

October 11, 2020



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 week-end 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.



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September 9, 2020

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Fr. Altman's recent commentary has been in local news sources, which summarize events and messages. Here is the entire press release from Bishop Callahan.

STATEMENT REGARDING FATHER JAMES ALTMAN
FROM BISHOP WILLIAM PATRICK CALLAHAN

Fr. James Altman has become a social media phenomenon and is now a main stream media story. The amount of calls and emails we are receiving at the Diocesan offices show how divisive he is. I am being pressured by both sides for a comment; one side holds him up as a hero or a prophet, the other side condemns him and vilifies him and demands I silence him.

As I review Fr. Altman's latest video statement of 30 August 2020, I understand the undeniable truth that motivates his message. When we approach issues that are contradictory to the Faith and teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, particularly on abortion and other life issues, we should invite dialogue and heart-felt conversion to the truth. Our approach must never seek to divide, isolate and condemn.

That being said it is not only the underlying truth that needs to be evaluated but also the manner of delivery and the tone of his message. Unfortunately, the tone Fr. Altman offers comes off as angry and judgmental, lacking any charity and in a way that causes scandal both in the Church and in society. His generalization and condemnation of entire groups of people is completely inappropriate and not in keeping with our values or the life of virtue.

I am applying Gospel principles to the correction of Fr. Altman. "If your brother does something wrong to you, go to him. Talk alone to him and tell him what he has done. If he listens to you, you have kept your brother as a friend. But if he does not listen to you, take one or two others with you to talk to him." (Mt 18:15-16). I have begun this process, not in the bright light of the public arena, but as the Gospel dictates, in private. Canon law indicates that before penalties are imposed, we need to ensure that fraternal correction, rebuke or other means of pastoral solicitude will not be sufficient to repair the scandal (can. 1341).

Most people expect a decisive move from me, one way or another. Many suggest immediate penalties that will utterly silence him; others call for complete and unwavering support of his views. Canonical penalties are not far away if my attempts at fraternal correction do not work. I pray that Fr. Altman's heart and eyes might be open to the error of his ways and that he might take steps to correct his behavior and heal the wound he has inflicted on the Body of Christ.

Pray for me as I address this issue, and pray for Fr. Altman that he might hear and respond to my fraternal correction. Finally, please pray for the Church that we might seek the truth in charity and apply it in our daily actions.

Mary Mother of the Church

Flyers in the Parking Lot On Sunday, October 4, flyers entitled "Equally Sacred Priorities" were placed in the windshields of parked vehicles while Mass was celebrated. This was without parish approval. If it were approved, it would have been in the bulletin. For their efforts to quote their favorite papal declarations to support their teachings, this can be added as a counterpoint from St. John Paul II, Pope: "The inviolability of the person which is a reflection of the absolute inviolability of God, finds its primary and fundamental expression in the inviolability of human life. Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." --Christifideles Laici, no. 38 in 1988

Written History of St. Pius X Parish (1960-2000) Mary, Mother of the Church has two sources of heritage: St. Thomas More Parish and St. Pius X Parish. Our parish was created on April 9, 2000, from the unity of these two parishes and the basic story is shared on the Legacy Plaque in the Parish Hall.

Additionally, the heritage of St. Thomas More Parish is inscribed in a 1961 "yearbook" and in its 1997 pictorial directory. It is also reflected in the church.

St. Pius X Parish never had a written history. That has changed! You will find one on the parish website! Many have submitted their stories and offered support to complete this project, but a note of special gratitude goes to Donna Omernik who truly made this possible. Enjoy!

TV/Online Masses

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

Online Mass Saturday 4 PM Mass is live streamed on our website and our 7:30 AM weekday Masses are live streamed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Private Prayer After Mass the church is locked and sanitized for the next Mass. This keeps the church locked during the day for private prayer. There is one exception: Wednesday it is unlocked by 3:30 PM for confessions at 4-5 PM.

