

November 15, 2020



MARY
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OF THE CHURCH



33RD 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.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thanksgiving Day Mass Time On Thursday, November 26 at 9am, let us come together to give thanks to God! We will be live streaming this Mass as well as broadcasting live on KQEG. Liturgical Ministers are needed, please sign up online or by calling the office. (There will be no Mass on Friday, November 27.)



Church Attendance The Diocese of La Crosse requests "Church Attendance" reports during the month of October. Our attendance has been 46% during this pandemic year.

October	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
4 PM	288	134
8 AM	264	113
10AM	<u>312</u>	<u>148</u>
Total	864	395

Our 25% capacity is about 220; however, physical distancing is an even greater priority, which often fills our pews when we reach 110 - 120. Then we use overflow primarily in the choir loft. The capacity of the Parish Hall is 75 and this full number can easily be accommodated with physical distancing. Everyone is encouraged to arrive at church at least 5-10 minutes before Mass so these overflow areas can be comfortably accessed. Please follow the Greeters' instructions so we can safely maximize the seating arrangements, especially the main pews.

Ministry of Greeter This ministry was created to meet diocesan regulations for safe, orderly movement in/out of church and for sanitizing the church after every Mass. This ministry is open to middle school students and older who are willing to...

- arrive 30+ minutes before Mass
- wear mask and gloves during active ministry times (supplied by parish)
- select among 3 kinds of Greeter options: Welcome (at doors), Worship Aid (distribution), and Seating
- remain after Mass to sanitize pews/chairs, door handles, bathrooms, etc.

We need many more volunteers. Please contact the parish office or any of our Greeters and you will be provided the training to comfortably transition into this ministry: 788-5483 x2.

Church Cleaning Many volunteers with gallon buckets and gloves were able to give the church a good deep clean. Thank you to all who helped.

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.

Guidelines for Mass

Weekend Masses

- Masks are required; extras are in gathering space
- Doors are unlocked 30 minutes prior
- Arrive at least 5 minutes early
- 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

Family Life

Remembering Holy Souls in November In the month of November we remember the souls of our faithful departed, especially those whose funerals were held at MMOC from October 2019 - September 2020.

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| Delores Strasser | Verneda Hackner |
| Rich & Mary Lou Larkin | Shirley Hill |
| Donald Hicks | Betty Zischke |
| Kenneth Opdahl | Richard "Dick" Fitzpatrick |
| Esther Vandre | LeRoy Strasser |
| Kathleen Wagner | Jo Ann Antony |
| LaVeta "Vee" Molling | Ida Borone |
| Jim Arens | Gene Wellman |
| Jerome Papacek | Judith "Judy" Volden |
| Virgil Meinking | Betty Rose Corser |
| Matthew Wesely | Jeanne Sauer |
| David Knutson | Lorraine Derouin |
| LaVern Steele | George Van Voorhis |
| Ann Malin | Faye Schoen |
| Helen Caul | Roy Werner |
| Richard "Scotty" Steinmetz | Tammy Gaul |
| Robert "Bobby" Leisgang | Nancy Kaiser |
| Beatrice "Bea" & | Patricia "Pat" Gerke |
| Richard "Dick" Gilles | Mary Carlson |
| Edward "Jack" Adams | Richard Garbers |
| Darlene Stegen | Karen Shore |
| Edwin "Ed" Garbers | Mary Baron |
| Jamie Tennant | Dorothy Weiland |
| Patrick G. Berger | Merlyn Wavra |
| Janice Kendall-Mosher | Allen Nelson Sr. |
| Mary Jane Fanello | Henry Becker |
| Raymond Valentine Smith Jr. | Dorothy Wuensch |



Mary Mother of the Church

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

Book of Remembrance In the month of November, the Family of God remembers the souls of our departed loved ones. MMOC records the names of parishioners who have died in the previous 12 months in our Book of Remembrance. Everyone is invited to pray for them and to write the names of their own loved ones whose funerals have been in other places, especially those who have died in the last year. The Book of Remembrance will be in a place of honor near the Easter Paschal Candle for the majority of the month of November.

Religious Education

First Confession Meeting RE-SCHEDULED First Confession Parent AND STUDENT Meeting 1:00 pm TODAY, Sunday, **November 15**, in MMOC Church. We will be preparing for the Dec. 5th First Confessions. Masks will be required as well as social distancing.

Confirmation Meeting #3 TODAY, Nov. 15 at 6-7 PM, Confirmation Candidates will focus on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as we meet in church for the first 20 minutes, which will also be live-streamed. Parents and/or Sponsors are welcome for this portion in-person or via live-stream. During the remaining 40 minutes, the Confirmation Candidates will be working in small groups in the Parish Hall or opting to participate virtually via a zoom meeting link. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers!

