

January 17, 2021



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



2ND 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.

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Message from Deacon Sage – In an earlier message we shared the news that the bladder cancer I had in 2019 has reappeared. I had a surgical procedure on November 19 and was then referred to Mayo Clinic in Rochester for consultation. After several tests and a CT scan, I had a biopsy in Rochester shortly before Christmas that indicated the bladder cancer had spread to the lymph nodes near the bladder. Accordingly, I will soon begin chemotherapy to be administered in 6 cycles via an IV (each cycle is a 3-week period) for a total of 18 weeks. Fortunately, I will be able to receive the treatments here at the Cancer Center at Mayo, La Crosse. There will be progress evaluations (blood tests, CT scans) done periodically during the treatments as well as an evaluation upon completion in late May, early June. My oncologist advises the prognosis is very good as he feels the practice I had observed of having three-month checkups detected the cancer metastasis early. Over the next several months, I may not be as visible around the parish as I have in the past depending upon the chemo side effects I may experience. 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. We rely on the mercy and love of Jesus. Thank you all so very much!



Time for a New Ministry Schedule We will soon begin working on a new Ministry Schedule that will run from February through April for Ministers of Holy Communion, 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 January 20 at the latest. If you are new to the parish or have been here for a while and are interested in participating in a Liturgical Ministry, please contact the parish office to find out more.

Ministry of Greeter The CDC recommends good hand hygiene over gloves for the kind of tasks our Greeters provide; therefore, Greeters will not be using gloves for welcoming (opening doors), distributing (worship aids and bulletins), and seating. Rather, they will rely on hand sanitizers. If interested in joining this ministry, 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

LifeSavers 4 Life The Knights of Columbus Council 839 will conduct its Annual LifeSavers 4 Life Campaign after this weekends Masses. You may receive as many LifeSavers as you would like! Donation baskets will be available. Donations may be made with cash or checks made payable to Knights of Columbus Council 839, memo: LifeSavers. You

may also make your donation on-line at www.kofc839.com. 100% of your donations support local and WI Pro-Life activities. Thank you!

TV/Online Masses

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

Online Mass Saturday 4pm Mass is live streamed on our website and our 7:30am 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

Welcome to the Waters of Baptism Congratulations to Owen Paul Harris who was baptized on Jan. 9! We welcome him to God's family with great joy!

Marriage Preparation Retreats The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering *Married Love: Two Becoming One*, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples, on February 6, April 24, and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse. Couples must register at least one month prior to the retreat. To register for a retreat, contact Mari Erickson at mnerickson95@gmail.com or 518-7655.



Requiescant in Pace Please pray for the repose of the souls of Winnie McGuire and Howard Olson. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to their families and friends who mourn their loss. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

Religious Education

First Communion Today, Jan. 17 First Communion parents meet 1PM in Church. The children need not attend this meeting. Masks will be required as well as social distancing. Please enter through the center doors at the main entrance of Church.

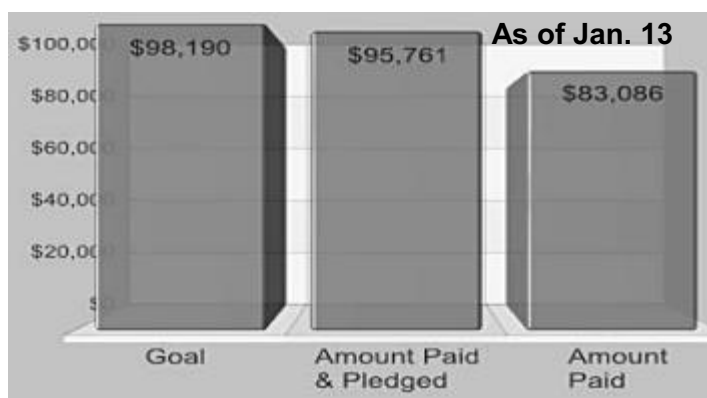
Confirmation Session #4 Sunday, Jan. 24 Grade 10 students meet 6:00pm in church. If the Packers have a playoff game on Jan. 24, the 6-7pm session will be moved to 1-2pm. Confirmation Candidates will be sharing their Confirmation Name Report. We

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will meet in church for the first 15-20 minutes in which Father will discuss the origin of taking a Saint Name. This portion will be live-streamed. Parents and/or Sponsors are welcome to attend this portion in-person or via live-stream. During the remaining 40 minutes, the Confirmation Candidates will be sharing and discussing their Confirmation names in small groups in the Parish Hall or opting to participate virtually via a zoom meeting link. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers!

Finances

Diocesan Annual Appeal Thank you for responding to this year's effort: "His Church Is Still Here, His Church Still Provides, His Church is You and Me." Let's do our part as Mary, Mother of the Church!



End of Year Statements End of year contribution statements were mailed Jan. 7. If you have any questions, please contact Holly the Financial Assistant at 788-5483, ext 3.

