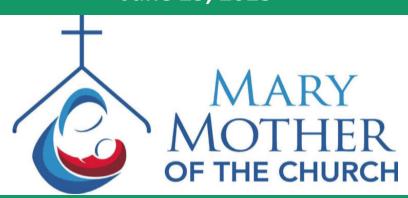
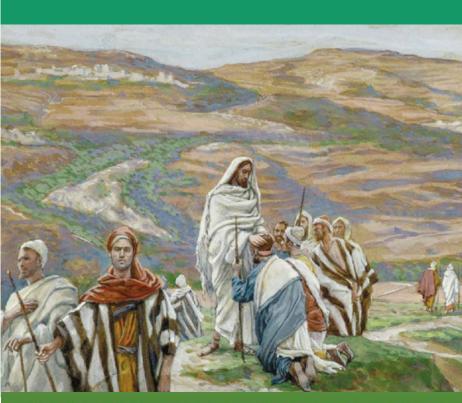
June 25, 2023





12TH 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.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

New Office Assistant

We welcome Steve Young to our parish staff who begins this week. Steve, his wife, Anne, and two children are members of MMOC.



We are grateful to Kimberly Krejchik and Linda Schwartz for generously donating their time, energy, and talent to learn the position, faithfully fulfill these responsibilities, and provide an orientation to Steve. Their commitment to our parish has been extraordinary during these eight weeks.

4th of July Mass—Liturgical Ministers Needed

On Tuesday, July 4 at 9am come and pray for our country and to give thanks to God for our many blessings, including religious liberty. Additionally, we are in need of a Sacristan, Greeters, and Gift Bearers for this Mass. Please sign up online or contact the parish office.

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.

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.

Mission Co-op

The weekend of July 8-9 we will welcome Fr. Michael Apurio from the Diocese of Moroto in Uganda. He is here seeking our support for a new Parish in his diocese that will be named St. Therese of the Little Child Jesus, Lorengechora Parish.

This area of his Diocese is increasing in population and development. Additionally, the people are responding positively and zealously to church activities. Therefore, it is time to establish a Parish in the area to provide pastoral care to God's people.

At this new location, they hope to have a Church, Rectory, Community/Parish Hall, Library, and a Children and Youth Center. The local community is donating building materials like bricks, stones, sand and their own labor! Fr. Apurio asks for your prayers for the success of this project and invites you to financially support their endeavor as well. Envelopes will be available in the pews and the back of church.

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!

Donations to MMOC Vision and Building Fund

A huge THANK YOU to the Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) and to the Men's Club for making generous gifts to the parish. So much effort and heart goes into their fundraisers and they are grateful for the parish's response and support. The fiscal year ends June 30, and they made their generous gifts: \$10,400 from the Men's Club and \$15,000 from the PCCW. A full report of their generosity will be in the Annual Report.

Save a Life, Donate Blood - Emergency Appeal Versiti Blood Drive is Monday, July 10 from 1:00-6:00pm in the Parish Hall. The blood supply is critically low. Over the past 3 weeks, the state has had less than one day's supply on hand. Online appointment at versiti.org/wi

Family Life

or call 877.232.4376.

Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Callum Edwin Servais who was baptized on June 18, 2023. We welcome him to God's family with great joy!

New Parishioners

MMOC is delighted to welcome Anthony & Erica Myhre and their children Finley, Alexandra, and Henrik to the parish.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alan Bennett. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to his family and friends who mourn his loss. Eternal rest grant onto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

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 9:00cm 13:00cm



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.

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.

Social Justice

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

Catholic Charites 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. You may drop your donation off at Catholic Charites, located at 3710 East Ave, La Crosse, Monday-Thursday between 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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 vol-

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.

Liturgical Ministry Needs

NEEEDED: Altar Servers

We welcome new altar servers at all 3 weekend Masses. Training will be offered on Saturday, July, 15 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. for those in Grade 4 and older (including adults). Veteran servers are invited for a refresher. Those interested are asked to contact the parish office 788-5483 x1 by noon on Friday, July 14 to share your email and register.

NEEEDED: Ministers of Holy Communion

We welcome new Ministers of Holy Communion in order to offer the Precious Blood on a regular basis again. Training will be offered on Saturday, July 22 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Those interested are asked to contact the parish office 788-5483 x1 by noon on Friday, July 14 to share your email and register.

NEEEDED: Greeters

We welcome new Greeters. Greeters are stationed at the doors, hand out bulletins, and serve as ushers for the offertory. Greeters are asked to arrive 25-30 minutes before Mass and remain approximately 5-10 minutes after Mass. Those interested are asked to contact the parish office 788-5483 x1 by noon on Friday, July 14 to share your email and register.

Time for a New Ministry Schedule

We will soon begin working on a new Ministry Schedule that will run from August 1 - October 29 for Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Sacristan, Cantors, Servers, Gift Bearers, Scrip Sellers, Live Streamers and Greeters. Please submit any "Can't Serve Dates" through the online scheduling tab on the parish website, www.mmoclacrosse.org or by calling the parish office, 788-5483, ext. 1 by July 17.

