# April 9, 2023







# EASTER SUNDAY

#### MASS TIMES

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

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15-3:45 or by appointment.

#### HEARING ASSISTANCE

Hearing devices are available. See Greeters for additional information, especially for hearing aids paired with Bluetooth.

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 8am-3pm

#### **FINANCE OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Wednesday 7am-2pm

#### 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. Contact the parish office to register, schedule a baptism, schedule a wedding (six months notice required), and to re-

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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.

quest the Sacrament of the Sick.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Mary, Mother of the Church!

On April 9, 2000, two parishes (St. Pius X and St. Thomas More) became one. So, today – Easter 2023 – is our birthday/anniversary celebration. As always, our celebration is centered on Jesus our Risen Lord. May He lead us and guide us in the year(s) to come as we focus on His Life and His Mission.

On behalf of Deacon Terry Bell and the parish staff: Happy Easter to all! ... and Happy 23<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to the parishioners of Mary, Mother of the Church!

Yours in the Risen Lord,

Father Konopa

#### **Little White Books**

Free Easter booklets are available on a first come, first serve basis in the back of church.

#### Lenten Collection Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Lenten Collection. This year we chose two important organizations which will be equally supported through our generosity:

WAFER Food Pantry is moving to a new location on George & Gillette Streets and is remodeling a building to accommodate distribution of food.

Birthright of La Crosse supports women facing unplanned pregnancies, and is a wonderful way to support the pro-life effort.

The total amount collected was \$5,482.00 as of March 28.

#### **Holy Week Office Hours**

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, April 11.

#### **Monthly Parish Social**

Join us Thursday, April 13 after the 7:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall for coffee, conversation and fellow-ship.

#### Confirmation

Please pray for MMOC parish members who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral on Wed., April 12.

- •Lily Ann (St. Gianna) Ackerman
- •Emily Marlain (St. Joan of Arc) Allen
- •Jude Rowdy (St. Sebastian) Alvarado
- •Felicity Grace (St. Joan of Arc) Bell
- •Charlotte Noel (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) Berendes
- •Jack Thomas (St. Michael) Branson
- •Bradley Eric (St. Barnabus) Check
- Nora Rose (St. Faustina) Dickinson
- •Andrew John (St. Patrick of Lore) Egan
- •Benjamin Joseph (St. Francis) Gerling
- •Alyssa Lynn (St. Gianna Beretta) Gray
- •Alexander Mclaren (St. Christopher) Grob

•Isabel Ann (St. Matthew) Harden

- •Jackson Robert (St. Christopher) Harpenau
- •Maddox James (St. Pier Giorgio Frassati) Herlitzke
- Maria Lynn (St. Felicity) Kainz
- •Kylie Grace (St. Elizabeth of Hungary) Ortmeier
- •Cullen Michael (St. Michael the Archangel) Pittman
- •Olivia Claire (St. Theresa of Avila) Rudie
- •Cullen Dean (St. Hubert) Sackman
- •Olivia Grace (St. Patricia of Naples) Sake
- •Isaac Joseph (St. Sebastian) Schelfhout
- •Evelyn Victoria (St. Alice of Schaerbeek) Smith
- •Kyle Patrick (St. Patrick) White

#### Time for a New Ministry Schedule

We will soon begin working on a new Ministry Schedule that will run from May 1 through July 30 for Lectors, Cantors, Servers, Sacristan, Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters and Scrip Sellers. Please submit any "Can't Serve Dates" through the online scheduling tab on the parish website, www.mmoclacrosse.org under Ministry Scheduler or by calling , 788-5483, ext. 2 by April 16.

#### **MMOC Chicken Que**

The spring chicken que will be held on Thursday, May 11. \$12/ticket will be on sale in church starting April 22.

#### Food Baskets for April

Catholic Charities is grateful for all the food donations and is most in need of laundry soap, baked beans, canned meat, canned fruit, jelly, jam, coffee and hot chocolate.

#### Fish Fry Thank You

To the organizers, volunteers, and those who purchased a fish dinner, thank you for making this fundraiser successful. Our combined net income was \$6,659.13 for the February 24 and March 24 Fish Fries.

#### **NEEDED: Parish Bookkeeper**

The responsibilities and hours of the Finance Assistant expanded when Deacon Sage died. Mike Juran began almost a year ago and has learned the job well. In the hopes of sharing the hours and doing some cross-training, the parish is creating the position of Bookkeeper.

Principal responsibilities for this position include maintaining contribution software records, data entry, processing accounts payable, and working with our Finance Assistant (Mike Juran) on various financerelated activities. Qualifications include experience with bookkeeping; ability to use QuickBooks and Microsoft Office, especially Excel; ability to learn inhouse software, ParishSoft; good communication skills.

