

May 23, 2021



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



PENTECOST SUNDAY

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.



MARY

Mother of the church

MMOC Patronal Feast Pope Francis has named the Monday after Pentecost to be observed as the annual feast day of Mary, Mother of the Church. This is a moveable feast (based on the date of Easter) and this year's observance is Monday, May 24. Mass will be offered in the Parish Hall at 5:30pm and will be live streamed. We will announce the 2021 Man and Woman of the Year before the Final Blessing.



Spring Chicken-Que Once again another success! Thank you to all who volunteered and/or bought a Chicken-Que dinner. We made \$11,967.

Congratulations to all our High School Graduates We would like to extend a special congratulations to all who will be graduating this year. To all of our high school graduates—and middle school and college graduates as well—may the Holy Spirit continue to guide you on your journey of life!



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| Lydia Arentz | John Kramer |
| Kohl Blanco | George Luckner |
| Paul Brown | Landon Manock |
| Matthew Bryant | Jack McHugh Sake |
| Mackenzie Caya | Karlie Meyer |
| Ryan Conzemius | Randi Jo Rosen |
| Zoie Haldorson | Jacqueline Schneider |
| Josh Kaiser | Jackson Servais |
| Jack Kramer | Mary Wagner |
| Ciarra Lietke | |

Newman Connection for 2021 H.S. Graduates Our La Crosse Diocese participates in Newman Ministry's high school outreach program, called Newman Connection, that connects 2021 grads to college campus ministries across the US. Your participation assists us in helping your child to stay connected and supported in their faith as they move away from home to college.

2021 high school grads are encouraged to down-

load the Newman Connect app where they can connect, instantly, to their college campus ministry! The app is new this year, and more than 100 college campuses are using it already, to reach Catholic students. The links provided will assist you in participating: signup.newmanconnection.com - to submit college information. app.newmanministry.com - to connect to campus ministry, instantly, on the Newman Connect app!

If you would like assistance in submitting your information to the Newman Connection, please contact Therese van Oss ext.4. She will simply need the College your child will be attending, as well as the College City/State.

Thank you for assisting us in helping your child to stay connected and supported in their faith as they move away from home to college.

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.

Holy Trinity Chicken Que Thursday, May 27 Holy Trinity will have their Chicken Que. Starting at 11am 'til gone! 1/2 Chicken, beans, coleslaw and a roll for \$10. 1333 S 13th St. drive through or delivery only. Pre-sale tickets preferred. Tickets are available after weekend Masses, calling 608-782-2028 ext. 2 or stop at the Parish Office Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3pm.

Guidelines for Mass

Weekend Masses

While restrictions are easing, the pandemic is not over.

-Anyone who feels unwell, please remain at home
-Masks are optional (not necessary) for those fully vaccinated

-Masks are highly encouraged for those not vaccinated

-Doors are unlocked 30 minutes prior
-Entrances: main doors of Church and Parish Hall
-Accessibility entrance: side door near tabernacle
-Seating: follow direction of Greeters
-Dismissal: follow direction of Greeters

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. The 7:30am weekday Mass will not be live streamed during our church renovations.

Aquinas Catholic Schools

Enroll Now for the 2021-22 School Year Aquinas is accepting new and returning students for grades

3P-12. To learn more call 608-784-8585 or visit www.aquinaschools.org.

Deacon Sage Health Update

Deacon Sage has been dealing with cancer for two years. In the last recurrence, it spread from his bladder to the lymph nodes, so he was referred to Rochester. The chemotherapy treatment was more extensive this time. Between January 26 and April 27 he had 5 rounds of chemo (10 infusions) without serious side effects. The oncologists were pleased with the chemotherapy results, hence, they cancelled the 6th/final round and prepared for his cancer surgery in Rochester on Wednesday, May 19. (The same day this bulletin went to the publisher.) The surgery is called a radical cystectomy, meaning they remove the bladder and any other nearby organs, lymph nodes or areas where there has been cancer or where they think there might be cancer. Since the bladder will be removed, they will also create a urinary diversion. The prognosis is good. His hospital stay is likely to be 5-7 days with a lengthy recovery period to follow. He might not return to the parish office until late June. Let us keep him in our prayers and join him in seeking the intercession of St. Joseph and Fr. Joseph Walijeski for a speedy recovery and a quick return to the altar.

