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For your Parish Bulletin:

Jesus is Our Hope (1 Tim 1:1)

Jesus gave the apostles the power and authority to forgive sins, and this same power and authority is passed on to ordained priests. It is a beautiful gift to be forgiven of our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation. The cleansing and healing that takes place in our soul through the grace of the sacrament allows us to experience real joy and peace, to begin again in living with greater charity and to deepen our friendship with Christ. During this Jubilee Year, let us frequent the sacrament of penance and be strengthened in hope that Jesus, who began the good work in us will carry it on to completion.

(Reminder) Bulletin editors: Additional bulletin announcements for the Jubilee Year of Hope were developed and added on Sept. 20—entries found [here](#).

For your Parish Bulletin:**Courage Apostolate**

Everyone is called to chastity. The [Courage Apostolate](#) is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of persons who experience same-sex attraction and wish to faithfully live the Church's beautiful teachings on human sexuality. A Courage chapter with a trained chaplain is active in our diocese, meeting monthly online. Contact Ann Lankford, the Director of Catechesis and Evangelization for the Diocese of La Crosse, at alankford@diolc.org for details.

For your Parish Bulletin:**The Rosary is a Powerful Prayer**

In praying the Rosary, we think about one great saving event in the life of Jesus while we pray a decade: one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's and a Glory Be. While we meditate on a mystery of Jesus' life, we come to know Him better and find that the events of Jesus' life guide us in dealing with the challenges we face. Further, we will find greater peace by praying a Rosary, or just a decade, each day.

A downloadable prayer card on the Rosary is available at the link for families to pray together and catechists/teachers to use in the classroom. See [4th grade, but can be used for any grade](#) and for [adults at this link](#). The simple format is meant to make prayer more personal. The two-sentence reflection about each mystery connects the aspects of Jesus' life to our daily lives.

Catechetical Leader Information:**Preparation for First Confession**

As parents help to prepare their child to receive the sacrament of reconciliation, a downloadable prayer card to memorize the act of contrition - and to help make it more personal - as well as explanation of the words of the prayer and other resources [are available here](#). See 2nd Grade.

Pray the Rosary as a Family:

Please encourage families to take 10 minutes to pray a decade of the Rosary together. See the announcement above for wording to promote this with parents.

(Reminder) Respect Life Month—Resources for Children and Youth

During this month dedicated to greater respect for human life, resources are available for various grade levels that may be used in faith formation sessions. Click [here](#) for an assortment of suggestions, including short videos, prayers, a time of adoration focused on Respect for Life.

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World Mission Sunday—Thank you!

Your generous response to the personal message of Pope Leo XIV for [World Mission Sunday—Oct. 19](#) to help him help the missions through your prayers and financial support is much appreciated!

Parish bookkeepers, please credit donors for all WMS donations on their Parishsoft parish-giving tax statements. If checks are made payable to SPOF (Society for the Propagation of the Faith) instead of your local parish, please also deposit them (if



your bank allows, which most do) into the parish account.

The total of these funds is then forwarded in a parish check to the Mission Office, along with the ParishSoft report, which lists the name, address and donation amount. Additional information can be found on the [Mission Office website](#). Please [email the Mission Office](#) with any questions. God bless you for your extra time and efforts for the missions.

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Office for Sacred Worship

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Order for Visiting a Cemetery on All Souls Day

November 2, All Souls Day, falls on a Sunday in 2025. If circumstances allow, pastors and parishes may wish to visit the parish cemetery on that day and follow the “Order for Visiting a Cemetery on All Souls Day” from the Book of Blessings, nos. 1734-1754.

Online Course on the Eucharist Explores the Source and Summit of our Faith

[Adoremus](#) joins the Avila Institute in offering “Mystery and Mission in the Sacred Liturgy,” a series of four introductory courses on liturgical prayer and the sacraments, taught by Adoremus authors and staff. The course “Exploring the Source and Summit” will be taught by Christopher Carstens, Director of the Office for Sacred Worship, and will explore the life-changing encounter that we are invited to have with Christ in the Eucharist and how we can further enrich our devotion to the Lord and his profound self-gift in the Mass. This survey of the scriptural and historical development of the Sacrament of the Eucharist will help orient us to a deeper and mystagogical encounter with the Eucharistic Christ in the prayer of the Mass. This six-week course meets live online Thursdays, 6:30–8:00 p.m. Central, from Nov. 6 to Dec. 18, 2025 (except for Thanksgiving Day). Faithful from the Diocese of La Crosse will receive a 25% discount and can take the course for \$150. Anyone interested in participating should [apply at the Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation](#) and enter the discount code LACROSSE to waive the application fee. Once a participant has been accepted for the course, a representative from the Avila Institute will follow up by assisting in enrollment, which includes processing the 25% discount. Consider joining us!