Guidelines for Mass

Weekend Masses

- Masks are required; 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 before receiving the Host
 - 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

Family Life

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for the repose of the soul of Merlyn Wavra. 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.*

Scrip Drive Up Day Let's help those in need by donating cleaning supplies. At the next curbside scrip sale and food drive on Friday, October 30, you are invited to bring cleaning supplies to be donated to The Exchange. The Exchange is an organization that collects furniture, household items, and just about any practical thing you would need to set up an apartment. Items they never get are cleaning supplies. Dollar store brooms, dustpans, mops, buckets, toilet bowl cleaner, brushes, mops, dishwashing liquid, etc. These are items they have to purchase. Let's see if we can help make a difference to someone not as blessed as ourselves by helping them be able to start anew, especially those starting anew because of domestic violence. (November is National Domestic Abuse month.)



Time for a New Ministry Schedule We will soon begin working on a new Ministry Schedule that will run from November 7 through January for Lectors, Cantors, and Greeters. Please submit any "Can't Serve Dates" through the online scheduling tab on the parish website, www.mmoclacrosse.org or by calling the parish office, 788-5483, ext. 2 by October 22 at the latest.

Life Chain Thank You! Last Sunday was National Life Chain Sunday. We were happy to see so many MMOC parishioners supporting the cause of the unborn. Thank you for defending LIFE!



Anointing of the Sick Please join us on Tuesday, Oct. 27 for 10:30 AM Mass (instead of the 7:30 AM Mass). This Mass will include Anointing of the Sick for those who would like to be anointed. Those with the following health conditions should consider receiving the sacrament:

- A heart condition
- A serious ailment or disease
- The elderly who are notably weakened by age
- Imminent surgery due to illness or injury
- An emotional affliction

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By the grace of this sacrament, God strengthens both body and soul to face the extra anxiety and temptations that come with sickness.

Religious Education

First Confession Meeting THIS Sunday, October 11, 2020 First Confession Parent Meeting 1:00 p.m. in MMOC Church. Masks will be required as well as social distancing.

THANK YOU! We are so very grateful to our K-5 Religious Education Catechists for their generous service to our MMOC Rel. Ed. families! They have embraced the COVID-19 challenge this year of having our Rel. Ed. Program Online with much courage and dedication! If you spot them, please extend a "thank you" for their care in assisting our parents in passing on our faith to our children:

Kindergarten-1st Grade - Sheri Skelton, Patti Sherry
2nd Grade - Christine Kainz, Nixie Oldenburg
3rd Grade - Heather Harpenau, Abby Harpenau
4th Grade - Jasmine Valentine, Karla Fitzgerald
5th Grade - Lisa Doering, LuAnn Miller

Confirmation Meeting We will have our second Confirmation meeting Sunday, October 25 from 6-7 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kellie Schmitz, Confirmation Coordinator, at 608-397-2388 or kschmitz@mmoclacrosse.org.

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year! 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. We offer in person face to face learning or virtual learning. To learn more or to start your enrollment process contact us at (608) 784-8585 or visit us at www.aquinasatholicschools.org.

Already apart of the Aquinas family make sure to follow us on social media pages Facebook and Instagram!

FORMED: This week we celebrate the feast day of St. Teresa of Avila, one of the great spiritual masters of our Church. In his audio presentation on Formed.org entitled "*The Three Stages of the Interior Life*", Matthew Leonard walks through the stages of the interior life helping you progress toward union with God and enter the interior castle written about by St. Teresa. With humor and concrete examples, this presentation is sure to aid you in your journey to becoming a saint.

Warming Center News On Sunday, November 1 the La Crosse Warming Center will open for the 2020-21 Season. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, numbers at the Warming Center will be reduced to 15. **This year we are requesting Mary, Mother of the Church parishioners to volunteer to provide meals every Sunday evening from November 1 through April 25.** We request food sufficient for

about 20 (15 guests and some extra). If you wish, put together a group of family or friends to make a special time of preparing Sunday supper for those who may not have had much to each that day. To volunteer for a Sunday (you may volunteer for more than one day), please phone or email Laura Boden 608.788.5483 ext. 2 or lboden@mmoclacrosse.org.

