

May 28, 2023



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PENTECOST 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 Greetingers for additional information, especially for hearing aids paired with Bluetooth.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday–Friday 8am-3pm

Contact the parish office to register, schedule a baptism, schedule a wedding (six months notice required), and to request the Sacrament of the Sick.

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.

Pentecost Sunday

Memorial Day Mass

A Mass for the Dead will be celebrated at the altar in the Veterans' Section at the Catholic Cemetery in La Crosse on Memorial Day, May 29, 2023 beginning at 11:15 a.m. The Rev. Msgr. Robert Hundt, Judicial Vicar, will be the principal celebrant. All are welcome to participate.



Patronal Feast

On Monday, May 29, we will celebrate our patronal feast on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of the Church with 5:30 pm Mass followed by a potluck dinner in the parish hall. The parish will supply the main entree. At this celebration the Man and Woman of the Year will be recognized. All are welcome!

Liturgical Ministers Needed: Patronal Feast

Many liturgical positions need to be filled patronal feast on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of the Church Monday, May 29 including Sacristan, Greeters, and Gift Bearers. Please consider filling in if you are available. Go to www.mmoclacrosse.org and click on the Ministry Scheduler link at the top of the page, or call 788-5483, ext. 1.



Monthly Parish Social

Join us Thursday, June 1 after the 7:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall for coffee, conversation and fellowship.

NEEDED: Parish Office Assistant

The parish has an opening for an Office Assistant managing the front desk. The 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. The job description is found on our website. To apply, please send a resume with references from previous employers to Fr. Konopa: frkonopa@mmoclacrosse.org.

NEEDED: Parish Bookkeeper

The parish has an opening for a bookkeeper. This position includes maintaining contribution software records, data entry, processing accounts payable, and working with our Finance Assistant (Mike Juran) on various finance-related activities. The job descriptions is found on our website. 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 set. The position is available immediately. To apply, please send a resume with references from previous employers to Fr. Konopa: frkonopa@mmoclacrosse.org.

Webmaster Needs Help

Google is reporting problems with crawling our phone-friendly website, mmoc.mobi. Our webmaster, Joseph van Oss, is asking for tech help. If you can assist, please contact Joseph. You reach him at 608-738-9087 or webmaster@mmoclacrosse.org. Thank you!

Holy Communion: Precious Blood

The Blood of Christ is being offered from Communion cups for the solemnities of Ascension (May 20-21), Pentecost (May 27-28), Holy Trinity (June 3-4) and the Body and Blood of Christ (June 10-11). Those who wish to fulfill the Lord's invitation to "eat and drink" will be able to do so. As a reminder, whenever we receive the Sacred Host, we are receiving His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity; but it is good to make available the opportunity to fulfill His invitation "to drink." We will need more volunteers to be trained for this ministry before we can offer the Cup consistently at every Mass. These opportunities will be offered again in a couple months in preparation for the fall liturgical schedule.

Called & Gifted

Did you know God gives you spiritual gifts to help you to be effective at your work and a more effective witness to your faith in the workplace? If you wonder how you are called to be a channel of His love and provision at work or in your community,



come and begin to discern your unique mission in life. We are excited to offer this opportunity at MMOC, and everyone is invited to start this journey to discover the unique call God has for you and the gifts He gives you to fulfill your mission in life.

Our team, trained by the Catherine of Sienna Institute, will offer the Called & Gifted workshops and discernment groups from September 5 to December 5. Nine meetings will be held on Tuesdays from 6-8 PM in the Parish Hall.

We offered our first Called & Gifted Workshops this past fall. When we asked participants, "What would you want your fellow parishioners to know about the Called & Gifted experience" one responded, "Understanding that God gave us charisms to share with others in order to build His Kingdom was new to me. However, after learning about this, it made a lot of sense of how God has called me to serve Him. There were many times in my life that I tried something different, but always seemed to revert back to a particular set of skills. What I know now was God calling me back to use my charisms, and when I used them for the good of others, I was filled with joy and love. The Called & Gifted experience brought to light that God was calling me to do something uniquely designed for me to praise Him."

Please review your calendar and contact Linda Schwartz for more information or to register at 608-792-0351 or alrzschwartz@gmail.com.

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Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer

MMOC parishioners are invited to participate in an 8 session program this summer entitled, Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer. This program features Fr. Mark Toups who through recorded video, will guide you through an easy-to-understand teaching on prayer. After each presentation, you will engage in a small-group discussion of the truths you just heard.

Here's the best part: In between sessions, you will be invited to pray using specific Scripture passages in your workbook. Father Toups will provide a Scripture passage every day for the eight weeks. It's like making an eight-week retreat in the midst of your busy life! You will also be invited to keep track of your thoughts and progress through short journal entries that you will be making in your workbook. These weeks are designed to help guide you step-by-step to draw close to God and to listen for his voice speaking to you."

We will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall, from June 8 through July 27. There is no charge for participants and the Oremus workbook will be provided. Please bring your own Catholic Bible.

