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Officials

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

The following have been appointed Dean (vicar forane) to complete the three-year terms that began on October 7, 2020:

The Very Reverend **Georgekutty Thayilkuzhihottu**

Arcadia Deanery

The Very Reverend **Peter J. Kieffer**

Thorp Deanery

The Very Reverend **Samuel A. Martin**

Wausau Deanery

Deacon **J. Michael Koza** has been granted Senior Deacon status, effective November 1, 2022.

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Chancery Office

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No items this week.

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Events

As of Nov. 8, 2022

Saturday, November 12

- 8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat - Tomah
- 8:30am Men of the Cross Conference: "Sons of the Father" – La Crosse
- 8:30am St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Christmas Bazaar - Holmen
- 10:00am St. Mary Parish Annual Holiday Fair - Colby

Sunday, November 13

- 11:00am St. Michael Parish 31st Annual Chicken Dinner - Junction City

Tuesday, November 15

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

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
- 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

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

Director: Ann Lankford – 608.791.2658 | alankford@diolc.org

For your parish bulletin

Bulletin insert for the weekend of Nov. 20

Remembering to Return in Thanksgiving

During this month when we gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, it is a fitting time to stop and think about the many gifts we have been given. To take it one step further, it is appropriate to look at all we have as God's gift, undeservedly given, and express our gratitude to Him for His goodness and generosity. Click here for the insert:

diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts

For your parish bulletin

Eucharistic Revival

As you may know, the dioceses of the United States of America have embarked on a three-year time of grace called "Eucharistic Revival." It is an occasion for us to restore our understanding, celebration and love of Jesus in the Eucharist. This focus on the Eucharist will begin with Advent Reflections. There will be 4 recordings available for use during Advent. The following are the titles and presenters of these recordings. The recordings will be 40 minutes and discussion questions will be provided. The Advent recordings will be available on the website in late November. Sign up to participate at your parish or watch virtually from home.

- 1st week of Advent: Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist with Msgr. Joseph Hirsch
- 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:

The Catechism in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz

You are invited to embark on a journey of growing in your understanding of the Catholic faith through a podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz beginning on Jan. 1, 2023. Each day there will be a 15 minute podcast. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to join in. If you have ever wanted to understand what it means to be a Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life – this podcast is for you. Visit ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear to register for free.

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

We currently have 17 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atria, which are bearing great fruit with young children while also affecting parents. If you are interested in hearing more about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and/or visiting an atrium in your area, please contact Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org, for information and support.

Catechetical Leader Information

Requested Resource for the Eucharistic Revival

The Office for Catechesis & Evangelization was asked by parishes and schools to develop one short proclamation per week, to be spoken at the beginning of a religion class, to deepen understanding and belief in the source and summit of our Faith – the Holy Eucharist. An ongoing

list of proclamations, beginning with Oct. 23 through Dec. 18, completed thus far, are available here: diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info

Eucharistic Revival

***A Minute with Jesus* for the week of Nov. 13 with a focus on Thanksgiving**

God created you to be His beloved son or daughter so that you may spend eternity with Him.

God is our Creator, and He only wants what is best for us. We must remember! It is *our* choice: we want to knowingly be open and receive God's love; or we can refuse it. God gives us this freedom to choose Him.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: God, help me not to prefer anything more than You, nor to substitute anything for You. Thank You for the grace that will always strengthen me to choose You above everything.

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Office for Communications

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Parish Roundtable Summary

Thank you to all those who joined us for our Fall '22 Parish Roundtables. Meeting slides are found [here](#). We have one left and, once complete, will email a summary of the discussion, ideas and items we are adjusting as a result of the conversation. Thank you also to the hosting parishes for their hospitality and warm reception.

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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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 franciscancongofdivinemercury@gmail.com.

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 the Diaconate

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Your Parish Bulletin!

GIVEN Retreat - January 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 & reconciliation.

GIVEN retreats help couples foster a deeper relationship that is rooted in Jesus Christ & 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:

<https://argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/frmEventTicketSalesForm.aspx?EventID=3725>

Marriage Enrichment and Parenting Resources

- **For Your Marriage Website** - <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/>
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** - <https://twl4parents.com/>
This website is full of encouragement and tips for parents to continue to be the primary educators of their children.

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: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/marriage-preparation-for-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 or phone: 402.827.3735 ext. 1317.

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Office for Missions

Director: Fr. Woodrow Pace – 608.791.2676 | wpace@diolc.org

Reminder: World Mission Sunday

Your generous response to the 2023 World Mission Sunday request for prayer and financial support is much appreciated! Parish bookkeepers, please give donors credit for all WMS donations on their parish-giving tax statements. If checks are made payable to SPOF (Society for the Propagation of the Faith) instead of your local parish, please also deposit them (if your bank allows, which most do) into the parish account. The total of these funds is then forwarded in a parish check to the Mission Office, along with the ParishSoft report, which lists the name, address, and donor amount. Please [email](#) the Mission Office with any questions. God bless you for your extra time and efforts for the missions

Mass Intentions: If your parish has a surplus of Mass intentions, please remember the Mission Office would be happy to forward them to our missionary and senior priests, who would offer them in a very timely manner. Many missionary priests do not receive a salary, and stipends help support their parishes in remote poverty-stricken areas in many ways. Especially during this month of the Poor Souls in Purgatory, let us remember our departed loved ones with the spiritual gift of a Mass.

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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 Catholic Schools

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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.

NOTE to Parish Bulletin Editors - The Ukraine Collection info and sites referred to in the announcement above will be uploaded to the website by Friday, Nov. 11.

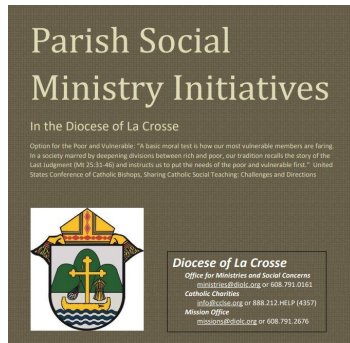
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Pregnant and in distress? Confidential help is available.

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:

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

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:

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<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/11.13.22-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf>

- 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>

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

- For Weeks 11/13- 12/04

<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Homily-Guide-11.08.22.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 Temporalities

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Office for Vocations

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

National Vocations Awareness Week Nov. 6-12, 2022

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

For an up-building of all vocations in the Church and, in a particular way, for priestly vocations for the Diocese of La Crosse from our parish.

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.

Come Follow Me!

When Peter encountered Jesus for the first time, he was busy doing his daily work, fishing. He was minding his own business, when Jesus approached him and asked him to put his nets out into the deep water for a catch. Although hesitant, he did as Jesus asked him and caught an over-abundance of fish! When they arrived back on shore, Jesus said to Peter, “Come, follow me...” and Peter did. In just the same way, the Lord continues to work in our world today, approaching us in our normal, daily lives and inviting us to consider following Him. Have you ever considered following the Lord as a priest, like Peter? Do you know of a young man who you think the Lord may be calling to be a priest? Perhaps this is the Lord’s invitation to follow Him. 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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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Director: Christopher Rogers – 608.791.2659 | crogers@diolc.org

Reminder: SEALED! Confirmation Retreat - Dec. 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

Online Registration Link:

argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/portalParticipant/frmLogin.aspx?TeamID=49884

Here is the Facebook link

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

Please share on your parish Facebook page.

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 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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