

August 29, 2021



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



22ND 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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Staff Transition When the Office Assistant position opened July 1, Emily Krejchik offered to fill the position until the new school year began. She has served us admirably! With much gratitude, we wish her well.



We welcome Rose Wegner who has 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.



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 8 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

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!

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, contact the parish office at secretary@mmoclacrosse.org. We begin in September.

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.

College Newman Connection College bound students are encouraged to download the Newman Connect app where they can connect, instantly, with their college Catholic campus ministry! The app is new this year, and more than 100 college campuses are using it already to reach Catholic students: hso.newmanconnection.com

Mary Mother of the Church

MMOC Small Faith-Sharing Groups Over the past several weeks, we have provided information and testimonials regarding the Catholic Christian Outreach faith-sharing series. Maybe there has been a particular aspect or witness statement that has caught your eye. Perhaps Father, Deacon, or a group facilitator has extended a personal invitation to join a group this fall. Possibly a friend, who has participated in this journey, has shared their experience of growing in relationship with Christ with you and encouraged you to join a group this fall. Is there something holding you back?

Nervous? Afraid to commit to 36 weeks? Think you're too shy? Concerned you don't have enough knowledge of Church doctrine? Not sure how you'll fit this into your already busy life?

These are legitimate concerns, and most everyone who has participated in these small faith-sharing groups has wrestled with these issues and numerous others. Have you taken these concerns to prayer, shared them with your spouse, or called a facilitator to talk through them?

Past participants come from all walks of life. Retired adults, parents of teens and/or small children, stay-at-home parents, working parents, single parents, single adults, and married adults. Despite these wide ranges of vocations, they all shared some common characteristics: They were all searching for a deeper relationship with Christ, and they boldly chose to commit to making this search a priority. Are you ready to say, "Yes"?

"Where was this years ago? I wish I had this experience when I was raising my children."

"My relationship with Christ is by far more important than parishes, schools, or politics. Joy and peace is what He wants for us." - Andrea Logue

"Joining CCO was initially a little daunting due to the length of the program, but after the first couple of sessions, I knew I made the right choice and am so thankful I did."

"I highly recommend this time spent in scripture and discussion to those in good standing as well as those searching." - Mark Bentzen

"I've learned that I'm not alone when asking questions concerning my faith. I've learned how much the Bible has to tell us in answering those questions."

"Attending CCO happened last year out of nowhere for me. Reading the Bible always frustrated me because the meaning of the words were obscure; I was not really understanding God's message. CCO gave me the opportunity to share with others my thoughts and feelings after having read short lessons, Bible verses, and answering questions based on the readings." - Marilyn Zick

"I was somewhat reluctant to commit to taking the CCO class. However, I am very glad I did and wish to say thank you for the support."

"At first, the 36 weeks of CCO seemed like a big commitment, but the weeks went by quickly, and we looked forward to each week." - Sue and Kerry Groetsch

"It took several 'unpressured' invitations, as well as encouragement from a friend who had taken CCO and highly recommended it, before I made the commitment to sign up for CCO. I was surprised how quickly 30+ weeks went by, and now it is only the beginning!" - Virginia Horstman

"The last catechism class I sat in was as a senior in high school, and I suspect that my attention was elsewhere much of the time. So, even though many of the things we studied and talked about were not new, I now listened with an adult ear, heart and mind." - Brad Sturm

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
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 Thank you so much for your goodness in service and in generosity. Last Wednesday Aug. 25 was our first week providing meals. Our next meal service will be Wednesday, Sept. 1. Please contact Deacon Sage if you have any additional questions: rsage@mmoclacrosse.org or Parish Secretary, Rose Wegner: secretary@mmoclacrosse.org

40 Days of Life Campaign Kick-Off Rally September 12 in La Crosse. Come learn about 40 Days for Life and take the opportunity to sign up to be part of the praterful, pro-life witness. Dan Miller, director of Pro-Life Wisconsin, will be an inspirational speaker at this kick-off rally, which will start at 2:00 pm at Black River Beach Neighborhood Center, 1433 Rose Street La Crosse, WI 54603. Refreshments will be available. This fall's 40 Days of Life campaign in La Crosse will run from September 22-October 31 on the corner of 7th Street and South Avenue. 40 Days for Life is a world-wide effort open to people of all faiths who wish to see an end to the injustice of abortion. Learn more at 40daysforlife.com

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.

Rummage Sale PCCW Rummage sale will be September 17th 11-3 and September 18 8-11am. Donations can be dropped off 8-5 on September 16 in the Parish Hall. Please remember we are unable to take furniture, paint or other chemicals, microwaves, or anything we would need to pay for disposal. Sign up sheets for workers will be available in the back of church.

