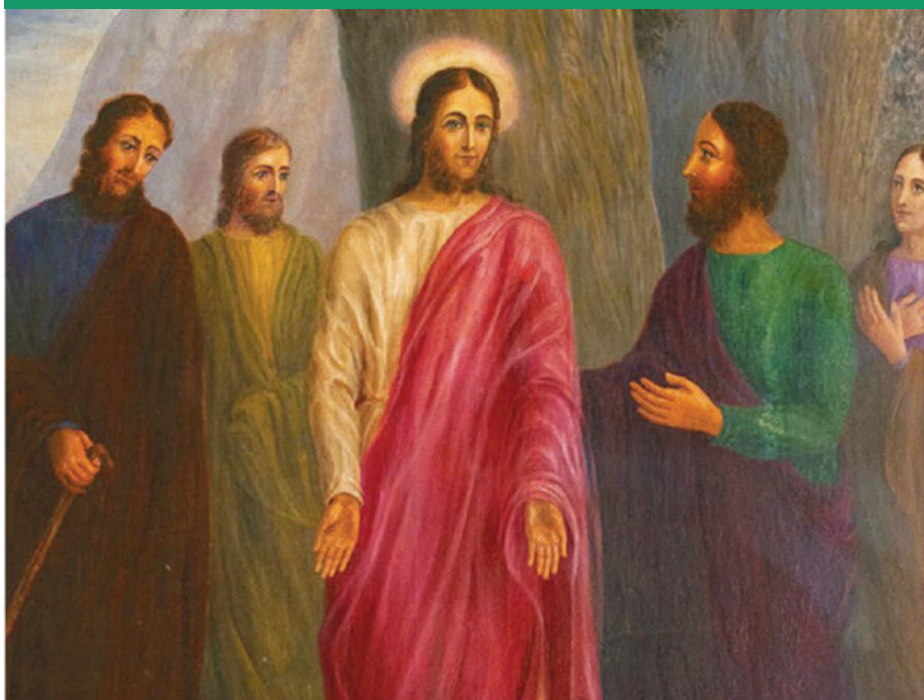


June 18, 2023



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



11TH 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.

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
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.



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. We are in need of desserts (40), table bussers and bartenders for the celebration. There are sign up sheets in the back of church or please contact the office if you are able to help. No reservations needed. No gifts, please. Let's celebrate!

Liturgical Ministers Needed for Fr. Konopa's Ordination Celebration Mass

Many liturgical positions are needed for the 3:00 PM Mass. Go to www.mmoclacrosse.org and click on the Ministry Scheduler link at the top of the page, or call the office at 788-5483, ext. 1.

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)!



Congratulations, Sr. Sue Ernster, FSPA

Sr. Sue is a registered member of MMOC who regularly attends 4 PM Mass and participates as a lector and altar server. She celebrates 25 years of professed religious life and we are blessed to know her goodness.



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.

Parish Keys/FOBs

The church security system has been installed as well as FOB sensors at 6 doors. Security has become a more prominent issue in our world in the last few years. To ensure security, MMOC has a Key/FOB Policy. When necessary, MMOC will issue keys or FOBs to those who need it for a specific ministry at MMOC. Keys or FOBs will be issued under the following conditions:

- To be issued only for specific tasks related to ministry such as unlocking/locking for scheduled meetings.
- Not for personal use.
- At the end of a ministry assignment, keys will be returned to the parish office.
- For those needing keys throughout the year, keys will be issued on an annual basis so they will need to be re-issued on an annual basis.

The Parish Office will keep track of the keys/FOBs through a Facility Key Agreement form and recognizes this will be an inconvenience, but security is a priority. Everyone with a key or FOB is asked to visit the office before July 31 to renew the agreement or return the key(s)/FOB that are no longer needed.

Family Life

Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Collins Rose Christopherson who was baptized on June 11, 2023. We welcome her to God's family with great joy!

Faith Formation

Vacation Bible School is BACK!!!

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.

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Teaching the Way of Love

Please visit twl4parents.com/. This website is full of encouragement and tips for parents to continue to be the primary educators of their children.



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 fall of 2023. See complete information and application form at diolc.org/lay-formation. Discuss the program with your pastor and contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608.791.0161 or ministries@diolc.org.



