

April 16, 2023



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 request the Sacrament of the Sick.

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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.

2nd Sunday of Easter

Easter Blessings

Thank you to everyone who made the Easter Triduum so beautiful: decorators, church cleaners, musicians, servers and so many others. Thank you to everyone who made donations for the Easter flowers. New flowers will be brought into our sanctuary throughout the Easter Season to keep the festive spirit.

NEEDED: Parish Office Assistant

Ann Kvale submitted her resignation on April 3. Several personal events have arisen which have made this position overwhelming, and she sincerely regrets this did not work out. Rose Wegner will assist with this transition and provide orientation for the new staff member. Primary duties include:

- Managing the front desk
- Creating bulletins & handling parish mailings
- Maintaining parish calendar
- Assisting parish staff and organizations
- Overseeing Parish Hall usage
- Maintaining parish database
- Scheduling Mass intentions & liturgical ministries
- Facilitating sacramental prep programs, including marriage coordinator
- Handling sacramental records
- Computer/technology troubleshooting skills

The successful candidate will have an ability to operate office equipment; experience with Google and Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, and Publisher; ability to learn in-house software ParishSoft and Ministry Scheduler Pro; clerical skills and experience; and effective interpersonal communication skills, including telephone and social media.

The Office Assistant position is 28 hours per week (Tues.-Fri.; 8AM-3PM) and pay range is \$15-18/hour commensurate with experience. The position is available immediately. To apply, please send a resume with references from previous employers to Fr. Konopa: frkonopa@mmoclacrosse.org.

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 finance-related activities. Qualifications include experience with bookkeeping; ability to use QuickBooks and Microsoft Office, especially Excel; ability to learn in-house software, ParishSoft; good communication skills.

The position is 8-12 hours per week, preferably on Wednesdays, Thursdays and/or Fridays and pay range is \$15-18/hour commensurate with experience and skill sets. Position is available immediately.

To apply, please send a resume with references from previous employers to Fr. Konopa: frkonopa@mmoclacrosse.org.

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 17.

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 \$7,142.00

Confirmation

Congratulations to all the confirmands who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 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 Seaton) 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
- Marie 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

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. Volunteer Sign-up sheets are located in the back of church.



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2023-2024 AHS & AMS Enrollment



Aquinas High School and Aquinas Middle School welcome you to enroll for the 2023-2024 school year. Aquinas is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for its students.

There is much to be excited about with the launch of the Viterbo Education Program, NEW STEM lab, and over fifty extracurriculars to get involved with. Call 784-0287 to schedule a tour!

Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Contact info@aquinasschools.org or www.aquinascatholicsschools.org/enrollment to get started.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. What is happening in the diocese to prevent abuse?

- Training is provided for all adults and youth to identify warning signs and develop strategies for maintaining a safe environment for all.
- A designated Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to receive reports and accompany victims through their journey.
- A volunteer independent Review Board assists the bishop in the review of cases and makes recommendations for moving forward.
- A Safe Environment Coordinator assists parish and school personnel with training and background screenings for anyone who may have access to children.
- An audit is conducted by an independent firm to evaluate implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Findings are incorporated with those of other dioceses and made available in an Annual Report.

According to the CDC, one in seven children have experienced child abuse or neglect in the past year. If you or someone you know is being abused call 911 or contact your state child protective services. It is the responsibility of all persons to protect children and the vulnerable among us, "whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me" (Matthew 18:5).

DIocese OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the

diocesan website at diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

April is Abortion Recovery Awareness Month

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry of the Diocese of La Crosse offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email projectrachel@diolc.org.

Franciscan CORE University Online Information Sessions

Franciscan CORE at Viterbo University is open for registration. More information can be found at our website linked here. Franciscan Core is a 5-day youth theology institute that allows participants to experience the mission of the church within the La Crosse community. We are scheduled for June 25-30 this year. To help families and leaders learn more about the institute, we have scheduled an information session that will run from 6:30-7 p.m. Please register in advance of the meeting so that we can be best prepared to offer information.

Faith Formation

Families Forming Disciples

FFD meets this Sunday, April 16 from 10:10-11:10am at Blessed Sacrament and Wednesday, April 19 from 5:45-6:45 pm at Mary, Mother of the Church. Families will share their At Home Mission and conclude Lesson 8 Living the Easter Season.

High School Faith Formation

High School Faith Formation meets Wednesday, April 19 from 7:00-8:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament.

Family Life

Requiescant in Pace

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

New Parishioners

MMOC is delighted to welcome Stefana Pretasky to the parish.