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--Enabling content on the go with offline playback on your mobile phone or tablet.

A few easy steps from your laptop or desktop to register:

1. Visit FORMED.org and Click "Sign Up"
2. "How would you like to sign up?" Select: "Sign Up as a parishioner."

3. It will ask you to "Create a new Account." As you type our parish name, you will see a pop up: "Mary Mother of the Church." Please click the option with our address: "2006 Weston St. La Crosse WI."

4. Enter your NAME and your personal EMAIL ADDRESS.

That's it! No password is needed! An extra option: add an app to your mobile device!

Ministry with the Elderly & Sick

Homebound Many more people find themselves in this situation, at least temporarily.

-If you would like to receive regular phone calls ...

-If you need help with simple errands like groceries or medicines...

Please contact Sr. Kathy at 788-5483 ext. 5 or kathy@mmoclacrosse.org.

Let's be aware of our neighbors and support one another, especially through phone calls.

Make a Call, Be a Friend Simple acts of kindness make a difference. A simple call to a friend or family member is one of these acts of kindness. If you would like to make a call to someone beyond your current circle, consider making a call to a member of the parish family...and make a friend! Please contact Sr. Kathy who is aware of people who might enjoy a weekly phone call: 788.5483 x. 5. (If you are one of these people, PLEASE call Sr. Kathy so she can bring this blessing to you!) This effort was made when the pandemic began. Some people were called once, some are still receiving calls. As the weather turns cold and holiday travels are unknown, phone calls become more important. Please remember to make a call and be a friend.

Need Extra Help? If you are in need of help with yard work or small home repair, the Men's Club may be able to fill your need. Please call Sr. Kathy at 788-5483 ex. 5 or Francis Schelfhout at 780-9433.

Social Justice

WINTER COATS Catholic Charities is again hosting the annual "Coats for Kids" campaign. Donations of new or gently used coats for **infants through adults** (larger sizes are of greater need – no "trench" coats), warm and waterproof mittens, gloves, stocking hats, boots, and snow pants. **You may drop off these winter clothing items at any KWIK TRIP STORE** before November 22. (Please do **not** drop off these larger winter clothing items in church.)

La Crosse Community Thanksgiving

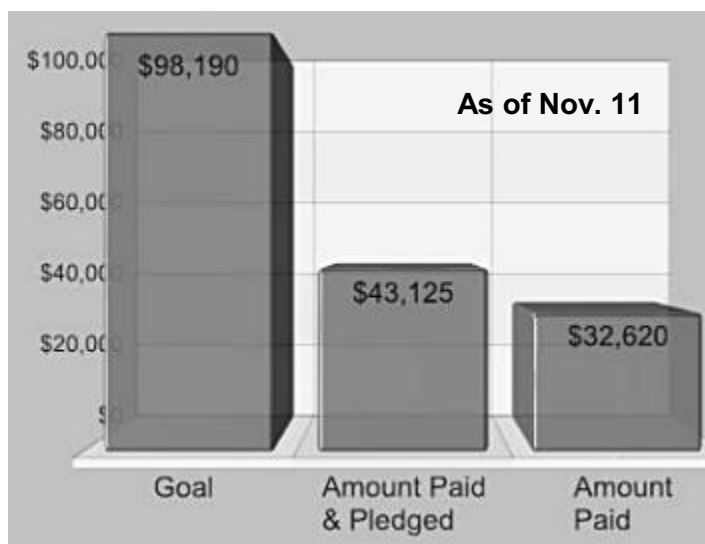
Dinner Once again this year Mary, Mother of the Church Parish will be providing the green beans (they prefer the large #10 cans, not the French style) and fruit punch for the La Crosse Community Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, Nov. 26. Please bring in your donation of green



beans and fruit punch to the Mother's Room by Tuesday, Nov. 24. Thank you. Visit their website at www.lacrossethanksgivingdinner.com or call 782.8726 for pick up and delivery information.

Finance

Diocesan Annual Appeal Every household should have received a mailing to support the needs of the local Church and beyond. Please take a moment to read the material and say the prayer. Then make your decision on this year's effort: "His Church Is Still Here, His Church Still Provides, His Church is You and Me." Let's act quickly and do our part as Mary, Mother of the Church!



Scrip Drive-Up Day & Donations Drive!

