**Important Dates**

October Mass Count Tally Sheet
All 4 weekends in October
All parishes in the diocese

All Saints Day
[Holy Day of Obligation]
Thursday, November 1, 2018

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
[Holy Day of Obligation]
Saturday, December 8, 2018

Transitional Diaconate Ordination
December 7, 2018 at 7:30 pm
St. Paul University Catholic Parish
Madison

Presbyteral Ordination
December 14, 2018 at 6:30 pm
Divine Mercy Parish – St. Aloysius Church
Sauk City

Nativity of the Lord - Christmas
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**OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY [OCD] UPDATE**

All Catholic parishes, schools, and entities listed in the Official Catholic Directory will receive an e-mail directly from ocdupdates@em.officialcatholicdirectory.com with directions for updating their listing in the OCD. If you do not receive this e-mail by Oct. 19th, please contact Becca in the Vicar General's Office at: 608.821.3015 or Rebecca.Fischer@straphael.org. Thank you.

**RCIA begins soon – Ask the Marriage Questions Early and Often!**

All people involved with the RCIA process must make concerted efforts to ensure that no candidate or catechumen has a prior marriage bond that requires a Church process. If they do, it must be addressed before they can be received into the Catholic Church. **NOTE:** if currently in an invalid marriage, no catechumen or candidate may be initiated into the Catholic Church until the marriage is Validated prior to initiation. All persons who have ever been in a prior marriage, including unbaptized persons or those who married in a civil ceremony – if the former spouse is still alive – require some Church process before they can be considered free to enter into a Catholic marriage.

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**Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, Nov. 4th.** Don’t forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed Saturday night!