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At the last meeting of the College of Deans, it came to my attention that some of you might not know about the *Handbook for Sacramental Records* that came out in 2018. Please use this in keeping your sacramental records in the parishes. *Linked for your convenience.*

[Handbook-for-Sacramental-Records.pdf \(diolc.org\)](#)

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Events

As of August 20

Saturday, August 24	
9:00am	Blessed Sacrament Parish Art Fair - La Crosse
4:00pm	St. Bronislava Parish Community Days - Plover - Aug. 24-25
Sunday, August 25	
11:00am	Holy Rosary Parish Fall Festival - Lima
3:00pm	Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Andrew McDonald Organ Recital - La Crosse
Sunday, September 1	
9:30am	Immaculate Conception Parish Doughnut Sunday - Eau Claire
10:00am	St. Wenceslaus Parish Annual Picnic and Homecoming - Eastman
11:00am	St. Mary Parish Festival - Lyndon Station
Monday, September 2	
Labor Day - Curia Offices Closed	
Saturday, September 7	
6:00pm	Immaculate Conception Parish Pizza Saturday - Eau Claire
Sunday, September 8	
9:00am	St. Mary's Assumption Parish Fall Festival - Durand
10:30am	St. Mary Parish Fall Festival - Colby
11:00am	St. John the Baptist Parish Fall Festival - Cooks Valley
1:00pm	In Honor of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Rudolph
Thursday, September 12	
11:00am	Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Chicken-Que - La Crosse
Saturday, September 14	
4:00pm	St. Joseph Parish Fall Festival - Menomonie - Sept. 14-15
Sunday, September 15	
10:00am	Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Fall Festival - Mondovi
11:00am	St. Joseph Parish Fall Festival - Prescott
2:00pm	St. Peter Parish Miscarriage, Infant or Child Loss Memorial Service - Tilden
Tuesday, September 17	
The Gift of the Stigmata Mass - La Crosse	
Wednesday, September 18	
Rural Life Day - Lone Rock - 10am	
Thursday, September 19	
1:00pm	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton PCCW Rummage Sale - Holmen - Aug. 19-20
Saturday, September 21	
3:00pm	Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Scott Turkington Organ Recital - La Crosse
Sunday, September 22	
9:00am	St. Paul Parish Fall Festival - Bloomer
11:00am	St. John the Apostle Parish Fall Dinner - Whitehall
11:00am	St. James Parish Charcoal Chicken Dinner - Vesper
Tuesday, September 24	
10:00am	Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe 10th Annual Homeschool Kickoff - Creating a Homestead - 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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Office for Catechesis & Evangelization

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For Your Parish Bulletin: National Eucharistic Congress

“This is My Body.” Watch the Revival Session on the Fourth Night (July 20, 2024)

In the acts of the apostles, St. Luke recounts that the disciples “devoted themselves to the teaching of the Apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). Using the early Church as a model, this day will build up participants as disciples through Jesus Christ to live out the Gospel in their love of both God and neighbor.



The timing for each part is provided so you can fast forward to watch what interests you. Visit ondemand.ewtn.com Scroll down to “Eucharist” and click on “National Eucharistic Congress” or use your smartphone’s camera to scan the QR code to the right and click “Eucharist.” Scroll down to revival session 7/20/24.

- Opening remarks for the evening session, including two songs by the Hillbilly Thomists, a description of the eucharistic procession that took place that afternoon, an interview with young Catholics at the congress, and an explanation of the theme for the day. (Beginning of recording through 27 minutes)
- Matt Maher, musician and songwriter sings beautiful Catholic music (27 min. – 40 min.)
- Tim Glemkowski, CEO of the National Eucharistic Congress and author of “Made for Mission: Renewing Your Parish Culture.” The reason for the eucharistic congress is that Jesus is after our hearts... (41:53 min. - 53 min.)
- The beautiful story of a man named Mark with down syndrome and how Mark serves Jesus. (54 min. - 57:33 min)
- The witness of people at the eucharistic procession (58 min. - 1:02)
- Drew Mariani, Relevant Radio. The new springtime has begun. In spring, we plant seeds and the seeds must be watered with prayer, sacrifice and we must embrace the Eucharistic Lord as the center of our lives. (1:02 - 1:09)
- Gloria Purvis, author, commentator, and the host of *The Gloria Purvis Podcast*, became a Catholic as a 12 yr. old and was faithful to all the important aspects of living the Faith. (1:09 - 1:32:20)
- Jonathan Roumie, the actor who plays Jesus on the tv series “The Chosen.” “When we keep your eyes focused on Jesus, things become clear... The Eucharist for me is healing, peace, grounding and His Heart within me.” Jonathan reads the Bread of Life Discourse in John 6, in a most compelling way.

