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Events

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Friday, October 4	
Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, secondary patron of the Diocese	
11:00am	Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Fall Rummage Sale - Oct. 4-5
4:00pm	St. Olaf Parish Men's Club All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry - Eau Claire
6:00pm	Sacred Heart Parish Eucharistic Revival - Polonia - Oct. 4-6
Saturday, October 5	
10:00am	St. Paul Parish Fall Festival - New Lisbon
6:00pm	Immaculate Conception Parish Pizza Saturday - Eau Claire
Sunday, October 6	
9:30am	Immaculate Conception Parish Doughnut Sunday - Eau Claire
11:00am	St. Philip Parish Fall Festival - Rolling Ground
11:00am	Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Pork Steak Dinner - Jim Falls
11:00am	St. Wenceslaus Parish Chicken Dinner - Milladore
11:30am	Sacred Heart of Jesus -St. Patrick Parish Autumn Social - Eau Claire
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
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

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 call Pam Willer at 608.788.1524 for more information.

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A Minute with Jesus: Jesus waits for us

After Mass, holy Communion is reserved in the tabernacle. The red sanctuary candle in the front of the church is constantly burning to remind us that Jesus is present in the tabernacle in the sacred host. He waits for us to come and spend some time with Him, just as we would spend time with any friend. We can speak with Him about anything, and simply be quiet in order to listen to Him. It is helpful to bring a book like *The "Divine Encounter"* by Mark Hart to have something to help stay focused when distractions arise. This time with the Lord will help bring solace and peace as worries take on a proper perspective and we will gradually know that when we receive holy Communion, we are truly receiving Jesus.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to set aside some time to spend with You in church so that You can strengthen my faith that You are truly present in holy Communion.

This week, read how Jesus asked Peter and the apostles to spend time with Him in prayer in Matthew 26:40.

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

(Reminder) Parish Series based upon the *Eucharistic Congress*:

You are invited to participate in a series based entirely upon the beautiful *Eucharistic Congress*. The seven sessions will set the fire in your heart ablaze, leading to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and a greater love for His Church. Join with other like-minded Catholics in this inspiring series. Please call the parish office to register. (Include time(s), dates and location).

(Reminder) Small Group Series based upon the *Eucharistic Congress Revival Sessions*:

For parishes who plan to offer the *Eucharistic Congress Small Group Series*, all resources including a downloadable bulletin insert and poster are available here: diolc.org/eucharist/parishioners. The poster contains fillable boxes for parish name, dates, time(s) and location(s). Regarding the bulletin insert, it is a downloadable Word document and parish info may be typed in the designated space.

Catechetical Leader Information:

(Reminder) Theology of the Body Training (TOB) | Oct. 3, 2024 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. | Virtual:

A third session for Theology of the Body training is available by Ascension Press and will be offered Thursday, October 3 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. The title for this training by Ascension Press is "Teaching and Mentoring Youth," and will include:

1. Ascension Press Methodology
2. Implementing the Vision - How to Talk to and Teach Teens
3. Understanding and Implementing Our Resources."

The training videos will be hosted by the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization. To register, complete the Google doc below and a zoom link to participate will be emailed:

docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDqVI4eNGZzVjjJUstOLf9JUzPiJH3uk0DpIH_ThLAphu7w/viewform?usp=sf_link

(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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Final Week to Register:

Parish Roundtables Are Next Week —Oct. 7-11!

Please navigate over to the following link as soon as possible to register for the roundtable you would like to attend: forms.gle/cnHM8jF7oYS9vcnp6. It doesn't need to be the closest roundtable if you would rather attend a different gathering. We use the registration numbers to build packets and plan for each visit – thank you for registering at your earliest convenience.

Lastly, we make a distinct point to account for your thoughts/preferences when planning the roundtables. A quick six-question survey is located here: forms.office.com/r/MV6gDHwEOh. ~20 people have completed this already and your feedback helps us tailor the time together to exactly what you would like to see.

Our schedule:

October 7th: 9:30—11:00 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo in Genoa

October 8th: 9:30—11:00 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo in Chippewa Falls and 1:30—3:00 p.m. at Ss. Peter and Paul in Independence.

October 10th: 10:00—11:30 a.m. at St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Rothschild and 1:15—2:45 p.m. at St. Joseph in Stevens Point

October 11th: 9:30—11:00 a.m. at St. Paul in New Lisbon

USCCB Respect Life Resources:

Please visit the following link if you would like graphics, flyers and bulletin inserts to support your parish efforts to publicize Respect Life Month:

usccb.org/resources/2024-respect-life-month-graphics

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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.

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.

