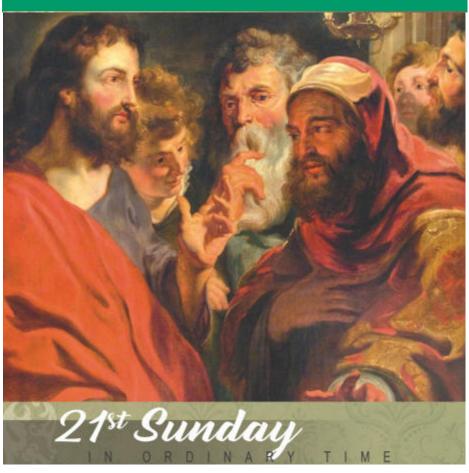
August 25, 2019





MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4pm Sunday 8am & 10am

Tuesday-Friday 7:30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8am-3pm

Contact the parish office to register, schedule a baptism, schedule a wedding (six months notice required), and to request the Sacrament of the Sick.

SCRIP

Scrip is sold before and after all weekend Masses and in the parish office on Fridays from 8am-3pm.

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OUR MISSION

Mary, Mother of the Church parishioners are called to be the People of God, formed by the Holy Word and nourished by the Holy Eucharist. We joyfully share our faith and gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We are committed to serve all God's people in the building of the Kingdom.

Parish Finance Assistants Brandee McKane and Holly Gerling will be handling the financial responsibilities in the parish office. We are grateful to Ruth Roesler who carried these responsibilities most recently until we found the current job sharing arrangement. Brandee and Holly are well-acquainted with our parish financial operations and will focus on these. They will be available primarily on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Due to their limited hours, the parish office will be closed on Mondays beginning on Labor Day.

Message from Deacon Sage – On August 9, I had medical tests to evaluate the post-operative status of bladder cancer. I was advised the bladder was clear and there was no evidence of new tumor growth. Wonderful news! Accordingly, on August 19 I began a new series of six once-weekly treatments with BCG immunotherapy. The BCG chemotherapy medication is instilled in the bladder to cause an inflammation that will fight (and hopefully destroy) any remaining cancer cells. Mary and I continue to ask for your prayers as this process begins once again. We are very grateful for and have felt uplifted by your past prayerful support. All strength and healing is guided by the mercy and love of Jesus. Thank you all so very much!



MMOC Chicken Que Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 12. Sign up sheets to volunteer will be in the Gathering Space the weekends of Sept. 1 -2 and Sept. 8-9.

Food

Food Baskets for September Catholic Charities is grateful for all the food donations and is most in

need of School snacks like crackers, cookies, pretzels, etc.; pop top items such as hearty soups, veggies, beef stews, hearty soups, canned meats, and complete boxed/canned meals.



Groups As Catholic Christians we are called to a deep, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We desire to experience his love, mercy, and peace. We are charged to be witnesses to the gospel and share it with the world. Are you hearing this call, feeling this desire, and ready to be a witness? Then consider joining a Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) faith-sharing group. These groups of 5-8 people meet weekly to review and discuss the lessons of this program over a period of 36 weeks. There is some outside preparation required. The CCO program will take you on the journey of discovering who Jesus is and developing a deep, relationship meaningful with him. Several opportunities are available starting in September, so please respond by September 1st. Identify your preference and then contact the group leader with

your name, contact information, and any questions you may have.

<u>Tuesday morning</u> (8:15-9:45 a.m.) This group is open to <u>men and women</u> of the parish. Led by Sue Halter: skhalter@gmail.com or 608-769-4029.

TBD: <u>Tuesday or Wednesday evening</u> (6:30-8:00 p.m.) This group is open to <u>women</u> of the parish. Led by Linda Schwartz: alrzschwartz@gmail.com or 608-792-0351.

Wednesday evening (6:45-8:15 p.m.) This group is open to women of the parish. Led by Lisa Doering: hormanhouse@gmail.com or 608-769-2894.

Wednesday evening (6:00-7:30 p.m.) This group is open to men of the parish. Led by Peter Schmitz: schmitzpk@gmail.com and 608-780-4181.



The Pope's Prayer Intention for September That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Church Altar Relocation Survey Thank you to all those who participated! The survey is now "closed" and the data will be analyzed before the results are shared.

