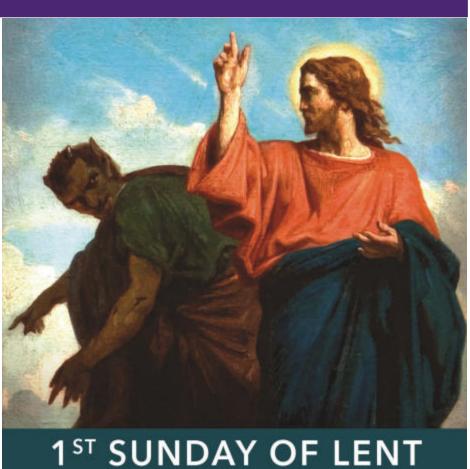
March 1, 2020





MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4pm Sunday 8am & 10am Tuesday—Friday 7:30am

CONFESSIONS

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday–Friday 8am-3pm

FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday 8am-Noon

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.

2020 Spiritual Renewal Days MMOC welcomes Fr. Dennis Lynch and Sandy Setterlund for three evenings of spiritual renewal on March 9-11 (Mon-Wed at 6:30 pm). They will be with us for weekend Masses on March 7-8. Come and renew your spiritual life this Lent. We will hear great talks to help us learn from Abraham and Mary and see how their example can help us to live holier lives in the future.

Anointing of the Sick Masses The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at all three Masses, THIS WEEKEND. Those with the following health conditions should consider receiving the sacrament:

- --heart condition
- --serious ailment or disease
- --elderly...notably weakened by age
- --upcoming surgery due to illness/injury
- --emotional affliction

By the grace of this sacrament, God strengthens both body and soul to face the extra anxiety and temptations that come with sickness. Please use the reserved seating in the front pews.

Stations of the Cross These devotions will be held Wednesdays of Lent:

March 4 at 4pm March 11 at 4pm March 18 at 7pm March 25 at Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation Experience the mercy of your Heavenly Father:

Penance Services: April 1 at 4pm at MMOC April 1 at 7pm at MMOC

Individual Confessions: April 6 at 9am-6pm at the

Cathedral

Blessing of Marian Window Following Stations of the Cross on March 25th (Noon) there will be a brief blessing ceremony of the Marian window in the Parish Hall followed by a free Lenten soup lunch.

Lent Collection This year's donations will support Freedom Honor Flight and the Archdiocese for the Military. We will serve those who served...and who are serving.

70% of this collection will support the local Freedom Honor Flight for its 2020 flights on May 9 and Sept. 12. The May 9 date will be the 25th flight taking veterans from La Crosse to Washington, DC to visit war memorials that honor their service. The current waiting list gives priority to WWII and Korean War veterans. The current waiting list has no WWII veterans, 25 Korean veterans, and 625 Vietnam War veterans.

30% of the collection will support the Archdiocese of Military Services, which receives no funding from the U.S. Government or the U.S. Military. This Archdiocese serves almost 1.8 million people throughout the world: all who are enlisted in U.S.

Armed Services. enrolled in U.S. Military Academies. undergoing treatment 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, as well as their families and those working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders. Full-time military priest-chaplains come from all Dioceses and religious orders to serve those who come from our parishes throughout the United States.

Please be generous!

LENTEN REGULATIONS. Please remember: Catholics who are 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

RCIA THIS Sunday at the 10 am Mass we celebrate the Rite of Sending for three candidates, Jon Mason, Carla Voyles and Lance Hughey, who are preparing to enter the Catholic Church this coming Easter. Later in the day (2 pm), Bishop Callahan will celebrate the Rite of Election & Rite of Acceptance at the Cathedral for all RCIA catechumens and candidates throughout the Diocese. All are welcome to participate.



Jon is married to Jessica, his wife of 14 years, and has 2 daughters. Jon was born and raised in Kansas for the first half of his youth before moving to Stanley, Wisconsin in 1985. John enjoys spending time with his

wife, daughters, 3 dogs and a cat, going to baseball games at multiple venues during the season.

Reading, researching history, volunteering in the La Crosse community, going for walks and working in his small orchard.

Jon was led to the Catholic faith when he discovered through his studies that within the Catholic Church he was offered the surest path to eternal life with God. He was led to MMOC by pure coincidence: it happened to be the closest Catholic parish suggested by Google within regard to where he lives. Jon usually attends the 4pm Mass.



Carla is a retired person who was a social worker, teacher, and caseworker for the State of Illinois. She is originally from St. Louis, Missouri, and moved to La Crosse to be closer to her daughter and

family.

Carla became interested in Catholicism after witnessing her mother convert to Catholicism, attending Masses and RCIA, and watching EWTN. Carla was a Presbyterian for many years. She's particularly drawn to Church teachings on apostolic succession, Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, and theology of the body. Carla has enjoyed traveling and enjoys plays and musical performances. She has an apartment at Welcome Home Apts. an independent living center in La Crosse, where she has many fine friends. She typically attends the Saturday 4pm Mass.



