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## THE OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

### The Official Catholic Directory 2023 Edition Online Updating Notification

The Official Catholic Directory (OCD) 2023 Edition online updating is now live. The OCD has sent an e-mail to all parishes and entities for which they have an e-mail contact. The Online Update System will be locked at midnight on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. The Online Updating Database is [ocdedits.com/login](https://ocdedits.com/login). Time is short, but this process doesn't take long. Please update your information to make your OCD tax record complete.

### What is the Official Catholic Directory (OCD)?

The OCD was first published in 1817 by P.J. Kennedy & Sons as a Catholic reference resource listing Catholic institutions and clergy in the dioceses of the United States. The OCD works with the USCCB regarding the tax-exempt status of our institutions. When you receive an email notification from the OCD, please do not disregard it. To learn more about the OCD, please check out this link: <http://www.officialcatholicdirectory.com/OCD/about-us>.

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## Events

As of Dec. 6

<b>Wednesday, December 7</b>
9:00am St. Olaf Parish Eucharistic Adoration - Eau Claire
<b>Thursday, December 8</b>
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy day of obligation
9:00am Immaculate Conception Parish Eucharistic Adoration - Eau Claire
<b>Friday, December 9</b>
10:30am Holy Family Parish Holiday Bazaar - Arcadia
<b>Saturday, December 10</b>
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
9:00am Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Cookie and Bake Sale - Cassel
1:00pm St. Charles Borromeo Parish Master Singers 30th Season Christmas Concert Lessons and Carols 2022: The Glas
<b>Tuesday, December 13</b>
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
<b>Wednesday, December 14</b>
3:30pm St. Peter Parish Taste of Tilden...and more! - Chippewa Falls
<b>Thursday, December 15</b>
9:00am Immaculate Conception Parish Eucharistic Adoration - Eau Claire
7:00pm Annual Live Nativity Tour with Casa Hogar - Zoom
<b>Sunday, December 18</b>
1:30pm Immaculate Conception Parish Birthday Party for Baby Jesus - Eau Claire
<b>Monday, December 19</b>
9:00am St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral All-Day Confessions - La Crosse
<b>Tuesday, December 20</b>
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
<b>Thursday, December 22</b>
9:00am Immaculate Conception Parish Eucharistic Adoration - Eau Claire
<b>Sunday, December 25</b>
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord - Holy day of obligation
<b>Thursday, December 29</b>
9:00am Immaculate Conception Parish Eucharistic Adoration - Eau Claire
<b>Sunday, January 1, 2023</b>
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
<b>Tuesday, January 3, 2023</b>
11:00am Tune In Tuesday Recurring Zoom Meeting for all DREs, CREs & Youth Ministers
<b>Wednesday, January 4, 2023</b>
9:00am St. Olaf Parish Eucharistic Adoration - Eau Claire
<b>Thursday, January 5, 2023</b>
9:00am Immaculate Conception Parish Eucharistic Adoration - Eau Claire
<b>Friday, January 6, 2023</b>
LFI/Deacon Formation - La Crosse - January 6-7

To get your parish events listed on the diocesan calendar, [diolc.org/calendar](http://diolc.org/calendar), and in *Catholic Life* magazine, please send an email to [datebook@diolc.org](mailto:datebook@diolc.org). Make sure you include the following details: date, beginning/ending times, event location, description, menu and cost, etc. If you have any questions, please call Pam Willer at 608.788.1524 for more information.



## Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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### For your parish bulletin

#### Eucharistic Revival - Don't miss it!

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 fully realize 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

All are invited to participate in the Advents Series that will help prepare our mind and heart for Christmas and deepen our understanding of the Eucharist. The following are the titles and presenters of these recordings. The recordings are 40-45 minutes, with discussion questions provided at the following link: [diolc.org/catechesis](http://diolc.org/catechesis) People may be part of an organized group at the parish or watch virtually from home.



### [Catechesis | Diocese of La Crosse](#)

A poster to advertise the Advent Series can be downloaded here: [diolc.org/catechesis](http://diolc.org/catechesis)

- **1st week of Advent: Preparing for the Coming of the Savior**

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. Join Msgr. Joseph Hirsch, Director: Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II Orphanage, Lurin, Peru as he presents *Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist*. Here is the link to the video: [youtu.be/yJTK4\\_Flb9A](https://youtu.be/yJTK4_Flb9A)

- **2nd week: Preparing to Receive the Gift of Jesus on Christmas**

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: [youtu.be/fSEB1Rmb1BI](https://youtu.be/fSEB1Rmb1BI)

