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Events

As of Aug 12

Thursday, August 14

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

St. Joseph Parish Presentation - Menomonie
St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 910 Wilson
Ave

Saturday, August 16

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

St. John and St. James All School Reunion -
La Crosse
Copeland Park, 1130 Copeland Park Dr

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Sacred Heart Parish Picnic - Polonia
7377 Church St, Custer

Sunday, August 17

10:00 AM – 7:30 PM

Sacred Heart Parish Picnic - Polonia
7377 Church St, Custer

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Holy Rosary Parish Picnic - Wisconsin Rapids
Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 6190 Chapel
Rd

Monday, August 18

All Day

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Choir
Camp for High-Schoolers 2025 - La Crosse
(Day 1/5)

Tuesday, August 19

All Day

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Choir
Camp for High-Schoolers 2025 - La Crosse
(Day 2/5)

Wednesday, August 20

All Day

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Choir
Camp for High-Schoolers 2025 - La Crosse
(Day 3/5)

Thursday, August 21

All Day

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Choir
Camp for High-Schoolers 2025 - La Crosse
(Day 4/5)

Friday, August 22

All Day

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Choir
Camp for High-Schoolers 2025 - La Crosse
(Day 5/5)

Sunday, August 24

All Day

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass and
Celebration
3710 East Ave S, La Crosse

10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Holy Rosary Parish Fall Festival - Lima
Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Lima, N6235
County Rd V, Durand

Sunday, August 31

10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

St. Wenceslaus Annual Picnic and
Homecoming - Eastman
St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, 57975 Baer
CT, Eastman

Saturday, September 6

4:00 PM – 10:00 PM

St. Mary's Fall Faith and Food Fest - Durand

4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Holy Family Parish Fall Festival - Arcadia
Holy Family Catholic Church, 223 Maple St,
Arcadia

Sunday, September 7

9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

St. John the Baptist Parish Fall Festival -
Cooks Valley
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 4540
WI-40, Bloomer

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Holy Family Parish Fall Festival - Arcadia
Holy Family Catholic Church, 223 Maple St,
Arcadia

10:30 AM – 4:00 PM

St. Mary's Fall Festival - Colby

Monday, September 8

All Day

Footsteps of Padre Jose Pilgrimage (Day
1/11)

Tuesday, September 9

All Day

Footsteps of Padre Jose Pilgrimage (Day
2/11)

Wednesday, September 10

All Day

Footsteps of Padre Jose Pilgrimage (Day
3/11)

Thursday, September 11

All Day

Footsteps of Padre Jose Pilgrimage (Day
4/11)

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Chicken
Q - La Crosse
Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006
Weston St

Friday, September 12

All Day

Footsteps of Padre Jose Pilgrimage (Day
5/11)

All Day

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Dubuque,
IA (Day 1/3)

To have 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 email Clint at cberge@diolc.org for more information.

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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

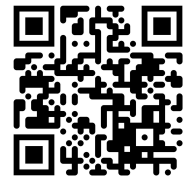
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For Parish Leaders:

Seven Sisters Apostolate: Praying for a Priest

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a way of praying for priests in the offering of one Holy Hour each day of the week. There are seven women that each commit to a different day of the week and offer one Holy Hour on that day for the priest and thus offer a seamless week of Holy Hours for him. This gift is for a year's time, but then may continue on. This is not an exclusive group, and if others learn of these efforts and desire to offer Holy Hours, this will be welcomed.

If you feel called to begin a Seven Sisters group for your parish pastor or associate, a priest serving in a non-parish setting, a retired priest, or a bishop, you must contact the Seven Sisters coordinator in order to be officially recognized as members of this apostolate. If you are ready to go, fill out the "Start a Group" form on our contact page to begin the process at sevensistersapostolate.org/new-group-form or use your camera's smartphone to scan the QR code above. If you will be the coordinator, see also The anchoress at sevensistersapostolate.org/the-anchoress.



Certification for attending "Still the Answer" Eucharistic Rally:

For those who attended the *Still the Answer* Eucharistic Rally on August 9th at the Pablo Center, please complete the certification credit form and place it in your certification folder. The form is available here: diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info

Two Textbook Series Available:

If you are interested in catechist manuals, student textbook and student workbooks and other resources for the following textbook series, multiple copies for Kindergarten - Grade 8:

- Spirit of Truth by Sophia Institute (new for free) contact Ann Lankford at alankford@diolc.org
- Finding God by Loyola Press (new for ½ price) contact Mindy Konkol at mindy@rapidsatholic.org.

