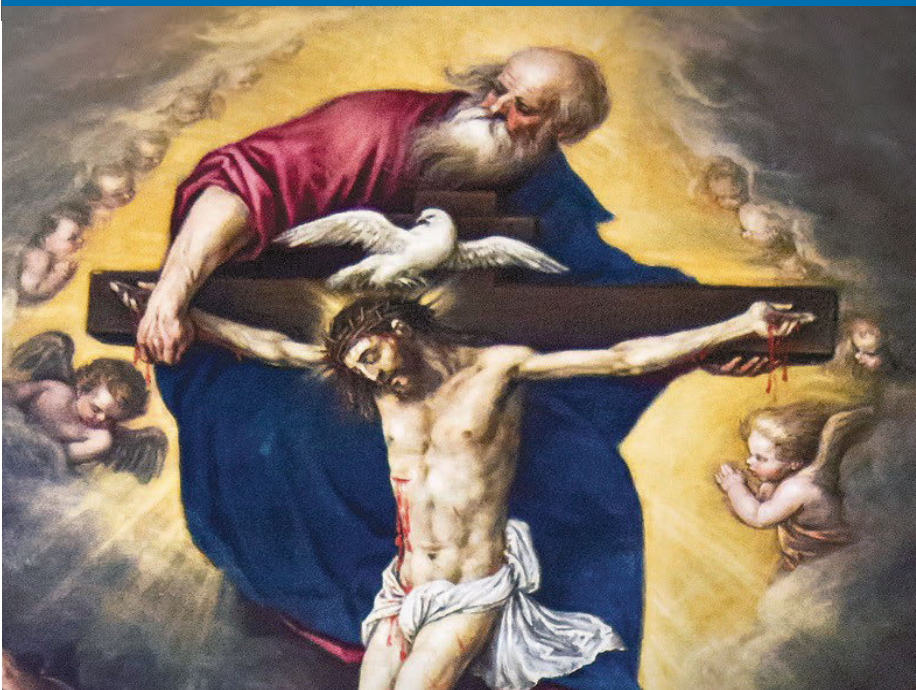


June 4, 2023



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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.

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

Man and Woman of the Year: Kerry & Sue Groetsch

This year's honorees are seen helping with Fish Frys, Chicken-Ques, Men's Club Breakfasts, Scrip sales, Rummage Sales, Cookie Walks, Catholic Charities Warming Center, and church cleanings and decorating.

Our honorees pay attention to their own Faith Formation by actively participating in many offerings, including CCO small faith-sharing groups, workshops, bible studies, and Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration prayer partners program.

Sue has been the President of the PCCW and Kerry has been President of the Men's Club.

They are sacristans and Greeters for 8 AM Sunday Mass and funerals. Sue is sacristan on Thursdays – arriving at 6:20 AM – and takes great notes for the team with her wonderful organizational skills. She waters flowers during the Christmas Season and Easter Season. For many years, Sue kept track of supplies for Sunday food hospitality and even found a volunteer before she handed it over.

In the last 12 months, their daughter Sara married Jason Edman on Friday, September 9 – a day after the Fall Chicken-Que – and they actively took part in the preparations on Wednesday! AND they were scheduled as sacristans at the 8 AM Sunday Mass.

Sue is an advertising guru. She anticipates deadlines to advertise parish events on local radio, *Catholic Life* magazine, and other media outlets. Before we got our new church sign a few years ago, Sue and Kerry managed the mobile message board for us. They also designed and made our green sandwich boards to set on boulevards for advertising our events.

Sue is a co-leader for church cleaning efforts twice a year, a co-leader of Divine Mercy for the La Crosse Deanery, and coordinates Life Chain and the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for our parish. As always, whatever Sue is involved in, Kerry is there to support the effort.

Kerry serves on our Pastoral Council. He is a Mr. Fix-It for our church. For example, he reconfigured the automatic coffee maker settings so it no longer overflows and recently reorganized a church basement storage area, including new shelving.

A few years ago, Kerry and Sue began helping Verda Grabinski who lives near church: 3 doors down the road. She attends the 4 PM Mass on Saturday and the 8 AM Mass on Sunday. They began assisting her to return home via a transport chair – a wheelchair – with her service dog Khloe. Then they began going to her home and taking her TO church, as well, and soon Fridays became another day to attend Mass. Kerry and Sue helped her with house and yard projects. When Verda's dog died recently, they found a dog for her – in Webster, WI...3½ hours north – and communicated with a dog trainer to learn about the transitions needed. So Verda wouldn't need to wait long, they made the trip on Mother's Day – a couple weeks ago. They picked up "Tansy," and with the help of Verda's village of friends, they helped acclimate the new pet.