For Your Bulletin:

(Reminder) Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is like autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy some time away. For more information call: Greg and Denise at (563)608-3305 or register at wwme.org. Our upcoming weekend is November 8-10 in Holstein, Iowa.

(Reminder) For Your Bulletin:

Domestic Church Retreat | Oct 12-13 | Our Lady of Peace, Marshfield

This Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat begins on Saturday at 8:00 AM and ends at 4:00 PM on Sunday. During the retreat, couples are invited to delve more deeply into the graces of their shared spiritual journey. The retreat's goal is to strengthen the couple's spousal union and lead them to experience complete harmony and joy in their marriage through simple formation and meaningful dialogue that intentionally places Christ in the center. The cost is \$135 per couple. Please visit our website or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right (ideal for pasting in bulletins as desired) for more information: diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/



(Reminder) HelpOurMarriage.org Flyer:

Follow the link below to download and print a flyer with tear-off tabs for HelpOurMarriage.org.
drive.google.com/file/d/1UlduxG5Cf3m1Bs5du6EaUG8VKDaVGXRr/view?usp=sharing

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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.

I will be out of the office all day on Oct. 4. No background check requests will be processed and I will not be replying to emails until Monday, Oct. 7, 2024.

Just over 700 background checks were submitted in Sep.. Thank you for all you do to keep your schools and parishes compliant and for your patience in waiting for some of the returns.

2024-2025 Annual Report Forms:

Parish:

diolc.org/files/safe-environment/2024-25%20Parish%20Protect%20and%20Heal%20Annual%20Report.pdf

School:

diolc.org/files/safe-environment/School%20Annual%20Report%20Form.pdf

School- Student/Parent:

diolc.org/files/safe-environment/Annual%20Report-%20Student%20and%20Parent%20Training%202024-25.pdf

Parishes, you do not need to wait until Mar. to submit your annual report. The forms are located above and can be sent at any time prior to the due date. As of today, I have received six complete parish reports.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call or text the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at **988** (para ayuda en español, llame al 988). The Lifeline provides 24-hour, confidential support to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. Call **911** in life-threatening situations.



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(Reminder) For Your Parish Bulletin:

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 diolc.org/GospelofLife or scan the QR code to the right. Deadline: Noon on Oct. 11 – But space is limited, so register soon!



Pastors and Parish Bulletin Editors:

Bulletin Inserts Available on Catholic Priorities, Politics and Faithful Citizenship:

In light of Respect Life Month and the political season we find ourselves in, there are two bulletin inserts available for your use. One is “Priorities at the Polls,” published by the USCCB for Respect Life Month, on the priority of the right to life. It is available as a [two-sided](#) or [single-sided](#) insert. The other is “[Politics, Voting, and Christian Faith](#),” published by the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns. More resources on Faithful Citizenship can be found at diolc.org/faithful-citizenship.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Help Those Devastated by Hurricane Helene

Hurricane Helene came ashore last week 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 catholiccharitiesusa.org, or scan the QR code to the right.



Pastors, Deacons, Parish Social Concerns Representatives:

Are Your Social Ministry Initiatives listed in the [Directory](#)?

Please review periodically your parish’s 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 initiative.



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

This past weekend, the Diocesan Annual Appeal officially started for the fiscal year 2024-25.

Those who chose not to kick off last weekend will receive their parish materials this week. We are still waiting to hear back from Diocesan Publication regarding our banner production. For those who ordered one, we will have it shipped to you as soon as we hear back from them.

If you did not complete the form, your parish members will receive their initial mailing in the days before the October 12-13 weekend.

We will continue to add materials and other resources to the appeal portal, 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)

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 trust God's providence and plan for creation deeply. 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 Corinthians 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:

- 10/06/2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/10.06.24-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf
- 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

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

- For Weeks 10/09/24 - 10/27/24
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Homily-Guide-10.01.24.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:

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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Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group:

Please [click here](#) for the September edition of CMG Health Enews.

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(Reminder): Seminarian Posters and Prayer Books Have Arrived

They will be available for you at Fall Ministry Days. If you happen to be at the Diocesan Center before then, you're welcome to pick up as many as you like!

Please Include the Following Intercession for Vocations for 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 – they will be changed each week. Feel free to use any or all of them. information.

What does your future hold?