Catechetical Sunday 2025:

September 21 has been designated Catechetical Sunday 2025. The theme is "Always be ready to

give an explanation for a reason for your hope.” (1 Pet 3:15) This corresponds beautifully with the Jubilee Year of Hope. Materials for download and purchase are available here:

usccb.org/committees/evangelization-catechesis/catechetical-sunday-2025

Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes a blessing of parents and guardians.

For your Parish Bulletin:

(Reminder) Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

Need Hope? Take a Minute to Get to Know “the God of All Hope” (Rom 15:13)

Each of us has many things for which we can be grateful to God. However, the greatest blessing that we can ever have is Jesus. God the Father gave us His Son, who endured horrific suffering, died and rose again to overcome the power of Satan, sin and eternal death because of His profound love for us. Further, Jesus wanted to remain with us always and so He instituted one Church – the Catholic Church – so that we can receive His very life and truth. Jesus is the Savior of the world, the real reason for hope. Let us ask Christ to help us grow in the gift of hope, thereby trusting Him more.

Bulletin editors: Additional bulletin announcements for the Jubilee Year of Hope were developed and added on August 11th. Entries found here: diolc.org/catechesis/bulletin-inserts/

Catechetical Leader Information:

(Reminder) Registration for New DRE/CRE/Youth Minister Training | Sep 19 | Holy Cross Diocesan Center:

New catechetical leader training will be provided on Friday, September 19th at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse. Further details are provided on the registration page. Register using fillable boxes here: diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info or using a Google registration here: forms.gle/m2p3fkHRcCj9EnCr6

Further, parish staff are asked to alert Ann at alanknford@diolc.org in the Office for Catechesis & Evangelization if a change in personnel is taking place with regard to the position of catechetical leader.

(Reminder) 2025-2026 Schedule for DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers:

A new schedule for 2025-2026 with important dates and reminders is available for download by clicking here: diolc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info

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Truth, Beauty and Goodness—Picture of the Week:



Perhaps there's no better way to start your Tuesday morning than by spending a few moments with images that reflect the joy and love alive in our diocese. If you haven't visited our Diocesan Flickr page recently, I encourage you to take a look. You'll find photos that capture moments of holiness, love and the vibrant life of our faith community — true, good and beautiful witness statements to Christ's presence across every corner of our diocese.

This week's photo was taken at our "Still the Answer" this weekend in Eau Claire.

You can explore (and share) all our diocesan photo albums here:
[flickr.com/photos/diolc/albums](https://www.flickr.com/photos/diolc/albums).

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Bulletin Editors - Please share:

2025 Legacy Guild Benefit Dinner | Nov 7 | Blessed Sacrament in La Crosse

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars for the 2025 Legacy Guild Benefit Dinner for the support of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II on Friday, November 7, 2025 at Blessed Sacrament in La Crosse. This is an annual fundraiser that promises to be an inspiring evening of celebration, heartfelt stories and renewed commitment to the mission of the Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild and Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II. For more information go to:



frjoesguild.org/events or use your camera's smartphone to scan the QR code to the right (perfect to share in your bulletin).

2nd Annual "Granny Basketball" Exhibition Game | Oct 27 | Aquinas High School

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! For the 2nd Annual Granny Basketball exhibition game, with the La Crosse Doe's (Grannys) challenging some of our favorite priests, the Diocesan Padres. The game will be Monday, October 27, 2025 at Aquinas High School in La Crosse. Doors open at 7:00 pm with all donations at the door supporting the children of Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II in Peru. Last year, we raised \$4,000... let's beat that with grit, giggles and granny hook shots!



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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.

NEW: Online training has been updated to include the Diocese of La Crosse code of conduct. Going forward this is part of annual training. The annual verification of protect and healing Form has been updated to include the code of conduct. This form along with the confidential questionnaire must be kept at the parish or school.

REMINDER: Staff and volunteers at parishes and schools must be background checked and trained before they begin working or volunteering.

If the Safe Environment contact information has changed for the upcoming year, please email the new name and email to Teresa: tbrown@diolc.org

The Protect and Heal video is being updated. As soon as it is edited, it will be loaded to the Safe Environment Training Page. To be compliant with training this video must be viewed at least once.

The Safe Environment website is under construction. Please watch for more updates coming to its pages in the future.

