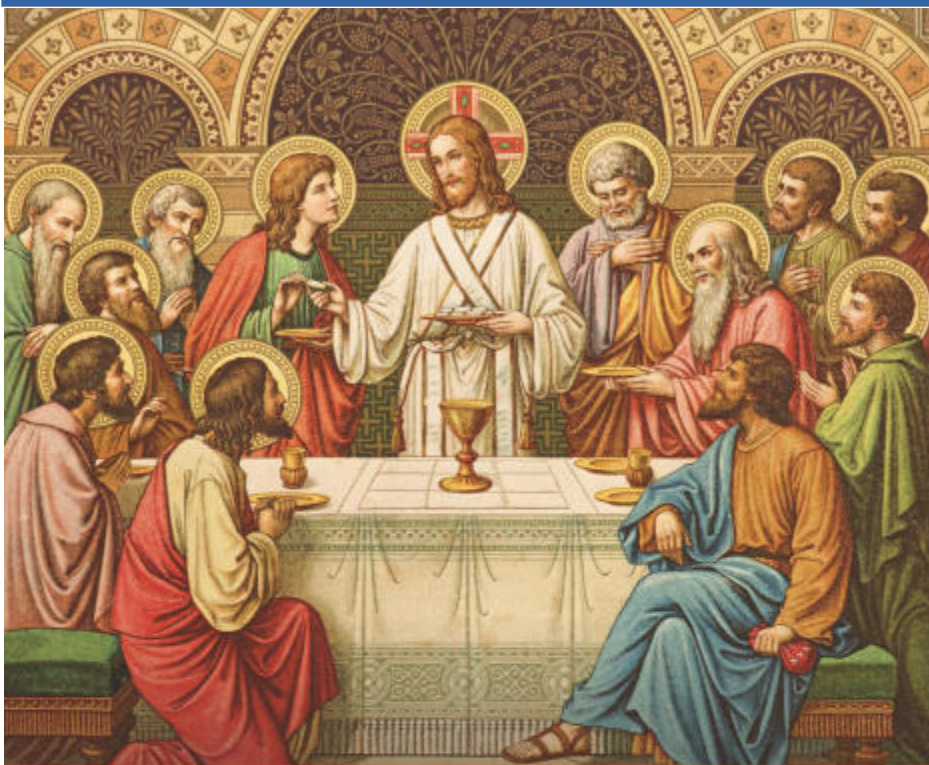


June 6, 2021



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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4pm
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Tuesday–Friday 7:30am

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 4pm-5pm or
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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

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June 2, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

Pandemic restrictions are lessening as we move month by month. We have seen this in our own parish as the City of La Crosse dropped its “mask mandate” and the CDC updated its guidelines so “fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by (law).” [So, if the City of La Crosse returns to a “mask mandate” due to Covid spread or stress on the hospitals, we will follow it.] Now, I received news from Bishop Callahan that every household in the Diocese will soon receive a letter to announce the lifting of the current dispensation of the Sunday Mass obligation (and Holy Days) beginning June 26-27. This reinstatement of the Sunday obligation by Bishop Callahan is another sign of the return to “normalcy.”

We have seen a notable increase in attendance this year, which has consistently reached 550 people since Easter (April 4). (Normally, we would have 800+.) We need to prepare for a greater movement in this direction as we enter the summer months.

A few months ago, when our spacing was “every third pew,” we could seat 110-120 people in church, then we used the Parish Hall for overflow. When our spacing was “every other pew,” we could seat 150-160 in church. When half of the pews were removed and chairs were added, our seating capacity increased to 200. Why? For two reasons:

1. Extra chairs are available near the baptismal font.
2. Those using chairs tend to space themselves less – though still safely – than those in the pews.

Our goal is to provide safe seating for everyone in church and no longer use the Parish Hall for overflow. We have four sections of seating in church. Eventually, a single section (or two) will have the ropes removed to increase capacity. Those who are fully vaccinated will be invited to use these areas because – as noted above – the CDC says they do not need to use masks or be physically distanced.

We do not have enough chairs to double the seating, so the sections with chairs will need to be spaced as they are (i.e. the distance of “every other pew”), and the sections with pews will be considered as the areas to increase our seating capacity by removing the ropes.