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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.

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For Your Parish Bulletin:

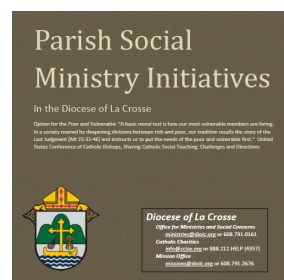
(Reminder) October is Respect Life Month:

In October, the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. For links to a pro-life article on La Crosse's Alliance Women's Clinic in the current issue of *Catholic Life* magazine, and to a video-recorded interview with Ginna Cross, founder of Alliance, visit the [diocesan Respect Life website](#), or scan the QR code to the right. You will also find a link there to the U.S. Bishops' Respect Life website, featuring many downloadable resources.



Pastors and Parish Social Concerns Representatives:

Are Your Social Ministries listed in our Diocesan Directory?



Our parishes carry out beautiful ministries to the poor and disadvantaged. Are yours listed? The "Directory of Parish Social Ministry Initiatives" is a resource for awareness and networking. It lists and describes social ministries deanery by deanery, parish by parish, providing contact information for each ministry so that we can learn from and encourage one another. But that can only happen if the information is updated and complete. Please [click here to see the Directory](#), and [here to submit an update](#).

(Reminder) For La Crosse area Parish Bulletins:

40 Days for Life Campaign -- La Crosse

A La Crosse 40 Days for Life campaign will run from Sept. 24-Nov. 2 outside the Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia Street in La Crosse. Please consider signing up for an hour of peaceful, prayerful pro-life witness. You can visit the [online campaign calendar](#) or scan the QR code to the right.



For Your Parish Bulletin:

Action Alert on Behalf of our International Priests: Urge Congress to Support Foreign-Born Religious Men and Women and the Communities They Serve

An increasing number of priests, religious sisters and brothers and others serving the Church throughout the United States will be forced to abandon their ministries if policymakers do not act soon. Unfortunately, many parishes, schools and other Catholic institutions have already had to part with men and women who served them for years because of challenges with the Religious Worker Visa Program. To learn more, and to make your voice heard in favor of the bipartisan Religious Workforce Protection Act, visit [this website](#). The Diocese of La Crosse is grateful for the ministry of nearly 30 international priests.



For Your Parish Bulletin:

CALIX: A Catholic Substance Abuse Recovery Support Group:

Calix is an association of Catholics wanting to live free of addiction to alcohol or drugs, and it is also for affected family members. It is not a substitute for AA or Al-Anon, but provides a Catholic perspective to complement these 12-step programs. "Calix," Latin for "chalice," was founded in Minneapolis in 1947 by a group of five men, all recovering alcoholics, who saw their Catholic faith as a sure path to serenity without alcohol. If you are interested in learning about the Calix group that meets every other Tuesday by Zoom in the Diocese of La Crosse, email Christine at healthandharmonywi@gmail.com. To learn more about Calix, visit their [website](#) or scan the QR code on the right.



For Your Parish Bulletin:

Healing Ministry for those Who Have Lost a Baby



Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of losing a child through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth, or abortion? Rachel Ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email

Hope4U@diolc.org. There are also healing retreats offered in the

Diocese of Madison. For more information, visit [this link](#) or scan the QR code on the right.



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Office for Stewardship & Development

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GivingTrend Update:

Like many of you using GivingTrend, we have faced issues again this year, including inaccurate reporting. Today, the vendor attributed the problem to a Microsoft update. The vendor has informed us that the site should be fully operational and apologizes for any inconvenience caused.

We are currently exploring alternative methods to deliver the status information more reliably in the future.

Diocesan Annual Appeal:

The weekend ahead is the final kickoff week. If you did not sign up for a weekend, the annual appeal mailers will be dropped into the mail stream on Monday, 10/27/2025

This year, we have two versions of the video for you to use: a 3-minute version and an 8-minute full version. These are both available on our [appeal portal](#) for download and use on your website or parish screenings. There are also extended versions of the individual installments for your use as well.

For your convenience, we have compiled helpful [prayers of the faithful](#), [scripts](#) and [plans](#) for conducting a successful appeal on our [appeal portal](#). Additionally, there are numerous other resources available to support the success of your parish's diocesan annual appeal. We are here to help you every step of the way.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections: [10/26/2025](#) - [11/02/2025](#) - [11/09/2025](#)

Spanish Stewardship Reflections: [10/26/2025](#) - [11/02/2025](#) - [11/09/2025](#)

Hmong Stewardship Reflections: [10/26/2025](#) - [11/02/2025](#) - [11/09/2025](#)

Stewardship Homily Reflections: [10/19/25](#) - [11/09/25](#)

(Reminder) Stewardship Prayers of the Faithful for October: [English](#) - [Spanish](#) - [Hmong](#)

Stewardship and Missionary Discipleship:

Catholic stewardship and missionary discipleship are inseparable: stewardship is the joyful way missionary disciples live, and missionary discipleship is the goal of stewardship. Stewardship means gratefully receiving God's gifts, cultivating them, and offering them back for God's glory and the good of others. Conversely, missionary discipleship means following Jesus and supporting others in doing the same through witness, accompaniment, and being sent.