Friday, Dec. 4
8 AM - 3 PM
During office hours



Scrip will be available in the **Parking lot near the Parish Hall doors**

- Same day order: complete the form in the bulletin
- Same day order: **NO FORM NEEDED** for 1-2 items

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Lets help those who turn to Catholic Charities in need of winter items: weatherproof gloves and hats for the entire family and hand warmers; non-perishable food items for Christmas dinners, including coffee and hot chocolate



Cookie Walk Drive-Thru This past week you should have received a mailing about our Cookie Walk change this year! Due to COVID, we will have a Cookie Drive-Thru on Sat, Dec. 12, from 7:30am - 1:00pm. Cookies, candies, pies, breads, soup and chili are very much needed! Please see your mailing for specific bread and pie needs. The mailing includes an Order Form with a section for ordering goodies and raffle tickets (the deadline for placing orders is Wed, Nov 25). The bottom section of the Order Form asks that you sign up to let us know what you can make or bake for the sale (please return this as soon as possible so we know what we can expect). Please watch for drop off information in an upcoming bulletin.



Liturgical Roles

November 21-22

Minister of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. **NOT FILLED**
- 8:00 a.m. **NOT FILLED**
- 10:00 a.m. Linda Gillette, **NOT FILLED**

Lector

- 4:00 p.m. Joseph van Oss
- 8:00 a.m. Linda Elsen
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Jo Swartout

Cantor

- 4:00 p.m. Peter Schmitz
- 8:00 a.m. Sara Groetsch
- 10:00 a.m. Paul Lansing

Musician

- 4:00 p.m. Mary Jo Lium
- 8:00 a.m. Judy Roraff
- 10:00 a.m. Judy Roraff

Welcome

- 4:00 p.m. Virginia Horstman, Brian Logue, Martin Logue, Kevin Moyle, Mary Schaub, Kellie Schmitz, Larry Weibel, **NOT FILLED**
- 8:00 a.m. Kerry Groetsch, Sue Groetsch, Dave Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Kathy Skiles, Dan Skiles, Deke Stanek
- 10:00 a.m. Mike Juran, Christine Kainz, Jerry Kernan, Anne Kernan, Kim Lansing, Terri Pedace, Pattie Ni-mocks

Seating

- 4:00 p.m. Patrick Hogan, Joe Riemer, **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED**
- 8:00 a.m. Allan Baumler (sub req.), Bob Klar, Cindy Klar, Erica Stanek, Joan Weissenberger
- 10:00 a.m. Lisa Doering, Keith Krejchik, Kimberly Krejchik, Emily Krejchik, Neil Kumm

Worship Aid

- 4:00 p.m. Jon Mason, Steve Schaub, **NOT FILLED**
- 8:00 a.m. Jonathan Baumler (sub req.), Amelia Kainz, Sandy Pitsch
- 10:00 a.m. Charlotte Berendes, Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

7:30 AM † **Delores Strasser**
by Her Family

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

7:30 AM † **George Gent**
by Annette Gent

Thursday, November 19, 2020

7:30 AM † **Pat Pahs and Farrell Pahs**
by Tom Pahs

Friday, November 20, 2020

7:30 AM † **Vee Molling**
by Sister Kathy

Saturday, November 21, 2020

4:00 PM † **Lorraine and Adrian Yeager**
by Kathy and Dennis Bissen

Sunday, November 22, 2020

8:00 AM **Pro Populo**

10:00 AM † **Vincent and Sharon Marco**
by Mike Marco

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.

Building Our Future Together

As reported last week, the Air Handling Unit (AHU) for the church was put into place this past Monday. The old AHU was dismantled, removed and taken to a scrap/recycling center. Crews have been working on the installation this past week. Hopefully, it will be functional by this weekend. The entirety of the controls will continue to need work, but the goal was to be able to have at least on/off function.

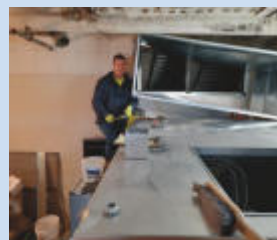
Similarly, the control panels for the new lighting in church is continuing along. In the past, we were using an actual circuit breaker panel to turn lights on/off. Hence, you may have noticed a “clunking” noise every time the lights are turned on or off. Using a circuit breaker every time as a light switch is not a good idea. Breakers are installed for the protection of a wiring system and they are intended to disconnect a circuit when something goes wrong. If nothing else, using them as on/off switches will reduce the longevity of the breaker, and worst case, there is a fire concern/hazard over the level of protection that a worn circuit breaker provides. According to the National Electric Code, circuit breakers should not be used as a regular method of turning power on and off. With our upgrade of the lighting in church one of the objectives was to install new control panels for the lighting in order to meet code.

Overall, our building projects for this year are scheduled to be substantially completed by December 4. That is nearly 1 ½ - 2 months later than originally scheduled and anticipated. The delay has primarily been with the air-handling equipment. The large AHU for church was originally scheduled to be shipped by the end of August ... it did not arrive until a week ago. That major piece delayed much of the progress.

Please remember to pray for our parish and the safety of the workers as we continue to Build Our Future Together.



Dismantling the old air handling unit



Installing the new air handling unit. Mark, from Dave's Sheet Metal installing the new air supply.

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