# July 2, 2023





# 13TH 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.

#### 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 Greeters and Gift Bearers for this Mass. Please sign up online or contact the parish office.

#### Riverfest Set-up and Clean-up

Please mark your calendars to help out with the Riverfest fundraiser for the Men's Club. Grounds clean-up is Saturday, July 1 through Wednesday, July 5 starting at 5:30 am. We need 25-30 people each mornings. Meet at the north side of Riverside Park. Expect 1-1.5 hours.

#### **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.

They hope to build 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. Envelopes will be available in the pews and back of church.

#### **Monthly Parish Social**

Join us Thursday, July 6 after the 7:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall for coffee, conversation and fellowship.



#### Save a Life, Donate Blood

Versiti Blood Drive is Monday, July 10 from 1:00-5:15pm in the Parish Hall. Blood donations are much needed. Online appointment at versiti.org/wi or call 877-232-4376.

#### **Food Basket for July**

Catholic Charities is grateful for all the food donations and is most in need shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, toilet paper, fruit juice, ravioli, spaghetti, canned meats – tuna, chicken, ham, etc., pork & beans, and crackers.

#### **Pastoral Council Elections**

Wonderful people are serving on the parish Pastoral Council: Chuck Berendes (Chair), Lisa Doering, Kerry Groetsch, Sue Hal-



ter, Peter Schmitz, Linda Schwartz, Dave Wagner (rep from parish Finance Council), Rita Sanchez (President of PCCW), and Curtis Bisek (President of Men's Club).

A Pastoral Council is a consultative body which advises the pastor so he can make informed decisions. Even though a pastor relies on the advice of the members of the Pastoral Council, it's important that everyone has a

voice in the life of the parish. To offer this opportunity, we will have elections in late-September so you can actively choose fellow parishioners to be your representatives. Every registered member who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and who attends Mass that weekend will be asked to vote for two new members. You will be asked to fill the positions currently held by Sue Halter and Linda Schwartz.

If you would like to take a more active role in offering direction for our parish, I ask you to consider running for election. It is important to have a variety of members serving on the council in order to have a healthy cross-section of our members. You can be single, married, divorced or widowed. It's only necessary that you are a practicing Catholic, registered at Mary, Mother of the Church, have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and are at least 18 years old. We will not have any campaigning. We will simply offer a brief biography on each candidate which will be posted in the bulletin three weeks before elections.

What does membership on the council entail? We have about 4 meetings each year to consider a variety of topics concerning pastoral planning: Sacred Worship, Faith Formation (including Aquinas Catholic Schools), Outreach, Finance, Stewardship, and Buildings & Grounds. Council members are asked to provide me with insight into understanding the parish and to identify needs. They also offer me an opportunity to share my own ideas and to seek advice. From time to time, council members are also asked to lead in certain tasks of parish service. We have our quarterly meetings typically on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 PM. Terms last for three years and you are invited to consider re-election after your three years are completed. If you are interested or if you want to learn more about this opportunity to serve your parish please call me or the other members of the Election Committee:

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You are also allowed to nominate others. Simply call the Parish Office (788-5483 ext. 1) and leave your name along with the name of the person(s) you nominate by July 18 at noon. Someone from the Election Committee will contact them and ask if they would consider being a candidate.

Those who are nominated will be asked to attend a group information meeting on August 8 at 6 PM to learn more about the responsibilities of being a member of the Pastoral Council. (This meeting is not mandatory.) Then each person will have a few days to decide if he or she wants to run for election.

Please give this some prayer. Your active participation makes our parish stronger!

Yours in Christ, Father Konopa

### Pope's Prayer Intention for July

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



## Faith Formation

#### Vacation Bible School is BACK!!!

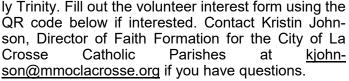
You heard right! Vacation Bible School for all the Catholic parishes in La Crosse is back! Save the date August 7-11 from 9:00am-12:00pm for children entering Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> Grade hosted



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 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm at Ho-



#### **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.

# Liturgical Ministry Needs

#### **NEEDED: 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.

#### **NEEDED: 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.

#### **NEEDED: Greeters**

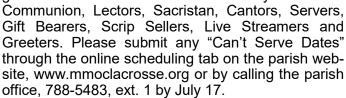
We welcome new Greeters. Greeters are stationed at the doors, hand out bulletins, and serve as ushers for the offertory. Greeters are asked to arrive 25-30 minutes before Mass and remain approximately 5-10 minutes after Mass. Those interested are asked to contact the parish office 788-5483 x1 by noon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

#### **NEEDED: Weekend Sacristans**

We welcome new Sacristans to prepare the sacred vessels before Mass, tend to them afterward, and give attention to a variety of other items. Generosity of time and the ability to manage the sanctuary steps are requirements. Sacristans arrive for Mass about 20+ minutes beforehand and remain an additional 15 minutes afterward. 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



## 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. 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.

#### Organ Recital

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is hosting an Organ Recital July, 9 at 3:00pm. The musical selection was made by and will be performed by the Director of Sacred Music, Scott Turkington.

