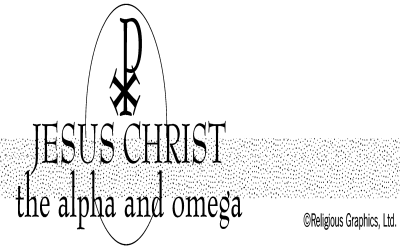
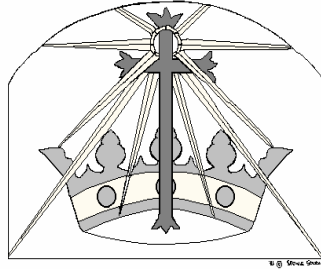


# CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**April 3, 2016**



## Mass Schedule / Scripture Readings / Intentions / Ministry Participants

**Monday – April 4, 2016 \* Communion Service @ 8:30 am \* Is 7:10-14; 8:10 \* Heb 10:4-10 \* Lk 1:26-38**

**Tuesday – April 5, 2016 \* Mass @ 8:30 am \* Acts 4:32-37 \* Jn 3:7-15 \* Mass Intention: + Ralph Pecinski and Elmer Lausier**

**Wednesday - April 6, 2016 \* Communion Service @ 8:30 am \* Acts 5:17-26 \* Jn 3:16-21**

**Thursday - April 7, 2016 \* Mass @ 8:30 am \* Acts 5:27-33 \* Jn 3:31-36 \* Mass Intention: + Mark Bychinski**

**Friday - April 8, 2016 \* Communion Service @ 8:30 am \* Acts 5: 34-42 \* Jn 6:1-15**

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**Saturday - April 9, 2016 \* 4 p.m. Mass**

**\* Readings: Acts 6:1-7 \* Jn 6:16-21**

**Mass Intention: Mass of Thanksgiving**

**Lector: Gary Schellinger**

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Joan Meyer \* Mary Schellinger \* Volunteer Needed**

**Servers: Jessica and Amber Becker**

**Crucifix Bearer: Needed**

**Ministers of Welcome: Jim and Laurie Doepke**

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**Sunday – April 10, 2016 \* 8 a.m. Mass**

**\* Readings: Acts 5:27-32,40-41 \* Rv 5:11-14 \* Jn 21:1-19**

**Mass Intention: Christ the King and St. John Parish Families**

**Lector: Bob or Barb Wesle**

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Doreen Hebert \* Robert Burrington \* Volunteer Needed**

**Servers: Luke and David Ellefson**

**Crucifix Bearer: Needed**

**Minister of Welcome: David and Steven Hebert**

**\*\*\* Father / Son Breakfast after 8 a.m. mass, today ! \*\*\***

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**Sunday - April 10, 2016 \* 10 a.m. Mass**

**\* Readings: Acts 5:27-32,40-41 \* Rv 5:11-14 \* Jn 21:1-19**

**Mass Intention: + Margaret Griesbach**

**Lector: Pauline Frome**

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Barbara Ward \* Sue Mews \* Volunteer Needed**

**Servers: Courtney Buss and Alexander Baumgarten**

**Crucifix Bearer: Needed**

**Ministers of Welcome: Nancy Kautza and Diane Lang**

**my LORD  
and my god!**



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## From the Desk of : Father Samuel Martin

