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Events

As of Oct. 08

Wednesday, October 9

4:00pm St. Peter Parish Annual Sauerkraut Supper - Middle Ridge

Friday, October 11

Discernment/Formation Retreat Weekend for Women - La Crosse

Saturday, October 12

Annual Appeal Kickoff 2 - Oct. 13 - 14

Domestic Church Retreat: October 12-13, 2024

11:45am America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally - Menomonie

Sunday, October 13

Annual Appeal Kickoff 2 - Oct. 13 - 14

7:30am St. Mary Parish Pancake Breakfast - Coon Valley

10:00am Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun - Wisconsin Rapids

3:30pm St. Matthew Parish Sunday Mass and Healing Service - Wausau

Thursday, October 17

9:00am St. Joseph Parish Fall Thrift Sale - Menomonie - Oct. 17-18

Friday, October 18

6:00pm Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet - La Crosse

Saturday, October 19

8:00am Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat

9:30am St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral Day of Equipping - La Crosse

Sunday, October 20

9:00am Immaculate Conception Parish 2024 Parish Festival - Eau Claire

11:00am Queen of the Apostles Parish Fall Fest - Tomah

Friday, October 25

Youth Leadership Retreat: October 25-27, 2024

5:00pm Legacy Guild Dinner Benefiting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II - La Crosse

Sunday, October 27

10:30am St. John the Baptist Parish Pork Steak Dinner - Cooks Valley

6:30pm Holy Name of Jesus Parish Mission - Wausau

Monday, October 28

6:30pm Holy Name of Jesus Parish Mission - Wausau

7:00pm Granny Basketball: Granny's vs. Diocese of La Crosse Priests

Tuesday, October 29

6:30pm Holy Name of Jesus Parish Mission - Wausau

Thursday, October 31

8:00pm 19th Annual All Saints Prayer Vigil

Friday, November 1

Solemnity of All Saints - Holy day of obligation

4:00pm St. Olaf Parish Men's Club All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry - Eau Claire

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 your Parish Bulletin:

A Minute with Jesus: Recognize God's love in that He sent His Son to give us the Eucharist

It's so important to remember that God is not just loving but He is LOVE itself. Our Heavenly Father reveals – shows us – that He is love and that He desires to share His love by creating us. He created each one of us out of love. Our Heavenly Father only wants to love us. We are able to recognize His love in that Our Father sent His only Son in order to give Himself to us in the Eucharist and to give His life for us on the Cross.

Let's pray this now and every day this week: Heavenly Father, thank you for Your love for me. Read how St. John explains how we know that God is love: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us" (1 John 4: 7-12).

Bulletin editors: For upcoming weeks of proclamations (or prior weeks) entitled *A Minute with Jesus*, click here: diolc.org/eucharist/learn.

For your Parish Bulletin:

Gather Your Family for 10 Minutes and Find Greater Peace

The rosary is a powerful prayer in which we can implore from God what is so badly needed today: the gift of peace and the strengthening of the family. The rosary is also a beautiful prayer in which we reflect on the lives of Jesus and Mary, and this reflection provides helpful guidance in making personal decisions.

During October, the month of the rosary, it is an especially important time to gather your family for 10 minutes each day to pray one decade of the rosary. For a downloadable prayer card on the rosary with pictures, a major point about each mystery, and the words of the prayers, visit diolc.org/deeper. Your family will be strengthened and experience greater peace.

Catechetical Leader Information:

Theology of the Body for Middle School and High School

The resources from Ascension Press that are required for middle school have been updated. Both versions are excellent to use in the parish and Catholic school: *Theology of the Body for*

Middle School and the newest version *Envision: TOB for Middle School*. The basic content is the same with new videos. For more information about *Envision*, visit ascensionpress.com/collections/envision-theology-of-the-body-for-middle-school
The high school required materials are *You. Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body*. Visit ascensionpress.com/collections/you-life-love-and-the-theology-of-the-body
The Pastoral Offices have prepared concise materials for parents, including letters and summaries of each TOB session, for middle and high school. For these downloadable resources visit diolc.org/tob

(Reminder) October is Respect Life Month:

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops provided a leader's toolkit to help Catholic educators build a culture of life in their classrooms throughout the year, whenever Respect Life themes best fit into their curricula. Check out the many resources, ideas and activities here: respectlife.org/catholic-education Some excellent resources for various grade levels are available on the Diocesan webpage, with an excellent video entitled "God Knew Your Name": diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/pro-life-teaching-resources

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Office for Communications

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Computer Security Update:

Please review this computer security video:

<https://videos.wizer-training.com/videos/198baad867ad4169919981dcdb8a7d0a>

In this video they stress the importance of keeping your computer and software updated. Falling behind on security updates leave bugs in the software open so that attackers can easily exploit them. Updates fix these vulnerabilities which make it more difficult for attackers to gain access to your computer. A related reminder, in October 2025, Microsoft will stop releasing security updates for Windows 10. This is the reason that any computers running Windows 10 should be updated before October 2025, as any security vulnerabilities discovered after that date will not be fixed leaving your computer open for attack.

