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As of Nov. 28

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
1:00pm	St. Charles Borromeo Parish Master Singers 30th Season Christmas Concert Lessons and Carols 2022: The Gla
Tuesday, December 13	
11:00am	Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Wednesday, December 14	
3:30pm	St. Peter Parish Taste of Tildenand more! - Chippewa Falls
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
Sunday, December 25	
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord - Holy day of obligation	
Tuesday, December 27	
11:00am	Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
Sunday, January 1, 2023	
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God	
Tuesday,	January 3, 2023
11:00am	Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, <u>diolc.org/calendar</u>, and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to <u>datebook@diolc.org</u>. 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 Why a 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: <u>diolc.org/catechesis</u> A **poster** to advertise the Advent Series can be downloaded here: <u>diolc.org/catechesis</u>

- 1st week of Advent: <u>Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist</u> 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. Here is the link to the video: <u>youtu.be/yJTK4_Flb9A</u>
- 2nd week: <u>Receiving and Adoring Jesus Communion and Thanksgiving</u> with Father 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. Here is the link to the video: <u>youtu.be/fSEB1Rmb1BI</u>

- **3rd week:** Offering ourselves with Jesus to the Father with Msgr. Richard Gilles Here is the link to the video: <u>youtu.be/mmsAR9emZTU</u>
- 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.

The week of Dec. $11 - \text{the } 3^{\text{rd}}$ week of Advent

8. Does Jesus understand everything about me?

Jesus knows exactly what you are feeling and understands. Where you are, Jesus has been; He shares every joy and every pain with you.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: If you have something painful in your heart, speak with Jesus about it and give it to Him. This week, read how the angel appears to Joseph

and guides him to take his wife Mary into his home in Matthew 1:18-25. Note: Mary and Joseph were married in the Jewish tradition, which is referred to as being betrothed. There are two parts to betrothal: marriage and then, after one year, sharing a common home. For a list of all weekly proclamations through **Jan. 29** (with more to be added regularly), click here: <u>diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/A-minute-with-Jesus-through-January-29-1.pdf</u>

For your parish bulletin

Prayer during Advent

Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the coming of our Savior at Christmas. If you would like to pray a decade of the Rosary each day or to Pray with a Scripture passage, with a focus on Advent, using a downloadable prayer card that helps prayer to be more personal, visit: <u>diolc.org/deeper</u>. Families may join together for 10 minutes after a meal to pray a decade of the Rosary or to Pray with a Scripture passage using a simple prayer card that can be downloaded here: <u>diolc.org/prayer</u>. (See 4th grade or 9th grade)

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 Jan. 29, with more to follow: <u>diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info</u>

Eucharistic Revival

A Minute with Jesus for Dec. 4th - the second week of Advent

7. Getting to know Jesus better

We get to know Jesus better by being with Him "in person." We do that at Sunday Mass. At Mass, Jesus is present personally and truly in the Holy Eucharist. He meets us there. He wants to listen to us, as well as speak to us through the Scripture readings and prayers of the Mass. 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 responds to the words of the angel about her cousin Elizabeth by going to serve her in Luke 1:39-56. Picture of a Bible

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Reminder: Using images and graphics

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Listing your parish events in the March/April issue of Catholic Life

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, <u>diolc.org/calendar</u>, and in Catholic Life magazine, please send an email to <u>datebook@diolc.org</u> by Dec. 9. 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 Consecrated Life

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Reminder: Retirement Fund for Religious

The annual collection in parishes for the national <u>Retirement Fund for Religious</u> 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 (sample texts below).

For your parish bulletin:

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 Marriage & Family Life

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For Your Parish Bulletin GIVEN Retreat - Jan. 28, 2023

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating and engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, and adoration, prayer and reconciliation.

GIVEN retreats help couples foster a deeper relationship that is rooted in Jesus Christ and His Church. This mini retreat will:

* Encourage a greater devotion to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist

* Develop a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage through Theology of the Body

* Provide couples the encouragement to live the vocation of marriage well in a culture that is increasingly more hostile to the sacrament.

