real Presence in the Eucharist.
- 2nd week: [Receiving and Adoring Jesus - Communion and Thanksgiving](#) with Fr. Justin Kizewski
Jesus gives us the Gift of Himself on Christmas. Jesus continues to give us the greatest Gift – the Gift of Himself in the Eucharist again and again in a life-giving encounter. This is really the whole meaning of Christmas. Jesus came to give us Himself as food; He is literally the Bread of Life – supernatural bread that saves us, that spiritually nourishes and strengthens us with His grace.
- 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. For a list of weekly proclamations through **January 29**: diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts

Catechetical Leader Information

A minute with Jesus: 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 are available here, up to and including January 29th: diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info

Eucharistic Revival

A Minute with Jesus for Nov. 27 - the first week of Advent

6. How do we get to know Jesus better?

Jesus knows each one of us better than we know ourselves and He loves us. Friendship always involves two persons. We want to get to know this Person who loves us so much through reading the Scriptures (the Bible). As we enter Advent, it is a perfect time to read the Scriptures and remember how Jesus came to us, born as an infant.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, give me the desire to read the Bible a few minutes each day. This week, read how Mary gave her 'yes' to be the Mother of the Savior in Luke 1: 26-38

Picture of a Bible

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 as the "Student"

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 Parish Catechetical Leader Track.**” (A Track is a collection of workshops.) Click “Start this track” and then click on one of the workshops that will be most helpful. One suggestion that is abundantly helpful:

- First Penance and First Eucharist Preparation

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Office for Communications

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Balancing How We Communicate. We are shifting from publishing eight issues of *Catholic Life* a year to six. Four *Catholic Life* issues are already on the every-other-month schedule, so this is only a minor shift to our existing publication schedule. The significant cost savings enables us to balance how and where we evangelize and share the good news. This change won't take effect until March 2023 to provide a smooth transition for our readers. They will then receive a new issue every other month. This adjustment allows us to keep the best of *Catholic Life* and enable us to grow and explore more ways of communicating across our Diocese.

As always, thank you for helping us to tell our rich Faith story.

Bishop Callahan's Advent Video Message and supporting graphics:

Bishop Callahan has recorded his Advent video message, which is available [here](#), for you to share with your parishioners on your Facebook page and link to your website. If you have a Crosspost relationship setup with the diocesan Facebook, you will receive the video in your video library and can share from there. youtu.be/8KHXFhCNLWI

Advent website and Facebook banners have also been created and are available for your use at the diocesan media resources page diolc.org/media-resources.

December *Catholic Life*

The December issue of *Catholic Life* magazine will be delivered to your parishioners around November 28. The online version is available here:

catholicmagazines.org/magazine-archive/catholic-life/lc1222

Using images and graphics

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Office for Consecrated Life

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Reminder: Retirement Fund for Religious

The annual collection in parishes for the national [Retirement Fund for Religious](#) is scheduled for the weekend of December 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 (sample texts below).

For your parish bulletin

Weekend before the collection (December 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.

Weekend of the collection (December 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.

Weekend after the collection (December 17-18)

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, “We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion.” God bless you for donating to last week’s second collection. *Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.*

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Office for Ministries

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Office for Missions

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Casa Hogar is looking for a long-term volunteer to start in January 2023.

Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II orphanage in Lurin, Peru, a mission of the Diocese of La Crosse, is looking for volunteers 20 years of age and older interested in helping at Casa Hogar for 3 to 12 month periods. Specifically, for a volunteer that can start in January or February 2023.

Volunteers take on a variety of tasks which vary according to the duration of stay and the volunteer's interests and capabilities. Needs range from education or tutoring, psychology/counseling assistance, nurse assistance, administrative tasks or manual labor (painting, gardening, cleaning, etc.). Duties may vary but all volunteers will work directly with the children and families.

Additional information is available at homeajpm.org/volunteer with the link to the online application or email Noel Furger at nfurger@frjoesguild.org.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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RCIA: To Pastors, Pastoral Associates, and RCIA Coordinators

Bishop Callahan wishes to send Christmas greetings and words of encouragement to those currently participating in the RCIA process. Please return [this form](#) by December 16th requesting the names of catechumens preparing for entry into the Church at the Easter Vigil and candidates seeking full communion.

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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
- Through Dec. 5 -



Valentyna Pavsyukova



Ukraine Christmas Collection

As we approach the Advent and Christmas season, Valentyna Pavsyukova 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. Valentyna's inspiring story is featured in the [December issue of Catholic Life magazine](#), which will be in mailboxes soon. The collection will run through the weekend of Dec. 3-4.

[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 844.644.7223 (844.64.GRACE) 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.

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Office for Stewardship & Development

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Reminder: Inspired by the Spirit

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:

- 11/27
<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>
- 12/18
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/12.18.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

- For Weeks 11/27- 12/18
<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Homily-Guide-11.22.22.pdf>

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

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

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

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

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

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Office for Vocations

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

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

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

Consider adding a vocations paragraph to your parish bulletin. Below is an example – they will be changed each week. Feel free to use any or all of them.

Have you asked someone recently?

Do you know someone in your life that you think would make a good priest? Have you ever told them that? If not, you should! A significant, contributing factor to young men discerning the priesthood has been the invitation and encouragement they receive from others, particularly parents, teachers, mentors and role models. Don't be afraid to tell a young man that they would make a good priest, as that may be just what they have been waiting for. Once you encourage

them, don't hesitate to put them in contact with me to continue that conversation. I can be reached at: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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