The remainder of the evening session for July 20th will be featured in next-week’s chancery bulletin.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

A Minute with Jesus: At Mass, the Scripture Readings prepare us to receive Jesus

There are two major parts to the Mass: the liturgy of the word and the liturgy of the eucharist. In the liturgy of the word, we listen to three readings and a psalm from the Bible. These readings help us recall all that God has done for us: His love and His plan for us. We stand up

for the third reading – the Gospel, the most important reading – because Matthew, Mark, Luke and John deliver the message that Jesus brings, and include quotations of His very own spoken words. After the Gospel, the priest or deacon helps us to understand these readings from sacred scripture and how to apply the message to our daily life in order to be a more faithful follower of the Lord. Hearing the words of scripture and the homily prepare our hearts to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to come to Mass with an open heart, ready to hear the readings from scripture and the homily in order to know You better. This week, read from the letter of Paul to Timothy about the importance of God's Word: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, correction and training in righteousness, so that the man (or woman) of God may be fully competent and equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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

Catechetical Leader Information:

Your Participation was Appreciated

Thank you to all of the DREs, CREs and Youth Ministers who participated in the day with Bishop Battersby to prepare for the fall. It was most enjoyable to meet in person, to hear Bishop's important message and to share ideas about our mission.

The Importance of Spiritual Reading:

It is necessary to feed our mind with good, spiritual reading. Further, the spiritual information that is taken in the mind will open the heart to love Christ in a personal relationship when there is daily communication. Think about how each adult parishioner may receive a pamphlet or a one-page bulletin insert that provides good spiritual reading on a regular basis.

(Reminder): A Pastoral Guide to Gender Dysphoria with Jason Evert and Father Jeffrey Kirby

Join Jason Evert and Father Kirby to hear about pastoral accompaniment for persons dealing with gender dysphoria. The podcast is 28 min and is located here: chastity.com/podcast/109 or by using your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the right.



(Reminder) For Your Parish Bulletin:

Seeking Jesus: Growing Together in Small Groups

Studying the Catholic Faith in an ongoing way is an essential aspect of a Christian life. Therefore, every adult will want to be part of a small group to study the Bible or some component of the Catholic Faith in order to grow in their relationship with Christ, in an ongoing way. A list of excellent resources for the Eucharistic Revival are available here: diolc.org/parishioners. For those who have not yet participated in "Jesus and the Eucharist Series", it is excellent. For other resources on the Eucharist, scroll down further at the same link.

For an extended list of compelling resources, visit diolc.org/catechesis/bible-studies-and-small-group-resources

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(Reminder) Catholic Life Stories and Writers:

Our Catholic Life magazine reaches more than 50,000 Catholic households in our diocese and the stories woven throughout each issue form the tapestry of our Faith. We need your help to tell these stories. Please contact Pam at pwiller@diolc.org or Erik at earcher@diolc.org with the small stories in your parish that inspire faith and love.

