

June 13, 2021



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



11TH 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.



Dear Friends in Christ, June 9, 2021

Nearly 15 months ago, pandemic restrictions shut down more than restaurants; even churches closed when they were deemed “non-essential.” We were fortunate to reopen for public Masses on May 30-31 – over a year ago – and it’s time to continue on this path. We followed the City’s mask-mandate – umm...religiously – with essentially everyone wearing a mask in church. Currently, masks are “highly encouraged” for those who have not been fully vaccinated.

I have noticed that the majority of churchgoers are not wearing masks. Because the past 12 months have shown that we can be trusted, I’m fairly confident we are following the Honor System well. Just as some vaccinated people continue to wear the mask, there probably are some mask-less people who have not been vaccinated.

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. One section will have the ropes removed to increase capacity. Those who are fully vaccinated will be invited to use these areas because the CDC says they do not need to use masks or be physically distanced.

Next weekend, June 19-20 (Father’s Day weekend), we will be making a few steps forward:

1. One section of pews will be without ropes. (See the June 6 bulletin for more information.)
2. There will be some minor changes in the sanctuary, but the most notable change will be the return to 4 Communion lines.
3. Holy Water fonts will be filled.
4. Scrip will be on sale in the Mother’s Room.

Bishop Callahan has decided to lift the current dispensation of the Sunday Mass obligation (and Holy Days) beginning June 26-27. Next week everyone will receive a mailing from his office to communicate this news.

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.

I encourage everyone to take another step forward.

Yours in Christ, *Father Konopa*

**Let them thank the LORD
for his mercy, such
wondrous deeds for the
children of Adam.**

Psalm 107:31

NEEDED: Parish Office Assistant Laura Boden has submitted her resignation in order to take a full-time position as the Receptionist at Holy Cross Diocesan Center. Laura has served us for nearly two years and, while she will be missed, she will remain a member of the parish and make herself available to assist with our transition. We wish her God’s kindest blessings.

Therefore, applications are being accepted to the open position of Parish Office Assistant.

Primary duties include:

- Managing the front desk
- Creating bulletins & handling parish mailings
- Maintaining parish calendar
- Scheduling Mass intentions & liturgical ministries
- Facilitate sacramental prep programs, including marriage
- Handling sacramental records
- Assisting parish staff and organizations
- Oversees Parish Hall usage
- Maintaining parish database
- Computer/technology troubleshooting skills

The successful candidate will have an ability to operate office equipment; experience with Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, and Publisher; ability to learn in-house software ParishSOFT and Ministry Scheduler Pro; telephone, reception, and clerical skills and experience; and effective interpersonal communication skills, including social media and telephone.

The Office Assistant position is 28 hours per week (Tues.-Fri.; 8AM-3PM) and pay range will be commensurate with experience. The position is available July 1. To apply, please submit a resume with references from previous employers to Father Konopa at the parish office (2006 Weston Street) or frkonopa@mnoclacrosse.org.

Pray for our Farmers The recent dry, hot weather has posed a serious threat to farmers in our region. Please remember them daily in your prayers, that they will have the moisture and other needed conditions for a successful growing season and harvest.



Blessed Art Inc. Blest Art is visiting our parish THIS WEEKEND (June 12-13) 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 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.

Religious Education

Thank you Kay Berra The principal at Blessed Sacrament Elementary School is retiring after 35 years. MMOC is grateful for her dedication, faith and hard work for her students and their families. Kate Moll will begin on July 1, 2021, working with Kay Berra to assure a smooth transition. Thank you Kay for your 35 years of dedication to Aquinas Catholic Schools!

Family Life

Communion Calls Now that we have hit some kind of normalcy in the pandemic, Sr. Kathy will be starting monthly communion visits. She still has those she used to visit, but if you are housebound for any reason and would like a visit please call 788-5483 x.5 and Sr. Kathy will get back to you. She usually does these visits the first week of the month.

Anyone needing help to acquire the Covid Vaccination is welcome to call Sr. Kathy as well. Thank you and enjoy this beautiful weather.

Welcome to the Waters of Baptism Congratulations to Hadley Catherine Christopherson who was baptized on June 5! We welcome her to God's family with great joy!

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dan Becker and Mark Allen. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to the families and friends who mourn their loss. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

SCRIP

Scrip Sales Starting Father's Day Weekend we will start selling SCRIP after Masses in the Mother's Room on the weekends. We will no longer be selling out of the office Tuesday - Thursday. Friday will be the only day to get SCRIP from the office.

La Crosse Events

Movie Time at MMOC Dad's gather your family and join us for a Catholic movie called PRAY.

Kids, want to give your Dad a gift for Father's Day? Tell him you will bring him to a movie (it's FREE).

ALL are welcome to come for an entertaining hour on the power of family prayer. Walk away with stories to tell of the miracles that happened in the life of the priest who wanted to become a millionaire but instead of dollars God gave him millions of people all desiring to pray together as families. God even gave him famous people like Bing Crosby, James Dean, Lucille Ball, and Frank Sinatra to help promote the

message of family prayer. Fr. Peyton is the priest who coined the phrase "The Family that Prays Together, Stays Together". Who needs millions of dollars when you have God's help?

All are welcome so bring your family and/or a friend. PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON will be showing at...

Mary, Mother of the Church in the Parish Hall
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 met with his oncologist and received 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 advised whether additional chemotherapy would be beneficial to minimize the return of cancer. This appointment occurred before the bulletin deadline. Results will be shared in the June 20 bulletin. Please keep him, his family, and his medical team in your prayers.

Ongoing Catholic Christian Outreach

CCO participants from 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 are encouraged to sign up for a summer series called "The Temperament God Gave You: Gaining Self Knowledge to Grow Spiritually."