Fall Bible Study on Acts of the Apostles: Lectio Evangelization Take a moment to think of one of your great achievements in your life. What was the driving force behind your success? This fall we are going to explore how the Holy Spirit helped the Apostles in their greatest achievement...bringing the Good News of Jesus to the world. Their example helps us discover the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives so that we can effectively change hearts and minds. Classes are Tuesday at 6:30-8 pm from Sept. 24 - Nov. 26. Register by Sept. 15 in the Gathering Space.

Men's Club

The Pedey (Mike Pederson) Softball Tourney
Please join us August 23-25 at the Shelby youth ball
fields on 33rd St. by Hillview. Games start at 10am
on Sunday. Come by and support this Men's Club
fundraiser and all the teams from across the area
that will be participating.

Football Mania Tickets \$20 tickets are available for purchase after weekend Masses. Proceeds support the Building Fund.

Fall Brat Fry The first meeting Wed., Sept. 4 will begin at 6pm in the parish hall followed by a Brat dinner. All men of the parish are welcome!

PCCW

PCCW Meeting Mark your calendars for the next meeting to be held Monday Sept 9, at 6 pm in the parish hall. All women of the parish are invited. You may even win a door prize. Contact Mary Schaub for any questions 608-784-9301.

Fall Brat Barn Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 am -6 pm at Festival Foods in the Village. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of church for helping out with this fundraiser. The shifts are usually about 2-3 hours but any help would be greatly appreciated.

Religious Education

MMOC Parish Religious Education Classes Fall 2019 Registration packets have been mailed. If you have any questions or if you have a new student to sign up for Religious Education, please contact the Director of Religious Education Therese van Oss at 788-5483, ext. 4 to have a packet sent to you.

Grades K-5 begins Wed., Sept. 18 at 3:45-5pm

Grades 6-8 begins Wed., Sept. 11 at 6:45-8:15pm at MMOC Parish Hall

Grades 9-10 begins Wed., Sept. 11 at 7-8:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall.

Liturgy of the Word with Children Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Mt. 19:14). Children who are 4 years old to First Grade are invited to participate in an age appropriate Scripture lesson in the Parish Hall while the Liturgy of the Word is celebrated in church. Fr. Konopa will welcome the children to the front of the church after the Opening Prayer and two Catechists will lead them to the Parish Hall for a Liturgy of the Word for Children using a lectionary approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and confirmed by the Apostolic See. Children will then return to church during the offertory time with the food baskets. A brief presentation with more information will be offered Sunday, September 15 at the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. We will begin Liturgy of the Word with Children at the 10am Mass the following Sunday, September 22nd. Please contact Therese at 788-5483 x4 with any questions.

Aquinas Catholic Schools We are still accepting enrollments for our preschool and kindergarten programs for the 2019-20 school year! Offered at both St. Patrick Elementary School (located in Onalaska), and Cathedral Elementary School (located in La Crosse) these programs provide a high-quality early childhood education starting at

three years old. We are committed to helping all families that want to send their children to Aquinas Catholic Schools, regardless of financial ability. To learn about your options and to schedule a tour contact Nancy Pederson 608.784.8585. or go online to www.aquinascatholicschools.org for more info.

42nd **Aquinas** Fest Join the Aguinas Fest Block Party September 6 from 3:00PM-7:00PM at Aguinas High/Middle School Cameron Street & Parking Lot. Features: Kory Keppel's Pig Roast | Inflatables | Kids Games | Cornhole Caricatures | Bakalars' Brats & Hot Dogs | Refreshments Beer Garden (21+) | Music by Ryan Sauter | Football Team Sendoff | Introduction of Athletic Wall of Fame Honorees. Everybody is invited to this event! Feel free to bring your friends. For more infor on our raffle and prizes or to order your tickets, please visit aquinascatholicschools.org.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS

On-line sign ups for Sept 24-28 are currently under way. Please visit the parish website: www.mmoclacrosse.org and click the links for...

- •2019 Directory FAQ
- How do I make an appointment?
- •Lifetouch Appointment Scheduling

and follow the instructions or call the parish office at 788-5483, ext. 2. Upcoming dates include September dates 24-27 (Tues - Fri) 2- 9pm and Sept. 28 (Sat.) 9am-3pm. October dates are not opened yet.

