

July 11, 2021



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



15TH 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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Father Daniel Williams— 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. We are happy to have him join us this weekend. We congratulate him and thank him for his priestly vocation.

NEEDED: Parish Office Assistant Applications are being accepted to the open position of Parish Office Assistant. Please visit the parish website for details.

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.

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

NEEDED: Weekend Sacristans Volunteers are needed to prepare the sacred vessels before Mass, tend to them afterward, and give attention to a variety of other items. Generosity of time and the ability to manage the sanctuary steps are requirements. Sacristans arrive for Mass about 20+ minutes beforehand and remain an additional 15 minutes afterward. As with all liturgical ministries, training is offered until there is a level of comfort. Scheduling needs are respected; for example, volunteers choose their Mass preference, can "block off" weekends they are unavailable, and can request substitutes when less timely events arise. All three Masses need volunteers. Please contact the parish secretary at 788-5483 x 2.

Guidelines for Mass

Weekend Masses

- Masks are highly encouraged unless fully vaccinated
- Doors are unlocked 1 hour 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

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

Summer Edge- This event is for all youth of Blessed Sacrament, Cathedral, Holy Trinity, Mary Mother of the Church & Roncalli Newman entering grades 7th-9th. A time for IN PERSON fun, fellowship and faith sharing. Join us August 17th-19th from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Holy Trinity Parish. Please complete the following Google Form to Register <https://forms.gle/LuoQr5dGyhiQWUoS8>

SCRIP

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

La Crosse Events

La Crescent Area Bereavement Program— Meetings will be held at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church located at 21 North Hill St. La Crescent MN. Meetings are scheduled on Thursdays from 1:30 pm-3:00 pm on July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 19, 26, and September 2, 9, and 26. This program is free and open to anyone. The meetings will be facilitated by a counselor and nurses. To register call Jane Welch at: 608-797-4554.

PCCW and Men's Club

Riverfest 2021 Thank you to the number of volunteers who showed up early to help clean up Riverside Park during Riverfest.

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 608-788-3446 or email chapiewskyk@gmail.com.

Mary Mother of the Church

Golf Scramble The MMOC Men's Club cordially invites you to the inaugural "Pedey" Golf Scramble held on Friday August 27. Registration begins at 11:00 am and the event starts at noon. The cost for a four person team is \$400 which includes 18holes, a golf cart and boxed lunch. Please deliver checks no later than August 16 to 2006 Weston St and make all checks payable to MMOC Men's Club. We hope you can join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, golf, prizes, and games of chance!

Thank you We would like to take the opportunity to thank the Men's Club/PCCW Officers and members for all you have done for Mary Mother of the Church Parish during our past two years as being presidents. They were a couple of challenging years but we tried to stay connected either through meetings or activities. We have such a wonderful parish family here at MMOC. "May God continue to bless you in the future." Francis Schelfhout and Mary Schaub

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

2021 Parish Council Elections

Wonderful people are serving on the parish Pastoral Council: Chuck Berendes (Chair), Deacon Richard Sage, Sue Halter, Bob Mahr, Peter Schmitz, Linda Schwartz, Joan Weissenberger, Dave Wagner (rep from parish Finance Council), Peter Schmitz (parish rep to Aquinas Catholic Schools), Cathy Chapiewsky (President of PCCW), and Phil Klar (President of Men's Club). A Pastoral Council is a consultative body which advises the pastor so he can make informed decisions. Even though a pastor relies on the advice of the members of the Pastoral Council, it's important that everyone has a voice in the life of the parish. To offer this opportunity, we will have elections in late-September so you can actively choose fellow parishioners to be your representatives. Every registered member who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and who attends Mass that weekend will be asked to vote for two new members. You will be asked to fill the positions currently held by Bob Mahr and Joan Weissenberger. If you would like to take a more active role in offering direction for our parish, I ask you to consider running for election. It is important to have a variety of members serving on the council in order to have a healthy cross-section of our members. You can be single, married, divorced or widowed. It's only necessary that you are a practicing Catholic, registered at Mary, Mother of the Church, have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and are at least 18 years old. We will not have any campaigning. We will simply offer a brief biography on each candidate which will be posted in the bulletin three weeks before elections. What does membership on the council entail? We have about 4 meetings each year to consider a variety of topics concerning pastoral planning: Sacred Worship, Faith Formation (including Aquinas Catholic Schools), Outreach, Finance, Stewardship, and Buildings & Grounds. Council members are asked to provide me with insight into understanding the parish and to identify needs. They also offer me an opportunity to share my own ideas and to seek advice. From time to time, council members are also asked to lead in certain tasks of parish service. We have our quarterly meetings typically on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 PM. Terms last for three years and you are invited to consider re-election after your three years are completed. If you are interested or if you want to learn more about this opportunity to serve your parish please call me or the other members of the Election Committee:

Chuck Berendes 608-433-3042 Dave Wagner 608-452-4516 Father Konopa 608-788-5483, ext. 7

You are also allowed to nominate others. Simply call the Parish Office (788-5483 ext. 2) and leave your name along with the name of the person(s) you nominate by July 27 at noon. Someone from the Election Committee will contact them and ask if they would consider being a Candidate. Those who are nominated will be asked to attend a group information meeting in early August (6 PM) to learn more about the responsibilities of being a member of the Pastoral Council. (This meeting is not mandatory.) Then each person will have a few days to decide if he or she wants to run for election. Please give this some prayer. Your active participation makes our parish stronger!

Yours in Christ,
Father Konopa

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Message from Bishop Flock

Dear Parishioners

Last year due to the pandemic I was unable to visit the parishes where I was scheduled to do mission appeals, and for this reason am returning to those same communities this year, as well as “Queen of Apostles” in Pewaukee where my friend is pastor. I have now been Bishop of this Diocese in north-east Bolivia for four and a half years. My territory is 16% larger than the state of Wisconsin, requiring me to travel constantly to be among our faithful and promote the Gospel. We are proud to include the majority of the Jesuit Missions of the Chiquitos region established in Bolivia between 1691 and 1767. They achieved an authentic enculturation of our catholic faith which has survived for centuries, along with the beautiful and now restored churches. There is also tremendous natural beauty, but these areas, like all of the Amazon basin, are sadly under assault as the forests are burned for agriculture and the rivers contaminated from mining. To keep the Diocese going we run cattle ranches and other investments, but our needs far outstrip what we can raise, as we must subsidize many of the parishes and all the clergy, do upkeep on our churches and schools, and often provide relief for the poorest among us. Our mostly rural population lives on subsistence farming. May God bless you for your generosity and repay you many times over.

Bishop Robert Flock

Diocese of San Ignacio de Velasco



(Please make checks payable to your local parish)



Cathedral of San Ignacio: Rebuilt in 2000 according to the original 1761 Jesuit church, conserving the 1967 intermediate cathedral bell tower which is presently being re-nodeled to harmonize with the rest of the Cathedral.

Liturgical Roles

July 17-18

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Linda Gillette (**Deacon**)
Chris Schlegel, Joseph van Oss

8:00 a.m. Dan Skiles (**Deacon**)
NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

10:00 a.m. Nick Berry (**Deacon**)
Janice Berry, Lori Hammes

Lector

4:00 p.m. Joseph van Oss, Linda Gillette

8:00 a.m. Charles Heiderscheit, Barbara Stetzer

10:00 a.m. Bill Brendel, Nancy Steinhof

Server

4:00 p.m. **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED**

8:00 a.m. Jackson Harpenau

10:00 a.m. Maddox Herlizke, **NOT FILLED**

Cantor

4:00 p.m. Nancy Misch

8:00 a.m. Linda Kloet

10:00 a.m. Natalie Solverson

Musician

4:00 p.m. Randy Lyden

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. **NOT FILLED**

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

Welcome

4:00 p.m. Mike Juran, Neil Kumm, Steve Schaub, Peter Schmitz,
Kellie Schmitz, Elizabeth Solverson

8:00 a.m. Peggy Baumler, Donna Burns, Pat Burns, Sue Groetsch,
Cindy Klar, Dave Lawrence

10:00 a.m. Charlotte Berendes, Chuck Berendes, Emily Krejchik,
Emily Krejchik, Robb Pretasky, Brenda Wintheiser, Mike
Wintheiser

Seating

4:00 p.m. Virginia Horstman, Mark Misch, Joe Riemer, Mary
Schaub,

Lisa Doering (Lead)

8:00 a.m. Allan Baumier, Kerry Groetsch, Sandy Pitsch, **NOT
FILLED**

Bob Klar (Lead)

