

August 15, 2021



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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4pm
Sunday 8am & 10am
Tuesday–Friday 7:30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15-3:45 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
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OUR MISSION

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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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blood Drive There will be a Versity Blood Drive on August 16 from 1 PM to 6 PM in the Parish Hall. Please consider signing up to donate blood by going online at bit.ly/giveaug16 or call 877-232-4376.

Fall Chicken Que \$10 tickets will be on sale after Masses the weekends of August 21-22, August 28-29 and September 4-5. Sign up Sheets are available in the back of church or if you are interested in helping please contact the leader of the day you are able to help.

Tuesday September 7 at 8 AM — 12 Noon

Linda Gillette 608-790-3140

Wednesday, September 9 at 8AM —12 Noon

Linda Schwartz 608-792-0351

Thursday, September 9

Grilling 5 AM — 3 PM

Jerry Hagenbarth 608-790-6872

Deliveries 10 AM - 1 PM and 4 PM - 5 PM

Kurt Papenfuss 608-386-3759

Inside Help 8 AM - 6 PM

Rob Pretasky 608-304-6011

Clean up crew all day on Thursday

Jim Spielbauer 501-319-4504

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Are you seeking to know more about Jesus Christ and what his life means for yours? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Do you want to know why Catholics believe what they believe and do what they do? To learn more about deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ, becoming part of a warm and supportive parish community, and understanding more about the Catholic Faith, we invite you to journey together with us in RCIA. RCIA is scheduled to start Tuesday, September 7th. For more information, please contact Camie Withrow at cwithrow@mmoclacrosse.org or call/text 507-458-4148

USCCB Statement on Vaccines On December 14, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. In their statement, the bishops address the moral concerns raised by the fact that the three vaccines that appear to be ready for distribution in the United States all have some connection to cell lines that originated with tissue taken from abortions.

With regard to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, they concluded:

"In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and

the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines.

"Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good."

With regard to the AstraZeneca vaccine, the bishops found it to be "more morally compromised" and consequently concluded that this vaccine "should be avoided" if there are alternatives available. "It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one's health and the health of others," the bishop chairmen stated. "In such a case ... it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine."

At the same time, the bishops also warned that Catholics "must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research.

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

Men's Club

streamed on our website.

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. made payable to MMOC Men's Club. We hope you can join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, golf,

Religious Education

prizes for 4th and 12th place, and games of chance!

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-

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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.

MMOC Small Faith-Sharing Groups The Catholic Church has a wealth of knowledge and a treasure trove of resources to help us deepen our Faith. Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) uses Sacred Scripture, The Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the lives of various saints to not only expand our knowledge of Jesus Christ but also to open our hearts to the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, the often neglected third person of the Holy Trinity. One of the most powerful gifts the Holy Spirit reveals is self-knowledge and the desire our hearts have for a close, intimate relationship with Jesus. This knowledge helps us to live our Faith more vibrantly and to truly know Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life -- our path to a restored relationship with our Father in heaven.

"If I open my heart, even a little, to the Spirit, I will feel grace fill my heart. Therefore, even though the wind is not predictable, I have faith that with a little help I can move closer in relationship with God if I consciously open myself to the Spirit." - Brad Sturm

"I learned that I seemed to forget about praying to the Holy Spirit when He actually could be the most help. We just need to ask Him."

"God can heal us when we let Him into the deepest fragments of our heart. He is never far away. Sometimes He is so close He speaks to us in a whisper. We just have to be open and willing to listen."

-Andrea Logue

"I learned how to pray; not just say the prayers we all learned growing up, but more so how to develop a relationship with Jesus. I learned that although I may be faithful, that does not necessarily equate to being faith-filled, and I now have more tools and support to work toward that goal."

"I learned about myself. That I don't always have to be perfect. If I make mistakes in my behavior or actions, all I need to do is go to confession, to ask for forgiveness for the sins I did and God will be happy to forgive them because he wants us all to be in heaven with him."

"As for my Faith, I learned and better understand

that Jesus is always with us and for us. No matter how many times we fail, He still wants us to be in heaven with Him for eternity."

"I learned how much I needed prayer time. The Holy Spirit has always been involved in my life, but I didn't realize it until I learned the role of the Holy Spirit."