One nomination included this: "It seems they are al-

ways helping someone in need. They are a humble team, who really do stand by the merits of what Jesus has instructed us to do. They seem to exemplify the greatest law of the Church: 'love thy neighbor.'"

Thank you – and congratulations – to our 2023 Man and Woman of the Year: Kerry and Sue Groetsch.

New Office Assistant

We welcome Steve Young to our parish staff. He is originally from Kansas. After joining the military at the age of 20, he traveled the world and eventually met his wife Anne (Tierney) of La Crosse while stationed in California. Steve and Anne moved to the La Crosse area in 2017. They have two children, John (JP) (completed Gr. 1) and Reagan (completed 4K) who attend Aquinas Catholic Schools at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral School. They are members of MMOC and attend the 8 AM Mass. Steve will be joining the parish staff on June 26 after working for Trempealeau County for the last 4 years in the Veterans Service Office. Anne works in military child and youth services at Ft. McCoy. The Youngs enjoy spending time together outdoors the most, but cherish every moment they have together with friends and family alike. We are blessed to welcome him!

Holy Communion: Precious Blood

The Blood of Christ is being offered from Communion cups for the solemnities of 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.

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 description 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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for June

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



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Food Baskets in June

Catholic Charities is grateful for all the food donations and is most in need of toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, bar soap, beef stews, baked beans, granola bars, healthy snacks, pop tarts, laundry soap (pods are preferred in order to divide them and serve more families).



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!

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.

Congratulations, Sr. Kathy Stuttgen, FSPA

We have been blessed with spiritual gold. Sr. Kathy celebrates 50 years of professed religious life. We are blessed with her ministry and advocacy of the elderly and sick. She reaches those who tend to be out of sight and makes connections. Aim for 75, Sr. Kathy (...or more)!

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!

Communion Calls

The following parishioners will receive Communion in their homes this week: Gerald Sheehan; Catherine Larson; Pam Badger; Rosemary Boland; Carol Weis; Dick Rady; Shirley White; Shirley Marson; 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 7.

Family Life

Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Emma Joy McKenna who was baptized on May 28, 2023. We welcome her to God's family with great joy!

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.



Join the Lay Formation Institute for an Amazing Adventure in Faith!

Discover the beauty and excitement of a deeper dive into your Faith and your relationship with Christ, together with other joyful learners – join the Lay Formation Institute! Registration is now open for the next two-year cycle that begins in the fall of 2023. See complete information and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the left. Discuss with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call 608.791.0161.



Community Events

March for Life With US!

June 24 marks one year since the historic *Dobbs* decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*. Join us as we press onward for life and ensure abortion never returns to Wisconsin. With 11 statewide bus pickup locations (including La Crosse), we've made it easy for you to be there. Join us, and invite your friends and family! Learn more here: ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife

WHEN: Saturday, June 24, 2023 1:30-3:30 PM

WHERE: Wisconsin State Capitol

The Chosen—Season 1

St. Patrick Parish of Onalaska will be screening Season 1 of *The Chosen*, a series depicting the life and ministry of Jesus. All are welcome and free popcorn will be provided. Two episodes will be shown each evening—beginning at 7:00 pm. on Friday, June 2, 9, 16, and 30. Please note, there are no episodes shown on June 23.

Mass and Healing Service

Sacred Heart Church, 1205 Front St. Cashton, WI
Monday, June 12, 2023

Do you have a need for healing - spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional?

4:30 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30 PM - Holy Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the evening starting at 5:30 pm. After Mass - Adoration continues with Prayers of Healing and Deliverance. Our clergy and prayer teams will pray over those who desire it. Exorcised and blessed Oil, Salt, and Water are used.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

7:30 AM † Karen Hansen
by Charles and Paula Heiderscheid

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

7:30 AM † Jack Lucey
by Shirley Role

Thursday, June 8, 2023

7:30 AM † Karen Hansen
by Friend

Friday, June 9, 2023

7:30 AM † Mary Lou Clark
by John Clark

Saturday, June 10, 2023

4:00 PM † Karen Nordstrom
by Dr. Steve and Jeanne Pavela

Sunday, June 11, 2023

8:00 AM † Joyce DeFlorian
by the Family

10:00 AM Pro Populo

Liturgical Roles June 10-11

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. **Hosts:** Kelly Jakes (Deacon), Mary Schaub, Joseph van Oss, **Cup:** Mark Outzen, Therese van Oss, OPEN, OPEN

