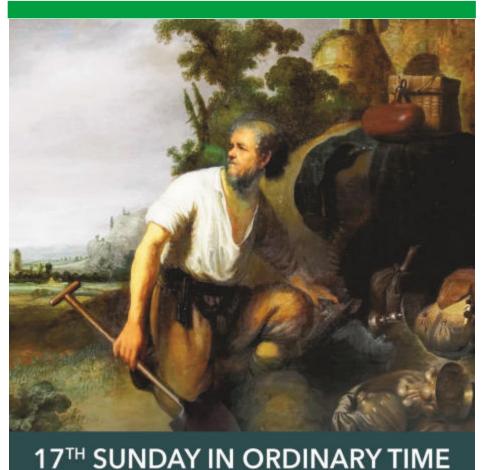
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#### **MASS TIMES**

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

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday 4pm-5pm 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 - 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.

## Guidelines For Mass

#### 7:30 AM Mass

- -Masks are required; extras are in gathering space
- -Doors are unlocked by 7 AM
- -Four Entrances: center doors across from Trane parking lot; both side doors from Weston St., and Parish Hall doors
- -Seating: two center sections
- -Dismissal: lower pews and exit immediately
- -Use church restrooms only

#### **Weekend Masses**

- -Masks are highly encouraged; extras are in gathering space
- -Doors are unlocked 30 min. prior
- -Entrances: main doors across from Trane parking lot and Parish Hall doors
- -Accessibility entrance: side door from Weston St. (near tabernacle)
- -Seating: follow directions of Greeters
- -Dismissal: exit immediately as directed by Greeters

#### **Receiving Holy Communion**

- -Follow directions of Greeters
- -Allow physical distancing
- -Remove/lower mask
- -Receive in the hand (Please have palms and fingers straight/flat to allow minister to place the Host without making contact)
- -Consume Host in front of minister
- -Replace mask on return to pew

# TV/Online Masses

**TV Mass**: The Saturday 4 PM Mass is broadcast live on KQEG and rebroadcast on Sunday at 10 AM.

Online Mass 4 PM Mass will continue to be live streamed on our website, our 7:30 AM weekday Masses will be live streamed on Tuesdays and Thursdays (except Aug. 13). If additional volunteers come forward for training, we will be able to continue this valued service. This ministry requires a bit of tech savvy to operate our AV system and our YouTube channel. Full training will be provided. To learn more about what is involved, please contact Joseph van Oss: webmaster@mmoclacrosse.org.

**Private Prayer** After Mass the church is locked and sanitized for the next Mass. Regrettably, this keeps the church locked during the day for private prayer. There is one exception: Wednesday it is un-

locked by 3:30 PM for confessions at 4-5 PM.

# Parish Study Addressing Racism

In light of recent events in our nation, sparked by the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, are you feeling a desire to learn more about the effects of systemic racism in our nation or an urge to be part of a dialogue about racism grounded in the teachings of the Catholic Church?

In November 2018, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a new pastoral letter against racism, "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love", and this forms the outline of the presentation. Come join us in the Parish Hall for a 4-part learning and discussion dialogue which began July 16 and continues each Thursday until the final meeting on August 6. Meetings will begin at 6pm in the parish hall and last about one hour. All handouts will be provided but you may wish to bring a pen and paper. The evenings are led by Peter and Kellie Schmitz.

# Solemnity of Mary

Feast of the Assumption There will be a 9am Mass Saturday, August 15 in honor of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are in need of Greeters at this Mass, please call the office (608)-788-5483 x2 and talk to Laura or sign up online. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Blessing of Marian Window** Following the 9am Mass on Aug. 15 there will be a brief blessing of the stained glass window in the Parish Hall.

# Scrip Drive Up Day & Food Drive

**Drive–Up Day** On August 14 we will once again take to the sidewalk and sell scrip from 8am-3pm. Please place any pre-orders by Monday, August 10 to be assured of your purchase.