Stewardship fuels the mission by transforming hearts from mere maintenance to active outward witness, activating charisms such as teaching, hospitality, administration, and mercy for evangelization. It supports gathering places through shared resources and builds habits like prayer, service, and sacrificial giving that sustain the mission over time. A parish "flywheel" illustrates this dynamic: Encounter → Grow → Serve → Give → Send, with stewardship practices reinforcing each phase. For more, [click here](#).

You can find more reflections on stewardship on our [portal](#).

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Reconciliation of Endowments and/or Perpetual Care:

To reconcile endowments and/or perpetual care, a calculation is needed to determine realized and unrealized gains/losses for the Trust Point statements as of September 30, 2025, using the percentages below. You can determine if your endowment is 50/50, 60/40, or 70/30 by looking

at the top of your endowment statement—for example, the Diocese of La Crosse Endowment Trust 70/30 Agency.

The quarterly percentage to use for September 30, 2025, to calculate realized gain/(loss) and unrealized gain/(loss):

- 50/50 (0.0234752)

- 60/40 (0.0196835)

- 70/30 (0.0106715)

The percentage will be the same for all cemeteries of perpetual care investments. The realized gain/(loss) and unrealized gain/(loss) percentage for perpetual care investments is 0.0134603.

We will provide future quarterly realized gain/(loss) and unrealized gain/(loss) percentages when the quarterly statements are issued.

Endowment Quarterly Webinar Thursday, October 23, 2025(11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

- TrustPoint will be presenting the Endowment Quarterly Webinar on Thursday, October 23, 2025 (11:00 am – 12:00 pm).
- Here is the link to join the [Zoom Meeting](#).
- All parishes with endowments should attend the meeting.
- Below is the meeting ID and passcode
Meeting ID: 83305009850
Passcode: 848967

Please contact vpatel@diolc.org for any help.

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Events

As of October 21.

Tuesday, October 21

All day

Fall Ministry Days (Day 2/2)

Friday, October 24

All day

Youth Leadership Camp (October 24-26, 2025)

CrossWoods Adventure Camp LLC, 15010 Black Bear Rd, Delta

Sunday, October 26

9 AM – 12 PM

KOC Pancake Breakfast - Plum City
207 Church Rd, Plum City

Monday, October 27

6 – 8 PM

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish ALPHA Series - La Crosse

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

7 – 10 PM

Granny Basketball benefitting Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II - La Crosse

Saturday, November 1

All day

Solemnity of All Saints - Holy day of obligation

Sunday, November 2

9:30 – 11:30 AM

Holy Cross Parish PCCW Fall Bazaar & KOC Breakfast - Cornell

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 107 S 8th St, Cornell

4:30 – 5:30 PM

Sacred Heart - St. Patrick Parish

Remembrance Service For All Souls - Eau Claire

Monday, November 3

6 – 8 PM

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish ALPHA Series - La Crosse

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

Thursday, November 6

4:30 – 9 PM

Knights of Columbus Annual Hunters Stag - Chippewa Falls

236 Pumphouse Rd, Chippewa Falls

Friday, November 7

4 – 7 PM

St. Olaf Men's Club Fish Fry - Eau Claire
2407 North Ln, Eau Claire

4:30 – 9:30 PM

Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild Benefit Dinner - La Crosse

4:30 – 7:30 PM

Holy Rosary Parish Fish Fry - Lima
6235 County Rd V, Durand

Saturday, November 8

All day

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (Day 1/2)
Neenah

8 AM – 2 PM

St. James Parish & Providence Academy
Holly Berry Fair - La Crosse

10 AM – 2 PM

St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Annual
Christmas Fair - Colby

Sunday, November 9

All day

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (Day 2/2)

Neenah

1 – 3 PM

St Adalbert Parish BINGO - Rosholt
3315 St Adalberts Rd, Rosholt

Monday, November 10

6 – 8 PM

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish ALPHA
Series - La Crosse

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

Saturday, November 15

All day

Married Love: Two Becoming One Retreat
Queen of the Apostles, 315 W Monroe St,
Tomah

Monday, November 17

6 – 8 PM

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish ALPHA
Series - La Crosse

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

Thursday, November 20

All day

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)
November 20-23, 2025

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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