Due to the pandemic, this year the parish has not made a commitment to provide staff volunteers at the Warming Center for any particular day or time. If, however, you feel safe to volunteer to serve a vulnerable population the Warming Center is in need of volunteers. For information or to register for a training session, please email the new **Warming Center Coordinator, Toni Van Kirk, tvankirk@cclse.org**.
Warming Center Orientation – October 20 – 6:30-7:30 pm
Boundaries & Ethics Training – October 22 – 6:30-7:30 pm
COVID-19 training – October 22 – 6:30-7:30 pm

Liturgical Roles

October 17-18

Minister of Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Shannon Klar

Lector

4:00 p.m. Barbara Stetzer

8:00 a.m. Pattie Nimocks

10:00 a.m. Matt Binsfeld

Cantor

4:00 p.m. Peter Schmitz

8:00 a.m. Linda Kloet

10:00 a.m. Nancy Misch

Musician

4:00 p.m. Jenny Nielsen

8:00 a.m. Jenny Nielsen

10:00 a.m. Jenny Nielsen

Welcome

4:00 p.m. Patrick Hogan, Mike Juran, Neil Kumm, Martin Logue, Kevin Moyle, Jim Spielbauer **NOT FILLED**

8:00 a.m. Allan Baumler, Pat Burns, Sue Groetsch, Kerry Groetsch, Christine Kainz, Mary Lawrence, Dave Lawrence

10:00 a.m. Charlotte Berendes, Christine Kainz, Linda Schwartz, Andrew Schwartz, Jon Mason, Brenda Wintheiser, Mike Wintheiser

Seating

4:00 p.m. Linda Gillette, Virginia Horstman, Brian Logue, Joe Riemer, Chris Schlegel

8:00 a.m. Donna Burns, Cindy Klar, Bob Klar, Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles

10:00 a.m. Polly Berendes, Chuck Berendes, Phil Klar, Terri Pedace, Gabriella Stratman

Worship Aid

4:00 p.m. Betty Koenen, Kellie Schmitz, Larry Weibel

8:00 a.m. Jonathan Baumler, Peggy Baumler, Amelia Kainz

10:00 a.m. Mary Jothen, Amelia Kainz, Nathan Wintheiser

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

7:30 AM † **Bob Steuck**
by Bob and Pat Perlock

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

7:30 AM † **Vincent and Sharon Marco**
by Mike Marco

Thursday, October 15, 2020

7:30 AM † **Catherine Hawes**
by Jack and Pat Darling

Friday, October 16, 2020

7:30 AM † **Archie and Janice Garbis**
by Charles and Paula Heiderscheit

Saturday, October 17, 2020

4:00 PM † **Ronald Ruanella**
by Friends and Family

Sunday, October 18, 2020

8:00 AM **Pro Populo**

10:00 AM **Living and Deceases members of the
Kessler Family**
by Mark and Sue Halter

Hillview Masses will be rescheduled for another time.

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



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,

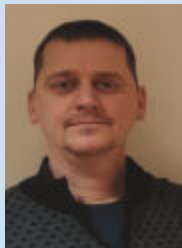
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Rite of Initiation for RCIA Candidates

We welcome Jon Mason who is being received into the Catholic Church this Sunday at the 10 AM Mass through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. We are grateful for his active participation in the Ministry of Greeter! Please continue to support him in prayer.



Building our Future Together

Work continues on our summer-fall building projects. Many have seen the “lift” in the north parking area. A Fowler & Hammer masonry worker has been making repairs near the stained glass windows, particularly where the stone meets bricks. This is a remedial repair as there had been evidence these joints near the windows, especially on the east side of church, have allowed some water infiltration when a heavy rain with an east wind has occurred. This project will include the inspection of all the windows where the stone meets brick. It will most likely take until the end of the month before this work is completed.



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The lighting work in church has begun and is proceeding well. The first areas that will be finished are around the two alcoves near the front of church as well as the Divine Mercy niche. The front areas (by the tabernacle on the north side and by the statues of Mary and Joseph on the south side) also have new ceiling finishes installed. The new interior lighting work will continue into November.

May the Lord continue to bless our parish and “give success to the work of our hands” (Ps. 90) as we Build Our Future Together!

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