We 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. If interested, please contact Laura Boden in the parish office to register. If you have questions regarding the series, please email Linda Schwartz at alrzschwartz@gmail.com or Sue Halter at skhalter@gmail.com.

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. Please pick up your copy at the summer session, in the parish office (Tues-Fri 8am-3pm), or on the hospitality counter in the gather space of church.

Liturgical Roles

June 19-20

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Mark Outzen (**Deacon**)
Kellie Schmitz (**Parish Hall**)
Joseph van Oss, **NOT FILLED**

8:00 a.m. Mary Jo Schumacher (**Deacon**)
Joseph van Oss, **NOT FILLED**

10:00 a.m. Tony Kath (**Deacon**)
Shannon Klar (sub req.) (**Parish Hall**)
Carol Forer, Linda Schwartz

Lector

4:00 p.m. Sue Ernster, Joseph van Oss
8:00 a.m. Joseph van Oss, **NOT FILLED**
10:00 a.m. Nancy Steinhoff, Sarah Scarlet

Server

4:00 p.m. Sophia Schmitz (sub req.), **NOT FILLED**
8:00 a.m. Ryann Klar, Lincoln Stanek
10:00 a.m. Elie Klar, **NOT FILLED**

Cantor

4:00 p.m. Peter Schmitz
8:00 a.m. Pattie Nimocks
10:00 a.m. Rick Wilson

Musician

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

Sacristan

4:00 p.m. **NOT FILLED**
8:00 a.m. Sue Groetsch
10:00 a.m. Linda Schwartz

Welcome

4:00 p.m. Larry Weibel, Steve Schaub, Mary Schaub, Kevin Moyle (sub req.), Patrick Hogan, Linda Gillette
8:00 a.m. Mike Weissenberger, Deke Stanek, Mary Lawrence, Dave Lawrence, Allan Baumler, Peggy Baumler
10:00 a.m. Riley Klar, Marcus Klar (sub req.), Polly Berendes, Chuck Berendes, Emily Krejchik, Charlotte Berendes

Seating

4:00 p.m. **NOT FILLED**, Chris Schlegel, Joe Riemer, Virginia Horstman
Lead-Lisa Doering
8:00 a.m. Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles, Erica Stanek, Cindy Klar
Lead-Bob Klar
10:00 a.m. Andrew Schwartz, Keith Krejchik, Kimberly Krejchik, Phil Klar (sub req.), **NOT FILLED**
Lead-Robb Pretasky

Worship Aid

4:00 p.m. Neil Kumm, Mike Juran
8:00 a.m. Pat Burns, Donna Burns
10:00 a.m. Brenda Wintheiser, Mike Wintheiser, Nathan Wintheiser

Script Seller

4:00 p.m. **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED**
8:00 a.m. **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED**
10:00 a.m. Tammy Byington, **NOT FILLED**



Weekly Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

7:30 AM † Roy and Donna Werner
by Linda Werner

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

7:30 AM † Fr. Bob Hegenbarth
by Jane Schwabenbauer

Thursday, June 17, 2021

7:30 AM † Beth Leis
by Robert and Jolene Trussoni

2:00 PM † Ann Malin
by Mary Brzozowski
(Hillview is not open to the public)

Friday, June 18, 2021

7:30 AM † Dorothy Weiland
by Her Family

Saturday, June 19, 2021

4:00 PM † Allen Nelson
by Mary Nelson

Sunday, June 20, 2021

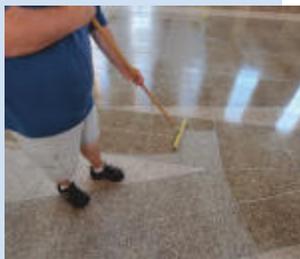
8:00 AM Pro Populo
10:00 AM † Herbert Meyers
by Mike and Cathy Juran



First application of sealer:
one pours, another spreads

Building Our Future Together

The south side of the church floor is completed! Super Clean applied four coats of sealer to the terrazzo floor and it is ready for foot traffic.



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 being installed by Fowler and Hammer, they will also remove the pews on the north side of church.

The pews are at a warehouse of Fowler and Hammer (rent-free) being refinished by Church Interiors. Two years ago, we considered having the pews disassembled, sanded, and refinished at a cost of \$155,000+.



The kneeler pads are temporarily removed for refinishing; the black base is repainted.

After Church Interiors inspected our pews, they recommended a simpler process of buffing (not sanding) the pews because most of the pews



A scuff pad rests on the handrail of a refinished pew

are in good condition (considering 60 years of usage). This means the scratches will not be "sanded out." Rather, a layer of stain is being added so the scratches are less noticeable and a protective coating of lacquer is added to the pews. The most notable difference is the handrail on the highest part of the pews – worn down to the bare wood – which will look like new again. This cost is \$50,000+.

Please note, the sanitizing of pews after Mass uses a solution in which the pH factor is equivalent to water; therefore, it has not been removing the wood stain but the years of dirt and human oil that have accumulated. If it were removing the stain, the seats of the pews would also have the same effect, but this has not happened.

Masonry restoration continues on the rectory. Most of the work has focused on the stone (and where the stone meets the brick); however, there are areas where bricks are being replaced.



The most troublesome area has been the 2nd floor rectory walkout onto the roof (near the garage). The metal lintel has rusted – causing rust jacking, which puts stress on the grout, creates cracks, and allows water infiltration.

Masonry restoration is also taking place on the church.

Along with rectory window replacement and church stained glass window renovations (with a new protective window frame system), our summer projects will complete the goal of "Sealing the Building Shell" of Phase IV, which addresses water infiltration and energy efficiencies.



Replacing lintel and repairing damage of rust jacking

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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