These changes may happen before the Sunday obligation is reinstated.

Also, our two stations for the distribution of Holy Communion will be expanded to four – as we did it before the pandemic. This will begin on June 19-20 (Father’s Day weekend).

Many people are finding it difficult to return to normalcy for a variety of reasons, and it’s good for all of us to be patient and understanding while moving forward with an encouraging spirit.

Let us trust in Jesus Christ who has given Himself to us, especially through the most precious gift of His Body and Blood. Spiritual Communion has a wonderful effect; however, receiving His human nature (Body, Blood, and Soul) as well as His divinity – in the flesh – can’t be beat!

I encourage everyone to take another step forward.

Yours in Christ,

Father Konopa



Blessed Art Inc. Blest Art will be visiting our parish June 12-13 after Masses in the Parish Hall on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support these families in the Holy Land. They will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. They kindly invite us to visit their display in the Parish Hall and to consider

purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land. In doing so, we will help support the many families who depend on this art for their living. Our purchases will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families. They accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. Please note that they do not ask for, nor do they accept, any donations.

Save a Life, Donate Blood We will host a Blood Drive Monday, June 14 at 1-6pm in the Parish Hall. Blood donations are much needed this time of year, please consider donating. Please bring a photo ID or Versiti donor card. **Masks are still required at this time.** To sign-up call Laura at 788-5483, ext. 2 or online at <http://bit.ly/givejune14>.

Volunteers for TV Masses The Diocese will be recording Masses at the Cathedral on Friday, July 9. MMOC has been asked to assist with two Masses beginning at 2:15pm. The Cathedral staff will supply the music and our parish will supply the priest, the lector, the server, and the congregation for both Masses. Ideally the congregation would have 20+ people. These Masses for the homebound are an important apostolate to those who are unable to attend Mass in their local parish churches throughout the Diocese. All participants – both liturgical ministers and assembly – are asked to be present prior to the filming of the first Mass. Filming will not begin until all are comfortable with the role they will perform in the Mass. Servers and Lectors are asked to volunteer online. Sign-ups for the assembly are on the hospitality counter inside the Parish Hall.

Guidelines for Mass

Weekend Masses

- Masks are highly encouraged unless fully vaccinated
- Doors are unlocked 30 minutes 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: wait for 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.

Religious Education

FORMED.org This week Formed.org celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi. In *The Body and Blood of Christ*, Dr. Scott Hahn, a former Presbyterian minister, provides the Biblical basis for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the significance of the Feast of Corpus Christi. This talk also gives us a greater understanding of our vocation to be the living presence of Christ in the world.

Family Life

Wedding Banns (II) Clarence Smith (MMOC) and Renee Strack (MMOC) on June 12, 2021. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding.

Welcome to the Waters of Baptism Congratulations to Lucian Tomasz Gurda who was baptized on May 30! We welcome him to God's family with great joy!

PCCW

Festival Brat Barn The profit from the May 22 Brat Barn was \$497.13. Thanks so much to all the ladies who helped to make this such a successful event.

La Crosse Events

Summer Organ Recital Series 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.

Movie Time at MMOC Grab your family and join us for a Catholic movie called PRAY. It is good to be reminded why we pray together as a family and who better to tell you the reason than the priest who coined the phrase "The Family that Prays Together, Stays Together"? Fr. Patrick Peyton! Did you know that Fr. Peyton got Bing Crosby, James Dean, Lucille Ball, and Frank Sinatra to help him promote family prayer? Come listen to his story and walk away desiring to pray together as a family. There is no charge and all are welcome so bring your family and/or a friend.

PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON will be showing at...

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Monday, June 21 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Tuesday, June 22 8:30 am, 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm

Deacon Sage Health Update

Deacon Sage has been recovering at home. On June 10, he will meet with his oncologist and receive the surgical pathology results from his May 19 surgery which removed his bladder and some localized lymph nodes in order to address the spread of cancer. At the same June 10 appointment, his doctors will advise whether additional chemotherapy would be beneficial to minimize the return of cancer. Please keep him, his family, and his medical team in your prayers.

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. 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 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.