Married, Engaged and Seriously Dating Couples are invited to attend.

Speakers will be Ted and Julie Imgrund and Michael and Jacqueline VanHemmert.

Cost: \$45 per couple

For more information, contact Chris Rogers at crogers@diolc.org

Register here:

argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/frmEventTicketSalesForm.aspx?EventID=3725

Reminder: Marriage Enrichment and Parenting Resources

- For Your Marriage Website <u>foryourmarriage.org/</u> This website from the USCCB helps couples at all stages of life to understand and live God's plan for happy, holy marriages.
- Teaching the Way of Love <u>twl4parents.com/</u> This website is full of encouragement and tips for parents to continue to be the primary educators of their children.

Reminder: NFP Information:

- 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.
 - NFP Support Groups. In conjunction with Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, the Office for Family Life, through the NFP coordinator, would like to pilot a few NFP support meetings throughout the diocese. Please contact Christy Kitzhaber at ckitzhaber@diolc.org if you would like more information on this blossoming idea.
- NFP Instructor background

- Ruby Gravrok, rubygravrok@gmail.com, is a medical student in the La Crosse area. She is in her practicum for teaching the Billings method.
- Michelle Werner, michelle@tcnfp.org, is a nurse from the Eau Claire area and is in her practicum for teaching the Creighton method.

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

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

Reminder: Process for Training FOCCUS Facilitators

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

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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 <u>this form</u> by Dec. 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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Bishop's Tuition Assistance Grants have been reviewed and are awaiting approval from Bishop Callahan. Further information will be provided after Dec. 5th.

BEET Grant applications open December 2nd.

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Office for Social Concerns

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Reminder: For Your Parish Bulletin:

Bambino Jesù ("Baby Jesus") Christmas Collection for Ukraine

- Through Dec. 11 -





Extended through Dec. 11 - Ukraine Christmas Collection

As we approach Christmas, Valentyna Pavsyukova has launched 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

<u>diolc.org/Chalice-of-Mercy</u>. To make a much-needed financial donation, visit <u>chaliceofmercy.org/donate</u>. Valentyna's inspiring story is featured in the <u>December issue of</u> <u>Catholic Life magazine</u>. Here is the link to the story

<u>catholiclife.diolc.org/2022/11/28/valentynas-love-story/</u> The collection runs through the weekend of Dec. 10-11. [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

CALIX – For Help with Addiction from a Catholic Perspective

Do you or a family member or friend need help with an addiction concern? Or, do you just need someone to talk with? *You can reach out to a member of CALIX*. CALIX (calixsociety.org) is an association of Catholics in addiction and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. You can make a confidential call to 612-383-8232 (Jim R.) or 651-587-4668 (Jim B.), for information on meetings and recovery support. You need not disclose your name.

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 <u>cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant</u>. For additional pregnancy support resources and locations, visit <u>diolc.org/pregnancy-resources</u>.

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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:

- 12/04
 <u>https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/12.04.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf</u>
- 12/11 <u>https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/12.11.22-stewardship-bulletin-announc</u> <u>ements.pdf</u>
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Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

• For Weeks 12/04- 12/25 https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Homily-Guide-11.29.22.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 <u>diolclegacy.org</u>. 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 (<u>cfwcw.org</u>) at 608.519.9892 or email: <u>jreiter@cfwcw.org</u>.

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Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group

Please <u>click here</u> for the November edition of CMG Health Enews.

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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.

In thanksgiving for those marriages, priests, sisters, brothers, and those living a holy single life who inspire and strengthen us by the witness of their commitment.

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 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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Save the Date!

Culture of Life Summit - Jan. 21, 2023

We are excited to partner with the Diocese of Superior to hold a Culture of Life Summit. This will take the place of our Pilgrimage for Life. This will be a day of live music, speakers and a time where you can discuss the issues that pertain to respecting the dignity of life. The event will be held at Regis Catholic High School. More Information is coming soon!

Reminder: 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 <u>crogers@diolc.org</u> 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=cDdHWUROV29QMy9UenJRNFZnY0Q0dz09

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