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Office for the Diaconate

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(Reminder) Please Save These Dates:

- Deacon and Wives Evening of Reflection
 - 4pm - Thursday, September 12, 2024
 - Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe – La Crosse, WI
- Fall ministry Days
 - October 21-22, 2024
- Diaconal Discernment Retreat
 - Dec. 6-7, 2024
 - St. Anthony's Retreat Center – Marathon, WI
 - Please recruit in your parishes!
 - Offer to speak in neighboring parishes in your deanery that don't have a deacon.
- Bi-Annual Deacon and Wives Retreat
 - Feb. 21-23 at St. Anthony's Retreat Center – Marathon, WI
 - Friday evening dinner to Sunday lunch
 - Retreat leader – Msgr. David Kunz
 - Topic: The Implications of Having a Triune God

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Office for Marriage & Family Life

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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

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married Couples

Do you know a couple who have been married 70, 75 or more years? Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the US will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest. Please nominate a couple by going to wwme.org and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by September 1st. For questions call 641-753-6953.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Retrouvaille: Healing Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (French for “Rediscovery”) is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. For more information, call 1.877.922.HOPE (4673), visit the website HelpOurMarriage.org or use your smartphone’s camera to scan the QR code to the right. Please include the QR code in your parish bulletin. The program remains fully confidential and affordable. The next program begins with a weekend stay in the Wausau area, Aug. 16-18, 2024.

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Office for Safe Environment

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(Reminder) 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

(Reminder) The Alternative Driver Information Request Form / DPPA Authorization Form Revision:

<https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Alternative-Vehicle-Driver-Information.pdf>

All other Safe Environment forms will remain the same for the 2024-25 year.

(Reminder) Onsite Safe Environment Training Locations, Dates and Times:

I will be at the below locations for onsite Safe Environment training. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Aug. 20 at 5:30 pm Immaculate Conception- Eau Claire

Aug. 21 at 8:00 am McDonell - Chippewa Falls / 1:00 and 6:00 pm St. Mary Help of Christians - Colby

Aug. 22 at 2:00 pm Holy Family and St. Joseph @ St. Joseph - Boyd / 5:00 m Thorp Catholic - Thorp

Sept. 8 at noon Assumption of the BVM - Viroqua

Sept. 11 at 6:30 pm St. Joseph - St. Joseph Ridge

Oct. 20 at 9:00 am St. Mary in Coon Valley

If you would like onsite or Zoom Safe Environment training at your parish or school, contact Teresa with a date and time at 608-791-2679 or tbrown@diolc.org

The diocesan safe environment audit is September 3-4. I will have limited time these days to enter background checks. Send your information in before the start of school to ensure they are completed in time.

As a reminder, all background checks and alternative driver requests submitted and approved after July 1, 2024, are now current for five years.

“A person’s a person, no matter how small.” Dr. Seuss



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Office for Social Concerns

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(Reminder) For Your Parish Bulletin:

Attend Rural Life Day | Sept. 18, from 10 am -2 pm | Schmidt Family Farm in Lone Rock:



All are invited to Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 am-2 pm at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which

he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it. Learn more at diolc.org/rural-life, or scan the QR code to the right.



(Reminder) Pastors and Parish Respect Life Representatives:

Get ready for October, Respect Life Month:

Respect Life Month (and Respect Life Sunday on Oct. 6) will be more important than ever in today's cultural and political climate. For posters, bulletin reflections, homily helps, intercessions, prayers, action guides and much more, visit the USCCB website: respectlife.org.

(Reminder) For Your Parish Bulletin:

Catholic Faithful Citizenship Resources



What is a Catholic perspective on politics and voting? For resources, including materials from the bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Conference (WCC) and the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCCB), as well as a downloadable bulletin insert, visit diolc.org/faithful-citizenship or scan the QR code to the right.



(Reminder) For Your Parish Bulletin:

Archbishop Listecki Petitions to Intervene in Abortion Case before the WI Supreme Court: Please pray his voice will be heard and heeded!

On July 2, the Wisconsin Supreme Court agreed to hear a case from Planned Parenthood that seeks to find a constitutional right to abortion within the Wisconsin Constitution. On July 15, Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome Listecki filed a petition to intervene in the Planned Parenthood case, arguing that he has a religious obligation “to vindicate the constitutional rights of the unborn in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, particularly their rights to life and to equal protection of the laws under the 14th Amendment



and to any claimed state constitutional right to bodily integrity, autonomy, and self-determination.” Wisconsin’s other bishops subsequently issued a statement of support for the Archbishop’s petition, stating that they too have a religious obligation to care for the souls of every human life—born and unborn—in their respective dioceses, and that both sides deserve to be heard at the Wisconsin Supreme Court. PLEASE PRAY, and to learn more, visit wisconsincatholic.org and click on “NEWS,” or scan the QR code to the right.