- **3rd week: Prepare to Receive the Christ Child on Christmas**

During this season of Advent, we need to take time to focus on spiritual realities, contemplating the miraculous birth of Jesus, coming to us as an Infant. Through Jesus, grace, truth and life entered into the world. At Mass, Jesus continues to come to us in the Eucharist. In union with Jesus, we can offer all that we are and everything that we have been given in thanksgiving to the Father. Join Msgr. Richard Gilles, Rector: Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse as he presents *Offering Ourselves with Jesus to the Father*. Here is the link to the video: [youtu.be/mmsAR9emZTU](https://youtu.be/mmsAR9emZTU)

- **4th week: Prepare Your Heart for Christmas**

In the fullness of time, our Heavenly Father sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins.

Jesus gave us the Eucharist, as a memorial of His Passion and Death. When we receive the Eucharist, we literally receive Jesus Himself. The Eucharist is our solid foundation and highest point of union with God on earth. Join Fr. Steven Weller, Chaplain: Assumption Middle and High School, Wisconsin Rapids as he presents The Eucharist as the 'Source and Summit' of the Church's Life. Here is the link to the video: [youtu.be/XyLNsoTYBXg](https://youtu.be/XyLNsoTYBXg)

### **For your parish bulletin**

#### **Christmas Welcome Card**

Many people join our parishes to celebrate Christmas. We want to welcome them, and obtain information so that they can be contacted and encouraged to return on a regular basis. For a downloadable page with 2 Christmas Welcome Cards, visit [diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts](https://diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts)

### **Reminder: 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 and other parish communications. These concise proclamations are meant to help deepen understanding and belief in the incredible miracle of the Holy Eucharist.

### **The week of Dec. 18 – the 4th week of Advent (For Dec. 25th, Jan 1st and beyond, see link below)**

#### **9. Jesus wants to stay with us always.**

Jesus loves each one of us so much that He gives Himself to us in Holy Communion at Mass. We receive Jesus Himself. When the priest prays the words of Jesus over the bread and wine at Mass, they are no longer bread and wine but the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus gives Himself to us because He wants to stay with each one of us always.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You that You desire to stay with us always. This week, read from Scripture about the birth of the Christ Child in Luke 2: 1-7

For a list of all weekly proclamations through Jan. 29 (with more to be added regularly), click here: [diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/A-minute-with-Jesus-through-January-29-1.pdf](https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/A-minute-with-Jesus-through-January-29-1.pdf)

### **RCIA - Resources for use during the Period of the Catechumenate**

The people preparing to come into the Church through the RCIA process need a small amount of spiritual reading each week. This reinforces what is being taught and develops a habit of spiritual reading, which leads to a more committed prayer life. For downloadable handouts on Advent, Christmas, Mary - Immaculate Conception and Mother of God and each of the Sacraments that are to be taught during this period, visit [diolc.org/evangelization/questions](https://diolc.org/evangelization/questions) Catechumens and Candidates also need help with learning prayers and strengthening their prayer life. For a downloadable prayer card - that helps for prayer to be more personal - on the Sign of the Cross, the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary or the Hail Mary, visit [diolc.org/catechesis/going-deeper-in-prayer](https://diolc.org/catechesis/going-deeper-in-prayer). An explanation of the words of each of these prayers along with other resources are available at the link.

### **A Gift for Christmas - Lion and Lamb Book Club (20% off)**

Join this book club and receive great books for ages 0 - 12 to help form young minds and imaginations - particularly when you can guarantee the book is faithful, wholesome and virtuous. Books include discussion questions. For further details, visit [catholic.store/products/lion-lamb-book-club?variant=43033431212247](https://catholic.store/products/lion-lamb-book-club?variant=43033431212247)

## **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 incredible miracle of 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: [diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info](http://diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info)

## **Eucharistic Revival**

### ***A Minute with Jesus for the third 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 from Scripture 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 2 parts to betrothal: marriage and then, after one year, sharing a common home.

Picture of a Bible

## **Prayer during Advent**

Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the coming of our Savior at Christmas. If you and your students would like to pray with a Scripture passage or a decade of the Rosary with a focus on Advent, using a downloadable prayer card helps prayer be more personal, visit:

[diolc.org/prayer](http://diolc.org/prayer). Families may join together for 10 minutes after a meal to pray a decade of the Rosary or Pray with a Scripture passage using a simple prayer card that can be downloaded here: [diolc.org/prayer](http://diolc.org/prayer). (See 4th grade or 9th grade)

## **BEET Grants available Wed. Dec. 7**

The application process for BEET Grants will be open on Wednesday, Dec. 7th with the instructions and forms available by clicking here: [diolc.org/schools/beet-grant](http://diolc.org/schools/beet-grant) The purpose of the Bishop's Education Endowment Trust (BEET) is to support and assist the mission of the Diocese of La Crosse in providing funds for all aspects of parish and school Catholic education in the Diocese. BEET Grants must be applied for through a local parish or Catholic school. You will find the words "BEET Grant Application" in the middle of the large picture. Contact Ann or Beth if you have questions. BEET Grants are for areas where there is a need, and funds are lacking.