# 2020 Mission Coop Appeal

The coronavirus pandemic kept Bishop Robert Flock from leaving Bolivia and joining us. His diocese is suffering financially even more than usual. If you feel called to help. Please use the cut off slip below and return to MMOC by August 9, 2020. Thank you!

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Dear Friends in Christ,

July 22, 2020

This weekend we bid a fond farewell to two good souls: **Joe Culligan** and **Fr. Sam McCarty**. Joe will depart on July 27 and begin formation with the Dominicans (Central Province, Denver) on August 1. Fr. McCarty will depart for his 1<sup>st</sup> assignment (Queen of the Apostles, Tomah) on July 30.

These two men have inspired me. Both are virtuous, prayerful, and faithful to God's plan.

Joe Culligan spent a Pastoral Summer in 2019 and I witnessed his pre-dawn Holy Hours before the church was unlocked. Joe is a voracious reader of great books, including the likes of Leo Tolstoy (Russian writer regarded as one of the best of all time, including *War and Peace* ...1,225 pages!), G.K. Chesterton (English writer, philosopher, Catholic convert, lay theologian, commentator on culture; known for his wit and paradoxes: "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult, and left untried."), John Locke (English philosopher of the Enlightenment who influenced American revolutionaries and the *U.S. Declaration of Independence*), and other great books of western civilization.

Joe loves to learn but he also desires to teach. Last summer he saw opportunities to teach beyond homilies when he witnessed baptismal prep and marriage prep meetings as well as his own experience of giving presentations after the 7:30 AM Mass. Personally, I believe he's called to be a full-time evangelizing teacher/professor. Only God knows for certain.

I've been inspired by his honest pursuit of truth and of God's holy will. He became a Catholic while completing his Economics degree at UW-La Crosse, and his experience of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) at Roncalli Newman Parish also led to a year as a FOCUS missionary on a different campus (Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD). This provided a more regimented prayer life and interaction with a diocesan priest, which influenced him to become a seminarian for the Diocese of La Crosse. His experience with us last summer stirred a hunger for teaching which is a specialty of the Dominicans (formally called "Order of Preachers"). Joe continues to respond generously to God's direction.

Music. Another sign that he knows how to listen with a spirit of trust. Joe doesn't read music, but he has composed his own music (without writing it down!) and finds piano playing to be life giving. Last summer he treated us to a prelude on two occasions.

**Fr. Sam McCarty** was supposed to finish his studies at Mundelein Seminary in mid-May, be ordained on June 27 with his large family in attendance, celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving on June 28 and report to his first assignment on June 30. Instead, the coronavirus pandemic hit, seminaries closed in mid-March (like all schools) and Bishop Callahan wanted the ordained deacons to have assignments and he was sent to us. In mid-May he finished his research papers and his studies via Zoom meetings, only had 12 tickets to distribute for the Ordination Mass at the cathedral, celebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving at his lifelong, home parish in Wausau without a formal reception at the church, and is enduring a one-month delay to begin his 1<sup>st</sup> assignment.

I have witnessed his love for Christ, his vocation, and his desire to serve. He made afternoon or evening Holy Hours and patiently endured the pandemic restrictions while wishing he could be more involved in parish life – but so much was cancelled – from our Bible Studies to the Spring Chicken-Que.

Fairly early on, I learned he was a man of prayer and a good cook! As his studies concluded, I asked him to preach homilies and we have all witnessed his gift in this ministry.

Music. He has a free spirit of trust as he played his guitar and sang ... down the hallway from my room!

He started a podcast on Prayer with friends during the early pandemic restrictions to aid people in their prayer at home, and he looks forward to an assignment which is "more normal" than the awkwardness of these 4 months. I've been inspired by his patient, laid-back approach while knowing he has a passion for getting connected and serving others in ministry.

