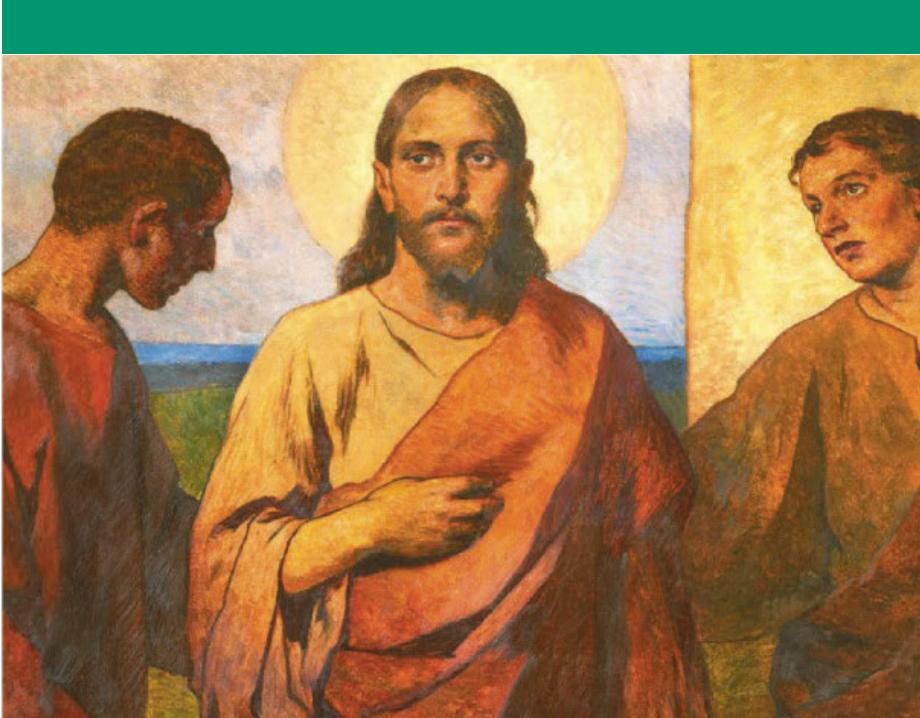


# July 3, 2022



## MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



### 14<sup>TH</sup> 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 weekend Masses and in the parish office on Fridays from 8am-3pm.

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Requests are due to the office by Monday in written format.

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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.

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Diocese of La Crosse Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson

Bishop William Patrick Callahan issued the following statement on June 24, 2022:

We welcome today's ruling by the Supreme Court, as we continue to proclaim a vision for our society that upholds the truth that every human life is sacred and inviolable—a society in which the legal protection of human life is joined to profound care for mothers and their children.

We intend our Catholic parishes to be places of welcome for women facing challenging pregnancies or who find it difficult to care for their children after birth, so that any mother needing assistance will receive life-affirming support and be connected to appropriate programs and resources where she can get help. These include numerous Pregnancy Resource Centers within the boundaries of our diocese and across the state, as well as the Pregnancy Support Services and Adoption Services of our own Catholic Charities. We will do everything in our power to raise awareness of, and to strengthen, that network of compassionate care.

We will continue to support laws that ensure the right to life for unborn children, along with legislation that ensures that no mother or family lacks the basic resources needed to care for their children, regardless of race, age, immigration status, or any other factor.

In addition, recognizing that more than 65 million children have died from abortion in the U.S. since Roe v. Wade, leaving an untold number of women, men, and families suffering in the aftermath, we also commit to reach out in healing ministry to those wounded by the trauma of abortion.

In these ways and more, the Catholic Church will continue to witness to the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death, and to work to build a true culture of life in our nation, a culture that lovingly embraces and supports mothers and children before and after birth, along with their families. In the midst of life's sufferings and challenges, we will strive always to be channels of the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

"[E]very human life, unique and unrepeatable, has value in and of itself; it is of inestimable value. This must always be proclaimed anew with the courage of the Word and the courage of actions. It calls us to solidarity and fraternal love for the great human family and for each of its members." —Pope Francis on the 25th Anniversary of *Evangelium Vitae* (March 25, 2020)

### 4th of July Mass



On Monday, July 4 at 9am come and pray for our country and to give thanks to God for our many blessings, including religious liberty and the recent Supreme Court decision. Mass will be offered in church, not the Parish Hall.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving for our Country

Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

### Birthright of La Crosse

They recognize the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. They assist pregnant women by offering love, support, and a helping hand before, during, and after pregnancy. The parish sent \$1,000 to Birthright from our Works of Charity account as a sign of support and appreciation.