If you would like to participate so that we can order the needed materials, please email Peter and Kellie Schmitz at kschmitz@mmoclacrosse.org.

25th—Silver Jubilee of Priesthood

Father Konopa was ordained a priest on June 27, 1998 and has planned a celebration for Sunday, June 25 with a special 3 PM Mass (which also counts for one's Sunday obligation). It will be followed by a social (4 - 8 PM) with dinner (4:30 - 6:30 PM) in the parish hall. No reservations needed. No gifts, please. Let's celebrate!

Roses for Life Results

The Men's Club hosted a "Roses for Life" campaign last weekend to support pro-life efforts. 325 roses were sold and with additional donations, they sent a check to Wisconsin Right to Life for \$756. Thank you to those who assisted with this campaign. A special thank you to all who purchased a rose!

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Thanks

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of Mary, Mother of the Church for supporting the 2023 Intellectual Disabilities Campaign (Tootsie Roll Drive). With your help, Council 839 was able to raise just over \$4,000 for people with special needs in our community. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause!

Warming Center Thank You

Catholic Charities sends a big THANK YOU to the parishioners of Mary, Mother of the Church for their support of the Warming Center this past season. They are grateful for the numerous volunteers who staffed the Warming Center and the delicious meals provided!



Faith Formation

Vacation Bible School is BACK!!!

You heard right! Vacation Bible School for all the Catholic parishes in La Crosse is back! Save the date August 7-11 from 9:00am-12:00pm for children entering Kindergarten-5th Grade hosted at Holy Trinity Parish. We will be taking a Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure this year at Vacation Bible School. A week of prayer, songs, stories, crafts, and diving deeper into the power and mystery of God! Register using the QR code!



Summer Volunteer Opportunity for middle and high school youth!

Are you a middle or high school student who likes children and wants to serve the parishes in the city of La Crosse? Why not help out at Vacation Bible School August 7th-11th from 9:00am-12:00pm at Holy Trinity. Fill out the volunteer interest form using the



QR code below if interested. Contact Kristin Johnson, Director of Faith Formation for the City of La Crosse Catholic Parishes at kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org if you have questions.

Congratulations to all our Graduates

We would like to extend a special congratulations to all who will be graduating this year. To all of our middle school, high school, and college graduates, may the Holy Spirit continue to guide you on your journey of life.

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Mary, Mother of the Church

A few easy steps from your laptop or desktop to register:

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. "How would you like to sign up?" Select: "I belong to a Parish or Organization."
3. It will ask you to "Create a new Account." As you type our parish name, you will see a pop up: "Mary Mother of the Church." Please click the option with our address: "2006 Weston St. La Crosse WI."
4. Enter your NAME and your personal email.

That's it! No password is needed! An extra option: add an app to your mobile device!

Open House

Community Events

In honor of **Rev. Jerome Hoeser**, (Pastor at St. Thomas More '74-'76) current pastor of St Henry Parish, Eau Galle, WI, an open house will be held to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Everyone is welcome to join us on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Mass at 10:00 AM, St Henry Church. Reception - 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Parish Center.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 28, 2023

- 8:00 AM **Pro Populo**
10:00 AM **† Frances Kreibich**
by Jennifer Kreibich

Monday, May 29, 2023

- 5:30 PM **† Mary Baron Drazkowski**
by Mike & Cathy Juran

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

- 7:30 AM **† Jim Arens**
by the Family

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

- 7:30 AM **† Marty Konop**
by Toni Weise

Thursday, June 1, 2023

- 7:30 AM **† Roger Role**
by Shirley Role

Friday, June 2, 2023

- 7:30 AM **† Ron Weise**
by Jeff & Marcia Newquist

Saturday, June 3, 2023

- 4:00 PM **† Jerry Weilandt**
by Marcie Weilandt

Sunday, June 4, 2023

- 8:00 AM **Pro Populo**
10:00 AM **† Charles & Lillian Nigon**
by Bob & Mary Jothen

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



Liturgical Roles June 3-4

Minister of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. **Hosts:** Mary Olson (Deacon), Chris Schlegel, Joseph van Oss, **Cup:** Mark Outzen, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN
8:00 a.m. **Hosts:** Deacon Bell, Lance Miller, Charles Heiderscheidt, **Cup:** Mary Lawrence, Gloria Biesen, Anita Olson, Sue Moyle
10:00 a.m. **Hosts:** Deacon Bell, Lori Hammes, Linda Schwartz, **Cup:** Fred Berneking, Anne Kernan, OPEN, OPEN

Lector

- 4:00 p.m. Nancy Misch, Sue Ernster
8:00 a.m. Charles Heiderscheidt, Linda Elsen
10:00 a.m. Mary Jo Swartout, Nancy Steinhoff

Server

- 4:00 p.m. Madison Schlegel, Keegan Gerling
8:00 a.m. Nolan Richards, Isabella Miller
10:00 a.m. Abby Schelfhout, OPEN

Cantor

- 4:00 p.m. Therese van Oss
8:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf
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. OPEN
8:00 a.m. Daniel & Kathy Skiles
10:00 a.m. Linda Gillette

