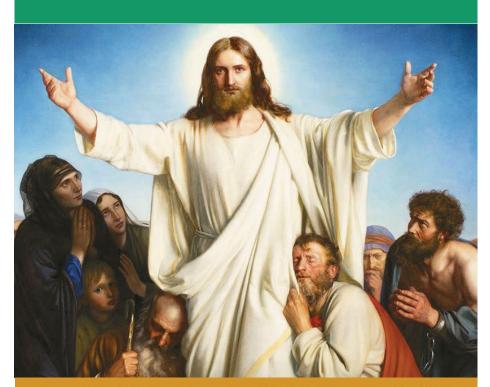
## July 9, 2023



MARY MOTHER of the church



# 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4pm Sunday 8am & 10am Tuesday—Friday 7:30am

#### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15-3:45pm 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.

#### PARISH STAFF

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Principal. St. Patrick School. O	Inalaska

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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.

### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Mission Co-op**

This weekend we 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 are available in the pews and back of church.

### **Parish Council Elections**

Are you interested in serving your parish in a more active way? The Parish Pastoral Council meets about 4 times a year (usually 3rd Thursdays at 6 PM) to advise the



pastor on a variety of topics concerning pastoral planning. Terms last for three years. If you are interested or if you want to learn more about this opportunity to serve your parish please call a member on the Election Committee:

Chuck Berendes chuck@pittmanandpittman.com

Lisa Doering Idoering@mmoclacrosse.org

Father Konopa 608-788-5483 ext. 3

You may nominate yourself or recommend someone else: anyone who is a practicing Catholic, registered at Mary Mother of the Church, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and is at least 18 years old. Simply call the Parish Office (788-5483 ext. 1) with your nominations or self-nomination by July 18 at Noon. Someone from the Election Committee will contact the nominees to check on their level of interest and invite them to an informational meeting on August 8 at 6 PM. Elections will likely be on September 16-17. Please give this some prayerful consideration.

### Blessed Art Inc.

On July 22-23, Blest Art will be visiting our parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support families in the Holy Land.



For centuries, the Christians in and around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to

visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for those Christians to support their families. As a result, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. Now, less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land is Christians.

Blest Art Inc. helps the struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their artwork in the United States. Due to this work many Christian families maintain their livelihood and their ancestral homes in the land of our Lord.

When Blest Art visits they will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. They kindly invite us to visit their display and to consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land. In doing so, we will help support the many families who depend on this form or art for their living. Our purchases will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families.

They gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. <u>Please note that they do not ask for, nor do they accept, any donations</u>.

### A Silver Thank You from Father Konopa

Last weekend's bulletin included a thank you to the parish. One card I received included the following poem. May it remind us to pray for more young men to answer the call to the priesthood.

The Beautiful Hands of a Priest.

We need them in life's early morning, We need them again at its close; We feel their warm clasp of true friendship, We seek them while tasting life's woes.

When we come to this world we are sinful, The greatest as well as the least.

And the hands that make us pure as angels Are the beautiful hands of a priest.

At the altar each day we behold them, And the hands of a king on his throne Are not equal to them in their greatness Their dignity stands alone.

For there in the stillness of morning Ere the sun has emerged from the east, There God rests between the pure fingers Of the beautiful hands of a priest.

When we are tempted and wander To pathways of shame and sin

'Tis the hand of a priest that will absolve us. Not once but again and again.

And when we are taking life's partner Other hands may prepare us a feast But the hands that will bless and unite us, Are the beautiful hands of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy, For the Host which their fingers caress, What can a poor sinner do better Then to ask Him who chose them to bless.

When the death dews on our lids are falling, May our courage and strength be increased By seeing, raised o'er us in blessing

The beautiful hands of a priest.

Author Unknown

## 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



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.

### 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 chil-



dren 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! Deadline to register is July 28th.

## 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 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 <u>kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org</u> if you have questions.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

The Catechism quotes Pope John Paul II: "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to



making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." (CCC, 1380) Every vocation in the Church comes from and through Christ Jesus. It is he who calls. Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration with our Divine Lord and Friend is a good place to go to ask what he wants with our life. Why not spend some time each week in adoration, in union, in contemplation of the Lord present in the Eucharist?

Holy hours are the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The bishops have created a variety of holy hours that focus our prayer to Jesus Christ on peace, life, vocations, and other topics that are at the heart of the life of the Church and the world.

We have two wonderful opportunities here in La Crosse:

Blessed Sacrament Parish is looking for people to sign up and commit to a weekly 60 minute slot to be with Jesus in adoration in the chapel at Blessed Sacrament. There are 168 hours in a week and we want to pray unceasingly! Sign up: lacrosse.weadorehim.com.

The Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA) has invited people to be Eucharistic Prayer Partners since 1997 -- allowing them to spend some quiet time away from their busy lives, to deepen their relationship with God and to pray for the needs of others. A prayer partner is someone who commits to taking a regularly scheduled prayer hour in the FSPA Adoration Chapel located in St. Rose Convent. The process begins with a conversation and an application. Contact: Susan Brown - FSPA Perpetual Adoration Ministry Coordinator at 608-791-5609 or adoration@fspa.org.

