

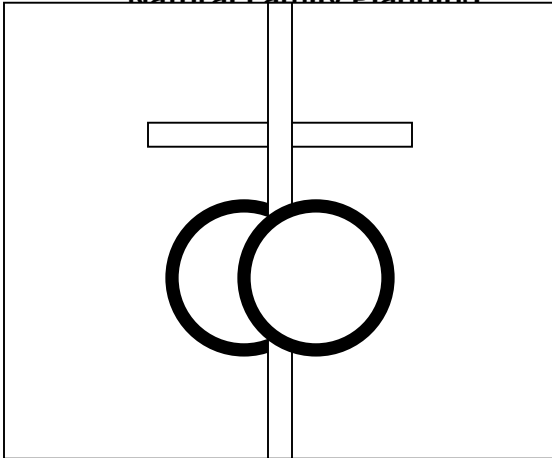
**May they both praise you when they are happy and turn to you in sorrows.**

Roman Liturgy

Though they may vary in length, cost and format, the program content is consistent with the expectations of the Bishops of Wisconsin. Your pastor, pastoral associate, or deacon can best direct you in your planning.

Some parishes in the diocese offer the SPONSOR COUPLE PROGRAM, which is an excellent parish-based instructional program that takes the place of these scheduled programs.

**Natural Family Planning**



Knowledge of Natural Family Planning is an integral component of your preparation for marriage. Your pastor, pastoral associate, or deacon can provide you with the dates of the NFP classes that are being offered in your area. You may also contact the program coordinators directly at 1-800-255-6226 or e-mail [nfp@dioceseoflacrosse.com](mailto:nfp@dioceseoflacrosse.com).

**If God does not build the house,  
the builders work in vain**

Psalm 127:1

Our warmest CONGRATULATIONS on your engagement! The love that you share with one another has brought you to this time of discernment ... a time of prayer, a time of discovery, and a time to determine whether God is calling you to the lifelong vocation of marriage.

“Each of us is called by God to love ~ to make a gift of ourselves to God and others. This is the fundamental vocation of every human being. Your specific call appears to be to the married state where you will daily seek “to will the good of another.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church #1766*)

To live a lifetime together with another human being is a great challenge and requires an abundance of God’s grace through the sacrament of marriage. Ultimately it is your responsibility to assist your future spouse in knowing, loving and serving God so that you may share eternity together.

It is our hope that your experience of preparing for this sacred vocation of marriage will strengthen your love and understanding of one another. May God bless you throughout this process and may you experience a lifetime of happiness together.

These programs fulfill the requirements for the instructional program that each engaged couple is required to complete before their wedding.

**PREPARING  
FOR  
THE  
VOCATION  
OF  
MARRIAGE**

**2005 - 2006**

**DIOCESE  
OF  
LA CROSSE**

For further information contact:

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# Marriage Preparation Programs

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## ARCADIA DEANERY

Fr. Joseph O'Hara ~ 608-525-3811  
Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program  
(Open registration as available)

August 19 – 20, '05 ~ Independence, WI  
Feb. 17 – 18, '06 ~ Independence, WI  
August 18 – 19, '06 ~ Independence, WI

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## CHIPPEWA FALLS DEANERY

Dan and Julie Rider ~ 715-568-3778 or 726-0461  
Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program  
(Open registration as available)

Sept. 30 – Oct.1, '05 ~ Tilden, WI  
Jan. 27 – 28, '06 ~ Tilden, WI  
Feb. 24 – 25, '06 ~ Tilden, WI  
Mar. 24 – 25, '06 ~ Tilden, WI

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## DURAND DEANERY

Oct. 21 – 22, '05 ~ St. Joseph's (715-232-4922)  
Feb. 24 – 25, '06 ~ Durand, WI (715-672-5640)  
May 19 – 20, '06 ~ St. Joseph's

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## EAU CLAIRE DEANERY

Maryjo Rone ~ 715-832-2504  
Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program  
(Open registration as available)

July 15 – 16, '05 ~ St. Olaf's  
Sept. 16 – 17, '05 ~ St. Olaf's  
Nov. 18 – 19, '05 ~ St. Olaf's  
Jan. 20 – 21, '06 ~ St. Olaf's  
Mar. 17 – 18, '06 ~ St. Olaf's  
May 19 – 20, '06 ~ St. Olaf's

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## LA CROSSE DEANERY

The La Crosse Deanery is no longer sponsoring an open-registration program. Each parish will be conducting it's own marriage preparation for couples.

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## MARSHFIELD DEANERY

Jodi Arrowood ~ 715-486-1255  
Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program  
(Open registration as available)

Sept. 23 – 24, '05 ~ St. Joseph's Hospital  
Nov. 11 – 12, '05 ~ St. Joseph's Hospital  
February 3 – 4, '06 ~ St. Joseph's Hospital  
April 21 – 22, '06 ~ St. Joseph's Hospital

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## MAUSTON DEANERY

Fr. Ronald Zinkle, SJ ~ 608-666-2421  
(Please call for dates.)

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## PRAIRIE DU CHIEN DEANERY

Fr. Eugene Wolf ~ 608-734-3931  
(Please call for dates.)

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## RICHLAND CENTER DEANERY

Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program  
(Open registration as available)

July 9, '05 ~ St. Mary's, Viroqua (608-637-7711)  
Feb. 4, '05 ~ St. Mary's, Richland Center  
(608-647-2621)

July 8, '06 ~ St. Mary's, Viroqua

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## SPARTA DEANERY

Wanda Thorson ~ 608-372-0825  
(Open registration as available)

Sept. 10, '05 ~ Sparta, WI  
Feb. '06 ~ Cashton (608-823-7906)  
April 29, '06 ~ Tomah, WI  
Sept. 16, '06 ~ Sparta, WI

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## STEVENS POINT DEANERY

Mark and Mary Schoeberle ~ 715-340-7323  
Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program  
(Open registration as available)

Oct. 7 – 8, '05 – St. Bron's – Plover  
Jan. 13 – 14, '06 – St. Peter's – Stevens Pt.  
April 7 – 8, '06 – St. Peter's – Stevens Pt.

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## THORP DEANERY

Fr. Woody Pace ~ 715-743-3840  
(Please call for dates.)

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## WAUSAU DEANERY

Tim and Sandy Micke ~ 715-539-3792  
(Open registration as available)

Sept. 10, '05 – Newman High School  
Oct. 15, '05 – Newman High School  
Jan. 14, '06 – Newman High School  
Mar. 4, '06 – Newman High School  
Mar. 11, '06 – Newman High School  
April 8, '06 – Newman High School  
May 20, '06 – Newman High School

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## WISCONSIN RAPIDS DEANERY

May Lou Hafenbredl ~ 715-421-5777  
Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program  
(Open registration as available)

Nov. 11 – 12, '05 ~ Wisconsin Rapids  
Feb. 10 – 11, '06 ~ Wisconsin Rapids  
April 7 – 8, '06 ~ Wisconsin Rapids

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**“Love causes man to find fulfillment through the sincere gift of self...By its very nature, the gift of the person must be lasting and irrevocable. The indissolubility of marriage flows...from the very essence of that gift: the gift of one person to another person.”**

- John Paul II (Letter to Families, Section 11)