

August 22, 2021



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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.

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

New Office Assistant We welcome Rose Wegner to our staff beginning Friday, August 27. She spent the last 40+ years in accounting, payroll, and human resources positions for various companies and churches. Rose and her husband Glenn are originally from the La Crosse area. Four years ago, they returned after 14 years in New Auburn, WI. Their daughter Jenny lives in Onalaska, and their son Matthew, wife Amanda, and two children, Levi and Audrey, live in Holmen. Rose and Glenn attend Mass at Roncalli Newman and look forward to getting to know Mary, Mother of the Church. Rose enjoys outdoor activities, watching her grandchildren play sports, quilting, and gardening. She is excited to be a part of Mary, Mother of the Church and looks forward to seeing where God will best use her talents and skills.



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

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 you may contact the coordinator listed below.

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

NEEDED: Gift Bearers The ministry of the 3 Kings! We are asking for volunteers to bring the gifts of God's People to the altar: bread, wine, and the offertory basket. This can be a great opportunity for young families to serve together; groups of friends are also encouraged to volunteer. There's no designated seating, so you can sit in your favorite area. When the Greeters are picking up the collection, the Gift-Bearers move to the baptismal font where the offertory table has the bread and wine. The Greeters combine the collection from the baskets into one offertory basket which completes the third gift. When Father rises from the presider's chair, the Gift-Bearers begin walking to the front and he will receive the gifts in the reverse order mentioned above: offertory basket, wine, and bread. Father offers a simple word of gratitude and the Gift-Bearers return to their pew. If interested, please contact the parish office at secretary@mmoclacrosse.org. We begin in September.

Jail Ministry Jails are needed, but so are new beginnings. Visit YouTube and search for La Crosse Jail Ministry to learn how to be a part of these new beginnings. One option is to donate:

- Magazines (most requested: hunting, fishing, car, men's health, People, Us, nature, sports, mechanical, technology/science)
- Paperback books only (most needed: fantasy, westerns, post-apocalyptic, super-natural, science fiction, urban fiction, self-help, non-fiction)
- Puzzles (both boxes and puzzles must be made of cardboard)

Red bins are in the Mother's Room for these donated items.

Garden Sharing Ministry A table has been set up in the gathering space of church to share your extra garden produce. Please feel free to donate and take produce. Thank you for sharing your abundance!

Religious Education

Religious Education We plan to resume "in person" Religious Education Classes and will continue to follow the CDC and La Crosse School District guidelines. GORiteway Bus Co is ready to assist us with our Pre-Pandemic Bus Schedule after school on Wednesdays. Grades K-5 begin Sept. 15 at 3:45-5pm. Grades 6-8/Edge begin Sept. 8 at 6:45-8:15pm (MMOC Parish Hall). Grades 9-10/Life Teen begin Sept. 8 at 7-8:30 pm (Bl. Sacrament Parish Hall). Registration packets have been sent via mail. If you have any questions or if you have a new student to register, contact Therese van Oss at 788-5483, ext. 4. The Religious Education Calendar 2021-22 is available on our parish website.

Mary Mother of the Church

MMOC Small Faith-Sharing Groups This past weekend we heard Sarah Scarlet give testimony to her experience with the Catholic Christian Outreach small faith-sharing groups. She referenced how time spent deepening her relationship with Jesus Christ allowed her faith to move from her head to her heart. The CCO series takes group members on a 36-week journey of prayer, reflection, and sharing that allows them to recognize that God created us to be in a relationship with Him -- to be His sons and daughters -- and that we cannot be in that relationship without Jesus for He is our bridge to eternal life with the Father.

During the year, we move our faith from our heads to our hearts through reading scripture, participating in the sacraments, and cultivating a personal prayer life. We learn the immense value of Christian fellowship and the joy of embracing our call to service and witness to our fellow brothers and sisters. Are you ready to have your heart moved?

"I originally thought CCO would be a dry Bible study, but surprisingly it was quite the opposite. We did read from the Bible to prompt discussion, but most evenings were spent sharing how our own lives relate to the weekly topic."

"Over the past several years I had been struggling with how I could develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus. The CCO program has helped set me on a path to overcome that struggle." - Leanne Bentzen

"The most recent and dramatic season of conversion of my life happened within the past year, through participation in a CCO group. Each person in the group began assisting me in my spiritual growth, in new and beautiful ways, by sharing their gifts of leadership, scripture, prayer life, hope, joy, and charity." - Tammy Byington

"I learned that I want a closer relationship with God and I am much happier when I have that relationship, but it does take work and perseverance."