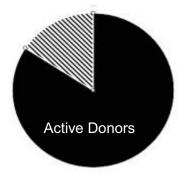
Finance

Thank You! A growing number of parishioners is enrolling in our WeShare online giving program. WeShare improves efficiencies in the office as it eliminates manual entry of envelope information; it increases the reliability of regular income; and its cost to the parish is equivalent to ACH fees or printing/mailing church envelopes.

Please take the time to learn more. Visit our parish website, click the WeShare icon, and see how easy it is! It's an important benefit to you and to your parish.



The number of active donors who use WeShare online-giving: 112 households (19%) as of August 19



Social Justice

Garden Sharing Program A table has been set up in the gathering space of church to share your extra garden produce. Please feel free to donate and take produce. Thank you for sharing your abundance!

Family Life

Monthly Mass Social Please join us Thursday, September 5 after the 7:30 am Mass for coffee, conversation, and fellowship.

Parent/Tot First Fridays Time Parents (Grandparents) with children age 0-6 looking for a community of friendship, faith, support, and understanding - and to get the wiggles out - may join together on First Fridays during the school year in the New Religious Ed Kindergarten Room. Meeting times are during the school year on First Fridays 9 -11 a.m. beginning Friday, September 6, 2019 through May 1, 2020. Please enter the Parish Hall from the West entrance. There will be no meeting if La Crosse School District is delayed or closed. Any questions, please call or text Karla Schams at 608-780-3757 or BrieAnn McKenna at 319-230-0895. See you there!

Welcome to the Waters of Baptism Congratulations to Owen David Schmitt who was baptized on August 18 at the 8am Mass! We welcome him to God's family with great joy!

Baptism Class Parents who are welcoming a new baby to their families are asked to attend our Baptismal Preparation.

Session I - Sunday, September 15 at 9:00 - 9:50 am (immediately following the 8 am Mass)

Session II - Monday, September 16 at 6 - 7 pm

Upcoming Baptism weekends will be September 7 & 8, October 12 & 13, November 9 & 10. Please contact the parish office to register: 788-5483 x. 2

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for the repose of the soul of Arlene O'Loughlin. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to her family and friends who mourn her loss. *Eternal rest grant onto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.*

Addressing Pornography The Diocesan website has recently been updated with resources to help respond to the epidemic ills of pornography. Please visit diolc.org/marriage/addressing-pornography/

Liturgical Roles

August 24 & 25

Ministers	of Holy	Communion
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4:00 p.m. Linda Gillette, Rebecca Kath, Tony Kath, Mark Outzen, Kellie Schmitz, Joseph van

Oss

8:00 a.m. Karen Nordstrom, Sandy Pitsch, Kathy

Skiles, Dan Skiles, Joseph Van Oss

10:00 a.m. Shannon Klar, Betty Koenen, Kathy McGettigan, Lance Miller, Mary Schaub,