Welcome to the Family

On Saturday, April 8 during the Easter Vigil, Julia Harrison and Carter Harrison made a solemn Profession of Faith and shared in the Holy Eucharist. Congratulations and welcome!

PCCW

PCCW Rummage Sale

PCCW Rummage sale will be April 21, 11-3 pm and April 22, 8-11 am. Donations can be dropped off 8 am to 4 pm on Thursday, April 20 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 are available in the back of church.

Social Justice

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, Apr. 18

Food & Milk: (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30pm) Katie Ott, Anne Heasley, Bill & Marilyn Jaekel, Angela Schlack-Haerer, Joseph van Oss
Intake: (6:30pm-9pm) Mary Olson, Matt Deshler, Karen Deshler, Dave Imhoff, Mary Imhoff, Sherri Sinniger

Night Shift: (9pm-11pm) Sandy Roellich, OPEN

Morning Volunteer: (6-8:30am Wed.) Brad Sturm, Lynn Sturm

Cleaning Volunteer: (8-9am Wed.) OPEN

If you can fill an open spot or have any questions, contact Mary Olson at molson@mmoclacrosse.org.

Community Events

Aquinas High School Chicken-Q

The Chicken Q is on Wednesday, April 19 from 11:00-6:00 pm. You can pick up your meal at the parking lot on Cass St. Cost \$12.00 per meal.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

7:30 AM † Joyce DeFlorian
by Family

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

7:30 AM † James Raymond
by Family

Thursday, April 20, 2023

7:30 AM † Madonna Elsen Leis Bahr
by Tom & Diane Elsen

Friday, April 21, 2023

7:30 AM † Jerry Biesen
by Gloria Biesen

Saturday, April 22, 2023

4:00 PM † Norene Smith
by Pat Mertens

Sunday, April 22, 2023

8:00 AM † Cox & Grosskopf Families
by Richard Grosskopf, Sr.

10:00 AM Pro Populo

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

Liturgical Roles April 22-23

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Deacon Bell, Linda Heilman, Gary Heilman

8:00 a.m. Deacon Bell, Nick Berry, Mary Jo Schumacher

10:00 a.m. Deacon Bell, Patti Sherry, Lori Hammes

Lector

4:00 p.m. Joseph van Oss, Therese van Oss

8:00 a.m. Barbara Stetzer, OPEN

10:00 a.m. Nancy Steinhoff, Mary Jo Swartout

Server

4:00 p.m. Christopher Hughey, OPEN

8:00 a.m. BJ Gerling, Ryann Klar

10:00 a.m. Shaun Ziolkowski, Abby Schelfhout

Cantor

4:00 p.m. New Life Choir

8:00 a.m. Natalie Solverson

10:00 a.m. Mary Kulas

Musician

4:00 p.m. Mary Jo Lium

8:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon

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Sacristan

4:00 p.m. Linda Kloet

8:00 a.m. Jane Vogel

10:00 a.m. Anne Kernan

Gift Bearer

4:00 p.m. OPEN, OPEN

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

10:00 a.m. Lindsey Hammes, Nick Hammes

Greeter

4:00 p.m. Patrick Hogan, Jim Spielbauer, Neil Kumm, Mike Weissenberger, Mark Misch, Isaac Schelfhout, Joan Weissenberger, Lead-Phil Watson

8:00 a.m. Rosie Pennebecker, Donna Burns, Sandy Pitsch, Deke Stanek, Erica Stanek, Jack Branson, Pat Burns, Lead-Jon Mason

10:00 a.m. Charlotte Berendes, Chuck Berendes, Olivia Sake, Polly Berendes, Jackson Massa, Maddox Herlitzke, Kyle White, Lead-Robb Pretasky

Hospitality

8:00 a.m. Kim Lansing, Paul Lansing

10:00 a.m. Pat Houlihan, Kathy Houlihan

Scrip Seller

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

8:00 a.m. Bob Jansky, Charlene Jansky

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

Live Streamer

4:00 p.m. Joseph van Oss

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The La Crosse Deanery has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

We invite you to join the hundreds of thousands across the world who have responded to this message of God's mercy and have found hope, healing, and answers to many prayers. The Feast of Divine Mercy is a day when we should approach the Lord with great faith, trust, and appreciation. Do not be afraid to ask for great things, spiritual as well as temporal. Rejoice in Our Lord's unfathomable mercy!

Schedule of Events April 16, 2023

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
and 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

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM - Confessions in English and Spanish

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Shrine open and shuttles available for pilgrims

Our Lord's words to St. Faustina:

“On that day [Divine Mercy Sunday], the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”

(Diary #699)

“The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive.”

(Diary #1578)



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