Music Ministry Invitations

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 Tues., Sept. 28 and Tues., October 5 both at 9am in the Music Room (lower level of the Parish Hall). Starting Oct. 1, 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, Sept. 21 from 6:00-7:30pm in the Music Room (lower level of the Parish Hall).

Liturgical Roles: Sept 4-5

Minister of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. Joyce Potter (**Deacon**)
Linda Gillette, Larry Weibel
- 8:00 a.m. Tom Elsen (**Deacon**)
Jane Vogel, Mary Jo Schumacher
- 10:00 a.m. Rozan Iverson (**Deacon**)
Terry Bell, Anne Kernan

Lector

- 4:00 p.m. Sue Ernster, Joseph van Oss
- 8:00 a.m. Francesca Ortmeier, Charles Heiderscheid
- 10:00 a.m. Sally Eagan, Terri Pedace

Server

- 4:00 p.m. BJ Gerling, Keegan Gerling
- 8:00 a.m. Martin Logue, Ryann Klar
- 10:00 a.m. Harper Solverson, Louis Berendes

Cantor

- 4:00 p.m. Nancy Misch
- 8:00 a.m. Sara Groetsch
- 10:00 a.m. Natalie Solverson

Musician

- 4:00 p.m. Haylee Pagenkopf
- 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. Mike Wuench

Greeter

- 4:00 p.m. Kevin Moyle, Mike Juran, Peter Schmitz, Mike Misch, Kathy Stuttgen, Neil Kumm, Joe Riemer
Lead— Lisa Doering
- 8:00 a.m. Brian Logue, Peggy Baumler, Bob Klar, Cindy Klar, Pat Burns, Donna Burns, Kerry Groetsch
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. Dee Sauer, Kevin Moyle
- 8:00 a.m. Bob Jansky, Charlene Jansky
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Wagner, Laura Wagner

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

7:30 AM † **Merlyn Wavra**
by John and Joan Mueller

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

7:30 AM **Larry and Colleen Weibel**
by Family

Thursday, September 2, 2021

7:30 AM **Elijah's Healing**
by Family
2:00 PM **The Spaeth Family (at Hillview)**
by Wilma Spaeth

Friday, September 3, 2021

7:30 AM † **Jim Arens**
by Virginia Horstman

Saturday, September 4, 2021

4:00 PM † **Mary Lou Larkin**
by Ron and Toni Weise

Sunday, September 5, 2021

8:00 AM **Pro Populo**
10:00 AM † **Bernadette Schumacher**
by Gloria Biesen

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

Building Our Future Together

As we look at some early plans and thoughts for our Phase IV projects in 2022, we have been spending some additional time on the proposed renovations to the choir loft and, as you hopefully have read in earlier bulletins, our developing plans with the organ in the choir loft. This project is still several months into the future, but it is not too early to make some plans.

Music ministry is a strength of our parish. We are blessed to have a goodly number of parishioners who are dedicated to supporting music ministry. The stairwells have been improved with new railings and brighter lighting; however, the stairs remain the main reason members of the choirs "retire" early...most notably from the New Life funeral choir.

When we began looking at Phase IV, we asked HSR Associates to look into the possibility of a lift and they engaged a structural engineer from Madison to do a formal evaluation. He found the lift placement should ideally be in the "hospitality" area where the counter and sink are located. That area would enable the lift to go between two structural beams that support the loft. There is sufficient room to relocate the counter and sink within the existing hospitality area on the main floor.

The lift would open in the choir loft on the second lowest step in the loft. The lowest step will be raised to the same level as the current second step so a wheelchair can safely be accommodated. Additionally, we will replace the railings across the front of the loft to have a higher barrier and conform to current safety codes.

It is also planned to remove the existing "steps" where

the choir currently stands and install choir risers and chairs that are similar to what we have in the music rehearsal room in the lower level of the parish hall. With these renovations and improvements, including the removal of the organ pipes, the choir loft will have the spaciousness of the original construction and will safely accommodate instruments, and choirs and musicians of all physical abilities.

Further renovations and improvements on the main floor of the east-side entry areas planned for 2022 include remodeling the women's washroom and the adjoining Mother's Room (also used as the Bride's Room), renovate the hospitality area and re-decorate the reconciliation rooms and men's washroom.

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 stained glass installation began Aug. 23 and will take a few weeks.



Process: original glass removed, old frame removed, new frame fitted, stained glass installed, clear protective glass installed, and frame caulked.

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