PCCW and Men's Club

'SOUP'er Bowl Sunday Drive-Thru Due to COVID-19 public health recommendations for the limiting of public gatherings the Men's Club of Mary, Mother of the Church is sponsoring a soup drive-thru on Sunday, February 7 at the Parish Hall entrance from 9a.m. – 1p.m. The 3 choices of soup are Chicken Noodle, White Chicken Chili, and Traditional Chili. There are a few ways to get your order in: call your order in to Dave Imhoff at (304)654-3438, email your order to Francis Schelfhout at frmisch@gmail.com, place your order form in the offertory basket at weekend Mass, or mail your order to the Parish Office. Funds raised will support Aquinas Scholarships and the Building Fund.

Saint Joseph

Year of St. Joseph The Diocesan "Year of St. Joseph" has been extended to December 8, 2021 in conjunction with Pope Francis' proclamation of a "Year of Saint Joseph" from Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021 (Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*: "With a Father's

Heart"). This year recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. The Holy Father wrote *Patris Corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph March 19 is the Solemnity of Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Consider participating in a 33-day retreat,

Liturgical Roles

January 16-17

Minister of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. Mark Outzen (**Deacon**)
Mary Olson (**Parish Hall**)
- 8:00 a.m. Nick Berry (**Deacon**)
- 10:00 a.m. Terri Pedace (**Deacon**)
Kathy McGettigan (**Parish Hall**)

Lector

- 4:00 p.m. Jerry Iverson
- 8:00 a.m. Patricia Kirchner
- 10:00 a.m. Matt Binsfeld

Cantor

- 4:00 p.m. Linda Kloet
- 8:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf
- 10:00 a.m. Natalie Solverson

Musician

- 4:00 p.m. Randy Lyden
- 8:00 a.m. Randy Lyden
- 10:00 a.m. Randy Lyden

Welcome

- 4:00 p.m. Virginia Horstman, Betty Koenen (sub req.), Jon Mason, Kevin Moyle, Steve Schaub, Jim Spielbauer, Larry Weibel
- 8:00 a.m. Peggy Baumler, Pat Burns, Lisa Doering, Dave Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Pattie Nimocks, Deke Stanek
- 10:00 a.m. Chuck Berendes, Charlotte Berendes, Polly Berendes, Mike Juran, Trisha Stratman, Jordan Stratman

Seating

- 4:00 p.m. Linda Gillette, Chris Schlegel, **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED**
- 8:00 a.m. Allan Baumler, Donna Burns, Kathy Skiles, Dan Skiles, Erica Stanek
- 10:00 a.m. Christine Kainz, Keith Krejchik, Kimberly Krejchik, Emily Krejchik, Mike Wintheiser

Worship Aid

- 4:00 p.m. Joe Riemer, Kellie Schmitz, Peter Schmitz
- 8:00 a.m. Jonathan Baumler, Cindy Klar, Bob Klar
- 10:00 a.m. Amelia Kainz, Gabriella Stratman, Gavin Stratman

which is contained in one book: *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald Calloway MIC. This retreat is done at home. Weekly discussions will be held in the Parish Hall with Fr. Konopa on Mondays at 6:30 - 8:00 PM from February 15 to March 15 for those who wish to attend. Consecration Day is Friday, March 19. There's likely to be two options that day: after the 7:30 AM Mass and an evening ceremony. Books will be available for purchase in February. Please watch for an update in future bulletins .



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Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

7:30 AM † **Dr. Gerald Miller**
by Marie Miller

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

7:30 AM † **Michael Tierney**
by Tierney Family

Thursday, January 21, 2021

7:30 AM † **Bea Gilles**
by Mike and Marilyn Banasik

Friday, January 22, 2021

7:30 AM † **Ann Malin**
by Jack and Joyce Felsheim

Saturday, January 23, 2021

4:00 PM † **Virgil Meinking**
by His Family

Sunday, January 24, 2021

8:00 AM † **Bea Gilles**
by Vicki Schumacher, Roger & Carol
Forer, Paul & Ruth Fairbanks

10:00 AM **Pro Populo**

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

We continue to confront some delays on the final completion of the 2020 projects. There was a faulty heating coil in one of the new units so a new part had to be ordered, the ionization filtering units remain to be installed, and the factory representative for the lighting system came as scheduled at the end of December but was unable to get the lighting control to function. For both the HVAC system and the new church lighting, a lot of control work needs to be completed. Basically, we can still only turn things on or off – not much in between. We're hopeful we can have things complete and functional by the end of the month. The consolation is that we do have heat for the winter!

We have been doing background work examining some of the possible building projects we may consider for 2021. (A list of those projects was published in the Bulletin of December 13.) We met with Fowler & Hammer a few weeks ago and are currently working on getting updated cost estimates for many of these items. We hope to have a projection of what our Building Fund cash flow may be able to accommodate in 2021. We have scheduled a joint meeting on January 21 for the Building Our Future Together Commission, the parish Finance Council, and the parish Pastoral Council to review the updated status and priorities of potential 2021 projects.

Please remember to keep our parish and each other in your prayers as we continue to Build Our Future Together.

Parish Holy Hour For Life 8-9am on Friday, Jan. 22 following the 7:30am Mass there will be Eucharistic Adoration for the protection and celebration of life, including the unborn.



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