Lance Hughey is married to Deon (Imhoff) Hughey and is the father of Christopher and Ella. They make their home near Mindoro and attend 10 am Mass at MMOC. Christopher and Ella

attend Cathedral Elementary. Lance works for the US Army at Fort McCoy and he enjoys spending time outdoors and raising Labrador Retrievers.

Food Baskets for March Catholic Charities is grateful for all the food donations and is most in need of laundry soap, baked beans, canned meat, canned fruit, jelly, jam, coffee and hot chocolate.

The Pope's Prayer Intention For March That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Praise and Graze Join us Monday, March 16 at 5pm for Mass and a potluck dinner. Following Mass there will be a potluck dinner in the Parish Hall. Please bring a side dish or dessert to pass. If you are in need of a ride for this event, please contact Sr. Kathy at 788-5483, ext. 5.

Pictorial Directory They're here! Directories are available in church this weekend. Those who had pictures included receive a copy free of charge. Otherwise, they are \$10 each. They can also be picked up in the parish office Tues-Fri 8am-3pm.

Family Life



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

to the Waters of Congratulations to Cecilia Florence Osowski who was baptized on February 23 at the 10am Mass! We welcome her to God's family with great joy!

Coffee & Kids Would you like to enjoy your coffee while it's warm and watch your children make a mess somewhere else? Then join us on March 6. 7th from 9-11 am in the Religious Education Center Kindergarten room located in the lower level of the parish hall. Coffee & Kids will not be held if La Crosse schools are delayed or cancelled due to weather. Coffee and snacks provided. Contact Karla Schams at 607-780-3757 or BrieAnn McKenna at 319-230-0895 with any questions.

PCCW

Meeting All ladies of the Parish are welcome to come to our meeting Monday, March 2, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be discussing some of our upcoming spring events.

Men's Club

Hoops Mania Tickets The Men's Club is raising

money for the Building Fund. Hoops Mania March Madness Basketball raffle tickets are \$10/ticket. Each ticket is randomly assigned 8 seeds in the men's NCAA tournament bracket (e.g., #2 seed in Midwest). You will find out your teams when the NCAA brackets are selected and teams are assigned seeds. Your teams then earn points each round based on their game score. Winners are determined at the end of the tournament, after the National Championship game. The 45 tickets whose teams score the most combined total points throughout the tournament and the 4 tickets with the fewest combined points WIN! See game card for complete details. Tickets are on sale until March 15.

SCRIP

Extra Rebate Kwik Trip has a short-term special rebate. Therefore every purchase of Kwik Trip through TODAY, March 1, will receive a 10% rebate instead of 5%!!

Religious Education

Mite Box Collection Lent is on its way and the Mite Box program and collection for the Missionary Childhood Association is always an important part of the season. Your children received their Mite box during Religion class on Ash Wednesday. Please be generous! The Missionary Childhood Association helps finance about 3,000 projects per year worldwide. Children in homes for the disabled, communities, orphanages, refuges, and those living on the streets are assisted by the generosity of children who wish to make the love of Jesus known everywhere.

Confirmation Meeting #3 TODAY- March 1, for Candidates, Sponsors or Parents – 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

First Communion Meeting - Sunday, March 8, Parent and Student Meeting 11:00 a.m. in MMOC church (includes rehearsal).

Social Justice

The Catholic Charities Warming Center Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer at the Warming Center this season! There are only a few areas of the schedule we still need assistance in the spring. Please phone the parish office for Laura at 788-5483, ext. 2 to fill a time slot. Again, thank you for your service!

Workers scheduled for Thursday, March 5 are: FOOD (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 pm): Cathy Juran, Pat Runde, Mary Schaub, Pattie Nimocks, Lu Miller (milk)

INTAKE (6:30pm-9pm) Mary Olson, Bob Mahr, Pat Stoffel, Janice Stoffel, Terri Pedace, John Pedace, Robb Pretasky, Sarah Kopski.

NIGHT SHIFT (9pm-12am) NOT FILLED FIRST SHIFT NIGHT (9pm-3am) Tom Ley SECOND SHIFT NIGHT (3am-8am) NOT FILLED MORNING VOLUNTEER (6am-8am Friday) Mary

CLEANING VOLUNTEER (8am-9am Friday) NOT **FILLED**

Communion Calls The following parishioners will receive Communion in their homes this week: Mary Carlson; Olivia Krajewski; Carol & Clayton Weis; Gerald Sheehan; Catherine Larson; Jim Lepsch; Don Bowman; Janice Mosher; Margaret Bakkum; Bob O'Connor; Nancy Kaiser; and Barb Starsky. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist in their home, please call the parish office at 788.5483.