Praised be Jesus Christ! I wonder how many of you have seen the film "Schindler's List?" When we were in the Holy Land last year we saw Oskar Schindler's tomb – he's buried in a prominent cemetery in Jerusalem as a tribute to his heroism in saving so many Jews during World War II. I was reminded of all of this recently when a friend recommended the book My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me, by Jennifer Teege. It's the true story of a young woman who at the age of 38 tragically discovers that her grandfather is none other than the infamous Amon Goeth. Anyone who reads the book will be shocked by the inexplicable mystery of evil – how can we treat our fellow human beings so badly? But this is not a book with a predictable ending. Jennifer searches to know the truth because she wants to be free in her heart and mind – and by the grace of God, many demons are exorcised from her life. On Divine Mercy Sunday we're asked to believe that God's ability to forgive is His way of not only healing our hurts, but His plan to outdo evil by infinite good. About the same time I was reading the aforementioned book a story surfaced about Rudolph Hoess, the commandant who ran Auschwitz. Though he was raised in a Catholic family, his experience of God was only as a strict being who lays down the law and enforces it severely. Sadly Hoess renounced his Catholic faith when he was 21 years old, and from there it was only a matter of time before he lived out an insight offered about the same time by G.K. Chesterton: "The first effect of not believing in God is to believe in anything." Hoess joined the Nazi party and rose quickly to a position of authority, taking over as commandant of Auschwitz in 1940. Though he had some misgivings about it all, the trust he put in his superiors blinded him to the horror that was all around him. After the war ended Hoess was arrested and sent to a Polish prison. He expected to spend the rest of his life being tortured but was shocked by the clemency he was shown by his jailers and by the Polish judge who conducted his trial; the latter famously stated before the trial, "Mindful of our great responsibility towards the dead and the living, we must not lose sight of what was at stake for all those who fought for freedom. Their guiding principle was respect for human dignity. Let us extend this respect to the accused as well, for the man who stands before this court is a human being." Hoess, who was responsible for the murder of thousands of innocent human beings, was deeply moved by such compassion, aware that he had done nothing to deserve it. While awaiting his execution for horrible crimes against humanity, Hoess asked for a priest. After much effort a Jesuit priest by the name of Father Lohn was brought to the prison. During the war 27 of Father Lohn's brother priests had been imprisoned in Auschwitz, 12 of whom had died there. Nevertheless, Father Lohn patiently heard Rudolph Hoess's confession and helped him to return to the Church after a 25 year absence. The next day Father Lohn returned to give Hoess Holy Communion – he received Our Lord while kneeling and weeping with deep contrition and gratitude. All of this was made possible by the Polish people: Hoess wrote, "In Polish prisons I experienced for the first time what human kindness is . . . which I could never have expected and which has deeply shamed me." So we can see how God's mercy, mediated by His faithful children, can move a man to turn His heart to God. During this year of mercy we each have a chance to become more forgiving – only in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ will we find this gift.

May God help us to live St. Faustina's immortal words: "Jesus, I trust in You!"

Your friend in Christ,  
Father Martin

## Mission Statement

As members of God's family, Christ the King Parish will always be a welcoming community that comforts, shares its Catholic faith, and inspires others.

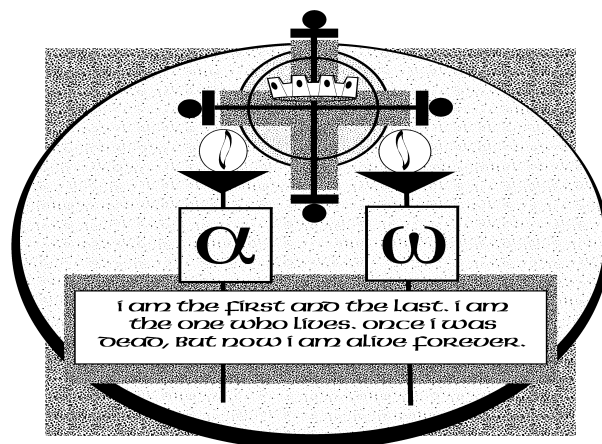
## Sacraments

**Baptism..** Expectant parents are to participate in the Baptism preparation program offered in February, June and October. The Baptisms are then scheduled for the second and fourth Sundays of the month, after the 10:00 AM Mass

**Marriage..** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance

**Anointing of the Sick..** (which was known as Extreme Unction or Last Rites) has taken a different connotation since The Second Vatican Council. The sacrament is celebrated not only for those who are dying, but to those preparing for major surgery, the aged, and the sick. It is time for the Church to pray for and with those who are ill and anoint them with oil. The proper celebrant of this sacrament is a priest. Those who desire to receive this sacrament are to contact Fr. Martin, in advance.

**Penance . .** Saturday afternoon 3:15 p.m. until 3:45 p.m.  
or by appointment



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## Ministry to the Homebound...