### 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 Sunday, July 10 at 11:10 AM—Noon (immediately after the 10 AM Mass). 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.

### Praise and Graze

Join us Monday, July 18 at 5 PM for Mass and a potluck dinner. Both will be held in the Parish Hall due to construction in the church. Please consider bringing a side dish or dessert to pass. If you are in need of a ride for this event, please contact Sr. Kathy at 788-5483 ext. 5. Come to Praise and Graze with others!

### Time for a New Ministry Schedule

We will soon begin working on a new Ministry Schedule that will run from August 1 - October 31 for Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristan, Cantors, Servers, Gift Bearers, Scrip Sellers, Live Streamers and Greeters. Please submit any "Can't Serve Dates" through the online scheduling tab on the parish website, [www.mmoclacrosse.org](http://www.mmoclacrosse.org) or by calling the parish office, 788-5483, ext. 2 by July 15 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.

# Mary Mother of the Church

## July Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

## Save a Life, Donate Blood

Versiti Blood Drive is Monday, July 25 from 1:00-6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Blood donations are much needed. Online appointment at [bit.ly/givedec13](http://bit.ly/givedec13) or call 877-232-4376.



## Communion Calls

The following parishioners will receive Communion in their homes this week: Jean Weigel; Gerald Sheehan; Catherine Larson; Carol Weis; Julie & Steven Pitsch; Judy Van Voorhis; Jane Poss; Barb Herlitzka; Dick Ready; Tom & Gloria Hundt. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist in their home, call the parish office at 788-5483 ext 5.

## Donations to Building Fund

A huge THANK YOU to the Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) and to the Men's Club for making generous gifts to Building Our Future Together. So much effort and heart goes into their fundraisers and they are grateful for the parish's response and support. The fiscal year ends June 30, and they made their generous gifts: \$11,000 from the Men's Club and \$16,500 from the PCCW.

## Marriage Preparation Retreat

The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering *Married Love: Two Becoming One*, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples on July 16, 2022. Cost is \$75 per couple. The retreat will take place at St. Patrick Parish, Onalaska. To register, contact La Crosse Deanery Marriage Prep Team at [laxmpretreat@gmail.com](mailto:laxmpretreat@gmail.com).

## Retrouvaille Marriage Help Weekend

For more than 40 years, Retrouvaille has been a lifeline of hope and healing for struggling marriages. Here in Central Wisconsin, hundreds of couples have participated in the program since 1998 with lasting success. We thank you for your vital support in sharing these announcements. We are a grassroots volunteer-run organization by couples that have been through the program, at every level, locally and abroad. With your help we continue to "pay it forward!"

The next program begins with a weekend stay, August 19-21, 2022 in Central Wisconsin. Registrations are due by August 5th to allow time for room reservations to be guaranteed. Late registrations may be accepted if space is available. You can visit our website at: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-help/> to get all the information or call 877-922-4673.



## Men's Club

### Riverfest Set-up and Clean-up

The Men's Club has once again signed up to help with Riverfest set up and clean up and could use any and all parishioners help. We must provide 25-30 people to clean up the Riverfest grounds in the early mornings of Friday, July 1 through Tuesday, July 5. Clean up starts at 5:30am on the north side of Riverside Park and lasts approximately 60-90 minutes. Many hands make light work so please consider volunteering for this great opportunity to raise funds for the Church! If you can help out these days please email [mensclub@mmoclaclacrosse.org](mailto:mensclub@mmoclaclacrosse.org) so we can track the number of helpers or just show up! Thank you!

### Golf Scramble

The MMOC Men's Club cordially invites you to the "Pedey" Golf Scramble held on Friday, August 26. 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 15 to 2006 Weston St. made payable to MMOC Men's Club. We hope you can join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.