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## **Office for Communications**

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## **Bishop Callahan's Christmas Video Message and supporting graphics:**



Bishop Callahan has recorded his Christmas video message 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. <https://youtu.be/DSqdHqPeahl>

Supporting Christmas graphics are found on the [Media Resources page](#).



### Promoting Your Parish Lenten Meals

While Lent may seem a ways out, we would like you to start sending in the dates for your parish lenten meals. We are again featuring your meals in the March/April issue of *Catholic Life* and using the diocesan website to host the [Fish Frynder](http://diolc.org/fishfrynder), ([diolc.org/fishfrynder](http://diolc.org/fishfrynder)) a place where people can find when and where a fish fry is, or other parish lenten meals are taking place throughout the diocese. The deadline for getting your Fish Frynder events for the March/April issue of *Catholic Life* is 1/13/23. Events submitted after the due date will be posted to the Fish Frynder as received. Email your meal information to [datebook@diolc.org](mailto:datebook@diolc.org). Please include the date, beginning/ending times, event location, description, menu and cost.

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### Office for Consecrated Life

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**Reminder: Attention parish bookkeepers:** All donations for the Retirement Fund for Religious should be run through parish bookkeeping and then submitted payable to the Diocese of La Crosse with “Retirement Fund for Religious” in the memorandum line. Thank you.

### Reminder: For your parish bulletin:

*Weekend after the Retirement Fund for Religious collection (Dec. 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.

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## Office for Marriage & Family Life

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### Reminder: 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries

We are updating the timing of when we send Jubilee couples their certificates. Our goal is to send the certificates out to each couple during their anniversary month. Please submit the names of those couples celebrating 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries in the year 2023 by December 31, 2022 by filling out [this form](#) and email to [crogers@diolc.org](mailto:crogers@diolc.org).

### 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](mailto:crogers@diolc.org)

Register here:

[argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/frmEventTicketSalesForm.aspx?EventID=3725](https://argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/frmEventTicketSalesForm.aspx?EventID=3725)

Here is the Facebook link: <https://fb.me/e/34MUL0q1K>

Please share on your parish Facebook page.

### Reminder: Marriage Enrichment and Parenting Resources

- **For Your Marriage Website - [foryourmarriage.org/](http://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 - [twl4parents.com/](http://twl4parents.com/)**  
This website is full of encouragement and tips for parents to continue to be the primary educators of their children.

**Reminder: NFP Information:**

**For Your Parish Bulletin:**

**Natural Family Planning Blurbs to increase awareness. These could be used in an NFP Corner in your bulletin or as you are able to use them. There are 9 weeks of content.**

**Week 1 (Dec. 11):**

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a general term for fertility awareness-based methods of family planning that are science-based, accurate, natural, healthy and effective. Learning a Natural family planning method allows a woman to observe her bodily changes and chart them throughout her cycle. This knowledge of her fertility pattern informs a woman in regard to her reproductive health and provides information a couple can use to make family planning decisions.

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

Use this link: [diolc.org/marriage/marriage-preparation/marriage-preparation-for-ministers/](https://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](mailto:mrallen@foccusinc.com) or phone: 402.827.3735 ext. 1317.

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**Office for Ministries**

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**Office for Missions**

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**For your parish bulletin and social media**

**Annual Live Nativity Tour with Casa Hogar**

Please join us for the Live Casa Hogar Annual Nativity Tour – Dec. 15 at 7 pm.





During Advent, the Casa Hogar family has the tradition of creating nativity scenes in each family's apartment, the cafeteria and the church. If you are counting, that is 10 nativity scenes in all. The amount of time and work put into making the fields, rivers, shepherds, kings, animals, stables, and Holy Families is amazing.

Join us for the live Nativity Tour as Msgr. Joseph Hirsch and the children of Casa Hogar guide you from family to family to enjoy each nativity scene. There are always unexpected surprises with unusual additions in their nativity scenes. See how different, and yet the same, nativity scenes can be.