First Sunday...	Joan Meyer
Second Sunday...	Barb Ward
Third Sunday...	Sue Mews
Fourth Sunday...	Deacon Jeff and Rita Austin
Fifth Sunday...	Mary Schellinger
*First Friday...	Sue Mews
Sunday Morning	Sue Kappel (substitute)
Sunday Morning	Rosie Frank (substitute)
Sunday Morning	Mary Schellinger (substitute)



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## Christ the King Parish

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

**“Thank You”** Fr. Nathaniel Kuhn \* Deacon Jeff Austin \* our Lectors \* Ministers of Holy Communion \* Servers \* Crucifix Bearers \* Ushers \* Music Ministry \* Washing of the Feet participants \* Eucharistic Adoration participants \* Our sacristan, Bonnie Jakel, for your time and talent to make Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday very spiritual celebrations here at Christ the King parish for those attending. **“Thank You”** to these people who took their time and talent on Saturday morning, to help in decorating the church for Easter Vigil mass and Easter Sunday masses, Bonnie Jakel, Joyce Abegglen, Gary Niziolek, Diane Lang, Lance Mews, Ted and Joan Meyer and Judy Drechsler. The Easter lilies, hydrangea, long white side curtains in the sanctuary, white cloth draped up at the crucifix and around the lilies and the decorated crosses on the walls of the church signify the “Resurrection of Jesus Christ” and the joy we feel at Easter.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

*April 3, 2016*

*Christ the King Parish, Spencer*

*1 p.m. \* Eucharistic Adoration*

*1:15 pm \* Year of Mercy Presentation by Fr. Nathaniel Kuhn*

*1:45 pm \* Confession heard by Fr. Martin & Fr. Kuhn*

*2:30 \* Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

*2:50 pm \* Benediction*

*Please join us in this afternoon of prayer !*

**On the weekend of April 2 and 3, 2016** \* 2016 Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual collection will take place. The ladies for our Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) will be taking up a **second collection at all weekend masses**. Proceeds are used for spirituality days, education, conventions, workshops, leadership training, support, and charitable works that take place during the upcoming year throughout the Diocese of La Crosse.

**Mark your calendars: Annual Father / Son Breakfast will be hosted by the Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) on Sunday-April 10, 2016 after the 8 a.m. mass.**

Grandfathers, fathers, sons, godfathers and men who have given guidance to our families are extended an invitation to come to the dining hall of church and enjoy breakfast, after mass. We look forward to seeing you on this Sunday morning.

**Pope Francis asked that we help support Christians in the Holy Land by taking up a Good Friday collection.** Your support was greatly appreciated and \$386.00 was collected. God’s blessings to you and your families.

**The Easter Adult Contribution Envelopes** to Christ the King Parish totaled \$2,397.00. Thank you !

**Sunday-April 3** - Spencer Area Schools are celebrating 100 years of being part of this community. Open House at the school from 1 pm until 4 pm \* Come see what we are all about !

**Rosary and Mass:** Day of the Unborn Child on the Feast of the Annunciation on **Monday-April 4, 2016** @ Sacred Heart Parish in Mfld. with rosary starting @ 5:30 pm and mass @ 6 pm

\* **Evenings of Recollection** \* Eucharistic Adoration and Reflection \* Meditations in honor of the “Year of Mercy” led by Father Samuel Martin \* Evenings will alternate between the parishes of St.. John’s / Mfld and Christ the King / Spencer . Time: **6:30 pm-8 pm on April 7, 2016 @ Christ the King**  
Theme: Poverty, Chastity and Obedience

**Deanery Council of Catholic Women will have it’s “Spring Assembly” on Thursday—April 14, 2016** @ Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mfld. in Toeller Hall Registration will begin

**@ 5:30 p.m. with dinner @ 6 p.m. and meeting @ 7 p.m.** The meal cost is \$8.00. **Ladies of the parish you are invited to an uplifting evening full of\* Hospitality, \* Spirituality \* Basket Raffles \* Door Prizes.** Please help with a baby shower for the Hannah Center by bringing a baby gift.

Those parishioners who subscribe to the daily prayer missal **“Give Us This Day”** or wish to start subscribing, A **Sign-up sheet has been placed on back table if you wish to subscribe for the upcoming year. Deadline April 24, 2016 to sign up.**

**Ministry Participants:** The **ministry schedule will be worked on for May / June / July / August 2016.** Please let parish office know if you will stepping down from your ministry position so the next ministry schedule can be adjusted properly.. **Deadline is: Monday - April 11 @ Noon ... \*\* There is a need of participants in the ministries of lector / servers/ crucifix bearers / Ushers at weekend masses.** Please consider using your time and talent to help out at these masses. There are reference guides, in the sacristy, that help you to prepare for the weekend masses. If you have any questions about a particular ministry do not hesitate to ask Father Martin or one of the ministry participants who are in that particular ministry that you have a interest in. If you would like to be a Minister of Holy Communion please talk to Father Martin as there is certain protocol for this ministry.