Memorare to St. Joseph

Remember, O most pure Spouse of the Virgin Mary, my noble protector Saint Joseph, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I come to you, my spiritual father, and fervently commend myself to you. Despise not my petitions, O Guardian of the Redeemer, but in your goodness hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer for the Beatification and Canonization of Father Joseph Walijewski (1924-2006)

Holy and Good God, your servant and priest, Father Joseph Walijewski, through priestly zeal and heroic holiness, defended innocence against the sadness of evil, especially to broken families and helpless children. Imaging the Compassionate Christ, he led others to the font of sacramental life and the knowledge of Jesus Christ as their True and Only Savior. Heavenly Father, we humbly pray You to raise up Your servant, Father Joseph Walijewski, whose joyful priestly heart was resolute in the Heart of Christ Jesus, to the courts of heaven; and, through Your Holy Spirit, who guides and leads the Church, give him to us as a saint and hero of this generation. Through his example may there be a new urgency of souls for Christ. Through his intercession, I humbly ask (make your intention here) through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Religious Education

FORMED.org As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, we are invited to come to know the Holy Spirit better. In *The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity* on Formed.org, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and his role in salvation history. Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers. Listeners are sure to come to a better appreciation of this "sweet guest of our soul" who seeks to bring us closer to divine life.

La Crosse Events

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph the Workman is pleased to announce the schedule of performers on its 2021 Summer Organ Recital Series. All recitals are on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 and are approximately one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. During construction, enter the building from the parking lot entrance. **June 13**-Dr. Brent Nolte, music department chair at Ohio Christian University in Circleville, Ohio. **July 18**-James Brian Smith, music educator, founding artistic director of the Chicago Boy Choir, and former associate organist at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. **August 8**-Dr. Stephen C. Price, organ faculty at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. All are cordially invited to attend these exciting and varied performances of delightful organ music on the Cathedral's magnificent 71-rank Noack organ.

Ongoing Catholic Christian Outreach

Are you a CCO graduate, or did you begin with a group but were unable to finish? Have you been wondering, "What's next? How can I keep growing in relationship with God and others?" You are encouraged to sign up for *The Temperament God Gave You: Gaining Self Knowledge to Grow Spiritually*.

This summer series will meet on four evenings, in the parish hall, 6:30-8:00 p.m. on June 16 and 23 and July 7 and 14.

The book, *The Temperament God Gave You* by Art and Laraine Bennett will be our reference throughout the series. All those attending this summer will receive the book, as well as handouts and other resources. Unable to make it this summer? That is ok! As a gift, the Parish will provide the book to all past CCO participants for self-study.

These sessions will help you determine your temperament and its associated strengths and weaknesses. Additionally, we will explore the spiritual pitfalls and potential faults associated with your temperament. We will use this information, along with the wisdom of the Saints, to grow in virtue. As we grow in virtue, we will deepen our love for God and others,

thus strengthening all of the relationships in our lives.

If you are interested, please contact Laura Boden in the parish office to register. If you have questions regarding the series, please email Sue Halter at skhalter@gmail.com or Linda Schwartz at alrzschwartz@gmail.com. Again, this summer series is only available to those who have participated in the Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) series.

If you are not a CCO graduate, does this spark an interest? Perhaps you started CCO, were unable to finish, and now the Holy Spirit is prompting you to try again. Are you looking for an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ? Is this the year you will say yes? New groups will be forming this fall for CCO. Contact Laura Boden at the church office to have your name added to the contact list.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Weekday Masses are in the Parish Hall.
Please enter through the main entrance.

Monday, May 24, 2021

5:30 PM Deacon Sage
by Parish Staff

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

7:30 AM † Fr. Robert Hagenbarth
by Marie Meyers

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

7:30 AM † Gerry Konop
by Marty Konop

Thursday, May 27, 2021

7:30 AM † Dorothy Weiland
by Virginia Horstman
2:00 PM Deacon and Mary Sage
by Shirley Role
(Hillview is not open to the public)

Friday, May 28, 2021

7:30 AM † Frances Kreibich
by Jennifer Kreibich

Saturday, May 29, 2021

4:00 PM † Jim Arens
by Arian Arens and Family

Sunday, May 30, 2021

8:00 AM Pro Populo
10:00 AM Margie Higgins and Family
by Her Family

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



**Scrip Drive-Up Day
& Donations Drive!**

GET READY FOR SUMMER!

Friday, June 4
8 AM - 3 PM
During office hours

The poster features a collage of various items including boxes of food, bags of groceries, and other household supplies, illustrating the types of donations accepted.