#### **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.

# 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.

#### **Weekly Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

9:00 AM **† Ron Schumacher** 

by Carol, Gloria and Ruth

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

7:30 AM † Edna Spohn

by The Family

Thursday, July 6, 2023

7:30 AM **† Ron Weise** 

by Mike and Sandy Pitsch

**Friday, July 7, 2023** 

7:30 AM **† Barbara Starsky** 

by Ruth Lawrence

Saturday, July 8, 2023

4:00 PM **† Lori Ann Monk** 

by Family

**Sunday, July 9, 2023** 

8:00 AM † Rich Gilles

by Gloria Biesen

10:00 AM Pro Populo

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

# Liturgical Roles July 8-9

#### **Minister of Holy Communion**

4:00 p.m. Rita Sanchez (Deacon), Mark Outzen, Linda Gillette

8:00 a.m. Charles Heiderscheit (Deacon), Lance Miller, Sue Moyle

10:00 a.m. Lori Hammes (Deacon), Kimberly Krejchik, Emily Krejchik

#### Lector

4:00 p.m. Chris Schlegel, Linda Gillette

8:00 a.m. Fred Berneking, Charles Heiderscheit

10:00 a.m. Emily Krejchik, Barbara Stetzer

#### Server

4:00 p.m. Keegan Gerling, OPEN

8:00 a.m. Isabella Miller, Nolan Richards

10:00 a.m. Abby Schelfhout, Ella Krejchik

#### Cantor

4:00 p.m. Therese van Oss

8:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf

10:00 a.m. Kristine Gasch

#### Musician

4:00 p.m. Jenny Nielsen

8:00 a.m. Jenny Nielsen

10:00 a.m. Jenny Nielsen

#### Sacristan

4:00 p.m. Linda Gillette

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

10:00 a.m. John Conzemius

#### **Gift Bearer**

4:00 p.m. Ben Gerling, OPEN

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

10:00 a.m. Jim McGettigan, Kathy McGettigan

#### Greeter

4:00 p.m. Arian Arens, Mark Misch, Jon Mason, Neil Kumm, Kevin Moyle, Neil Kumm, LEAD-Phil Watson

8:00 a.m. Deke Stanek, Erica Stanek, Cindy Klar, Joan Weissenberger, Mike Weissenberger. Jonathan Baumler, Peggy Baumler, LEAD-Bob Klar

10:00 a.m. Riley Klar, Phil Klar, Brett Ziokowski, Olivia Sake, Andrew Schwartz, OPEN, OPEN, LEAD-Linda Schwartz

#### Hospitality

8:00 a.m. LuAnn Miller, Johanna Bell

10:00 a.m. Jim Wagner, Julie Wagner

#### Scrip Seller

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

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

10:00 a.m. Kimberly Krejchik, Kathy McGettigan

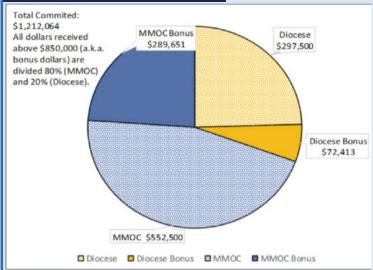
#### **Live Streamer**

4:00 p.m. Dave Imhoff





We surpassed our goal of \$850,000! 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). **278 households (29%)** have committed \$1,212,064 (143% 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). Thank you for the generous response!



Goal	Diocese	As of 06/27/23
\$108,800	2022 DAA	ACHIEVED!!!
\$135,150	Diocesan Center	ACHIEVED!!!
\$53,550	Catholic Foundation	ACHIEVED!!!
\$297,500	Total	\$369,918
Goal	Parish	As of 06/27/23
\$64,500	Lay Retirement	ACHIEVED!!!
\$244,000	Vision Fund	\$388,826
\$244,000	Endowment	\$388,825
\$552,500	Total	\$842,151

#### A Silver THANK YOU from Father Konopa

I received so many beautiful cards: some were homemade (both by children and by adults), some were shared (with the names of multiple friends written inside), and some were 25th wedding anniversary cards (with careful revisions!). All were meaningful...with so many beautiful handwritten notes, including: "I believe we truly know Jesus better because or your words and actions." This recalls my first homily at Mary, Mother of the Church 9 years ago: "Whatever time the Lord gives me, when it's time for me to depart, I hope you're able to say, 'I'm closer to Jesus because of you."

As I opened each card, I prayed a Hail Mary for the names written inside, including the children who drew their creative pictures.

Most followed my rule: "No gifts, please." One even wrote: "Roses are red; violets are blue; so, per your request, Father; nary a gift for you!" Some followed the rule – technically – by giving a Father's Day gift instead. (Thank you for those cards as well.) Others gave a gift to a favorite charity in recognition of my 25th. Others simply confessed, "I know you said 'no gifts' but..." (Temptations can be stronger than we realize!)

To all... THANK YOU!

Two years ago, I began to warm up to the idea of celebrating my silver jubilee because I knew June 25, 2023 was going to be 6 days after the 40th anniversary of Deacon Richard Sage's ordination (June 19, 1983) and 2 days before mine (June 27, 1998). God rest his soul. When I decided last November to move forward with a celebration, I knew I needed to keep it simple: no formal invitations; no teams of volunteers making a meal (Big Boar BBQ was an excellent caterer); no table centerpieces; and no decorations at the altar. We didn't even use incense!

My final way to keep this celebration simple is to use this bulletin to respond to you and say... THANK YOU!

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support! Thank you for celebrating my 25th anniversary with me.

Thank you to music ministry for a beautiful liturgy, for those who donated desserts, and to those who donated time and muscle for set-up and clean-up. It was a wonderful celebration, which gave glory to God.

I'll close with another handwritten note with the beautiful boldness of truth: "You have given us the gift of you, and we have given you the gift of us." So true! I'm so blessed.

Yours in Christ,

Father Konopa





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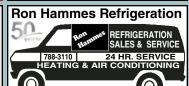
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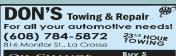
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