Free Material to Help Advertise the “Day of Equipping - A Day of Personal Encounter with the Holy Spirit” | Oct. 19, 2024 (9:30 am - 3:30 pm) | St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral:

Please contact Erik at earcher@diolc.org if you would like cardstock copies of bulletin flyers to help advertise the upcoming “Day of Equipping.” The gathering will be transformational and we want to help you generate excitement and inform your parishes. We will mail you the flyers free of charge and can deliver to parishes within the deanery (no delivery charge).

The Day of Equipping will help you welcome and discern the Holy Spirit's actions and equip you with the tools to use the gifts God has given you in Baptism and Confirmation. Bart Schuchts, the founder of Church on Fire, will be the speaker. The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch and snacks. This is for Confirmation age and up. Nursing babies are welcome. Click the following link for more information: cathedralsjworkman.org/church-on-fire-mission/

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Fall Ministry Conference | Oct. 21-22, 2024 | Holy Cross Diocesan Center:

The Fall Ministry Conference is near. The schedule can be found at the link below. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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diolc.org/vicarforclergy/priest-unity-days-registration/

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month

Red Bird Ministries is a Catholic, pro-life/pro-family grief support ministry that focuses on bereaved families who have experienced child loss of any age and circumstance, including pregnancy loss through miscarriage and stillbirth, and after birth as an infant, child, adolescent or adult. While they operate as Catholics, their ministry serves anyone who has experienced the loss of a child. This October, in recognition of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, they are offering practical ways to honor your precious babies. See their website for more information: redbird.love/

(Reminder) 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebrations:

In December we will pull the ParishSoft records of the couples who are going to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 2025. To help us ensure we have an accurate list, we are asking you to put the announcement below in your parish bulletins. You will see that this will ask anyone

who is celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2025 or 2026 (to help us get a head start) to contact the parish office to ensure the record of their wedding date is listed.

(Reminder) For Your Bulletin:

Calling all couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025 or 2026

Every year we are honored to do something special for couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Each couple receives a packet and certificate, as well as an invitation to attend one of three celebrations that include Mass with the Bishop followed by a dinner. We use information provided by your parish's records to know where to send the packets and invitations. We are preparing for the anniversaries happening in 2025 and would like to get a head start on the 2026 anniversaries as well. Please contact your parish office to ensure your wedding date is listed in the parish's records.

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Office for Missions

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World Mission Sunday is Oct. 19-20, 2024:

The annual Sunday worship, prayer and collection for World Mission Sunday (always the penultimate Sunday of October and not to be confused with summer Mission Coop Program) is coming soon. Letters with directions should have arrived at your parishes from the Mission Office, along with posters and envelopes sent directly from the national office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



Although envelopes may direct otherwise, please have parishioners submit donations and make checks payable to their local parishes; parishes then submit totals to the Mission Office along with a ParishSoft WMS report. Further information including [Bulletin Announcements](#) (week before, week of, and week after WMS), [General Intercessions](#), [Homily Helps](#), and the [Message of the Holy Father for WMS 2024](#) can be found on the [World Mission Sunday](#) website. Please

[contact the Mission Office](#) with any questions. May God answer your prayers and reward your sacrifices with His peace.

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RCIA Workshop | Nov. 16, 2024 (9:30 am - 3:30 pm) | Holy Cross Diocesan Center:

Please join Bishop Battersby and Curia staff for an RCIA workshop on Saturday, November 16, from 9:30 until 3:30, at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center in La Crosse. The day will include:

1. A review of the new "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults" book (OCIA is able to be used as early as December 1, 2024)
2. Mass with Bishop Battersby
3. Bishop Battersby's vision for adult initiation in the diocese
4. Strategies for beginning and improving RCIA in the parish.

As anyone who has worked in RCIA can attest, the process is often a complex one, always with areas in need of development. We'll discuss ways to integrate and celebrate the RCIA's liturgies, create a catechetical plan that teaches to change lives, and foster a pastoral sense of accompaniment. More information, including registration details, is available [here](#).