The position is 8-12 hours per week, preferably on Wednesdays, Thursdays and/or Fridays. Pay is commensurate with experience and skill set. The position is available immediately. To apply, please send a resume with references from previous employers to Fr. Konopa: frkonopa@mmoclacrosse.org.

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## 2023 In My Name Award Recipient (Posthumous)



Catholic Charities Awarded Jerome "Jerry" Roesler with the 2023 In My Name Award for serving others in the name of Jesus. The award is based on Jesus' words to his disciples, "Whoever give another even a cup of water in my

name shall not lose their reward" (cf. Mk 9:14). Jerry was very active in Pius X Parish and Mary, Mother of the Church. He died on December 12, 2022.

Jerry married his wife, Betty, on October 24,1964 and they enjoyed 58 beautiful years together with the blessing of 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

Jerry began working for the Diocese of La Crosse in 1964, retiring in 2017 after 54 years of employment. Jerry was a fixture at Holy Cross Diocesan Center where he worked as the Director of Maintenance. He was able to fix and maintain just about anything and his positive upbeat attitude was appreciated by all the staff and retired priests. Jerry and Betty raised their family on the Holy Cross grounds and lived in the apartment attached to the power plant for 58 years.

In addition to his talents working for the Diocese, Jerry joined the Shelby Fire Department in 1966 as a volunteer firefighter. Throughout his more than 50 years of service, he served in many positions including Captain and First Responder. He helped to run the first successful Shelby Fire Department Chicken-Que fundraiser and guided many young firefighters in their training. In 2017, Jerry was named First Responder of the Year by the state of Wisconsin. Jerry was most proud of his motto that he shared often with his co-workers, "Compassion is always in style."

His family was recognized for supporting Jerry and for the sacrifices they made while he was serving others. May God rest his good soul.

# Faith Formation

#### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

The next meeting will be Saturday, April 15 starting at 10:00AM.

This offering is for children ages 3-6 and is a Montessori-based approach to the religious formation of children, rooted in Sacred Scripture, the Liturgy, and respect for the child's relationship with God. Contact Sarah Scarlet at sscarlet@mmoclacrosse.org.

#### **Families Forming Disciples**

Due to the celebration of Easter and high school Confirmation, FFD will not meet April 2 or April 9 at Blessed Sacrament or at Mary, Mother of the Church April 5 or April 12. We will see you again on April 16 and 19 respectively.

#### **High School Faith Formation**

High School Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday, April 5 or April 12 due to Easter and high school Confirmation. We will see you again on April 19.

# Family Life

#### **Requiescant in Pace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlene Byers. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to the families and friends who mourn their loss. *Eternal rest grant onto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.* 

#### New Parishioners

MMOC is delighted to welcome Steve and Cindy Lefever to the parish.

#### **Marriage Preparation Retreats**

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 April

22, and July 22, 2023.These retreats will

take place at St. Patrick Parish, Onalaska. Couples must register at least one month prior to the retreat. Cost of the program is \$75 per couple. To register for a retreat, contact Mari Erickson at laxmpretreat@gmail.com.

# PCCW

#### PCCW Rummage Sale

Will be April 21, 11:00-3:00 and April 22 8:00-11:00. Items can be dropped off April 20 between 8:00-4:00. We appreciate your donations but we can't take furniture, paints, microwaves, or items that would cost to be recycled.

Sign up sheets for workers will be in the back of church. Thank you for your help.

# Social Justice

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, Apr. 18 <u>Food & Milk</u>: (to be delivered to 413 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. by 6:30pm) Katie Ott, Anne Heasley, Bill & Marilyn Jaekel, Angela Schlack-Haerer

<u>Intake</u>: (6:30pm-9pm) Mary Olson, Sarah Kopski, Matt Deshler, Karen Deshler

<u>Night Shift</u>: (9pm-11pm) Sandy Roellich, OPEN <u>Morning Volunteer</u>: (6-8:30am Wed.) Brad Sturm, Lynn Sturm

<u>Cleaning Volunteer</u>: (8-9am Wed.) OPEN If you can fill an open spot or have any questions, contact Mary Olson at molson@mmoclacrosse.org.



## Pope Francis Prayer Intention



We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

## **Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions**

The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 16. Confessions will be heard in English and Spanish 8:30 AM-4 PM. Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 8 AM - 5 PM.

