

July 16, 2023



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



15TH 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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 608-433-3042

Lisa Doering 608-526-4221

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.

Blest Art will be visiting our parish July 22-23 after Masses in the Parish Hall on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support these families in the Holy Land. 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 in the Parish Hall 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 art for their living. Our purchases will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families. They accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. Please note that they do not ask for, nor do they accept, any donations.



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.



First Reconciliation and Eucharist Preparation

All families with children eligible (age 7 and/or entering 2nd grade) to begin preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time should have received an invitation letter along with an application form in the mail. If you did not receive this please contact Kristin Johnson at kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 Ext. 4. A friendly reminder that application forms are due by July 31st.



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: la-crosse.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

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!



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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.

Called and Gifted

Did you know God gives you spiritual gifts to help you to be effective at your work and a more effective witness to your faith in the workplace? If you wonder how you are called to be a channel of His love and provision at work or in your community, come and begin to discern your unique mission in life. We are excited to offer this opportunity at MMOC, and everyone is invited to start this journey to discover the unique call God has for you and the gifts He gives you to fulfill your mission in life.



Our team, trained by the Catherine of Sienna Institute, will offer the Called & Gifted workshops and discernment groups from September 5 to December 5. Nine meetings will be held on Tuesdays from 6-8 PM in the Parish Hall.

We offered our first Called & Gifted Workshops this past fall. When we asked participants, "What would you want your fellow parishioners to know about the Called & Gifted experience" one responded, "Understanding that God gave us charisms to share with others in order to build His Kingdom was new to me. However, after learning about this, it made a lot of sense of how God has called me to serve Him. There were many times in my life that I tried something different, but always seemed to revert back to a particular set of skills. What I know now was God calling me back to use my charisms, and when I used them for the good of others, I was filled with joy and love. The Called & Gifted experience brought to light that God was calling me to do something uniquely designed for me to praise Him."

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.



Family Life

Coffee and Kids: Summer

Calling all parents, please join us on the third Friday of each month for coffee and conversation as our children play! This summer we will meet at the South Library Park from 8:30-10:30. Snacks will be provided.

ed. Rain location will be lower level of the parish hall Room E. If you have any questions please call BrieAnn McKenna 319-230-0895. We're looking forward to seeing you Friday July 21st!

MMOC on your phone

Most visitors to MMOC websites are looking for the bulletin and calendar, and over half use their phone to open our websites. We have two:

mmoclacrosse.org was designed for big screens like computers and tablets. It's very thorough, but not designed for small screens like phones.

mmoc.mobi is designed for your phone. You can get the latest bulletin, calendar, and more. While you're there, it's easy to download the **myParish** app to stay connected with news and prayer.



Social Justice

Catholic Charities Back2School Program

If you or someone you know is in need of school supplies, please fill out an application here: <https://bit.ly/453WPNw>. Pick up events are :July 6 (Northside students only 5-7:30 p.m.) Erickson North Side BGC August 8 (1-6:00 p.m.) & 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. Items we are most in need of are listed below.

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

Community Events

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.

St. Patrick Parish Rummage & Bake Sale 2023

Friday, July 21, 7:30 am—4 pm

Saturday, July 22, 7:30 am—3 pm

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A few easy steps from your laptop or desktop to register:

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. "How would you like to sign up?" Select: "I belong to a Parish or Organization."
3. It will ask you to "Create a new Account." As you type our parish name, you will see a pop up: "Mary Mother of the Church." Please click the option with our address: "2006 Weston St. La Crosse WI."
4. Enter your NAME and your personal email.

That's it! No password is needed! An extra option: add an app to your mobile device!



Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

7:30 AM † Mary Flottmeyer
by Family

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

7:30 AM † Jack Lucey
by Rose Kazmierczak

Thursday, July 20, 2023

7:30 AM † Larry Weibel
by The Family

Friday, July 21, 2023

7:30 AM † Marty Konop
by Betty Koenen Stout

Saturday, July 22, 2023

4:00 PM † Adrian Yeager
by Dennis & Kathy Biessen

Sunday, July 23, 2023

8:00 AM † Kathy (Pierce) Jeffery
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 22-23

Minister of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. Mark Outzen (Deacon), Nancy Imhoff
Dave Imhoff
8:00 a.m. Deacon Terry Bell, Janice Berry, Nick Berry
10:00 a.m. Deacon Terry Bell, Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes

Lector

- 4:00 p.m. Chris Schlegel, Mary Olson
8:00 a.m. Pattie Nimocks, Barbara Stetzer
10:00 a.m. Sarah Scarlet, Nancy Steinhoff

Server

- 4:00 p.m. Sue Ernster, Madison Schlegel
8:00 a.m. Nolan Richards, Open
10:00 a.m. Louie Berendes, Hank Berendes

Cantor

- 4:00 p.m. Christine J Nelson
8:00 a.m. Sara Edman
10:00 a.m. Jeff Nylander

Musician

- 4:00 p.m. Mary Jo Lium
8:00 a.m. Mary Jo Lium
10:00 a.m. Mary Jo Lium

Sacristan

- 4:00 p.m. Linda Gillette
8:00 a.m. Kathy Skiles, Daniel Skiles
10:00 a.m. Linda Schwartz