When we are young we look towards the future and wonder what's in store. Perhaps there are dreams of accomplishing great things, helping others, or being able to change the world. Well, there is a vocational calling that can provide the opportunity to do all of that and so much more: The Priesthood! Consider the Lord's call to the priesthood, a calling that gives young men the opportunity to be part of something greater, the Church. It provides an opportunity to be part of God's healing mission, a mission to save souls and bring people into a deeper relationship with Him. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering this call, please contact me: 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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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

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/

"The Heart of a Disciple" | October 24, 2024 (9:00 am-2:00 pm) | St. Michael Parish, Wausau:

This event for parish catechetical and pastoral leaders and Catholic school faculty and staff will be led by Bob McCarty. Discipleship is a great adventure, but at times, we all need to nourish or rejuvenate our spirit. Come to uncover the grace that keeps us moving forward in ministry and faith, even as the fire that first burned might become faint. Join together with other pastoral leaders, catechists and catholic school staff/faculty for prayer, discussion, and reflection to renew your renewed life and spirit in ministry! To register, please visit wausaudeanery.weebly.com.

(Reminder) Free Short Clip Video Resource "Unscripted Nuggets" for your CCD & Youth Ministry Programs:

Over the last two years, I have had the opportunity to film 13 episodes of the "Unscripted" video series/podcast where the format is that we set up cameras in my car, go for a drive, and the guest and I talk about whatever comes up. These chats have been profound and inspiring for me, and I hope they will be for you, your catechist, and your students. These conversations have provided much content about various topics dealing with faith and life. To better capture these moments and make them a resource, I created shorter clips that you can use in your CCD and youth ministry programs. Since YouTube and various other video series are often used, I hope this series offers great material from people you and your students may already know or

meet in person one day, as the guests have mainly been people from within our diocese. You and your catechists can use these clips to add to your lesson plans and generate student discussion. From the 13 full-length episodes, we have generated 100 free short clips. The name of these short clips is “Unscripted Nuggets.”

I created a database that lists the video's title, YouTube link, description, topic keyword(s), guest's name, short bio for the guest and run time for each clip. The link to this database is: docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-xZaNboe36dDRwFRHhd9LoXJqGNGXsgZ/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=112148593042477152036&rtpof=true&sd=true. You are welcome to download the list or use it as an online document.

All of these videos are contained in a YouTube playlist on the Diocese of La Crosse YouTube page, which you can view here:

youtube.com/playlist?list=PLg5mBKKYwnus3VDKKs2yki61xAz2mCOWy

More guests will be added soon. I will update the Google spreadsheet that is linked above as new clips are generated, and I will inform you of these additions. Please feel free to share these links with anyone you wish.

(Reminder) Youth Leadership Retreat:

We are excited to offer a Youth Leadership Retreat at Crosswoods Camp in Mason, WI, the weekend of October 25-27, 2024. One of the most important things we can do in youth ministry is to teach, train, and encourage our young people to use their God-given gifts for Him. While they are the future of the Church, there are also, very much, the present and now is the time to invite them to be part of our Church now. Too often, we see our young people get confirmed and then leave. This is our opportunity to say, “Wait! There’s so much more!” and “We need you!” This leadership retreat will be a time for you to work with your young people to help them understand how to identify and use the gifts and talents God has given them and make a plan for how they can use them in your parish. Please have your youth and chaperones register for this retreat using this link:

argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/portalParticipant/frmLogin.aspx?TeamID=49884. The downloadable poster can be found [here](#).

(Reminder) SEALED! Diocesan Confirmation Retreat:

We are looking forward to continuing with these retreats. Our hope is that they give your young people a chance to connect, pray, and fellowship with other young people from around the diocese. We also hope that having these retreats is a service to you and takes some work off of you. Your youth and chaperones may use this link to register for either retreat:

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

The dates and links to posters for the retreats for this school year are as follows:

- Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, at St. Olaf Catholic Church in Eau Claire. [Click here for a downloadable poster](#).
- NEW DATE! Saturday, Mar. 22, 2025, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Stevens Point. [Click here for a downloadable poster](#).

(Reminder) Dates for Upcoming Events for the Office for Family Life:

We have been working hard to keep our planning two years ahead. Although there are a couple of “TBDs,” most of our events listed have the who, what, where, and when. You will see that the

dates themselves are hyperlinks, allowing you to add them to your calendar. Each event also has a link that takes you directly to the page of our website to find out more information about that particular event. Please use the link below to download the list.

drive.google.com/file/d/1slbfy9DDT0YAj6NupwRg2Byu_cbMRQX3/view?usp=sharing

(Reminder) Join Us For Tune-In Tuesdays!

These Zoom meetings are for any Youth Minister, DRE, or CRE. These are weekly, hour-long meetings and are a time for us to build a community of ministers to pray together and share experiences, triumphs, hardships, and everything in between. Each meeting will begin at 11:00 am. Please use this link to join: us02web.zoom.us/j/82245824299

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