- 9:00 AM Latin Mass
- 11:00 AM Spanish Mass
- 1:00 PM English Mass
- 2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 2:45 pm Divine Mercy Reflection & Family Consecration to the Divine Mercy
- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:15 pm Benediction
- 3:30 pm Blessing with the relic of St. Faustina

"On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." –Diary of St. Faustina #699



## **Weekly Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:30 AM † Jim Volden by Donald and Shirley Volden Wednesday, April 12, 2023 7:30 AM **† Karen Nordstrom** by Bud De Florian Thursday, April 13, 2023 † Deacon Sage 7:30 AM by Friends Friday, Aril 14 2023 7:30 AM **†** Art Fregin by Charles and Paula Heiderscheit Saturday, April 15, 2023 4:00 PM + Larry Weibel by Family Sunday, April 16, 2023 8:00 AM **† Bill Gilles** by Gloria Biesen 10:00 AM Pro Populo

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

# Liturgical Roles April 15-16

## Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Chris Schlegel, Mary Schaub, Kellie Schmitz 8:00 a.m. Deacon Bell, Mary Lawrence, Sue Moyle

10:00 a.m. Deacon Bell, Carol Forer, Linda Schwartz

#### Lector

4:00 p.m. Linda Gillette, Peter Schmitz

8:00 a.m. Francesca Ortmeier, Linda Elsen

10:00 a.m. Pattie Nimocks, Mary Olson

#### Server

4:00 p.m. Madison Schlegel, OPEN

8:00 a.m. Kaitlin Ortmeier, Jackie Taylor

10:00 a.m. Adelyn Neubauer, Olivia Neubauer

#### Cantor

4:00 p.m. Paul Lansing

8:00 a.m. Dawn Mazzola

10:00 a.m. Kristine Gasch

#### Musician

4:00 p.m. Jenny Nielsen

- 8:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon
- 10:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon

#### Sacristan

4:00 p.m. Mike Wuensch

- 8:00 a.m. Mike Keogh, Jane Vogel
- 10:00 a.m. Kimberly Krejchik

#### Gift Bearer

4:00 p.m. OPEN, OPEN

- 8:00 a.m. Erin Klar, Steve Klar
- 10:00 a.m. Jessica Neubauer, Chuck Neubauer

#### Greeter

- 4:00 p.m. Kevin Moyle, Chris Schlegel, Peter Schmitz, Barbara Stetzer, Emily Allen OPEN, OPEN, Lead-Phil Watson
- 8:00 a.m. Peggy Baumler, Dave Lawrence, Kathy Skiles, Daniel J Skiles, Jonathan Baumler, Pat Burns, Donna Burns, Lead-Allan Baumler
- 10:00 a.m. Megan Binsfeld, Anna Binsfeld, Elly Binsfeld, Matt Binsfeld, Jerry Kernan, Andrew Schwartz, Mike Wintheiser, Lead-Robb Pretasky

#### Hospitality

8:00 a.m. Jeff Pederson, Nancy Pederson

10:00 a.m. Lisa Doering, Sam Horman, Casey Horman

#### Scrip Seller

4:00 p.m. Kellie Schmitz, Heidi Schlegel

8:00 a.m. Sue Groetsch, Kerry Groetsch

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

#### Live Streamer

4:00 p.m. Dave Imhoff

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## **Buildings & Grounds**

#### Happy Easter!

Over the last 3 years, April was when the timeline of church renovations was announced. Typically, renovations began the first weekend of May. During the last two years, the

announcement included this message: "Weekday Masses will be in the Parish Hall and funerals are encouraged on Saturdays so they can be held in church."

2020: Exterior church work, including roofers who paused for funerals, but not weekday Masses.





2021: Interior church work, including polishing floors and refurbishing pews.

## "Inspired by the Spirit" Diocesan Campaign

This diocesan wide campaign began in parishes last spring and is being conducted in 3 waves, which finishes in the first half of 2023. Our parish is assigned to the final wave of the campaign timeline. "Inspired by the Spirit" will not only incorporate last year's Diocesan Annual Appeal but will also provide an opportunity for every parish in the Diocese to raise funds for their own parish, Holy Cross Diocesan Center, and the new Catholic Foundation of West Central Wisconsin. To learn more, please view the video at our parish website and make your reservation to one of the two receptions listed on this page.



2022: Interior church work, including choir loft renovations and restrooms.

This year, no interruptions!!! While Building Our Future

Together has officially concluded, there are items we have learned along the way that have us actively improving the campus with a variety of projects, including an addition to the storage shed and sidewalk repairs. These will not interrupt weekday Masses or funerals!

Thank you for the generosity which is allowing us these additional enhancements.

Again, Happy Easter! God bless you!



Extra copies of the history booklet MMOC Building Our Future Together: Our Journey 2012-2022 are available.

Rev. Brian D. Konopa, Pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish,

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO A GATHERING TO INTRODUCE OUR

# Inspired by the Spirit Capital Campaign

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL LOCATED AT

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish 2006 Weston Street La Crosse

on one of the following dates:

Monday, April 17 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM -or-Tuesday, April 18 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be provided at 6:00 PM.

## Please RSVP by Friday, April 14 at Noon.

Kindly email secretary@mmoclacrosse.org or call 608-788-5483 ext. 2 to let us know whether you will be joining us.







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