## Family Life

### New Parishioner

MMOC is delighted to welcome Anne Heasley to the parish.

## Community Events

### Healing Conference: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World

This healing conference on Saturday, July 16 at Mary, Mother of the Church features Dr. Mary Healy, professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, an international speaker and author. Mary speaks at a level that everyone can understand.

When we, or a family member or friend, are faced with an injury or illness, physical or emotional, our thoughts turn to God in prayer for healing. We want to believe that God will grant healing, but we wonder. And if we as Catholics have doubts, what does this mean to a hurting world, also in need of healing? Dr. Mary Healy will answer such questions as:

- Is Jesus still healing people today?
- Are these healings real and do they last?
- How do we know if God wants us to pray for healing?
- Isn't God asking us to endure suffering and hardships instead of asking for healing?
- How can we pray for healing?
- Can my broken heart be healed as well as my body?

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Sessions are 8:30 am—3:15 pm. Healing Service at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to this free conference hosted by Living Water! Prayer Community. For questions, contact Deacon Kent Jacobson at [livingwaterprayercommunity@gmail.com](mailto:livingwaterprayercommunity@gmail.com).

### Organ Recital at the Cathedral

The second in a series of three summer organ recitals will be performed on Sunday July 10th at 3:30 by Nicholas Will, director of liturgical music at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, America's largest Roman Catholic seminary. From 2018 to 2020, he served as Director of Liturgical Music at the Pontifical North American College, Vatican City State. The recital will be about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering will be accepted. Ample parking available. An opportunity to hear great organ music performed on our magnificent Noack organ!

### Celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving

Luxembourg/American Descendants Society of the La Crosse Region is hosting His Eminence Jean-Claude Hollerich, Cardinal of Luxembourg at Holy Trinity Church for a 5 PM Mass on August 9. A reception to honor his birthday will follow at Viterbo University Fine Arts Center 6:30-8:30 PM. Cost is \$30. Register by July 25 to ckirsch@fspa.org.

### Catholic Daughters of the Americas La Crosse Court #1183

Catholic women in the Coulee region are invited to join this nationwide organization. We grow in Faith, perform works of Charity, and develop sisterly companionship under the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Email Therese Boisvert at [Therese351@live.com](mailto:Therese351@live.com) to learn more about the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.



### FORMED.org

Admiral Jeremiah Denton spent over seven years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. In the moving presentation, *Walking Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death*, he recalls how, through the power of prayer, he withstood extreme torture rather than betray God or the U.S.A. For his valor, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Navy Cross, and the POW Medal. He is now a champion of various humanitarian causes. Enjoy his testimony in this talk this week on Formed.org!

## Liturgical Roles: July 9-10, 2022

### Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Linda Gillette, Mark Misch, Kevin Moyle

8:00 a.m. Deacon Bell, Lance Miller, Anita Olson

10:00 a.m. Deacon Bell, Rita Sanchez, John Conzemius

### Lector

4:00 p.m. Nancy Misch, Peter Schmitz

8:00 a.m. Bob Mahr, Francesca Ortmeier

10:00 a.m. Barbara Stetzer, Mary Jo Swartout

### Server

4:00 p.m. OPEN, OPEN

8:00 a.m. Jackson Harpenau, Catherine Harpenau

10:00 a.m. Oliver Taylor, Alec Taylor

### Cantor

4:00 p.m. Linda Kloet

8:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf

10:00 a.m. Mary Kulas

### Musician

4:00 p.m. Christopher Carskadon

8:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon

10:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon

### Sacristan

4:00 p.m. Linda Gillette

8:00 a.m. OPEN

10:00 a.m. John Conzemius

### Gift Bearer

4:00 p.m. OPEN, OPEN

8:00 a.m. Jennifer Miller, Lance Miller

10:00 a.m. Jerry Kernan, Anne Kernan

### Greeter

4:00 p.m. Patrick Hogan, Mike Juran, Steve Schaub, Chris Schlegel, Mary Schaub, Lead-Kellie Schmitz

8:00 a.m. Peggy Baumler, Donna Burns, Pat Burns, Paul Lansing, OPEN, Lead-Allan Baumler

10:00 a.m. Terri Pedace, Carol Forer, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, Lead-Robb Pretasky

### Scrip Seller

4:00 p.m. Vickie Kloss, Heidi Schlegel

8:00 a.m. Karen Perry, OPEN

10:00 a.m. Tammy Byington, Max Byington

### Live Streamer

4:00 p.m. Mike Juran

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### **His Life. His Mission. Our Focus.**

We have not had a financial stewardship drive since the Spring of 2015 because of Building Our Future Together. Instead, we financially “tightened the belt,” especially when adding the operating expenses of our new Parish Hall. Budget lines have remained steady and staff raises have been modest.