If you are interested in onsite or Zoom training at your parish or school, please contact me soon as dates are filling up. I will be at the following locations in August for Safe Environment Training:

August 13: Auburndale, Hewitt & Blenker at 6:30 pm

August 14: Prairie du Chien, Prairie Catholic Schools - 1:00 pm

August 15: Chippewa Falls McDonell - 1:00 pm

August 19: Wisconsin Rapids Assumption at 9:00 am

August 19: Colby, St. Mary, Help of Christian School and Parish 1:00 & 6:00 pm

August 20: Alma Center, Immaculate Conception Parish at 6:00 pm

August 21: Thorp Catholic at 1:00 pm and All Saints in Stanley at 6:00 pm

August 22: Wausau Newman- 10:00 am and 1:00 pm (at St. Anne's Parish Hall)

August 25: Zoom Training - email Teresa if you are interested in attending at 6:00 pm

Training Invite Link: Invite Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87504930572>

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“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isa 41:10)



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Office for Stewardship & Development

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(Final Reminder) 2025-26 Diocesan Annual Appeal: Statistical Reconciliations for the Goal Allocation:

On Wednesday, July 9, 2025, we emailed all parishes the diocesan annual appeal data points for reconciliation. These data points should be verified by the parish for accuracy. You have until this Friday, August 15, 2025, to respond to Jeff Reiter in the Stewardship Office if any changes are needed. If you do not respond, it will be assumed that the data is correct.

Don't forget your reconciliation; once the August 15 deadline passes, the numbers are finalized, and changes will not be made.

Pick your parish's kickoff weekend 2025-26: Diocesan Annual Appeal:

We have created and published this year's kickoff sign-up form forms.gle/GXesHV61tWStkJWF7. A link to this form is also on the appeal portal, appeal.diolc.org

Please review the 10% material quantity before completing the form.
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/10-parish-orders.pdf

Make sure to sign up today!

2025-26 Diocesan Annual Appeal Materials:

It is never too early to start praying for a successful diocesan annual appeal. Here is the [Prayer Card](#). A link can also be found on the appeal portal.

We have begun loading copies of the materials for the upcoming diocesan annual appeal onto the appeal portal, appeal.diolc.org. As we complete more of the materials, we will be uploading copies for your enjoyment and use.

Our diocesan annual appeal preview road show will be coming to a location near you. Keep an eye out for the forthcoming details.

(Reminder) Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

- 08/17/2025
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/08.17.25-stewardship-bulletin-announcement.pdf
- 08/24/2025
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/08.24.25-stewardship-bulletin-announcement.pdf
- 08/31/2025
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/08.31.25-stewardship-bulletin-announcement.pdf
- 09/7/2025
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/09.07.25-stewardship-bulletin-announcement.pdf
- 09/14/2025
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/09.14.25-stewardship-bulletin-announcement.pdf

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections for your homily development

For Weeks 08/17/25 - 09/14/25

- diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Homily-Guide-8.12.2025.pdf

(Reminder) Weekly Stewardship Quotes:

- July - September 2025
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Stewardship-Bulletin-Reflections-July-Sept-2025-English.docx
 - Spanish Version
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Stewardship-Bulletin-Reflections-July-Sept-2025-Spanish.docx

(Reminder) Weekly Stewardship Prayers of the Faithful:

- July - September 2025
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Prayers-of-the-Faithful-July-Sept-2025-English.docx
 - Spanish Version
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Prayers-of-the-Faithful-July-Sept-2025-Spanish.docx



Office for Temporalities

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FY2025-2026 ParishBalanceTool is Now Available:

The FY2025-2026 [Parish Balance Tool](#) is now available for download. Use the preceding link to navigate to the parish balance tool folder, where both the FY2024-2025 parish balance tool and the new FY2025-2026 parish balance tool can be found.

NOTE! The FY2025-2026 parish balance tool will only work for those parishes that have completed their FY2024-2025 annual report. The FY2024-2025 annual report is now due on August 31st, except for parishes with a choice school. Both tools are available for downloading.

Use the FY2025-2026 parish balance tool to keep your parish in balance throughout the year. It can be run at any time. The tool is a great way to verify that your parish, cemetery and endowment accounts remain in balance.

Please contact vpatel@diolc.org with any questions.

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Office for Vocations

Director of Vocations: Father Steven Weller 608.791.2666 | sweller@diolc.org

Please Include the Following Intercession in 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, and they will be changed each week. Feel free to use any or all of them.

Have you ever wondered if the Lord is calling you to be a priest? To begin the conversation or to inquire about what it means to be a priest, please contact me: Fr. Steven Weller, Director of Office For Vocations at the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2666. God bless you!

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