**"When the Advocate
comes whom I will send
you from the Father ... he
will testify to me." - Jn 15:26AC**

Liturgical Roles

May 29-30

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Barbara Hauke (Deacon)
Kevin Moyle (Parish Hall)
8:00 a.m. Dave Imhoff (sub req.) (Deacon)
10:00 a.m. Tony Kath (sub req.) (Deacon)
Carol Forer (Parish Hall)

Lector

4:00 p.m. Barbara Stetzer
8:00 a.m. Charles Heiderscheid
10:00 a.m. Matt Binsfeld

Server

4:00 p.m. Sophia Schmitz (sub req.)
8:00 a.m. Martin Logue
10:00 a.m. Abigail Schelfhout

Cantor

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

Musician

4:00 p.m. Christopher Carskadon
8:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon
10:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon

Welcome

4:00 p.m. Steve Schaub, Mary Schaub, Joe Riemer, Mike Juran, Virginia Horstman, Larry Weibel (sub req.)
8:00 a.m. Kathy Skiles, Dan Skiles, Sandy Pitsch, Dave Lawrence, Cindy Klar, Bob Klar
10:00 a.m. Brenda Wintheiser, Robb Pretasky, Megan Binsfeld, Anna Binsfeld, Elly Binsfeld, **NOT FILLED**

Seating

4:00 p.m. Kellie Schmitz, Peter Schmitz, Linda Gillette, Lisa Doering
Lead- Chris Schlegel
8:00 a.m. Mike Weissenberger, Joan Weissenberger, Pat Burns (sub req.), Donna Burns (sub req.)
Lead- Allan Baumler
10:00 a.m. Mike Wintheiser, Gabriella Stratman, Trisha Stratman, Polly Berendes, Charlotte Berendes
Lead- Jon Mason

Worship Aid

4:00 p.m. Jim Spielbauer, **NOT FILLED**
8:00 a.m. Rosie Pennebecker, Brian Logue
10:00 a.m. Anne Kernan, Jerry Kernan, Chuck Berendes

Building Our Future Together

Last week's bulletin article highlighted the refurbishing of our stained glass windows. During the past week, Cathedral Stained Glass (Winona) removed the last of the windows on the south side of the church. In conversation, they suggested a new framing system. Instead of a new single-pane, protective storm window to replace the existing ones, they suggested a double-pane window system: two layers of $\frac{1}{4}$ " glass with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " spacer. The exterior glass is Low E glass, which stands for "low emissivity." Low E glass minimizes the amount of infrared and ultraviolet light that comes through glass, without minimizing the amount of light that enters. Low E glass windows have a microscopically thin coating that is transparent and reflects heat. We have these windows in the Parish Hall and the new rectory windows will also be Low E glass.

The new framing system – including its Low E glass – has an R value that is a 30–50% improvement for energy efficiency – far superior than the original proposal which they were asked to bid upon.

The lowest panel of the floor-to-ceiling windows are able to open. Over the years, these have failed. Those who open and close them will be familiar with this: rope has been added to keep some of them from opening too widely so they don't reach people walking along the aisle, many are stubborn to close, and one has been wired shut. The new framing system would replace all of that since it also holds the stained glass, not simply the two-paned, clear windows.

Overall, the new system is structurally more solid and offers a far superior R-value which gains the kind of energy efficiency that puts less heat/cold stress on the stained glass windows. Clearly, this is a much better way to care for our stained glass and gain energy efficiency.

The project cost will increase approximately \$60,000 but now is the time to act.

Can we afford this? Every project includes contingency funds in case added expenses are incurred. While this amount goes beyond what was anticipated, recently parishioners have made extra donations for the stained glass windows. This generosity makes the decision much easier to make. For all these reasons, we will take advantage of this new framing system which, in the end, will definitely pay for itself.



Progress has been made on the ceiling grills which have been stripped, repainted, and reinstalled during the week. So many grills are unique in size, so they needed to be carefully tagged for reinstallation. It's been a giant puzzle!

During the last week, the terrazzo floors have been stripped which means they are vulnerable to stains. Some unused floor outlets (for the original sound system) have been removed. These areas



and a few other places will be patched with matching terrazzo. This step was to be completed Friday or this coming Monday. A perfect match to fill these holes is very difficult due to the different colors of stone in the floor. Additionally, the church floors are not one color. Next week the floors will be polished with a fine grit and then sealed to preserve their original integrity.

More masonry restoration is continuing on the rectory which needs to be completed before the new aluminum windows are installed.

With so much focus inside church we have to highlight the beautiful new planters in front of church and the four planters around the front office.

They fit well into the architecture and flowers always bring color and life to our grounds.



Please say a prayer for the workers' safety, the good work they are doing, and the generosity that is making this possible as we Build Our Future Together.

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