Community Events

120th Annual Homecoming Celebration

The 120th annual St. Charles Homecoming Celebration will be held after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 2, at the church, 707 Eagle St., Genoa. Food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will include Rooster Andy's grilled chicken and sides, and homemade risotto made by parish members. Kid hot dog meals will also be available. Cost is \$15 for a chicken dinner or \$6 for a hot dog meal. Raffles, a bake sale, beverages and kid games will also be available.

Motor coach Pilgrimage Opportunity

A motor coach pilgrimage is planned July 31— August 1 to the Benedictines of Mary Queen of the Apostles convent in Gower, Mo to pray at the tomb of Sister Wilhelmina, who is thought to be incorrupt Father Joe Redfern will serve as chaplain. Overnight accommodations will be in Kansas City. For more information call (608) 452-4605 or email pjslattery9@protonmail.com.

Religious Freedom Week 2023: Embracing the Divine Gift of Freedom—June 22-June 29

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.

O God our Creator,

From your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome-for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us – this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

7:30 AM + Marlin Deyo

by Joan Deyo

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

7:30 AM **† Kathy (Pierce) Jeffery**

by Gloria Biesen

Thursday, June 29, 2023

7:30 AM † Madonna Elsen Leis Bahr

by Tom and Diane Elsen

Friday, June 30, 2023

7:30 AM **† Jim Sauer**

by Dee Sauer

Saturday, July 1, 2023

4:00 PM **† Lorraine Yeager**

by Dennis and Kathy Bissen

Sunday, July 2, 2023

8:00 AM **† Karen Nordstrom**

by Jim and Mary Lou Markus

10:00 AM **Pro Populo**

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

Liturgical Roles July 1-2

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Mary Lawrence (Deacon), Kellie Schmitz, Barbara Stetzer

8:00 a.m. Nick Berry (Deacon), Erin Klar, Steve Klar

10:00 a.m. Linda Gillette (Deacon), Linda Schwartz, Mary Olson

Lector

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

WEEK

4:00 p.m. Peter Schmitz, Mark Outzen

8:00 a.m. Fran Ortmeier, Charles Heiderscheit

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

Serve

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

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

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

Cantor

4:00 p.m. Christine Nelson

8:00 a.m. Nancy Misch

10:00 a.m. Mary Kulas

Musician

4:00 p.m. Christopher Carskadon

8:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon

10:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon

Sacristan

4:00 p.m. Linda Kloet

8:00 a.m. Sue Groetsch

10:00 a.m. John Conzemius

Gift Bearer

4:00 p.m. OPEN, OPEN

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

10:00 a.m. Jessica Neubauer, Chuck Neubauer

Greeter

4:00 p.m. Mary Lawrence, Nora Dickinson, Steve Schaub, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, LEAD-Therese van Oss

8:00 a.m. Peggy Baumler, Kylie Ortmeier, Jon Mason, Dave Lawrence, Jonathan Baumler, Pat Burns, Donna Burns, LEAD-Allan Baumler

10:00 a.m. Charlene Krocker, Harper Solverson, Gabriella Stratman, Gavin Stratman, Charlotte Berendes, Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes, LEAD-Lisa Doering

Hospitality

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

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

Scrip Seller

4:00 p.m. Sue Olson, Kevin Moyle

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

10:00 a.m. Tammy Byington, Sheri Skelton

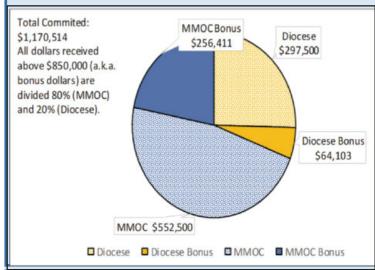
Live Streamer

4:00 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). **253 households (27%)** have committed \$1,170,514 (138% 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.



| Goal | Diocese | As of 06/19/23 |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------|
| \$108,800 | 2022 DAA | ACHIEVED!!! |
| \$135,150 | Diocesan Center | ACHIEVED!!! |
| \$53,550 | Catholic Foundation | ACHIEVED!!! |
| \$297,500 | Total | \$361,608 |
| | | |
| Goal | Parish | As of 06/19/23 |
| \$64,500 | Lay Retirement | ACHIEVED!!! |
| \$244,000 | Vision Fund | \$372,205 |
| \$244,000 | Endowment | \$372,206 |
| \$552,500 | Total | \$808,911 |

Buildings and Grounds

Last week Fowler & Hammer finished the site concrete around the shed addition. La Crosse Backhoe came in and did the finish grading around the shed and towards the big retention pond. This work is vital to enable the water runoff to flow into the grass and not across the parking lot to avoid the parking lot from being treacherous during the winter months. Gutters were installed on the shed by AB Seamless last week. Kerry Groetsch & Gary Heilman helped organize the shed and add shelving to the new space. Fowler & Hammer's sidewalk crew began their work at the west end of our property. In the

coming weeks this crew will have a large amount of work near the southeast area (outside of women's lavatory vestibule). Please follow caution and construction barricades where applicable.







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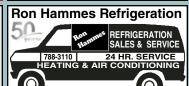
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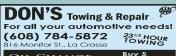
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