

July 4, 2021



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



14TH 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

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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.

GOD Bless AMERICA

New Staff Member Emily Krejchik expressed interest in helping to fill the position of Office Assistant during the summer months before beginning her Junior year in high school. We are delighted to add her to our parish staff. Please welcome Emily and add a prayer for a more permanent hire before September 1



NEEDED: Parish Office Assistant 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 September 1 or earlier. To apply, please submit a resume with references from previous employers to Father Konopa at the parish office (2006 Weston Street) or frkonopa@mmoclacrosse.org.

Masses of Thanksgiving Last year on June 27, Father Daniel Williams was ordained to the priesthood. The pandemic made it difficult to celebrate with him, especially since the Ordination Mass was "in private." Father Williams will be joining us for weekend Masses on July 10-11 as the main celebrant and homilist. Hospitality will be available after Mass in the Parish Hall. Please come to congratulate him and thank him for his priestly vocation.

Pope's Pray Intention for July That, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



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.

Time for a New Ministry Schedule We will soon begin working on a new Ministry Schedule that will run from August through October for Minister of Holy Communion, Lectors, Cantors, Musicians, Servers, Sacristans, 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 July 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.



Altar Server Training The parish needs new altar servers at all 3 weekend Masses. There also may be veteran altar servers who need to be reminded about the procedures because their last scheduled Mass was pre-pandemic. A training will take place in church on Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 PM. Grade 4 and older (including adults) are invited. If this time is inconvenient, please contact the parish office 788-5483 x 2 and share your email. A time will be scheduled to make sure servers -- new and old -- are comfortable and confident in their role.

Scams Scam artists have been surveying church websites and bulletins for names and emails. For example, if you are the contact person for a fundraising event, catechetical program, Men's Club or PCCW, and your email is listed on the website or in the bulletin, you are likely to receive an email which looks like it is coming from the pastor. However, rather than coming from frkonopa@mmoclacrosse.org, it's likely to be a @gmail.com, @yahoo.com, or some other account. Father Konopa, all parish staff, and many volunteers have @mmoclacrosse.org accounts. If you receive an emergency request for donations, it's a scam. For extra proof, look for @mmoclacrosse.org.

Guidelines for Mass

Weekend Masses

- Masks are highly encouraged unless fully vaccinated
- 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

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.

Ongoing Formation

How Rooted Are You? 4 Keys to Remaining Faithful to Jesus Christ and His Church You are a link in an unbroken chain of people that have passed on Jesus Christ from generation to generation. You have been chosen by God to be a person in this current link, in this current era, at this current moment in time, for a particular reason. You have been chosen to serve, to love and, through the Blessed Trinity, to help guide those the Lord has given you to a deeper friendship with Christ. As a witness, you need to know and be grounded in four keys that will help you remain faithful to Jesus Christ and His Church. Be part of the Virtual Witnesses for Christ Conference on Saturday, August 7, featuring Dr. Petroc Willey, an engaging and humorous presenter. Cost is \$10. For further info and to register, visit diolc.org/witness

Countering the Lies of Gender Ideology Gender ideology is rapidly reshaping the culture, and causing confusion and serious harm. Gender ideology is a false system of beliefs about the person that claims human identity is fluid (can change according to one's feelings) and that human identity is self-defined. Fr. Paul Check presents understandable and foundational information in a session entitled "Pastoral Care amid Confusion about Sexual Identity." Visit: diolc.org/catechesis/recordings-for-your-ministry

Person and Identity Project Another excellent, user-friendly tool is the Person and Identity Project. This project, an initiative of the Catholic Women's Forum at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, presents sound information which helps to illuminate the truth about who we are, but also to counter the lies of gender ideology. This website provides tools for parents, schools and parish programs to see the depth of the gender theory's influence and the seri-

ousness of what is at stake. Visit personandidentity.com.