Barbara Stetzer

Sacristans

4:00 p.m. Nroma Hruska

8:00 a.m. Sue and Kerry Groetsch

10:00 a.m. Mary Jo Swartaut

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Mark Outzen, Linda Gillette

8:00 a.m. Patricia Kirchner, Joseph Van Oss

10:00 a.m. Barbara Stetzer, Mary Olson

Servers

4:00 p.m. Sophia Schmitz, NOT FILLED

8:00 a.m. Macauley Miller, Ryannn Klar

10:00 a.m. Brett Ziolkowsiki, Abby Ziolkowski

Musicians

4:00 p.m. Rick Wilson

8:00 a.m. Sara Grostsch

10:00 a.m. Mary Kulas

Cantors

4:00 p.m. Linda Kloet

8:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf

10:00 a.m. Ensemble Choir

Ushers

4:00 p.m. NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED,

NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED,

NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED,

8:00 a.m. Jack Darling, Mike Pitsch, Mike

Weisenberger (sub-request), NOT

FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT

FILLED, NOT FILLED,

10:00 a.m. Henery Kabat, Ron Malles, Jim McGetting,

Patrick Schams, Jalen Schams, NOT

FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED,

Gift Bearers

4:00 p.m. Peter Schmitz, Kellie Schmitz

8:00 a.m. Sandy Pitsch, Mike Pitsch

10:00 a.m. Lisa Doering, Sam Horman

Hospitality

8:00 a.m. LuAnn Miller, Joan Weissenberger

10:00 a.m. Lisa Conzemius, John Conzemius

Scrip Sellers

4:00 p.m. Kellie Schmitz, NOT FILLED

8:00 a.m. Sue Groetsch, Kerry Groetsch

10:00 a.m. Tammy Byington, Mary Schaub

Money Counters

10:00 a.m. Sally Egan, Jim Omernik, Joanne Spindler

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

7:30 AM † Helen Zieja

by Tom and Kathy Zieja

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

7:30 AM **† Phil Steinhoff**

by Virginia Horstman

Thursday, August 29, 2019

7:30 AM **† Bernice Driscoll**

by Darrell and Nicki Subera

by Herb and Marie Meyers

(at Hillview)

Friday, August 30, 2019

7:30 AM † Alvina Clements

by Her Family

Saturday, August 31, 2019

4:00 PM **† Marcella Christopher**

by Her Euchre Family

Sunday, September 1, 2019

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:00 AM **† John Hyland**

by Sue and Robb Pretasky

The Rosary is prayed before each weekday Mass Tuesday through Friday beginning at 7:05 am.



2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal

"We work together for your joy, for you stand firm in the faith" (2 Cor. 1:24). Mary, Mother of the Church is having an extraordinarily early kick-off of the DAA this year. Every Household should have received the mailing. We have much work to do this fall for Phase IV of Building Our Future Together, so this is the right timing for us. It also gives us the opportunity to share some great news: On August 10, parishioner Terry Bell was accepted as an official Candidate for the Sacred Order of Deacon after completing two years of Aspirancy in the Diocesan Program of Deacon Formation. God willing, in three years Terry will be ordained a Permanent Deacon and be assigned to Mary, Mother of the Church! The DAA is one of the chief sources of financial support for this program...and one of the many reasons for us to participate. His Faith journey was published in last weeks bulletin. Please be generous!

Building our Future Together

A couple of months ago (June 23) we shared the preliminary budget estimates for Phase IV of Building Our Future Together ... the repairs, renovation, and improvements to our buildings constructed in the early 1960's. The preliminary cost estimates (\$3.4 million) produced some initial "sticker shock" for many of us. We have been looking at the list of

the various elements of Phase IV with an eye to what must be done now and what things may be accomplished on another timeline. The BOFT Commission met on August 6 and provided consensus to this path. We are sharing these thoughts at the Parish Presentations this weekend and will continue to update you through these bulletin articles.

One of the ways we can financially assist with this project is through the use of Script. The Scrip program provides a cash rebate to the parish every time a Scrip card is purchased. In this past fiscal year (July 2018 – June 2019) we have earned \$56,101 in Script rebates! Script rebates may be designated by the purchaser to one of four funds and this past fiscal year the rebates have been allocated as follows

- •\$23,686 has been applied to Aquinas Catholic Schools tuition to benefit individual families who have purchased Script. The amount per family is allocated according to the amount of Script that family has purchased.
- •\$18, 072 has been designated to the Building Our Future Together fund.
- •\$12,744 has been designated to the parish for general operations.
- •\$1,599 has been applied to Religious Education fees to benefit individual families who have purchased Scrip. Again, the amount per family is allocated according to the amount of Script that family has purchased.

Script is probably one of the easiest fund-raisers a parish can have! Everyone can participate simply by purchasing a Script card. A Script card is identical to purchasing a gift card. The benefit is that the retailer provides a "rebate" to the parish when the card is purchased.

For example, Kwik Trip provides a 5% rebate on their cards. When you purchase a \$100 Kwik Trip card from the parish you receive the full purchasing value of \$100. However, the parish received a 5% rebate when the card was purchased. In effect, Kwik Trip donated \$5 to the parish. The same process works for the large number of retailers who participate in the Scrip program, e.g. Festival, Walmart, Kohl's, McDonalds, Culvers, and many more.

If you haven't used Scrip before, please give it a try. Its available for purchase before and after each weekend Mass as well as on Friday's from 8-3 in the Parish Office.

Please pray for the success of Phase IV, so we can preserve our buildings and continue to Build Our Future Together.







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