"Although we were in separate groups, this class was an awesome way to grow closer to Jesus and each other." - Kerry and Sue Groetsch

"It became apparent in dialogue that it is not enough to have been a 'good' person. Actually, it is not about what I want at all. I am called by God to be part of his plan. To discern my path to what God is telling me, for me, means that in addition to asking things of God in prayer, I need to be silent so that I can listen to God. As a Christian, I have gifts, freely given, and I have responsibilities. To fulfill those responsibilities, it is less about what I think I should do, and more about asking to be led by the Spirit in the path he opens for me." - Brad Sturm

"I realize Jesus is with me much more than I ever thought. We can talk to Him as a friend. Not only

telling Him our troubles, but praying, praising, and thanking Him for being with us."

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
kathyann.skiles@gmail.com
6/6:30 PM - Tammy Byington (women only)
608-498-0175 or
TammyByBy@gmail.com

Social Justice

Houska Park Meals for the Homeless The volunteer response from the parish has been tremendous! Thank you so much for your goodness in service and in generosity. This Wednesday, August 25 will be the first day we provide meals for the Houska Park Campers. We will be serving pizza, fruit, dessert, and water. Volunteer workers are being contacted by direct email. Please contact Deacon Sage if you have questions: rsage@mmoclacrosse.org or Parish Secretary, Emily Krejchik: secretary@mmoclacrosse.org.

PCCW

Brat Barn Sunday September 11 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.

Music Ministry

The mission of our Music Ministry is to support and energize the celebration of the Liturgy. In a spirit of encouragement, we welcome, engage and empower all who possess a love for music to share their talents in the praise of God! Come and join the song! If you love to sing, or have other musical talents, we would love to have you join us! There are many musical opportunities available: from our traditional Sunday Choir with weekly rehearsals to smaller ensembles that rehearse only before Mass to cantors and song leaders. There are several ministries with limited commitment.

New Life Choir - Provides music leadership and sung prayer at most funerals for those gathered. Limited rehearsal time. Daytime availability is helpful. To brush up the first rehearsals of the new year will be Tuesday, September 28 and Tuesday, October 5 both at 9am in the Music Room (lower level of the Parish Hall). Starting October 1, 2021 New Life will begin singing for funerals at MMOC.

Sunday Choir - Supports and energizes the congregation every other Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass as well as some Holy Days and special liturgies. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings, September to May. The first rehearsal will be Tuesday, September 21 from 6:00-7:30pm in the Music Room (lower level of the Parish Hall).

Small Group - Meets for periodic weekend Masses and for other services, the small groups come together to lead the congregation from the front. This group meets for a short rehearsal immediately before the liturgy they are singing.

Cantor - Proclaims the Psalm in song and leads the congregation in sung prayer at weekend Masses and other services. It is important that the cantor has an ability to sing, to read music and to inspire the congregation to sing.

Song Leader - Leads and engages the congregation when the choir is singing. They announce and confidently let the congregation know when to start singing (with help from the director and the choir). No solo singing is required.

Please note: Attention will be given to pandemic safety guidelines; if a mask mandate is implemented, we will comply. For any questions or to be added to a list for upcoming opportunities, contact Mary Jo Lium at mjlium@mmoclacrosse.org.

Liturgical Roles: August 28-29

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Kellie Schmitz (**Deacon**)
Mark Outzen, Larry Weibel

8:00 a.m. Janice Berry (**Deacon**)
Nick Berry, Sue Moyle

10:00 a.m. Rozan Iverson (**Deacon**)
Terry Bell, Anne Kernan

Lector

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

8:00 a.m. Bob Mahr, Barbara Stetzer

10:00 a.m. Sally Eagan, Terri Pedace

Server

4:00 p.m. BJ Gerling, Keegan Gerling

8:00 a.m. Nolan Richards, Jackson Harpenau

10:00 a.m. Harper Solverson, Louis Berendes

Cantor

4:00 p.m. Peter Schmitz

8:00 a.m. Lisa Conzemius

10:00 a.m. Natalie Solverson

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. NOT FILLED

10:00 a.m. Mike Wuench

Greeter

4:00 p.m. Mike Juran, Kevin Moyle, Jim Spielbauer, Steve Schaub, Patrick Hogan, Joe Riemer, Neil Kumm
Lead- Lisa Doering

8:00 a.m. Dave Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles, Joan Weissenberger, Mike Weissenberger, Cindy Klar
Lead-Allan Baumler

10:00 a.m. Mike Wintheiser, Brenda Wintheiser, Jordan Stratman, Trisha Stratman, Charlotte Berendes, Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes
Lead-Jon Mason