Relationship, Intentionality and Accompaniment: The Cornerstones of Ministry The Gospels show us that when Christ would teach He did it in a way that imparted knowledge and evoked a personal response from each of those He encountered. As our youth are feeling increasingly isolated because of the effects of today's culture, we need to become more like Christ and let each person we encounter know his or her worth as a son or daughter of God. This recording gives practical tips on how to become intentional in your ministry for accompanying people of all ages. Visit: diolc.org/catechesis/recordings-for-your-ministry.

Family Life

Welcome to the Waters of Baptism Congratulations to Luka Johnson who was baptized on June 3! We welcome him to God's family with great joy!

Communion Calls The following parishioners will receive Communion in their homes this week: Don Bowman; Jean Weigel; Gerald Sheehan; Sue & Ray Wuench; Barb Starsky; Catherine Larson; Margaret Bakkum; Carol & Clayton Weis; Julie & Steven Pitch; Lone Ross; Judy Van Voorhis; Toni & Ron Weis. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist in their home, please call the parish office at 788.5483.

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

Memorial Mass Nancy Kaiser's July 5 funeral is ONLY for family and priests. The family is sorry for this limitation and hopes everyone will feel welcome to her Celebration of Life on Saturday, July 3 (not July 31) at 2-8 PM in St. Joseph Ridge Park.

SCRIP

Scrip Sales SCRIP is sold before and after Masses in the Mother's Room and is available in the office on Fridays.

Scrip Volunteers Needed On Tuesday mornings order forms are organized for weekly inventory. If interested, please contact Holly: 788-5483 x3.

La Crosse Events

Diocesan Seminarian Fundraiser Priests For Tomorrow supports the education and formation of seminarians. The fundraiser will be held Sunday, August 1 at the Waterfront Restaurant in La Crosse. Tickets are \$125 each, \$225 per couple, or \$1,000 for table of 8. Spend the evening with Bishop Calla-

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han, the newly ordained and the seminarians. Contact vocations@diolc.org or call Renee' at 608-791-2667 for tickets or more information.

PCCW and Men's Club

Riverfest set up and clean up The Men's Club could use any and all parishioners help with Riverfest Clean-up in the early mornings of Thursday, July 1 through Monday, July 5. Clean up must be completed each day by 9:00am and typically starts at 5:00am. Many hands make light work so please consider volunteering for this great opportunity to raise funds for the Church! If you can help out on these days please email mensclub@mmoclacrosse.org, so we can track the number of helpers. Thanks and God Bless!

Brat Barn Saturday July 17 at Village Festival from 10am to 6pm. If you are able to help out with this event please contact Kathy Chapiewsky at 788-3446 or email chapiewskyk@gmail.com.

Movie Time at St. Patrick's Parish Gather your family and join us for a Catholic movie called PRAY. 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...

St. Patrick's Parish in the Church Basement

Wednesday, July 7 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Tuesday, July 8 9:00 am, 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm



Liturgical Roles

July 10-11

Minister of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. Rita Sanchez (**Deacon**)
Joseph van Oss, Larry Weibel
- 8:00 a.m. Anita Olson (**Deacon**)
NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
- 10:00 a.m. Anne Kernan (**Deacon**)
Barbara Hauke, **NOT FILLED**

Lector

- 4:00 p.m. Linda Gillette, Joseph van Oss
- 8:00 a.m. Francesca Ortmeier, Barbara Stetzer
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Konop, **NOT FILLED**

Server

- 4:00 p.m. **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED**
- 8:00 a.m. Michael Lium (sub req.), **NOT FILLED**
- 10:00 a.m. Louie Berendes, **NOT FILLED**

Cantor

- 4:00 p.m. Linda Kloet
- 8:00 a.m. Nancy Misch
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Kulas

Musician

- 4:00 p.m. Christopher Carskadon
- 8:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf
- 10:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf

Sacristan

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

Welcome

- 4:00 p.m. Jim Spielbauer, Elizabeth Solverson, Joe Riemer, Kevin Moyle, Mike Juran, Virginia Horstman
- 8:00 a.m. Rosie Pennebecker, Mary Lawrence, Dave Lawrence, Peggy Baumler, **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED**
- 10:00 a.m. Riley Klar, Phil Klar, Jerry Kernan, Polly Berendes, Charlotte Berendes, Chuck Berendes