**Food in church:** Because I’ve never had the experience of raising children, I’m not sure how essential it is that they have snacks in church. I cannot remember if we were ever given food in church as toddlers – I suspect that we were not. Be that as it may, please be extremely careful with the food you give your little one during Mass – we’re finding a fair amount of it wedged down between the pew cushion, the pew and on the carpeting. Thank you for being more vigilant – may God reward you!  
Father Samuel

### **Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**



MassMode™

- Phone silencing reminder
- For Mass or Confession
- Use location reminder for any time visiting parish

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

## Religious Education



**D.R.E:**

**Mrs. Deb Mlsna**

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**Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade CCD students!** They recently served a COME meal and impressed the organizers. The COME meal was the 8<sup>th</sup> grade service project and they represented our parish and students very well! Way to go 8<sup>th</sup> grade, we are very proud of you!!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 6:** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students begin class early, at 6pm. (only second grade will begin early)

**Sunday, April 17:** The last morning of Sunday school class for our 4 & 5 year olds.

**April 20:** Faith Facts testing grades 3-8 (retake testing on May 18)

**Sunday, April 24:** First Communion will be celebrated at the 10 am Mass!

**April 27:** May Crowning and the Last night of classes

## Youth Ministry News

**Youth Rummage Sale** May 12 & 13 the youth will be holding a rummage sale at St. John's in the Columbia Rm. **You are invited to donate your gently used items** by bringing them during office hours to St. John's rel. ed. Office on Wed afternoon, May 11 from 3-6pm or Thur., May 12 from noon -3pm. You are also invited to come purchase items from this sale to support our youth. **Sale times are Thurs., May 12, 3-6pm and Fri., May 13, 8am-5pm St. John's school Columbia Room 307 N. Walnut Ave.**

For more info. please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber.

**Youth Minister:**

**Mr. Dan Kitzhaber**

**Christ the King:**

715-659-4480 ext. #4

**St. John the Baptist:**

715-384-4989 ext. #3

Email:

yministry@frontier.com

**Steubenville Youth Conference** for teens presently in grades 8-12

An awesome, high energy event with 2,000 other teens . PLUS: we'll roll up our sleeves and lend a hand while serving others. It will be at St. Thomas University in St. Paul, July 29-31 The cost will be about \$260? includes most meals, transportation, & all housing A deposit of \$50 is needed.

To sign up, please contact: Dan Kitzhaber

**CATHOLIC Adventure Camp** June 19-24. This is for teens currently in grades 6-12. Crosswoods Christian Adventure Camp, located south of Ashland, has been reserved for the Diocese of LaCrosse! This high adventure week will offer you the chance for rock climbing, repelling, canoeing, mountain bike riding, low ropes and high ropes, adventure trails, hiking, and time for prayer, the sacraments and reflection on God's marvelous creation. The total cost will be about \$385 for youth and \$200 for adults. Signup soon. Financial help is available. If you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber.

**Pilgrimage with the Pope and a Saint: World Youth Day 2016** July 2016 be part of a 17-day pilgrimage to Poland for a gathering with Pope Francis and youth from around the world to celebrate World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow. As part of the pilgrimage, we will also visit Wadowice, the birthplace of St Pope John Paul II as well as Czestochowa, Auschwitz & Birkenau, where St. Maximilian Kolbe gave his life and much more. For more details, contact Mr. Dan Kitzhaber.



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**\*\*\* Pray daily for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and sacramental marriage \*\*\***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **The Wisconsin 2016 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary is coming up on Tuesday, April 5.**

This is a very important election and we remind you of the *vital right and responsibility of voting*. Please note that a voter ID will be necessary on April 5. This election season seems to be unique, at least in terms of the presidential primaries, with regard to the level of anger, division and even violence that has emerged. Hopefully everyone will prayerfully consider the spirit with which we want to move forward and what the Gospel of Jesus Christ would have us do. Certainly we need leaders who are right on the issues, but also who are able to appeal to the noblest instincts of our people, rather than those which are vulgar and violent.