"I learned the importance of God's love for each and every one of us because we are His children. He would do anything for us to bring us back to His flock. In fact, He did! He sent us His Son, Jesus Christ! I learned how to make Jesus Christ the center of my life." - Marilyn Zick

"I appreciated a deeper understanding and love of our Faith. I've learned much more about the Holy Spirit. Since CCO, I've begun to recognize and appreciate all of the 'God Moments' in my life."

- Fran Ortmeier

Several opportunities are available starting in September. Identify your preference and then contact the group leader with your name, contact information, and any questions you may have.

Monday:

6:30 PM - Sarah Scarlet (women only)
608-406-7686 or
sarahscarlet128@gmail.com

Tuesday:

8:15 AM - Sue Halter (men & women)
608-769-4029 or skhalter@gmail.com
10:00 AM - Bill & Marilyn Jaekel (men & women)
608-792-9011 or wrjaekel@gmail.com
4:30 PM - Christine Kainz (men & women)
608-386-9851 or cqram707@gmail.com
6:30 PM - Linda Schwartz (women only)
608-792-0351 or
alrzschwartz@gmail.com

Wednesday:

6:00 PM - Patty Nimocks (men & women)
608-385-0865 or
pattie.nimocks@gmail.com
6:30 PM - Lisa Doering (women only)
608-769-2894 or
hormanhouse@gmail.com

Thursday:

1:00 PM - Nick & Janice Berry (men & women)
312-286-7158 or ijaniceberry@gmail.com
1:00 PM - Dan & Kathy Skiles (men & women)
608-397-3828 or kathy-
ann.skiles@gmail.com
6/6:30 PM - Tammy Byington (women only)
608-498-0175 or
TammyByBy@gmail.com

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>

Houska Park Meals for the Homeless A small group of volunteers has been looking for volunteer groups to help provide one hot meal per day through at least September, perhaps October, at Houska Park for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Here are some details:

- Approximately 90 meals are needed each day.
- Water and/or beverages are very welcomed as there is only one water fountain in the park.
- There are two coolers (that remain in the park) available for beverages leftovers. Please bring ice if you are able (there is an ice machine in the parish hall).
- Meals can be pre-packed in individual serving containers or served buffet style. Leftover food may be placed in individual storage containers and left in coolers with ice.
- Groups should bring all needed disposable plates, silverware and napkins, and trash bags. There is no storage facility in the park.
- All serving dishes, utensils, and any food that cannot be properly stored in the coolers for later use must be taken out of the park when the mealtime ends.
- At least 4 volunteers should assist with serving the meal (including handing out pre-packaged meals).
- Any type of food may be prepared for the meal. Hot food, hot dogs, BBQ, tacos, or hot dishes are popular choices. Fruit (e.g. watermelon or cantaloupe) is also popular. Ice and water are essential. (Desserts are optional, there are several businesses who bring leftover donuts and cookies.)
- 2 – 6' tables are needed for serving food. Volunteers need to bring and remove the tables. (The parish has 2 tables that can be used for the meals.)
- Mealtime is 5:30 to about 6:30 or 7:00.
- There are NO attendants or organizational people present. There is a group of homeless who typically help or advise how things should go

We will begin providing meals on Wednesday, August 25. Thank you to those who have already volunteered and those who have donated money to help purchase food.

Please contact Deacon Sage to volunteer or if you have questions. Email: rsage@mmoclacrosse.org or Parish Secretary, Emily Krejchik: secretary@mmoclacrosse.org.



Liturgical Roles: August 7-8

Minister of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. Kevin Moyle (**Deacon**)
Jerry Roesler, Larry Weibel
- 8:00 a.m. Mary Jo Schumacher (**Deacon**)
Tom Elsen, Jane Vogel
- 10:00 a.m. Shannon Klar (**Deacon**)
Terry Bell, Terri Pedace

Lector

- 4:00 p.m. Mark Outzen, Barbara Stetzer
- 8:00 a.m. Patricia Kirchner, Francesca Ortmeier
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Konop, Nancy Steinhoff

Server

- 4:00 p.m. Madison Schlegel, Sue Ernster
- 8:00 a.m. Martin Logue, Lincoln Stanek
- 10:00 a.m. Julien Gabbud, Ella Krejchik

Cantor

- 4:00 p.m. Nancy Misch
- 8:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf
- 10:00 a.m. Rick Wilson