Seating

- 4:00 p.m. Mary Schaub, Neil Kumm, Patrick Hogan, Lisa Doering
Lead - Kellie Schmitz
- 8:00 a.m. Kathy Skiles, Dan Skiles, Sandy Pitsch, Cindy Klar
Lead - Allan Baumler
- 10:00 a.m. Carol Forer, Mike Wintheiser, Terri Pedace, Gabriella Stratman, Trisha Stratman
Lead - Jon Mason

Worship Aid

- 4:00 p.m. Peter Schmitz, Chris Schlegel
- 8:00 a.m. Bob Klar, Jonathan Baumler
- 10:00 a.m. Marcus Klar, Elie Klar, Gavin Stratman

Scrip Seller

- 4:00 p.m. Dee Sauer, **NOT FILLED**
- 8:00 a.m. Sue Groetsch, Kerry Groetsch
- 10:00 a.m. **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED**

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

7:30 AM † George H. Nelson
by Mark and Sue Halter

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

7:30 AM † Rita Berendes
by Dick Berendes

Thursday, July 8, 2021

7:30 AM † Jeanne Sauer
by Catholic Daughters
2:00 PM † Thomas "Sunshine" Stuttgart
by Mark and Sue Halter
(Hillview is not open to the public)

Friday, July 9, 2021

7:30 AM † Leonard and Marion Koenen
by Gloria Biessen

Saturday, July 10, 2021

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

Sunday, July 11, 2021

8:00 AM Pro Populo
10:00 AM † Henry Becker
by Elain Becker

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

Building Our Future Together

We are well on our way to completing the second half of our church interior renovation! While the stained glass windows have not returned yet, the remaining pews have been refinished. They are in storage until the floor is refinished. The pew refinishing process involves...

1. Sanding with 220 sanding sponge; this causes very fine scratches, which allows the new stain to adhere to the wood.
2. After cleaning the residue, stain is sprayed and then wiped off.
3. Additional stain is added wherever the wood was bare, especially the handrails along the top of the pews.
4. Clear lacquer is sprayed. It's 32% solid, which is the highest solid able to be used with a sprayer-gun.
5. The scratches on the black footing were darkened and clear lacquer applied.



Since the north side pews were removed, the focus has been on the ceiling. Repainting the ceiling behind the crucifix has been an extra challenge. There's a narrow walkway behind the wood latticework which cannot be reached by a mechanical lift, so scaf-

folding was needed.

The biggest challenge of repainting has been the ceiling grills. In the March 28 bulletin we highlighted the ceiling grills which assist with ventilation flow for the HVAC system. It's worth a reminder. The ceiling grills touch the round ventilation ducts which bring clean air into the church. Over the years, many ceiling grills have rusted and been repainted over (and over) with water-based paint, thus blocking some of the ventilation holes in the grills. The renovation work has included stripping the paint from the ceiling grills and carefully spraying oil-based paint, which also inhibits rust. This is a rather significant cost but well worth it. Once the ceiling grills are cleaned, the ventilation system will work more efficiently.



Ceiling grills with vent holes blocked by paint (lower right) and with paint removed from the vent holes (upper left).

Fresh air comes through the round vents. Ceiling grills hang in the diagonal lines which include the light panels.



A flex duct attached to the ceiling grill. Note nearby ceiling grill through which a red stained glass window is seen.

Soon, the terrazzo floors will receive attention. We continue to look at solutions for the first step into the sanctuary which has been a trip hazard. Ideally, the solution will look like it was always part of the original church rather than using bright yellow traction tape.

Thank you for the generosity which is accomplishing these projects. A blessed Fourth of July celebration to all! May God bless our work and our country as we Build Our Future Together.

300 flex ducts are the source of fresh air circulation in church.



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