10:00 a.m. Polly Berendes, Carol Forer, Riley Klar, Marcus Klar,
Elie Klar

John Mason (Lead)

Worship Aid

4:00 p.m. Kevin Moyle, Jim Spielbauer

8:00 a.m. Johnathan Baumler, **NOT FILLED**

10:00 a.m. Phil Klar, Kimberly Krejchik, Keith Krejchik

Scrip Seller

4:00 p.m. **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED**

8:00 a.m. Charlene Jansky, Bob Jansky

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

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Weekly Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

7:30 AM † Rich Gilles
by Gloria Biesen

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

7:30 AM † Tammy Gaul
by Storey and Gaul Families

Thursday, July 15, 2021

7:30 AM † John Koenen
by Betty Koenen
2:00 PM † Mildred Lundsten
by Wilma Spaeth
(Hillview is not open to the public)

Friday, July 16, 2021

7:30 AM † Lorraine Derouin
by Barbara Schmitz

Saturday, July 17, 2021

4:00 PM † John Smyth
by Scott Gerke

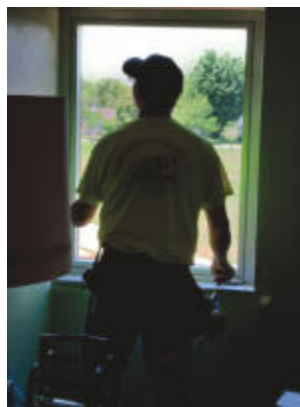
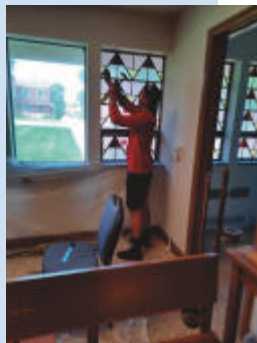
Sunday, July 18, 2021

8:00 AM Pro Populo
10:00 AM † John Smyth
by Scott Gerke

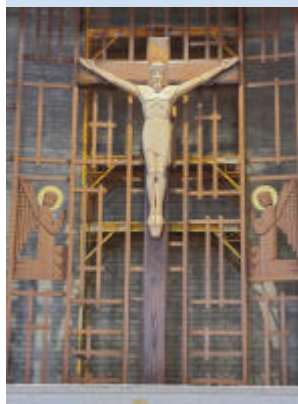
The Rosary is prayed before each weekday Mass
Tuesday through Friday beginning at 7:05 am

Building Our Future Together

Cathedral Crafts (Winona) has nearly all of our stained glass windows in their studio. Caleb, the on-site job supervisor was here this past week and removed the smaller windows in the sacristy. Currently the crew at the Winona studio are manufacturing the new heavy-duty frames that will eventually house the stained glass. The new "Sussman" window frames are thicker and much heavier than the old frames that are still visible holding the clear glass. Once the frames are made, the reinstallation process will begin. First, the old glass and frame will be removed. There may be periods of time when plastic sheeting will cover the openings. After the new frames are installed, the new thermal, Low E glass goes into place followed by the stained glass window as the last piece installed. We do not yet have a timeline on the stained glass window project but it will probably take longer than originally expected. However, the result may be windows that are protected better than new; energy efficient, and, we're told, may last a century or more without additional major work!



On June 22, work crews from Fowler & Hammer and Glass Service Center began installing new windows in the rectory. In all, 42 windows will be replaced. Again, the new aluminum windows are energy efficient and have a unique "breathing" and "weeping" feature built into the aluminum frame that allows any moisture to drain out the bottom and not infiltrate any of the surrounding window plaster. The window in the rectory laundry room was the first to be replaced. That window has been boarded up for 3 years. When it was removed for inspection it fell apart because the wood frame had rotted! It was impossible to reinstall it, so the window opening has been painted plywood since then. The rectory window project is scheduled to continue most of July. Then crews will begin the process of going window-by-window and scraping any "bubbled" or "crumbling" plaster (due to water infiltration) and replacing with new plaster or dry-wall. Then painting will commence. Thank you for the generosity which is accomplishing these projects. Please keep our parish and the success of this year's projects in your prayers as we Build Our Future Together.



Last weekend (and perhaps this weekend, too) you may have seen the yellow scaffolding behind the crucifix which is the only way the ceiling can be painted in that area.

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