RCIA Calendar of Teachings and Liturgies:

Please find a nine month calendar of teachings, retreats and liturgies for the RCIA [here](#), while a 15-month calendar is available [here](#). Resources for purchase are available [here](#).

Some Liturgical Dates and Notes for the Liturgical Year 2025:

Please click [here](#) for a list of significant liturgical celebrations for the liturgical year 2025.

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Office for Social Concerns

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(Reminder) Last Call! Join Bishop Battersby for the Oct. 18 Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet:



On Friday, Oct. 18, at 6:00 PM, Bishop Battersby will celebrate the “White Mass,” at which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. A banquet will follow, with Bishop Battersby as the keynote speaker on “Prayer and the Eucharist: The Heart of Mission,” showing us how we can be equipped to proclaim the Life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ in this challenging world. All

are warmly invited to the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman for the Mass, as well as the banquet and talk to follow (\$25/person, \$15/student). To learn more and to register for the banquet, visit www.diolc.org/GospelofLife or scan the QR code to the right. Deadline: Noon on Oct. 11 – space is limited!



Pastors and Parish Bulletin Editors:

NEW [Bulletin Insert](#) – USCCB Pro-Life Chairman’s Statement for Respect Life Month:



Bishop Michael Burbidge, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, has issued a powerful statement for Respect Life Month, also with a view toward the November elections. You can download it in [English here](#), or [Spanish here](#). Visit the USCCB website, respectlife.org, for many more resources, including posters, bulletin reflections, homily helps, intercessions, prayers, and action guides.

(Reminder) For Your Parish Bulletin:

Help Those Devastated by Hurricane Helene

Hurricane Helene came ashore two weeks ago in Florida, causing catastrophic damage in the southeast and killing scores of people. Whole communities are flooded and millions are without power. Please support those who continue to suffer the storm’s effects by making a donation at www.cclse.org (scroll down to “Hurricane Helene Relief Fund”), or scan the QR code to the right.



(Reminder) For Parish Bulletins in La Crosse and the Surrounding Area:

Contribute to the 2024 “La Crosse Walk for Life” – Raising Funds for Alliance Family Services

The Walk for Life is an exciting time for pro-life families and individuals to come together and celebrate the medical, practical, emotional and spiritual support Alliance Family Services is providing FREE to women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. Learn how to register in advance for the Walk as a fundraising team or as an individual, or simply donate through an existing team, by visiting alliancefamilyservices.org/walkforlife and scrolling down to the La Crosse link or scanning the QR code to the right. Then come celebrate starting at 9 am on October 19th in the Blessed Sacrament School parking lot at 130 Losey Blvd S, where there will be check-in, prayer, the Walk, refreshments and fun! The mobile clinic will be on-site that day, so you can take a tour.



(Reminder) For Parish Bulletins in La Crosse and the Surrounding Area:

Pro-Life Witness – Join the 40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse:



From Sept. 25 to Nov. 3, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – to stand and peacefully pray at a particular hour during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia St., La Crosse. For more information and to sign up, please contact Marie Allen by visiting 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse or scanning the QR code to the right.



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Office for Stewardship & Development

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(Final Reminder) 2024-2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal: “For We are God’s Co-workers”

If you did not complete the form, your parish members will receive their initial mailing this week.

If you need something for the Diocesan Annual Appeal, check the appeal portal at appeal.diolc.org. You can review the Bishop’s first letter, Annual Appeal Prayer, updated Parish Manual, Logo, and Prayers of the Faithful, emphasizing the Diocesan Annual Appeal. More are coming almost daily. If you would like us to create something or need help with anything, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

The Parish Manual provides a step-by-step process for conducting the three phases of the appeal's launch, including sample scripts for Announcement, Commitment, and Amen weekends. It also includes other tips and activities to help ensure a successful Appeal.

Incorporating the DAA Prayers of the Faithful (on the appeal portal) and the Stewardship Prayers of the Faithful (below) is a great way to keep the Annual Appeal and Stewardship in a state of TOMA (Top Of Mind Awareness)

(Reminder) DAA Reflection: This year's theme is rooted in 1 Corinthians 3:9: *“For We are God's Co-Workers.”* The theme highlights the collaborative relationship between God and us, the faithful, in building His kingdom. This verse emphasizes several critical aspects of practicing our faith as Catholics. It enables us to fulfill our baptismal call to holiness and bring Christ's love to the world, especially those in need. As we prepare the launch of this year’s Diocesan Annual Appeal, the thoughts below will help you focus on how your ministry encourages:

- **Trusting in God's Providence:** The Church calls us to deeply trust God's providence and plan for creation. Pope Benedict XVI states, "A Christian who lets himself be guided and gradually shaped by the faith of the Church, despite his weaknesses, limitations, and difficulties, becomes like a window open to the light of the living God." This trust enables us to cooperate faithfully with God's work.
- **Participating in God's Mission:** Called to participate in God's mission on earth through baptism, 1 Corinthians 3:9 underscores the idea that every believer has a role in spreading the Gospel and building up the Church.
- **Collaborating with Divine Grace:** The concept of being co-workers with God implies that we work alongside Divine Grace. While God initiates and sustains the work, human cooperation is essential. God's grace and our free will are complimentary.

- **Uniting as a Community:** This verse also highlights the importance of unity and teamwork. We are to support and uplift each other in our spiritual journeys and service to the Church.
- **Servicing via our Vocation:** Every one of us has a vocation, whether to the priesthood, religious life, marriage, or single life. We are to view our daily work and duties as part of our collaboration with God.
- **Stewarding our Gifts:** As children of God, we are to be good stewards of His creation and our gifts of time, talents, and treasure, as well as encouraging and helping others to be good stewards of their time, talents, and treasures. Stewardship involves evangelizing the Gospel's good news and recognizing our role as collaborators with God in the unfolding and protecting of creation. As Pope Paul VI affirms, "To evangelize is the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her most profound identity." The faithful carry out this mission by using their gifts to bring the Good News to the world.

In summary, [1 Cor 3:9](#), "*For We are God's Co-Workers*," reminds us that our faith calls us to a life of trust in God, zeal for the Church's evangelical mission, and profound love and care for the poor by actively participating in God's work enthusiastically, fostering a sense of purpose, community, and responsibility in our spiritual and everyday lives.

(Reminder) Stewardship Season:

With the Diocesan Annual Appeal in full swing, it is an excellent time to reflect more deeply on increasing a sense of stewardship. Stewardship is more than a transactional process of opening one's wallet; it is a transformational invitation.

This is a great time to think about our path to holiness:

- **Pray** – keep a list of things for which you are grateful. Thank God as soon as these things occur during the day. Soon, you will find yourself praying all day long! Thanking God for all the gifts we receive is one of the best and easiest ways to get your prayer life started.
- **Participate**—The Holy Spirit has given each of us a unique set of gifts called charisms. These charisms can only be used for good and are meant to help build God's kingdom on earth. Discover your charisms and live the life that God intended for you.
- **Give** – reflect on all the blessings God has given you. How is God calling you to use your gifts to help others? Generosity is our natural response to gratitude for all we have been given. In gratitude, we are called to give from our "first fruits." We are called to give our first and best with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

This is also a great time to think about the greatest gift of all, the Holy Eucharist. At Mass, at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest says:

- **"Through Him"** – every good thing we have comes from God. We are His children. When we see others as His children, we become more Christ-centered. When baptized, we become members of the Body of Christ. When confirmed, we strengthen our participation in Christ's mission. Our response should be joyful, "Here I am, Lord!"
- **"With Him"**—When we receive the Eucharist, we join Jesus in His passion, death, and resurrection. The night before He died, Jesus was alone and afraid and prayed that God's will would be done. Through Holy Communion, we unite ourselves with Jesus to do God's will. Our "Amen" means that we trust God despite our fear.
- **"In Him"** – every day is a gift. Our lives are a gift. What are you doing with your gifts? Who are you becoming? Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice. It is the

fruit of an encounter with a person – Jesus Christ. In the Bible, people who meet Jesus are changed. The same is true for us today. Our relationship with Jesus can transform us. How is He calling you?

During this stewardship season, in gratitude, thank God for all you have been given over the past year, and in generosity, consider how you are being called to use your gifts in the upcoming year.

(Reminder) Teaching Stewardship to Children:

Resources for Parents, Faith Formation and Schools Teachers.

- Stewardship is a lifestyle not only for adults but for children as well!
- Children also have gifts. We need to help them recognize those gifts and nurture them.
- Stewardship helps teach children between “needs” and “wants.”
- Children are targeted much earlier with “materialistic” messaging. Stewardship can provide peace and joy in a fast-moving world.