Men's Club

Riverfest Set-up and Clean-up

Please mark your calendars to help out with the Riverfest fundraiser for the Men's Club. We need your support and any willing family members to volunteer.

Set-up is Sunday, June 25th beginning at 9:00 am. We need 25-30 people for approximately 4 hours of heavy labor. Arrive at Riverfest Office (north end of Riverside Park) and bring your own gloves.

Grounds clean-up is Saturday, July 1 through Wednesday, July 5 starting at 5:30 am. We need 25-30 people for these mornings as well. We meet at the north side of Riverside Park. It will take 60-90 minutes.

Social Justice

March for Life!

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: ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife
WHEN: Saturday, June 24, 2023 1:30-3:30 PM
WHERE: Wisconsin State Capitol

URGENT NEED: La Crosse Jail Ministry

They are in need of the following items for people when they are getting out of jail. Used and clean, or new (all sizes but especially medium, large and extra large): men's sweatpants, men's t-Shirts, men's rain jackets, men's shoes (all sizes), and backpacks. If you can provide any of these items, please drop them off at Coulee Life Church in Onalaska next to Sand Lake Elementary School. Please drop off items inside the door on a bench from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Monday - Friday. If you need items picked up, please email: lacrosse.rabbi@gmail.com.

G.R.A.C.E. (Giving Recourses and Community Engagement) Community Bags

Catholic Charities is hosting "Drop Off" event during the month of June to support families in need. They are requesting diapers, wipes, baby clothes, feminine products, hygiene products, monetary donations, and gift cards. Donations may be dropped off at Catholic Charities, 3710 East Ave, La Crosse, Monday-Thursday between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Religious Freedom Week 2023: Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom.

Visit the USCCB website for more information: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week>



Ordination to the Priesthood

On Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 10:00 am, at the Cathedral, Bishop Callahan will ordain four men to the Priesthood. Please pray for Deacons Jared Clements, Alex Kren, Isaac Pecha, and John Zweber. May Jesus be their Good Shepherd as they serve their brothers and sisters.

Dare to Follow Days

On Friday, July 7, the Diocese of La Crosse is hosting events for young men considering the priesthood at the Diocese of La Crosse, Mater Redemptoris, 3730 East Ave, La Crosse

Young men ages 12-16 who are interested in learning about the vocation of the priesthood will learn more about their Catholic faith while considering God's Call in their life. Join us for prayer and FUN! This age group meets 9:30am-4:30pm.

Men age 17 and above—join us for prayer and reflection while we hear from seminarians and priests about vocational discernment. This age group meets 5:00-8:30pm.

There is no charge to attend any of these events and you may attend at any location. Lunch or Dinner will be provided. Please email abrueggen@diolc.org or rorth@diolc.org or call 608-791-2667 to register

Thank You from Fr. Hoesser

A former pastor of St. Thomas More invited the parish to celebrate his 60th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. He's still a pastor today at St. Henry, Eau Galle, WI! ...in his 80's! The parish sent a floral bouquet for the sanctuary -- in red, his favorite color -- with a note: "Thank you for two of your 60 years of priestly ministry as Pastor of St. Thomas More, La Crosse, 1974-76." Within a few days we received a note from him: "Thank you for the beautiful flowers for my 60th! - Fr. Jerry Hoesser."

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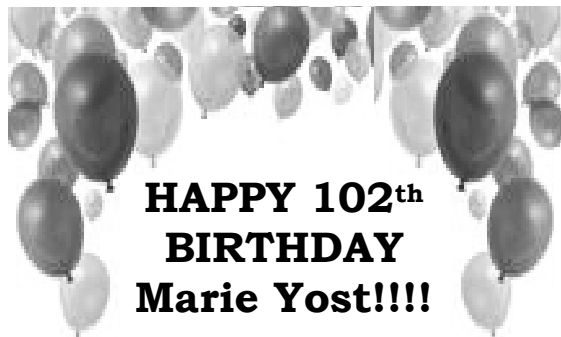
Study: Lectio: Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitre

Family Life Podcast



"UNSCRIPTED" is a new web series/podcast from the Office for Family Life where we talk about everything. Watch or listen to more episodes of "Unscripted" use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code or at:

open.spotify.com/show/0Prml0VoA912UYywRwLSaj



**HAPPY 102th
BIRTHDAY
Marie Yost!!!!**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

7:30 AM † Harriet Karrib
by Family and Friends

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

7:30 AM † Edna Spohn
by The Family

Thursday, June 22, 2023

7:30 AM † Barb Herlitzka
by Jim and MaryLou Marhas

Friday, June 23, 2023

7:30 AM † Deceased members of the
Heiderscheit & Leytem Families
by Charles and Paula Heiderscheit

Saturday, June 24, 2023

4:00 PM † Joseph Korn
by Marion Korn

Sunday, June 25, 2023

8:00 AM † Paul and Molly Bueltel
by Terry Rymarz

10:00 AM Pro Populo

3:00 PM Thanksgiving for Priesthood
by Father Konopa

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

Liturgical Roles June 24-25

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Mary Olson (Deacon), Nancy Imhoff, Dave Imhoff

8:00 a.m. OPEN, Charles Heiderscheit, Gloria Biesen

10:00 a.m. OPEN, Fred Bemeking, Kelly Jakes

3:00 p.m. **Hosts:** Deacon Bell, Mary Olson, OPEN, Linda Schwartz (choir), **Cup:** OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN

Lector

4:00 p.m. Sue Ernster, Chris Schlegel

8:00 a.m. Bob Mahr, Charles Heiderscheit

10:00 a.m. Terri Pedace, Polly Berendes

3:00 p.m. Joseph van Oss, Mary Olson

Server

4:00 p.m. Madison Schlegel, OPEN

8:00 a.m. Nolan Richards, OPEN

10:00 a.m. Louie Berendes, Hank Berendes

3:00 p.m. Abby Schelfhout, Izzy Schelfhout

Cantor

4:00 p.m. Peter Schmitz

8:00 a.m. Pattie Nimocks

10:00 a.m. Nancy Misch

Musician

4:00 p.m. Mary Jo Lium

8:00 a.m. Mary Jo Lium

10:00 a.m. Mary Jo Lium

3:00 p.m. New Life and Sunday Choirs

Sacristan

4:00 p.m. OPEN

8:00 a.m. Kathy Skiles, Daniel Skiles

10:00 a.m. OPEN

3:00 p.m. Linda Schwartz

Gift Bearer

4:00 p.m. OPEN, OPEN

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

10:00 a.m. Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes

3:00 p.m. OPEN, OPEN

Greeter

4:00 p.m. Patrick Hogan, Therese van Oss, Joe Riemer, Kevin Moyle, Mary Schaub, OPEN, OPEN, LEAD -Kellie Schmitz

8:00 a.m. Sandy Pitsch, Allan Baumler, Peggy Baumler, Karen Perry, Dave Lawrence, Deke Stanek, Erica Stanek, LEAD-Jon Mason

10:00 a.m. Lydia Bell, Felicity Bell, Jerry Kernan, Anne Kernan, Gabriella Stratman, Gavin Stratman, Trisha Stratman, LEAD-Robb Pretasky

3:00 p.m. Kerry Groetsch, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, LEAD-Sue Groetsch