What follows are some resources that may prove helpful by going to these websites:

**Diocesan Blog on Catholics and Voting:** <http://sites.dioc.org/psm/>

**Thoughtful Catholic Website Devoted to Political Issues and Elections (Features Many Good Articles):**

<https://catholicvote.org/category/election-2016/>

**Pro-life and Pro-Family Voter Information:** <http://myelectioncentral.com/>

<http://wifamilyaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/spring-2016-general-Online-version-final.pdf>

<https://home.ivoterguide.com/partner/?partner=Ivg>

**General Information on Candidates and the Voting Process:** <http://www.wisconsinvote.org/candidates-and-races>

<http://www.gab.wi.gov/voters>

<http://bringit.wi.gov/do-i-have-right-photo-id>

\*\*\*\*\* *Note: the information above is for educational purposes.* \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\* *The Diocese of La Crosse does not endorse any specific candidates or any particular parties.* \*\*\*

### “Year of Mercy” Pilgrimages

**Pilgrimage to: (Bus Trip) Our Lady of Good Help Shrine** near Green Bay, WI.

\*\* Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council # 16280 in Marathon, WI \* Cost per person: \$25.00

Date of trip: Saturday April 30, 2016 . Informational sheets have been placed on back table. Please take one if you are interested in this day trip.

**Pilgrimage to: ( Bus Trip) Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman \* St. Rose Convent \* Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe** in La Crosse, WI.

\*\* Sponsored by Christ the King Sacred Worship Committee \* Cost per person: \$35.00

Date of Trip: Wednesday- July 20, 2016 \* Watch for details in April as to registration and a schedule for the day of the trip.

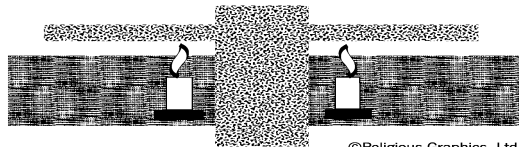
**Pilgrimage to: (Bus Trip) Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman \* Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe** in La Crosse, WI.

Sponsored by St. Mary’s / St. Michael’s & St. Kilian’s Parishes \* Cost per person: \$35.00

Date of Trip: Thursday-May 5, 2016 \* We will depart from St. Mary’s Church in Auburndale parking lot at 7 am and return around 5 pm. the 1st stop will be at the Cathedral where we will have a guided tour. By late morning, we will then head to the Shrine where we will have mass and opportunities for confession prior to mass to obtain the Holy Year Indulgence. Included is a buffet lunch at the Shrine. If you are interested in going, please call St. Mary’s Parish office @ 715-652-2806 to reserve a spot. There are 45 spots available on the bus.

April –**ALERT** NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. Children are trafficked for forced labor, domestic work, as child soldiers, for begging but most children are trafficked for sexual exploitation. There is a demand for younger and younger victims worldwide. This demand comes from customers in the growing global sex industry. Pray for children of the world. Access the web site [sister-sagainstrafficking.org](http://sister-sagainstrafficking.org)...U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

**The Diocese of La Crosse is committed to creating a safe environment within the Church for children and youth. We continue to have a special care for and a commitment to reaching out to victims of sexual abuse and their families.**



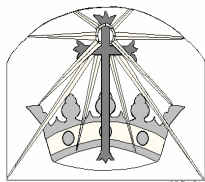
**To place a prayer request on the Christ the King Prayer Chain, please call these prayer leaders:**

Sue Mews (715-384-1780, Marcia Draeger (715-659-5182), Kay Derks (715-659-4046), Joan Meyer (715-384-2774)

Each of these has a list of people to call and inform them about your prayer requests, do not call parish office.

**You may also place your requests** on the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Prayer Chain by calling

Shirley @ 715-384-3613 and Donna 715-384-2479 (there are 2 lists) and they will take your request.



**Christ the King Staff:** Fr. Samuel Martin: Pastor \* Fr. Nathaniel Kuhn: Associate Pastor \* Deacon Jeff Austin, Permanent Deacon

\* Judy A. Drechsler : Parish Secretary \* Bonnie Jakel: Sacristan \* Gary Niziolek: Part-time Maintenance \* Jim Kilty: Snow Removal

**Parish office Hours Are:** Monday \* Tuesday \* Wednesday - 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Thursday - 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. \* Friday - Office is CLOSED



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Pope Francis' Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him, show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.



### **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 a priest or deacon. Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to: Bishop William P. Callahan at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. The form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse, Office for Clergy; or on the diocesan website at: [www.dioceseoflacrosse.com](http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com) **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 LaCrosse and the implementation of the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People", please contact Msgr. David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004 or call 1-608-791-2689 or email [dkunz@dioceseoflacrosse.com](mailto:dkunz@dioceseoflacrosse.com)