Aquinas Catholic Schools

Enrollment is now open for the 2020-2021 school At Aquinas, students explore their passions, give back to their communities, grow in faith and prepare for a successful future. Our schools are open to families of all faiths, and we offer several tuition assistance programs. To learn more or to start enrollment process visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org or contact Nancy Pederson at (608) 784-8585.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

7:30 AM **† John Schumacher**

by Ralph and Ruth Wettstein

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

7:30 AM † Queto and Caroline Webber

by Jean Weber

Thursday, March 5, 2020

7:30 AM † Robert Meyer

by John Meyer

† Jerry Sokolik 2:00 PM

by His Family

(at Hillview)

Friday, March 6, 2020

7:30 AM † Janet Gundlach

by Charles and Paula Heiderscheit

Saturday, March 7, 2020

4:00 PM t John Koenen

by Betty Koenen

Sunday, March 1, 2020

8:00 AM **Pro Populo**

10:00 AM † Lila Mae Sperfslage

by The Schwartz Family

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

Pope Francis

"During this Lent, let us all ask the Lord: Make our hearts like yours.



Liturgical Roles

March 7-8

Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Linda Gillette, Dave Imhoff, Nancy Imhoff,

Kevin Moyle, Mary Olson, Joseph van Oss

Dave Campbell, Bill Jaekel, Marilyn Jaekel, 8:00 a.m.

Sue Moyle, Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles John Conzemius, Anne Kernan, Betty

10:00 a.m. Koenen, Lance Miller, Linda Schwartz,

Barbara Stetzer

John Conzemius

Sacristans

10:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m. Sarah Kopski 8:00 a.m. Wally and Betty Stoll

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Mark Outzen. Linda Gillette Rick Bath, Charles Heiderscheit 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. Pattie Nimocks, Terri Pedace

Servers

4:00 p.m. Harmony Gasch, NOT FILLED 8:00 a.m. Martin Logue, Henry McGovern 10:00 a.m. Abigail Schelfhout, Gabriel Schelfhout

Musicians

4:00 p.m. Judy Roraff 8:00 a.m. Judy Roraff 10:00 a.m. Judy Roraff

Cantors

4:00 p.m. **NOT FILLED** 8:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf 10:00 a.m. Rick Wilson

Ushers

4:00 p.m. Ciarra Lietke, Kevin Moyle, Dale Olson, Laura Papenfuss, Elaina Riemer, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

8:00 a.m. Jonathan Baumler, Allan Baumler, Jackson Christenson, Marv Elsen, Bob Klar, Howard

Olson, Wally Stoll, Mike Vogel

Steve Clements, Joe Halverson, Mason 10:00 a.m. Herletzke, Nick Osowski, Patrick Schams, Jalen Schams, Easton Skelton, Daniel

Skifton

Gift Bearers

4:00 p.m. Ciarra Lietke, Laura Papenfuss 8:00 a.m. Sandy Pitsch, Mike Pitsch 10:00 a.m. Jennifer Miller, Lance Miller

Hospitality

8:00 a.m. Cindy Klar, Bob Klar

10:00 a.m. Carol Breidel, Betty Koenen

Scrip Sellers

4:00 p.m. Kevin Moyle, Sue Olson 8:00 a.m. Mary Genz, Sue Moyle 10:00 a.m. Gehrig Skelton, Sheri Skelton

Money Counters

10:00 a.m. Bill Antony, Kathy Chapiewsky, Neil Kumm

Liturgy for Children

10:00am Deb Schams, Erin Klar MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH PRESENTS 2020 SPIRITUAL RENEWAL DAYS

20/20 Vision of Faith: Seeing How God is Present and Active in our Lives

March 9 - 11 at 6:30 pm



MONDAY, MARCH 9: LIGHT OF THE PAST HOW DID I GET HERE?

TUESDAY, MARCH 10: LIGHT OF THE PRESENT WHAT IS THE MEANING OF WHERE I AM RIGHT NOW?

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11: LIGHT OF THE FUTURE WHERE IS GOD ASKING ME TO TAKE MY LIFE?

Father Dennis Lynch is a priest of the La Crosse Diocese whose faith and vocation were nurtured in St. Mary's Parish in La Crosse. His fifty years in ministry have included teaching, diocesan communications director, pastor, hospital chaplain, mission work, and spiritual director. He has led retreats in the U.S. and Australia.

Do You have

20/20 Vision?

Sandy Setterlund, a native of Milwaukee, received her BA in theology from Marquette U. and her MA in theology from St. John's U. in Collegeville, MN. Her many ministries have included teaching, hospital chaplain, DRE, university residence hall director, the missions, and parish pastoral minister. She is a certified spiritual director and director of retreats.



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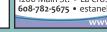
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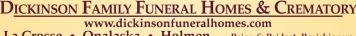
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