I regret we are unable to show our gratitude and well-wishes through hospitality after weekend Masses. I'm grateful we helped Joe lower his student loans by \$8,000 so he can enter the Dominicans comfortably under the \$30,000 debt which was their hopeful recommendation. I'm grateful we could offer safe harbor to Fr. Sam McCarty during these 4 months and offer some opportunities to use his gift of Holy Orders – diaconate and priesthood. Although he already offers Mass in a relaxed, prayerful manner – like a veteran might – it must be good for him to have 33 days to offer Mass before a 1<sup>st</sup> assignment begins instead of three days! ...and I'm grateful he is offering Masses this week so I can visit family and friends out-of-town.

God has already blessed these men. They have inspired us, and we are grateful. May the Good Shepherd continue to guide them and be Lord of their lives.

Father Konopa

# Family Life

**Wedding Banns (III)** Jeffrey Towle (MMOC) and Stephanie Schaub (MMOC) on August 1, 2020. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding.

Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement Do you ever tell yourself: "I feel like I'll never measure up," or "My prayer life is not what it should be?" Do you ask: "Why am I not truly happy more often?" or "God, why are you not with me in this struggle?" Everyone has faced such things and all of us need help in this area. Attend this important virtual conference on Saturday, August 29, presented by Fr. Timothy Gallagher. Learn to find freedom from one of the greatest obstacles in life - the "cage" of everyday discouragement. The 4 presentations will be live -streamed by ZOOM webinar from 10 AM - 3 PM with an hour lunch break. Father Gallagher's warmth and style of speaking is for people of all states in life and all levels of formation. For further details, to download a brochure or to register online, go to diolc.org/witness. Cost is \$15 which includes Father Gallagher's book shipped to your home.

# Catholic Christian Outreach

MMOC Small Faith-Sharing Groups As Catholic Christians, we are called to a deep, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In Him we find our freedom, purpose, and peace. Are you feeling a desire for a deeper connection with the Lord in daily living? Then consider joining a Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) faith-sharing group. These groups of 5-8 people meet weekly to review and discuss topics over a 36-week period. The CCO Faith Study series is a collection of helpful resources to clearly and simply explain truths and principles for living the Catholic faith. Each lesson integrates Scripture and Church teachings in its small group discussions. There are 5 booklets:

- 1 *DISCOVERY* invites you to encounter Christ through a simple but challenging look at the Gospel message.
- 2 SOURCE introduces you to the Holy Spirit and the impact that the third person of the Trinity can make in the lives of faithful Catholics.
- 3 *GROWTH* examines the fundamental practices which nurture our Christian life such as prayer, sacraments, and fellowship.
- 4 TRUST helps participants grow in trusting the Lord in all aspects of life so as to live in greater freedom.
- 5 COMMISSION focuses on revealing our missionary identity as Catholics and its necessity in approaching our apostolate and personal growth in holiness.

#### This journey makes a difference:

"My prayer life improved a lot. I found I was talking more in prayer instead of just saying words. I welcome the Holy Spirit often throughout the day to have him help me with my temper, etc., and I can actually be sure he is answering me! I encourage others not to be afraid of a 30+ week course because it's well run and the lessons plans are very informative."

Several opportunities are available starting in September. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

# Liturgical Roles

#### August 1-2

#### Lector

4:00 p.m. Mary Olson 8:00 a.m. Linda Elsen

10:00 a.m. Rachael Kaiser

#### Cantor

4:00 p.m. Nancy Misch

8:00 a.m. Linda Kloet

10:00 a.m. Mary Kulas

#### Musician

4:00 p.m. Judy Roraff

8:00 a.m. Judy Roraff

10:00 a.m. Judy Roraff

#### Welcome

4:00 p.m. Virginia Horstman, Brian Logue, Martin Logue, Mark Misch, Joe Riemer, Kellie Schmitz, Peter Schmitz