Gift Bearer

- 4:00 p.m. Open, Open
8:00 a.m. David Parker, Manu Parker
10:00 a.m. Casey Horman, Sam Horman, Lisa Doering

Greeter

- 4:00 p.m. Neil Kumm, Joe Riemer, Harper Solverson, Therese van Oss, Kevin Moyle, Mary Schaub, Heidi Schlegel, Chris Schlegel - Lead
8:00 a.m. Jack Branson, Dave Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Jon Mason, Isabel Harden, Cindy Klar, Pattie Nimocks, Bob Klar- Lead
10:00 a.m. Cullen Pittman, Gabriella Stratman, Gavin Stratman, Trisha Stratman, Nathan Wintheiser, Mike Wintheiser, Brenda Wintheiser, Robb Pretasky - Lead

Hospitality

- 8:00 a.m. Joan Weissenberger, Mike Weissenberger
10:00 a.m. Charlotte Berendes, Polly Berendes

Script Seller

- 4:00 p.m. Sue Olson, Heidi Schlegel
8:00 a.m. Sue Groetsch, Kerry Groetsch
10:00 a.m. Sue Pretasky, Sheri Skelton

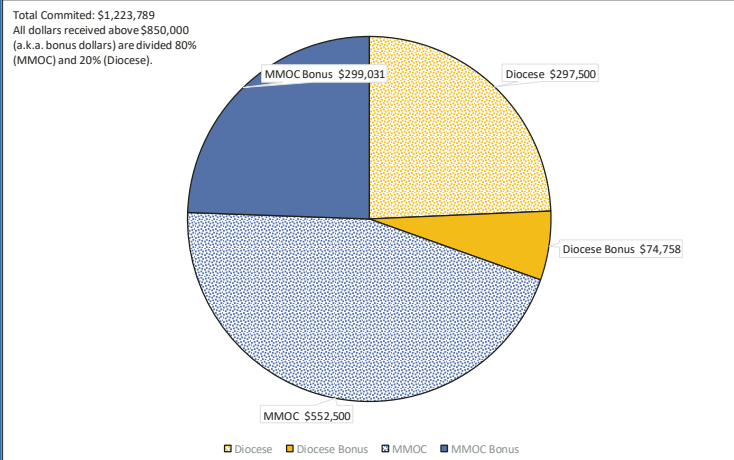
Live Streamer

- 4:00 p.m. Dave Imhoff

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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). **290 households (30%)** have committed **\$1,223,789(144% 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 7/11/23
\$108,800	2022 DAA	ACHIEVED!!!
\$135,150	Diocesan Center	ACHIEVED!!!
\$53,550	Catholic Foundation	ACHIEVED!!!
\$297,500	Total	\$372,263
Goal	Parish	As of 7/11/23
\$64,500	Lay Retirement	ACHIEVED!!!
\$244,000	Vision Fund	\$393,516
\$244,000	Endowment	\$393,516
\$552,500	Total	\$851,531

Here's why July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

One particular devotion in the Catholic Church connected to the Passion of Jesus Christ is the honoring of his Precious Blood. It is a recognition of Jesus' sacrifice and how he spilled his blood for the salvation of humanity. Furthermore, this blood is made present through the gift of the Eucharist and is something we can consume at Mass, along with the body of Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine. Over time the Church developed various feasts of the Precious Blood, but it wasn't until the 19th century when a universal feast was established.

During the First Italian War for Independence in 1849, Pope Pius IX went into exile to Gaeta. He went there with Don Giovanni Merlini, third superior general of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood.

While the war was still raging, Merlini suggested to Pope Pius IX that he create a universal feast to the Precious Blood to beg God's heavenly aid to end the war and bring peace to Rome. Pius IX subsequently made a statement on June 30, 1849 that he intended to create a feast in honor of the Precious Blood. The war soon ended and he returned to Rome shortly thereafter.

On August 10 he made it official and proclaimed that the 1st Sunday in July will be dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Later, Pope Pius X assigned July 1 as the fixed date of this celebration.

After Vatican II the feast was removed from the calendar, but a votive Mass in honor of the Precious Blood was established and can be celebrated in the month of July (as well as most other months of the year).

For these reasons the entire month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood, and Catholics are encouraged to meditate on the profound sacrifice of Jesus and the pouring out of his blood for humanity.

Below is the opening prayer of the votive Mass, as well as an additional prayer that can be used as our own personal meditation or prayer during July.




O God, who by the Precious Blood of your only Begotten son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that, ever honoring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits. Through our lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Admitted to your sacred table, O Lord, we have with joy drawn water from the fountains of the Savior: O may his blood, we beseech thee, become within us a fountain of water springing up to eternal life.

Kosloski, P. (2019, 07 01). *Here's why July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ*. Retrieved from Aleteia.org:

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