During this time, the Finance Office has reduced its hours from 32 hours/week to 16 hours/week and some tasks have been outsourced. Deacon Sage's impact to this area of parish administration was significant and most of his time was donated to the parish. Deacon Richard Sage averaged 40 hours/week in faithful service to us, and we offered a stipend which calculates to \$7.38/hour even though he had earned a Master's Degree and was a deacon over 38 years. Essentially, he donated the vast majority of his time. We need to return to 25 hours per week and reassess our needs in future months.

Additionally, the former salaried position of Coordinator of Confirmation, RCIA Leader, & Gr. 10 Catechist became three separate volunteer positions. These positions are held by strong, gifted volunteers who need continued support from our DRE (Director of Religious Education).

Therese van Oss faithfully fulfilled the responsibilities of a DRE, which has been a half-time position (with the goal of making it a full-time position to meet more of our faith formation needs). Thankfully, Therese is interested in continuing to coordinate our funerals.

Also worthy of note, Roncalli Newman's full-time DRE Kristin Johnson has coordinated the city-wide middle school and high school program for four years without billing our parish for salary support.

All of this is to say, our basic operations needs additional financial support, not only to return to what it once was (and address rising inflation), but also to expand our staffing in order to meet the Faith Needs of our youth and adults so we are “going on mission” rather than seeking the “maintenance of status quo.”

As of June 14, 31% of parish households have responded to our financial stewardship drive as we aim to implement a new parish vision that expands relational ministries centered on Jesus Christ. Increasing staff will position these efforts in a sustainable way, and that's why increased, sustainable financial support is vital to this mission.

76% of respondents made a commitment to increase their church support and 24% will maintain or decrease. The net increase is over \$200,000. Thank you for such generosity!

We are still looking to hire a DRE (which is being renamed Coordinator of Youth Faith Formation). Please pray! In the meantime, an alternative plan is being developed in case we are unable to find a qualified candidate.

We were planning to begin a 3-year agreement with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Stu-

dents) on Sept. 1, 2022 for two full-time Coordinators of Adult Faith Formation: Deacon Terry Bell and one other experienced campus missionary who is looking to transition to parish ministry. We missed the timeframe to interview those who were making these transitions, so FOCUS asked us to wait until next year. In the meantime, Deacon Bell will be working on some national initiatives for them and working for our parish on a part-time basis (15 hours/week) – at no cost to the parish. This will mean a “soft start” to our plans until next year.

A parish mailing was sent a week ago with more details. Please contact the parish office if you did not receive your copy.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and understanding. Let us “go on mission” by focusing on Jesus Christ.

### **Weekly Mass Intentions**

#### **Monday, July 4, 2022**

9:00 AM † Clifford Stram  
by Lisa Doering

#### **Tuesday, July 5, 2022**

7:30 AM † Ron Schumacher  
by Carol Forer, Ruth Fairbanks &  
Gloria Biesen

#### **Wednesday, July 6, 2022**

7:30 AM † David Grayson  
by Thomas & Pat Nelson

#### **Thursday, July 7, 2022**

7:30 AM † Ron Schumacher  
by Carol Forer, Ruth Fairbanks &  
Gloria Biesen

2:00 PM † Lori Monk  
Hillview by Kerry & Sue Groetsch

#### **Friday, July 8, 2022**

7:30 AM † Connie Goodreau  
by Joe & Barb Clements

#### **Saturday, July 9, 2022**

4:00 PM † Rita Nowicki  
by Nowicki Family

#### **Sunday, July 10, 2022**

8:00 AM † Howard Olson  
by The Family  
10:00 AM Pro Populo

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



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