For Zoom link go to [homeajpm.org/events](https://homeajpm.org/events)

Here is the Facebook link: <https://fb.me/e/44jCGGbkO>

Please share on your parish Facebook page.

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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 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](mailto:intakeagent@diolc.org). The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: [diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting](https://diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting). **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the [diocesan website](#). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or [tbrown@diolc.org](mailto:tbrown@diolc.org).

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## Office for Social Concerns

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*Bambino Gesù*  
("Baby Jesus")  
Christmas Collection  
for Ukraine

- Through Dec. 11 -



Valentyna Pavsyukova



### Reminder: 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 [diolc.org/Chalice-of-Mercy](http://diolc.org/Chalice-of-Mercy). To make a much-needed financial donation, visit [chaliceofmercy.org/donate](http://chaliceofmercy.org/donate). Valentyna's inspiring story is featured in the [December issue of Catholic Life magazine](#). Here is the link to the story [catholiclife.diolc.org/2022/11/28/valentynas-love-story/](http://catholiclife.diolc.org/2022/11/28/valentynas-love-story/) The collection runs through the weekend of Dec. 10-11.

### 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](http://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 [cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant](http://cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant). For additional pregnancy support resources and locations, visit [diolc.org/pregnancy-resources](http://diolc.org/pregnancy-resources).

### For Your Parish Bulletin:

## 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](http://cclse.org).

## La Crosse area Parish Bulletins:

### Prayer in front of Planned Parenthood each Friday at 3:00 PM

Join in prayer for an end to abortion in our nation each Friday at 3:00 PM in front of Planned Parenthood, 1201 Caledonia St. in La Crosse. Prayer will be led by Fr. Alan Benander, of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On Friday, Dec. 23, the prayer will include Christmas caroling for "Peace in the Womb," an initiative promoted by Eric Scheidler and the Pro-Life Action League.

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## Office for Temporalities

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## Catholic Mutual Group - Assistant Claims/Risk Manager

Ben Burrow, CMG's newly-hired Assistant Claims/Risk Manager is now working on behalf of the La Crosse Diocese. Ben's offices will be in La Crosse at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center. Ben will be providing the services which until recently were performed by Kris Twining. Having a full-time CMG representative at La Crosse will help our Diocese move forward on many of the challenges we face with property losses, safety issues and worker compensation claims. Please welcome Ben Burrow when you meet him. Please [click here](#) to learn more about Ben.

## Catholic Mutual Group - Cares

Numerous injuries occur on diocesan properties during the winter months as a result of slips and falls on icy or snowy surfaces. Many of these injuries may have been prevented if an ice and snow removal program were in place. Please [click here](#) for information relative to slips, trips and falls, ice and snow removal procedures.

## Health Plan Year 2023 - Retiree Continuation of Coverage

With the continuing evolution of the health coverages available since the Affordable Care Act passage in 2010, the Diocese determined the Retiree Continuation of Coverage will be discontinued and will no longer be offered beginning with the 2023 Plan Year. It is important to note that those currently enrolled are not impacted by this change as they will continue coverage in accordance with the parameters under the existing plan. After Dec. 31, all other

retirees will need to obtain coverage through an eligible spouse, an appropriate Medicare supplement plan, or the Marketplace Exchange [healthcare.gov](https://healthcare.gov).

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## Office for Vocations

*Director of Vocation Recruitment: Fr. Nate Kuhn – 608.791.2666 | [nkuhn@diolc.org](mailto:nkuhn@diolc.org)*

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

That our parish community will nurture marriage, blessed single lives and religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action in the world.

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

### **Called to More**

What if there was more? What if I could be more? Sometimes we can look around and think that there isn't anything more that can be offered to us, that this is the best I can get. We settle for something that leaves us feeling empty and hungering for more. Perhaps this is an opportunity to ask the Lord what He is calling you to do. As we turn to God in the midst of human mediocrity, we can find something that is eternally greater. Consider your vocation and where God may be leading you. Could it be a call to the priesthood? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667. God bless you!

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## Office for Vicar for Clergy

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No items this week.

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## Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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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!

Here is the Facebook link: <https://fb.me/e/29qmSfrER>

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](mailto:crogers@diolc.org) to discuss dates and topics.

**Reminder: Tune-In Tuesdays**

Please join us for our Tune-In Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Join us as we come together to network and share how we are doing, how our ministry is going and talk about ways we can support each other. Please follow this link:

[us02web.zoom.us/j/87591793038?pwd=cDdHWUROV29QMy9UenJRNfZnY0Q0dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87591793038?pwd=cDdHWUROV29QMy9UenJRNfZnY0Q0dz09)

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