Scrip Seller

4:00 p.m. Kellie Schmitz, Sue Olson

8:00 a.m. Mary Genz, Sue Moyle

10:00 a.m. Mary Wagner, Laura Wagner

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

2:00 PM † Connie Zielke (at Hillview)
by Evelyn Hammes

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 Duskocil

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

Building Our Future Together

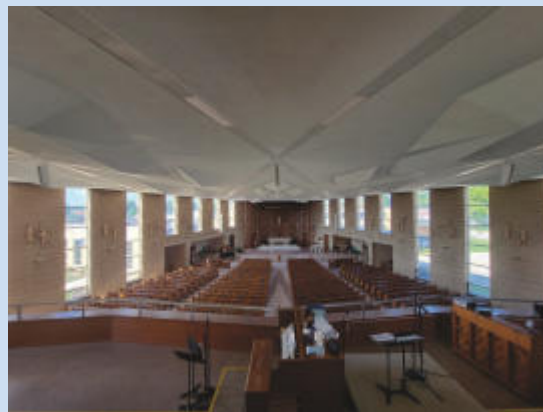
Last week's article brought forth the idea of replacing our current pipe organ with a new digital organ. The pipe organ is in need of some significant repairs and improvements that are very expensive. Even with those investments, we would still have an overall modest 60-70 year old pipe organ that requires annual maintenance and semi-annual tuning. Replacing the pipe organ with a new digital organ does bring up another question, what do we do with the current pipe organ?

Knowing that the current instrument is badly in need of repairs and improvements, our first thought was to offer to give the organ away. While that was a noble idea, we asked two pipe organ companies in Minnesota, one in Milwaukee, and one in Madison and there was no interest. In fact, only 1 of the 4 companies expressed any interest in coming to remove the instrument if we would pay them \$5,500 to do it – the others were not interested even if we paid them to take it. The reasons given were understandable and practical: pipe organs have gotten expensive and congregations simply cannot afford them as much as in the past, there is no market for used organs of this type. The instrument is in too poor a condition, we would need to invest too much to get it re-built; we do not have the warehouse space to store the old pipes until someone else may want them. Our question remained unanswered, what do we do with the current pipe organ?

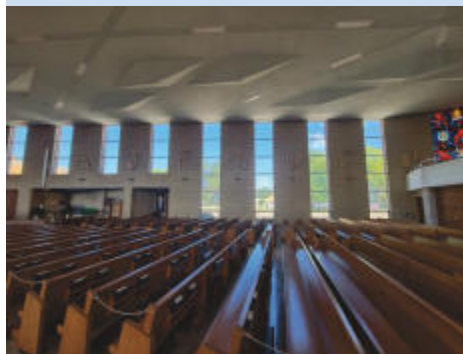
The answer came when we turned the question to the only organ consultant who would remove it for a fee: Un-

less there was something unique and valuable about an old organ, the answer was "salvage and recycle." After additional thought and discussion we decided rather than pay \$5,500 to someone to essentially salvage and recycle the instrument we could do that as an in-house, parish sweat-equity project and save the money. Accordingly, Andy Foley, our Director of Building and Grounds, will organize a group of volunteers sometime this fall to begin the process of dismantling the old organ. This will also be a first step in getting the choir loft area opened up and ready for further renovation work as we look ahead to 2022 and the last of the Phase IV projects.

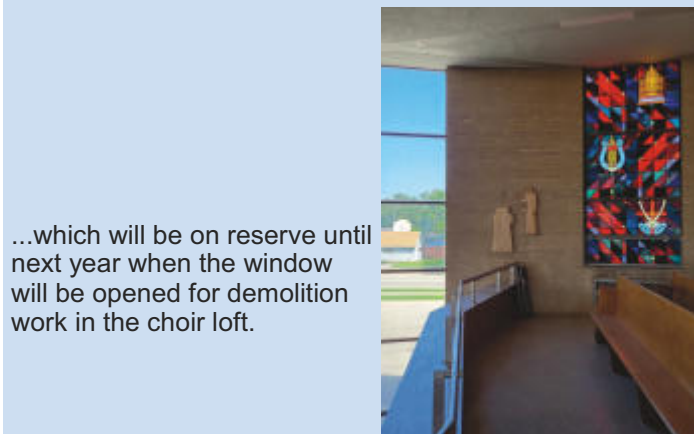
Next week's article will describe a little more about those plans. Thank you for the generosity which is accomplishing these projects. Please keep our parish and the success of this year's projects in your prayers as we Build Our Future Together.



The last stained glass windows were removed Aug. 16...



...except one in the NE corner of the choir loft...



...which will be on reserve until next year when the window will be opened for demolition work in the choir loft.

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