Musician

- 4:00 p.m. Jenny Nielsen
- 8:00 a.m. Jenny Nielsen
- 10:00 a.m. Jenny Nielsen

Sacristan

- 4:00 p.m. Mike Wuensch
- 8:00 a.m. Mike Wuensch
- 10:00 a.m. Carol Forer

Greeter

- 4:00 p.m. Linda Gillette, Joe Riemer, Steve Schaub, Kathy Stuttgen, Lisa Doering, Neil Kumm, Peter Schmitz
Lead- Chris Schlegel
- 8:00 a.m. Peggy Baumler, Deke Stanek, Kerry Groetsch, Brian Logue, Allan Baumler, Bob Klar, Cindy Klar
Lead-Sue Groetsch
- 10:00 a.m. Elie Klar, Riley Klar, Keith Krejchik, Robb Pretasky, Marcus Klar, Phil Klar, Emily Krejchik
Lead-Polly Berendes

Scrip Seller

- 4:00 p.m. Vickie Kloss, Mary Schaub
- 8:00 a.m. Karen Perry, Dee Sauer
- 10:00 a.m. Kimberly Krejchik, Sue Pretasky

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Weekly Mass Intentions

All Masses are held in the church again.

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

7:30 AM † Henry Becker
by Elaine Becker

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

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

Thursday, August 26, 2021

7:30 AM † Living and deceased of Halter Family
by Mark and Sue Halter

Friday, August 27, 2021

7:30 AM † Norbert Hagenbarth
by Marie Meyers

Saturday, August 28, 2021

4:00 PM † Michael Tierney
by Joyce Regan

Sunday, August 29, 2021

8:00 AM Pro Populo
10:00 AM † Mary and Vegen Gillitzer
by Bill and Cecilia Doskocil

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

Building Our Future Together

Last week we reported some of the history and cost estimates for repairs/improvements to our pipe organ. We observed that the new estimates are far above our original budget expectations and our need to explore other options. Summarily, the minimum repairs/improvements include a completely new organ console (i.e. keyboard), new blower motor, a new relay panel in the pipe chamber, and repairs to the shutters in the enclosure housing pipes. Additional recommendations include cleaning and re-voicing the organ pipes, and adding additional pipes starting with a softer Pedal base. All of these items, the minimum repairs and/or the recommended options, are expensive and necessary to return our instrument to functionality.

Earlier this year we began giving consideration to the possibility of replacing our pipe organ with a new digital organ. A new digital instrument (e.g. a Rodgers Organ or an Allen Organ) would be much less costly than even the minimum repairs needed for the pipe organ, and they do not require expensive semi-annual tuning. We have been gathering information and pricing on new digital organs.

In June, we engaged the services of a pipe organ builder/consultant, J. Lindsay & Co., Madison, WI to meet with us and make recommendations on how we might proceed with our organ repairs/improvements. Mr. Lindsay played the pipe organ and acknowledged all the issues and needs that were evident. We discussed what our needs and objectives are for our parish music program. Hearing that we wanted to maintain both traditional and contemporary church harmony and music for

Mass (i.e. we really are not focused on hosting concerts or recitals), he affirmed our earlier thoughts and suggested we abandon the pipe organ and purchase a new, state of the art digital organ. We were surprised by his recommendation since he is a pipe organ builder by trade and profession and appreciated his positive affirmation of our earlier thoughts.

When considering the purchase of an organ the first consideration is sound. New digital organs have an amazing sound. Most people cannot distinguish the sound of a digital instrument from a pipe organ. Digital organ builders have individually recorded the sound of thousands of independent, unique organ pipes. When the various digital recordings are brought together, the distinctive pipe organ sound is heard whether you are hearing a standard like Holy God We Praise Thy Name, a Christmas O Come All Ye Faithful, an Easter Jesus Christ is Risen Today, or a solo Ave Maria.

Preliminary quotes for a new digital organ suggest we will be well under our original budget of \$74,500 – perhaps \$50,000! New digital instruments are generally custom built with a 4-6 month lead-time. That would work out well as we would be looking for the new organ to be the final item on next year's BOFT schedule of renovating the choir loft. We will have more information on organ possibilities in next week's bulletin. Please keep our parish and the success of this year's projects in your prayers as we Build Our Future Together.



The result of 5.59" of rain before the 4pm Mass on August 7.

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