### Social Justice

### **Catholic Charities Back2School Program**

If you or someone you know is in need of school supplies, please fill out an application at: https:// bit.ly/453WPNw. Pick up events are August 8 (1-6:00 p.m.) & August 9



(7:30 a.m.-Noon) at the La Crosse Center and August 17 (5-7:30 p.m.) at the Mathy BGC. Please choose your pickup location when filling out your application.

If your family isn't in need but would like to assist those who are, please join us by donating items such as large size backpacks, heavy duty folders, washable markers, loose-leaf paper, scissors, etc.

Thank you for helping students and families have a successful start to the new school year!!

### 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.

### **Mobile Meal Volunteers Needed**

MMOC delivers Mobile Meals the week of July 17 - 23. Pickup time is 10:30 and you are finished in about 1 hour, delivering about 14 meals. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer contact Sue Moyle @608-787-0076. Thank you for volunteering for this worthy cause.

### Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 11, 2023				
7:30 AM <b>† Joyce DeFlorian</b>				
by The Family				
Wednesday, July 12, 2023				
7:30 AM <b>† Leonard &amp; Marion Koenen</b>				
by Gloria Biesen				
Thursday, July 13, 2023				
7:30 AM <b>† Patrick Fohrman</b>				
by Bob & Mary Jothen				
Friday, July 14, 2023				
7:30 AM <b>† Mary Lou Clark</b>				
by John Clark				
Saturday, July 15, 2023				
4:00 PM <b>† Jane O'Neil</b>				
by Russell O'Neil				
Sunday, July 16, 2023				
8:00 AM Pro Populo				
10:00 AM <b>† Peter Vick</b>				
by Theresa Vick				
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The Rosary is prayed before each weekday Mass Tuesday through Friday beginning at 7:05 am.

## Liturgical Roles July 15-16

### Minister of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. Deacon Terry Bell, Therese van Oss, Kelly Jakes
- 8:00 a.m. Deacon Terry Bell, Erica Stanek, Mary Jo Schumacher
- 10:00 a.m. Deacon Terry Bell, Terri Pedace, Mary Olson

### Lector

4:00 p.m. Peter Schmitz, Linda Gillette

8:00 a.m. Bob Mahr, Pattie Nimocks

10:00 a.m. Mary Jo Schumacher, Nancy Steinhoff

### Server

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

8:00 a.m. Lincoln Stanek, Porter Stanek

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

### Cantor

4:00 p.m. Paul Lansing

8:00 a.m. Linda Kloet

10:00 a.m. Natalie Solverson

### Musician

4:00 p.m. Haylee Pagenkopf

8:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf

10:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf

### Sacristan

4:00 p.m. Linda Gillette

8:00 a.m. OPEN

10:00 a.m. Natalie Solverson

### Gift Bearer

4:00 p.m. Erin Klar, Steve Klar

8:00 a.m. Sandy Pitsch, Anita Olson

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

### Greeter

- 4:00 p.m. Patrick Hogan, Kim Lansing, Kevin Moyle, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, Chris Schlegel-Lead
- 8:00 a.m. Peggy Baumler, Deke Stanek, Mary Lawrence, Dave Lawrence, Jonathan Baumler, OPEN, OPEN, Allan Baumler-Lead

10:00 a.m. Charlene Krocker, Kyle White, Jon Mason, Riley Klar, Marcus Klar, Shannon Klar, Phil Klar-Lead

### Hospitality

8:00 a.m. Michelle Morrison, Ken Morrison 10:00 a.m. Jim Wagner, Julie Wagner

### Scrip Seller

4:00 p.m. Kellie Schmitz, Mary Schaub

8:00 a.m. Mary Genz, Karen Perry

10:00 a.m. Tammy Byington, Kathy McGettigan

### **Live Streamer**

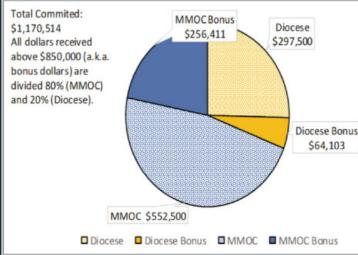
4:00 p.m. Joseph van Oss



### July 9, 2023



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). **284 households (30%)** have committed \$1,216,989 (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!



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	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
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	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**

In the last two weeks a lot has happened around our campus. Winona Nursery detailed the landscaping around the shed including re-using the pavers for the wood-mulch area around the statue and hydroseeded. Fowler & Hammer's sidewalk crew has replaced cracked or buckling concrete along 19th Street, Horton Street and 21st Street. Notably, we added an ADA ramp at the corner of 21st & Horton going east-west and offered an olive branch to Trane and added an ADA ramp to connect to their sidewalk in the same area on their property. Trane has always let us use their parking lots whenever we need to without question and even makes sure the lots are clear of snow for our weekend Mass sched-

ule. MMOC always strives to be a good neighbor and we thought this was a fitting way to accommodate them in our sidewalk restoration.









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