Teaching Children Stewardship Ideas and Resources - PDF

- diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Teach-Children-Stewardship.pdf

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

- 10/13/2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/10.13.24-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf
- 10/20/2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/10.20.24-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf
- 10/27/2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/10.27.24-stewardship-bulletin-announcement.pdf
- 11/03/2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/11.03.24-stewardship-bulletin-announcement.pdf

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

- For Weeks 10/13/24 - 11/03/24
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Homily-Guide-10.08.24.pdf

Weekly Stewardship Quotes (shorter bulletin reflections):

- October - December 2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Stewardship-Bulletin-Reflections-Fall-2024-English.docx
 - Spanish Version
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Stewardship-Bulletin-Reflections-Fall-2024-Spanish.docx

Weekly Stewardship Prayers of the Faithful:

- October - December 2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Prayers-of-the-Faithful-Fall-2024-English.docx
 - Spanish Version
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Prayers-of-the-Faithful-Fall-2024-Spanish.docx

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

Did you know that among all 1,656 wills filed in Manhattan from 1638 to 1755 (with the first recorded under Dutch rule in the New Amsterdam court registers from 1638 to 1664), 5.7% left charitable bequests? Today, it's estimated that 5 to 7% of people have charitable bequests. Progress! Most charitable bequests (+70%) are from wills written in the last five years of life.

The average age of a person who leaves a charitable bequest at death is typically in the mid-to-late 80s. Studies have shown that individuals who leave charitable bequests tend to be older, often in their 80s or even early 90s at the time of death. Many of these individuals have had a lifelong commitment to philanthropy or have developed a desire to leave a legacy later in life.

Leaving a charitable bequest is often influenced by personal experiences, wealth accumulation, and a desire to give back, which can intensify as people age.

We have tools and information available to parishes that can help individuals leave a legacy. Contact our office for more information or if you would like us to present to your parish.

Planned Giving Bulletin Ads: We have several bulletin ads available for download on the appeal portal appeal.diolc.org/

We have been entrusted with precious treasures passed down from our ancestors, and it's our responsibility to ensure that future generations can also enjoy the splendor and reverence of a well-maintained parish. One way to achieve this is by utilizing the capital campaign and providing the parishioners with information on endowments, trusts, and bequests.

Our estate planning guide can help save hundreds of dollars in legal and financial estate planning costs. We have mailed out several hundred copies per individual request, and each Parish has received a copy. Please feel free to contact our office for additional copies.

Visit diolclegacy.org, our Planned Giving website, to find calculators and more information, sign up for a newsletter, and request specific estate planning guides and information. Our website also provides instructions on doing an IRA rollover, creating donor-advised funds (DAF), beneficiary designations, and stock transfers. diolclegacy.org/?pageID=5

Please contact Jeff Reiter at jreiter@diolc.org for more information on legacy giving, presentations, or ads for your Parish bulletin.

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Office for Vocations

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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 and 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., Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602. Or call me at 608-791-2667. God Bless You!

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Office for Vicar for Clergy

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Evenings of Recollection:

The dates for the upcoming evenings of recollection are listed below. Please RSVP to Renee' rorth@diolc.org

La Crosse

November 7, 2024
December 5, 2024
January 2, 2025
February 6, 2025
March 6, 2025
April 3, 2025
May 1, 2025

Mosinee

October 17, 2024
November 21, 2024
December 19, 2024
January 16, 2025
February 20, 2025
March 30, 2025
May 15, 2025

Eau Claire

October 29, 2024
November 26, 2024
January 28, 2025
February 25, 2025
March 25, 2025
April 22, 2025
May 27, 2025

Evening Schedule

4:00 PM	Exposition and Adoration (Confessions available)
4:15 PM	Spiritual Talk
5:30 PM	Evening Prayer (Bring Breviary)
5:45 PM	Benediction
6:00 PM	Social with beverages
6:30 PM	Dinner

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Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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(Reminder) Gathering Numbers:

If you are planning to bring a group to any of the following upcoming events, please email your estimated number to crogers@diolc.org. This will greatly help us in our planning process.

- Youth Leadership Retreat: October 25-27, 2024
- SEALED! Diocesan Confirmation Retreat: December 7, 2024
- Pilgrimage for Life: January 22-26, 2025

(Reminder) Day of Equipping - A Day of Personal Encounter with the Holy Spirit | Oct. 19, 2024 (9:30 am - 3:30 pm) | St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral:

Day of Equipping will help you welcome and discern the Holy Spirit's actions and equip you with the tools to use the gifts God has given you in Baptism and Confirmation. Bart Schuchts, the founder of Church on Fire, will be the speaker. The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch and snacks. This is for Confirmation age and up. Nursing babies are welcome. Click the following link for more information: cathedralsjworkman.org/church-on-fire-mission/

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