Liturgical Roles

June 12-13

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Joseph van Oss (**Deacon**)

Kevin Moyle (**Parish Hall**)

8:00 a.m. Nick Berry (**Deacon**)

10:00 a.m. Rita Sanchez (**Deacon**)

Kathy McGettigan (**Parish Hall**)

Lector

4:00 p.m. Nancy Misch

8:00 a.m. Patricia Kirchner

10:00 a.m. Sarah Scarlet

Server

4:00 p.m. Sophia Schmitz (sub req.)

8:00 a.m. Martin Logue

10:00 a.m. **NOT FILLED**

Cantor

4:00 p.m. Therese van Oss

8:00 a.m. Sara Groetsch

10:00 a.m. Natalie Solverson

Musician

4:00 p.m. Mary Jo Lium

8:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon

10:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon

Welcome

4:00 p.m. Larry Weibel, Sr. Kathy Stuttgen, Elizabeth Solverson, Mary Schaub, Jim Spielbauer (sub req.), Joe Riemer (sub req.)

8:00 a.m. Dan Skiles, Sandy Pitsch, Rosie Pennebecker, Brian Logue, Dave Lawrence, Kerry Groetsch

10:00 a.m. Robb Pretasky, Terri Pedace, Jon Mason, Keith Krejchik, Kimberly Krejchik, Emily Krejchik (sub req.)

Seating

4:00 p.m. Mark Misch, Neil Kumm, Virginia Horstman, Lisa Doering

Lead: Linda Gillette

8:00 a.m. Erica Stanek, Donna Burns, Pat Burns, Allan Baumler

Lead: Sue Groetsch

10:00 a.m. Mike Wintheiser, Polly Berendes, Chuck Berendes, Charlotte Berendes, **NOT FILLED**

Lead: Christine Kainz

Worship Aid

4:00 p.m. Steve Schaub, Mike Juran

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

10:00 a.m. Lizzie Wintheiser, Amelia Kainz, Nathan Wintheiser (sub req.)

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

7:30 AM Marie and † Herbert Meyers
by the Meyers Family

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

7:30 AM † Elizabeth "Beth" Berns
by Roger and Carol Forer

Thursday, June 10, 2021

7:30 AM † Henry Becker
by Elaine Becker

2:00 PM † Mary J. Nelson
by Her Family
(Hillview is not open to the public)

Friday, June 11, 2021

7:30 AM † Bea Gilles
by Ruth Dolan

Saturday, June 12, 2021

4:00 PM † Dr. Rachel Thompson-Fleming
by Lu Ann Miller

Sunday, June 13, 2021

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:00 AM † Lila Mae and Joseph Sperfslage
by Their Family

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



June is the Month of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts
of Jesus and Mary, celebrated on June 11 and 12.

Building Our Future Together

During the shortened Memorial Day work week, Wisconsin Terrazzo & Tile addressed some of the nicks and blemishes of the terrazzo on the south half of the church and finished repolishing the floor. Then Andy Foley provided a final cleaning.

The next step is to apply the sealer. The terrazzo floor is porous, so four applications of sealer are recommended – 2/day – likely on Monday and Tuesday by Superior Clean. Each application takes time to dry and emits an odor, so it is good to have this done early in the week.

When we arrive to church next weekend (June 12-13), we may smell the sealer, but we will definitely see the beauty of the restored terrazzo, especially as we compare it to the north side of the church floor!

With this half of the floor complete, the goal is to install the refinished pews in time for Masses on Father's Day weekend (June 19-20). While the south pews are installed by Fowler and Hammer, they will also remove the pews on the north side of church.

Cathedral Crafts has asked if they can remove all of the stained glass windows – instead of doing half at a time – and we gave them permission. Therefore, we will be without any stained glass for much of June and all of July. They are still seeking confirmation on the new frames (mentioned in the May 23 bulletin). It's likely the stained glass windows will be installed in August. Enjoy the clear view outside. It could be nearly 100 years before this will be seen again!

Masonry restoration continues on the rectory. The installation of the new windows was scheduled to begin at this time but material for the aluminum framing has been delayed due to transportation difficulties that are effecting so many industries. Plans are also being finalized for renovating the rectory bathrooms, including the half bath near the front office so it is ADA accessible.

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.

*Ask Jesus what He wants
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