8:00 a.m. **Hosts:** Deacon Bell, Mary Jo Schumacher, Anita Olson, **Cup:** Steve Klar, Erin Klar, Nancy Imhoff, Dave Imhoff

10:00 a.m. **Hosts:** Deacon Bell, Rita Sanchez, Kathy McGettigan, **Cup:** Terry Pedace, John Conzemius, Lindsey Hammes, Linda Schwartz

Lector

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

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

10:00 a.m. Pattie Nimocks, Sarah Scarlet

Server

4:00 p.m. Zeke Schramm, Jude Schramm

8:00 a.m. Ryann Klar, Kaitlin Ortmeier

10:00 a.m. Christopher Hughey, Olivia Neubauer

Cantor

4:00 p.m. Christine Nelson

8:00 a.m. Sara Edman

10:00 a.m. Christine Nelson

Musician

4:00 p.m. Christopher Carskadon

8:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon

10:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon

Sacristan

4:00 p.m. OPEN

8:00 a.m. Kerry Groetsch

10:00 a.m. Anne Kernan

Gift Bearer

4:00 p.m. OPEN, OPEN

8:00 a.m. Ken Morrison, Michelle Morrison

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

Greeter

4:00 p.m. Mark Misch, Barbara Stetzer, Kevin Moyle, Jon Mason, Joe Riemer, Neil Kumm, Kim Lansing, Lead-Chris Schlegel

8:00 a.m. Isabel Harden, Deke Stanek, Erica Stanek, Kathy Skiles, Peggy Baumler, Jonathan Baumler, Dan Skiles, Lead-Allan Baumler

10:00 a.m. Nathan Wintheiser, Mike Wintheiser, Brenda Wintheiser, Maddox Herlitzke, Jackson Massa, Kyle White, Sam Horman, Lead-Lisa Doering

Hospitality

8:00 a.m. Dave Ortmeier, Fran Ortmeier

10:00 a.m. Trisha Stratman, Johanna Bell

Script Seller

4:00 p.m. Heidi Schlegel, Sue Olson

8:00 a.m. Sue Groetsch, Karen Perry

10:00 a.m. Sue Pretasky, Sheri Skelton

Live Streamer

4:00 p.m. Joseph van Oss

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

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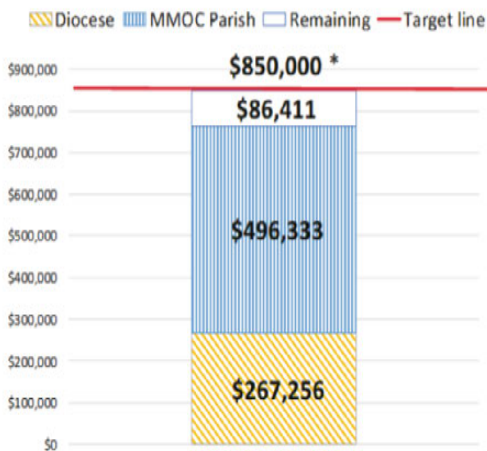


“Inspired by the Spirit” Campaign

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—**104 households** have committed **\$763,589** (90% 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. This weekend pledge cards and pens/pencils will be at the ends of the pew. Thank you!

Goal	Diocese	As of 5/30/23
\$108,805	2022 DAA	\$97,739
\$135,150	Diocesan Center	\$121,411
\$53,550	Catholic Foundation	\$48,106
\$297,505	Total	\$267,256

Goal	Parish	As of 5/30/23
\$64,500	Lay Retirement	ACHIEVED!!!
\$244,000	Vision Fund	\$215,916
\$244,000	Endowment	\$215,917
\$552,500	Total	\$496,333



*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.

Attention Middle and High School Students

You are invited! Samuel Obert, Director of Youth Faith Formation, is hosting an evening of food, games, fire, and friends! See below for details!



Fr. Konopa and Deacon Bell pictured with Sue and Kerry Groetsch (2023 Woman and Man of the Year).

Kerry and Sue pictured with Fr. Konopa and Verda with her new companion, Tansy.

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