8:00 a.m. Peggy Baumler, Mary Cepek, Paul Lansing, Kim Lansing, Dave Lawrence, Rosie Pennebecker, Deke Stanek

10:00 a.m. Polly Berendes, Chuck Berendes, Mary Jothen, Cathy Juran, Mike Juran, Debbie Morovits, Robb Pretasky

#### **Seating**

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

8:00 a.m. Allan Baumler, Kathy Skiles, Dan Skiles, Joan Weissenberger, NOT FILLED

10:00 a.m. Christine Kainze, Phil Klar, Phil Klar, Pattie Nimocks, Terri Pedace, Mike Wintheiser

#### **Worship Aid**

4:00 p.m. Neil Kumm, Jon Mason, Sr. Kathy Stuttgen

8:00 a.m. Jonathan Baumler, Erica Stanek, NOT FILLED

10:00 a.m. Amelia Kainz, Brenda Wintheiser, Lizzie Wintheiser

**Weekly Mass Intentions** 

**Tuesday, July 28, 2020** 

7:30 AM | † Ike and Alvina Clements

by Bruce and Karen Nordstrom

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

7:30 AM **† Marcella Weiker** 

by Virginia Horstman

Thursday, July 30, 2020

7:30 AM **† Janet Sulivan** 

by Annette Gent

† James Shaker Sr.

By Steve Shaker

Friday, July 31, 2020

7:30 AM † Leo and Evelyn Mertens

by Pat Mertens

Saturday, August 1, 2020

4:00 PM † Veronica and Raymond Gerke

by Scott Gerke

Sunday, August 2, 2020

8:00 AM † Phil Steinhoff

by Family and Friends

10:00 AM Pro Populo

Hillview Masses will be rescheduled for another time.

#### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment

receive You sacramentally.

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and

unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



# Friday, August 7 CARRYOUTS ONLY 3 PM - 6 PM

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#### **Building Our Future Together**

A couple of weeks ago we mentioned we had passed the end of our fiscal year on June 30. We wanted to provide an end-of-the-year update on the finances for Building Our Future Together. Last fall we commenced fund raising for Phase IV. The response from parishioners is truly gratifying. We have received gifts and/or pledges from 462 families – nearly half of our parishioners. The following is a financial recap of activity from the fiscal year ended June 30:

Cash Balance on July 1, 2019:	\$486,548
Fiscal Year Additions to the Fund:	
Contributions & Payments on Pledges	955,515
Men's Club Contribution	15,000
PCCW Contribution	15,000
SCRIP Rebates	17,570
Accrued Interest	23,331
Fund Raising	16,798
Estates & Memorials	<u>40,506</u>
TOTAL IN FISCAL YEAR:	\$ 1,083,720

#### **Fiscal Year Disbursements from the Fund:**

General Building Construction	\$ 357,229
Asbestos Testing, Reporting, Removal	23,885
Architects & Engineers	46,946
New Parish Sign & Electrical Installation	28,475
Stained Glass Window in Parish Hall	19,800
Clavinova	3,099
Rectory Water Heater	1,250
BOFT Campaign Expenses (Postage, Et	tc.) <u>3,990</u>
TOTAL IN FISCAL YEAR:	\$ 484,674

Cash Balance on June 30, 2020 \$ 1,085,594

At the end of the fiscal year, we had construction contracts for the Roofing, HVAC and Lighting projects that are currently in progress with unpaid balances totaling \$1,035,709. We will be able to meet these commitments without the need to borrow.

In addition to the above "cash balance on June 30," we also had \$1,123,960 in outstanding pledges. With those funds, we will be able to begin some of the other projects remaining in Phase IV of our Master Plan.

Again, **THANK YOU** for all your good work and generosity! Even though we still are challenged by the COVID-19 restrictions, may we always live as Jesus lived: persevering in every difficulty to joyfully accomplish our Father's will. May the Lord continue to bless our work together!

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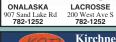
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