

July 25, 2021



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



17TH 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.

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.

NEEDED: Greeters Our new ministry is transitioning as the COVID virus is better understood, i.e. contaminated surfaces are not the main source of transmission and the vaccines are very effective. Because this is a ministry of hospitality, we will continue to welcome and assist those coming to church. We will always need 8 Greeters per Mass at our entrances, to serve as ushers, and to hand out bulletins. (When our pews return, so will the hymnals again!) Generosity of time and warmth of personality are needed. Greeters are asked to arrive 25-30 minutes before Mass and remain approximately 5-10 minutes after Mass. For scheduling, you select your Mass time preference, block of weekends when unavailable, and request substitutes when conflicts arise. Training will be held on Thursday, August 12 at 6 PM in church. If this time is inconvenient, please contact the parish office 788-5483 x2 and share your email. A time will be scheduled to shadow a Greeter until comfortable and confident in this role

Livestream Volunteers: The parish is looking for more people to volunteer to help livestream weekend Masses and other select church events. Full training with church equipment will be provided. If you are interested please contact Joseph van Oss at webmaster@mmoclacrosse.org

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

Fall Chicken Que Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 9. Many volunteers will be needed. Volunteer sign up sheets will be available in the back of church starting August 7 and 8.

Guidelines for Reporting Instances of Child Abuse The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at diolc.org/safeenvironment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608-791-2679 or tbrown@diolc.org

Extreme Push for Taxpayer Funding of Abortion “The most extreme pro-abortion appropriations bill we have seen” – This how Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Archbishop Joseph Naumann have characterized the spending bill making its way through the U.S. House of Representatives with the support of the Biden Administration. “Americans’ tax dollars should be used for the common good and welfare of all, not to finance abortion or force Americans to violate deeply-held beliefs. We ask all Catholics and all people of good will to contact their legislators and make their voices heard,” they wrote, through a petition drive that can be found at notaxpayerabortion.com.

Pregnancy Resource Centers Pro-Woman, Pro-Life. If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, there are many pro-life pregnancy care centers around the diocese. For a complete listing, visit diolc.org/respect-life and click on “Pregnancy Help”.

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>

Do you have a heart for young people? For the past several years our MMOC Parish, in collaboration with four other parishes in La Crosse, has utilized Edge and Life Teen as the faith formation programs for middle and high school youth. These programs are unique in their approach to accomplish the goal of leading teens closer to Christ through relational ministry. We need people with a heart for young people to accompany these teens on their faith journey and serve as small group leaders on our Edge and Life Teen CORE teams. No formal teaching is required in this role. You just have to love Jesus and desire to share that love with the young Catholic teens in our parish. The weekend of July 31/Aug.1 Current MMOC CORE team members will speak at all our Masses to share their experience with you. Please contact Kristin Johnson from Roncalli Newman at 784-4994 if this is you!

Religious Education We plan to resume "in person" MMOC Parish Religious Education Classes Fall 2021. We will continue to follow the CDC and La Crosse School District guidelines. GORiteway Bus Co. is also ready to assist us with our Pre-Pandemic Bus Schedule after school on Wednesdays. Grades K-5 begin Wed., Sept. 15, 3:45-5pm. Grades 6-8/Edge begin Wed., Sept. 8, 6:45-8:15pm at MMOC Parish Hall. Grades 9-10/Life Teen begin Wed., Sept. 8, 7- 8:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. Registration packets have been sent via mail, so please watch your mailbox. If you have any questions or if you have a new student to sign up for Religious Education, please contact the Director of Religious Education Therese van Oss at 788-5483, ext. 4 to have a packet sent to you. The Registration Form and Religious Education Calendar 2021-2022 are available on our parish website.

PCCW and Men's Club

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 18 holes,

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!

Brat Barn Thank you to all the ladies who made the brat barn such a success.

Ongoing Formation

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 25-31) To have, To hold, To honor. Learning how to live in harmony with God's design for love and life in marriage is the mission of NFP education. The Diocese of La Crosse offers NFP classes virtually and face to face in 3 different methods. To find a class or learn more go to diolc.org/nfp

Bulletin Mailings "We have been happy to keep in touch with all of you via the bulletin as we lived through the COVID year. Since many of you have returned to Mass, we will be stopping the bulk mailing so the last bulletin will be July 25 bulletin. I am aware of some of you that are not able to come to church. I will continue to send the bulletin to you. If you no longer receive it and would like it mailed to you please call the parish office and we will add you to the list. 608-788-5483 ex 2 or ex 5." — Sr. Kathy

Parish Council Elections

Are you interested in serving your parish in a more active way? The Parish Pastoral Council meets about 4 times a year (usually 3rd Thursdays at 6 PM) to advise the pastor on a variety of topics concerning pastoral planning. Terms last for three years. If you are interested or if you want to learn more about this opportunity to serve your parish please call a member on the Election Committee:

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

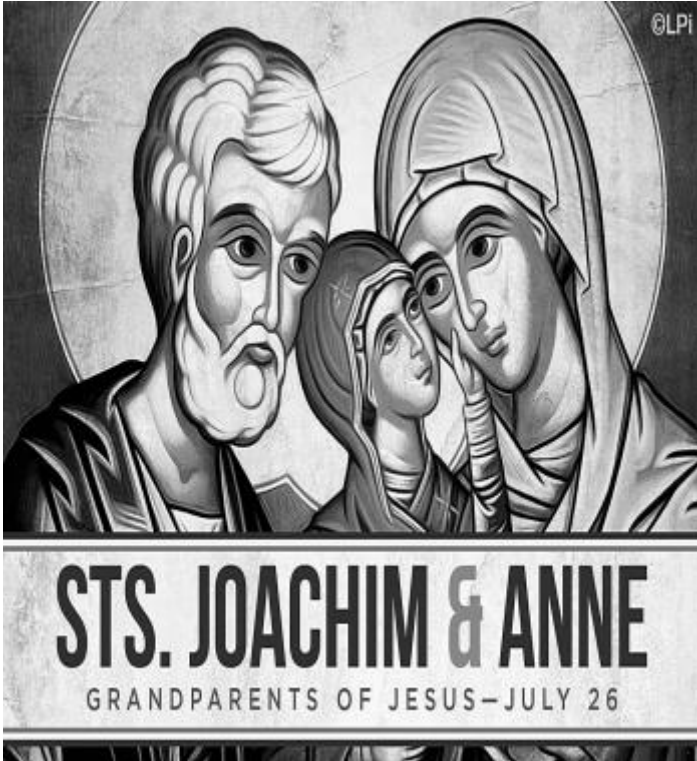
You may nominate yourself or recommend someone else: anyone who is a practicing Catholic, registered at Mary Mother of the Church, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and is at least 18 years old. Simply call the Parish Office (608-788-5483 ext.2) with your nominations or self-nomination by July 27 at Noon. Someone from the Election Committee will contact the nominees to check on their level of interest and invite them to an informational meeting on August 6 at 6 PM. Elections will be September 18-19. Please give this some prayerful consideration.

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Family Life

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

Wedding Banns (I) Jared Krause and Rachel Feehan on August 14, 2021. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding.



Liturgical Roles

July 31-August 1

Minister of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. Barbara Hauke (**Deacon**)
Nancy Imhoff, Dave Imhoff
- 8:00 a.m. Jane Vogel (**Deacon**)
Anita Olson, Mary Jo Schumacher
- 10:00 a.m. Shannon Klar (**Deacon**)
John Conzemius, Lori Hammes

Lector

- 4:00 p.m. Nancy Misch, **NOT FILLED**
- 8:00 a.m. Bob Mahr, Charles Heiderscheit
- 10:00 a.m. Bill Brendel, Mary Konop

Server

- 4:00 p.m. Madison Schlegel, Kyle White
- 8:00 a.m. Martin Logue, Seamus O'Brien
- 10:00 a.m. Oliver Hilton, Marcus Klar

Cantor

- 4:00 p.m. Rick Wilson
- 8:00 a.m. Linda Kloet
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Kulas

Musician

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

Sacristan

- 4:00 p.m. Mike Wuensch
- 8:00 a.m. Jane Vogel
- 10:00 a.m. John Conzemius

Welcome

- 4:00 p.m. **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED**
- 8:00 a.m. Rosie Pennebecker, **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED**
- 10:00 a.m. Riley Klar, Elie Klar, Neil Kumm, Jon Mason

Seating

- 4:00 p.m. **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED**
Lead - **NOT FILLED**
- 8:00 a.m. Brian Logue, **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED,**
Lead - **NOT FILLED**
- 10:00 a.m. Jordan Stratman, Trisha Stratman, Gabriella Stratman
Lead - Lisa Doering

Worship Aid

- 4:00 p.m. **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED**
- 8:00 a.m. **NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED**
- 10:00 a.m. Phil Klar, Gavin Stratman

Scrip Seller

- 4:00 p.m. Dee Sauer, **NOT FILLED**
- 8:00 a.m. Karen Perry, **NOT FILLED**
- 10:00 a.m. Sheri Skelton, **NOT FILLED**

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Weekly Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

7:30 AM † Constance Zielke
by Catholic Daughters of America

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

7:30 AM † Joan Blenka
by Her Family

Thursday, July 29, 2021

7:30 AM † Polly Jung
by Her Family
2:00 PM † Wittenberg-Bahr-Haack Families
by Rosa Wittenberg

Friday, July 30, 2021

7:30 AM † Mike Knothe
by Tierney Family

Saturday, July 31, 2021

4:00 PM † Howard Olson
by Anita Olson and Family

Sunday, August 1, 2021

8:00 AM Faye Schoen
by Galen Price
10:00 AM † Pro Populo

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

Building Our Future Together

No doubt you have noticed the black and high-visibility yellow masking tape across the first step into the sanctuary. Installing some sort of safety strip on the first step into the sanctuary has been part of our building plans from the beginning of BOFT. Actually, it is more of a safety matter when coming down the steps rather than going up. Seemingly, the color of the terrazzo tile step is so close to the color of the main floor, one's eye sometimes does not catch the variance and you can miss making the final step. It has been suggested a strip of tile be cut out of the first step and new terrazzo be installed.



The color of the new 3-4 inch tile strip will be nearly the reverse of the main floor tile. Rather than the bottom step being nearly white with some color chips in shades of maroon-brown, the new strip will have a base color of maroon-brown with a few white chips. Wisconsin Terrazzo has provided a sample what the new tile will look like. If you wish, you may view the sample on the floor near the piano through August 1. The installation will go all the way across the first step. Wisconsin Terrazzo is completing some work on the north side of church and then Superior Clean will do the final step of sealing and polishing July 26-29. The terrazzo safety strip will be accomplished as soon as the tile workers are able to be scheduled. Workers from Fowler & Hammer are continuing plaster repairs in the rectory. One of the stairwells to the 2nd floor is filled with scaffolding to repair cracks and plaster crumbling from water infiltration - especially around the skylight.



So far – even with the heavy rains we received the week after July 4th – we've not had any water infiltration in any of the buildings. Praise God! 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.

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