For Your Parish Bulletin:

Post-Abortion Healing Ministry Phone Line and Retreats



Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org.

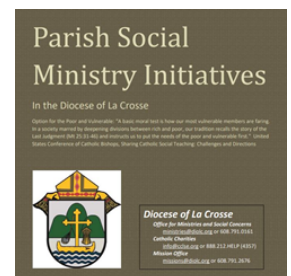


There are also post-abortion healing retreats offered in the Diocese of Madison (Nov. 8-10, 2024, March 28-30, 2025, and Nov. 7-9, 2025). For more information, visit madisondiocese.org/rachel or use your smartphone’s camera to scan the QR code on the right.

Pastors, Deacons, Parish Social Concerns Representatives:

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

In order to most fruitfully address the social concerns within our diocese, we are asking the parishes to review their current social ministry initiatives (any outreach of charity or social advocacy). If these are not already listed in the diocesan [Directory of Parish Social Ministry Initiatives](#), or if updating is needed, the pastor or someone authorized by him is asked to take a moment to complete and submit [this form](#) for each organization/resource.



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Office for Stewardship & Development

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(Reminder) 2024-2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal: “For We are God’s Co-workers” 1 Corinthians 3:9

This year's theme will focus on what Bishop Battersby calls a "turning toward mission: the Mission of Jesus."

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 most 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 have a profound trust in 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, in spite of 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) 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.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections for Weekends:

- 08/25/2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/08.25.24-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf
- 09/01/2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/09.01.24-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf
- 09/08/2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/09.08.24-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf
- 09/15/2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/09.15.24-stewardship-bulletin-announcements.pdf

Stewardship Homily Reflections:

Stewardship reflections for your homily development:

- For Weeks 08/25/24 - 09/15/24
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Homily-Guide-08.20.24.pdf

Weekly Stewardship Quotes (shorter bulletin reflections):

- July - September 2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Stewardship-Bulletin-Reflections-July-September-2024.docx
 - Spanish Version
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Stewardship-Bulletin-Reflections-July-September-2024-Spanish.docx

Weekly Stewardship Prayers of the Faithful:

- July - September 2024
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Prayers-of-the-Faithful-July-September-2024.docx
 - Spanish Version
diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Prayers-of-the-Faithful-July-September-2024-Spanish.docx

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Health Enews from Catholic Mutual Group:

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

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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:

We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, that God fill those called to single blessedness, vocations of marriage, priesthood and religious life with the courage and faith to respond to a life of service.

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.

A Call to Serve:

There are few things in life are more uplifting than being able to help someone or be there for someone in need. When we can use our gifts and talents to make someone else's life better, it can bring joy to not just our lives, but to those we are able to serve as well. Jesus tells us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. As friends of Christ, we are called to love in this way, to be willing to lay down our life for others. A powerful way to do this is by being a priest of Jesus Christ. He is calling young men to consider this call to serve, to offer their lives out of love for their sisters and brothers. He may be calling YOU! If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact me at: 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 Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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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, 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:

<https://argentasoftware.com/interfaces/49870/portalParticipant/frmLogin.aspx?TeamID=49884>

The downloadable poster can be found [here](#).

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:

<https://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, December 7, 2024 at St. Olaf Catholic Church in Eau Claire. [Click here for a downloadable poster.](#)
- Saturday, February 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 "TBD's," 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 to take 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) Tune-In Tuesdays Will Resume September 3, 2024:

We will resume our Tune-In Tuesday Zoom meetings beginning September 3, 2024. These Zoom meetings are for any Youth Minister, DRE, or CRE. These are weekly, hour-long meetings and is a time for us to build a community of ministers to pray together, share experience, triumphs, hardships, and everything in between. Please use this link to join:

us02web.zoom.us/j/82245824299

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