Gift Bearer

- 4:00 p.m. Ben Gerling, OPEN
8:00 a.m. Sandy Pitsch, Anita Olson
10:00 a.m. Jerry Kernan, Anne Kernan

Greeter

- 4:00 p.m. Steve Schaub, Kevin Moyle, Chris Schlegel, Nora Dickinson, Patrick Hogan, Jim Spielbauer, OPEN, Lead-Phil Watson
8:00 a.m. Dave Lawrence, Joan Weissenberger, Mike Weissenberger, Bob Klar, Kylie Ortmeier, Cindy Klar, OPEN, Lead-Jon Mason
10:00 a.m. Shannon Klar, Marcus Klar, Elie Klar, Riley Klar, Mason Klar, Olivia Sake, Charlene Krock-er, Lead-Robb Pretasky

Hospitality

- 8:00 a.m. LuAnn Miller, OPEN
10:00 a.m. Casey Horman, Sam Horman

Script Seller

- 4:00 p.m. Heidi Schlegel, Vickie Kloss
8:00 a.m. Mary Genz, Karen Perry
10:00 a.m. Tammy Byington, Kathy McGettigan

Live Streamer

- 4:00 p.m. Joseph van Oss

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Mosaic of Mary, Mother of the Church

When St. Pius X and St. Thomas More were joined on April 9, 2000, our building retained the official name of St. Thomas More. His life story is told in two stained-glass windows on the south side of the church and a large bas-relief statue on the outside of the building. Shortly after MMOC was formed, an outdoor statue of Mary and the Children was erected outside the parish office. Additionally, our new parish logo is located on our outdoor sign. However, we do not have a prominent image of Mary as “Mother of the Church” inside our church building.

This mosaic will be in the niche opposite from the Sacred Heart Shrine. The mosaic reflects the story of Pentecost when Mary was with the Apostles as the Holy Spirit descended upon them, and the Church was born (Acts 2). Many elements of our church are incorporated into this mosaic, including the Holy Spirit modeled after the Holy Spirit-dove over the tabernacle and an image of our church building in the bottom left corner.

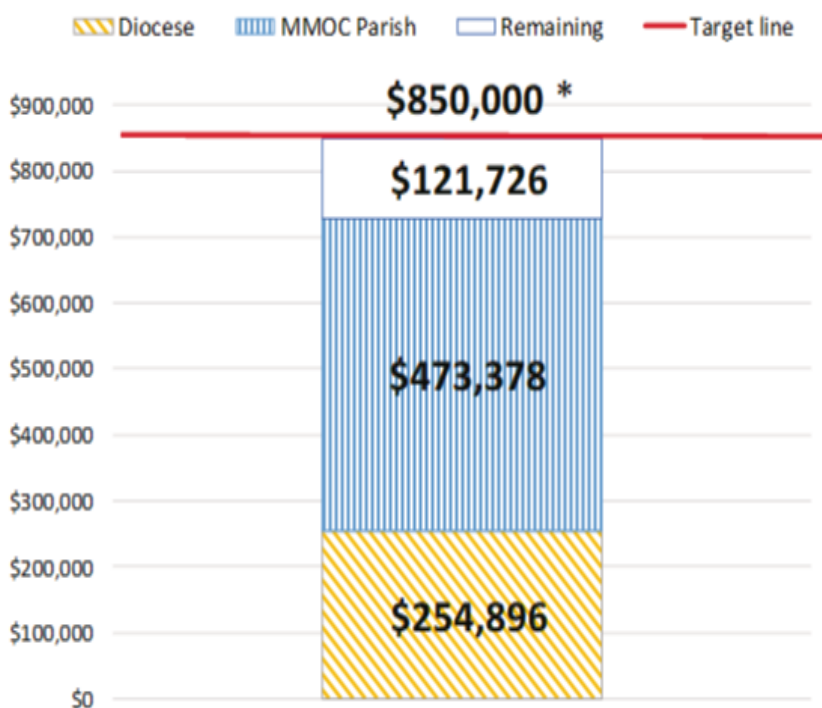
The mosaic will take 8 months to create in a studio. The entire frame will be delivered and hung for dedication and blessing on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of the Church next year (Monday, May 20, 2024).

The total cost of this project is \$72,250. A generous benefactor is pleased to cover the entire cost of this project! What a gift!




“Inspired by the Spirit” Campaign

This 5-year campaign has a goal of \$850,000 with 65% directed to parish goals and 35% to diocesan goals, including last year's Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA). The initial response has been very positive- **85 households** have committed **\$728,274** (86% of goal)! After the goal is reached, 80% of donations will be directed to the parish. Due to the initial generosity, the goal to support the Lay Retirement Fund has been achieved. Therefore, all new dollars directed to the parish will be split evenly between the Vision Fund (e.g. youth/adult ministry) and the Endowment (i.e. future daily operations). Please read the campaign brochure, pray over this, and make your commitment. Thank you!



*After the goal of \$850,000 is met, all additional dollars will be directed as follows: 80% to the parish and 20% to the diocese.

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