Hospitality

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

10:00 a.m. Charlotte Berendes, Polly Berendes

Scrup Seller

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

8:00 a.m. Mary Genz, Sue Moyle

10:00 a.m. Sue Pretasky, Lisa Doering

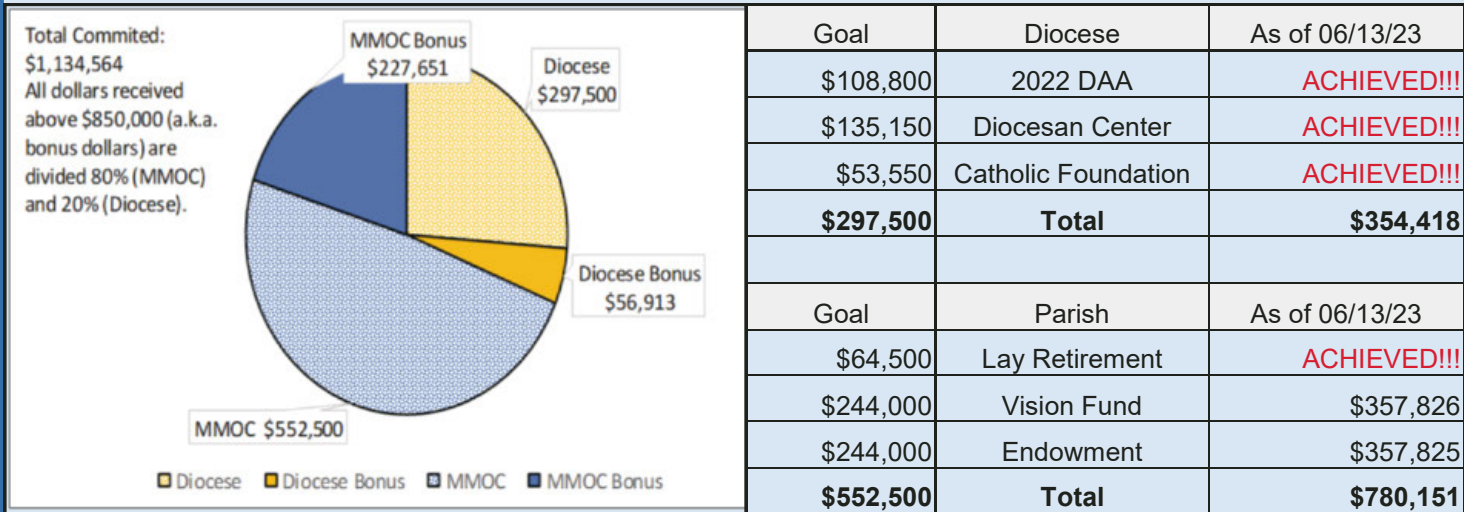
Live Streamer

4:00 p.m. Dave Imhoff

3:00 p.m. Joseph van Oss



We surpassed our goal of \$850,000! Thank you for the generous response! That amount is split 65%(MMOC) / 35% (Diocese). Additional dollars received above the \$850,000 (a.k.a. bonus dollars) will be split 80% (MMOC) / 20% (Diocese). This 5-year campaign included last year's Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA). **237 households** have committed **\$1,134,564** (133% of goal)! Our bonus dollars will be split evenly between the Vision Fund (e.g. youth/adult ministry) and the Endowment (i.e. future daily operations). Please take a moment this week to prayerfully consider this invitation and what giving level would be appropriate for your family. We understand each family has distinct financial obligations and circumstances. Please know that your pledge makes a difference and is truly appreciated! This campaign ends on June 30.



Buildings and Grounds

The March 26, 2023 bulletin listed “items we have learned along the way that have us actively improving the campus with a variety of projects,” including some which “are barely noticeable to the majority of people and many are low cost, especially when considering the \$9 million project of Building Our Future Together.”

The last one mentioned on the list was the Religious Education Center: “Under consideration is renaming this ‘Faith Formation Center’ which matches the new parish vision. Our pursuit isn’t limited to knowledge (i.e. education), but includes it. We are emphasizing **relationships** centered in Christ – which requires trust (and love) in addition to knowledge. This is why our related staff positions are identified with ‘Youth Faith Formation’ and ‘Adult Faith Formation’ instead of ‘Director of Religious Education.’”

Many of us grew up knowing what “CCD” meant. Sort of. We knew it meant “Wednesday night religious education for children who attend public schools,” but few of us knew it meant “Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.” This confraternity was an association established at Rome in 1562 for the purpose of providing religious education.

To provide more understanding, it became common to replace “CCD” with “Religious Education (for children).” As noted above, this was reflected in job titles: “Director of Religious Education,” or simply “DRE,” not “Director of CCD.”

The Pastoral Council met on May 18 to discuss the merits of a name change. The following comments were made:

- “Religious Education” suggests “children only” and has a “school-house feel” to it instead of a relational sense.
- “Faith Formation” is more relational, all-encompassing of one’s heart as well as intellect, and lends itself to including adults.
- Language terminology changes over time.
- We’ve re-branded the job titles to fit the new emphasis in the Church as well as our new parish vision (His Life. His Mission. Our Focus.), so it makes sense to rename the lower level of the Parish Hall; it would be a missed opportunity if we did not do this.

Parish staff have also been consulted and they were equally understanding and supportive.

Therefore, with these consultations and encouragement, the process has been set in motion. Updates to this process will be made as they become available.



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