August 6, 2023





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MASS TIMES

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15-3:45 or by appointment.

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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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, August 15, Mass will be held at 12:00 PM and 5:30 PM. This solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation. All liturgical positions need to be filled. Please go to mmoclacrosse.org and click on the Ministry Scheduler link at the top of the page, or call Steve at 788-5483, ext. 1.



"Eucharist at the Heart of Scriptures"

During this National Eucharistic Revival, all Catholics are invited to grow in their understanding of Jesus' True Presence in the Eucharist. Join Mark Hart, the renowned "Bible Geek," on Monday, August 21 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM in the MMOC Parish Hall for this virtual Conference on the Eucharist in Scripture.

Mark presents in a compelling way, making the Scriptures on the Eucharist come alive. Cost is \$10 per person (paid by MMIC's Vision Fund for parishioners, if registered through the parish) and includes Mark's book entitled "The Divine Encounter."

If interested, contact Steve in the parish office at 788-5483, ext 1, or secretary@mmoclacrosse.org. Deadline for registration is August 18th.

Fall Chicken-Que

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 14. Many volunteers will be needed. Volunteer sign up sheets will be available in the back of church starting August 12-13.

Silver Circle

The next Silver Circle potluck will be on Thursday, August 17. Come and share a noon meal followed by BINGO! You won't be disappointed!

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 6:00-8:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

We offered our first Called & Gifted Workshops this past winter/spring. 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 some-thing 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."

Call or email Linda Schwartz at 608-792-0351 or arzschwartz@gmail.com for more information and to register.

Family Life

Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Bentley Ray Hein who was baptized on July 30, 2023. We welcome him to God's family with great joy!

Wedding Banns (I)

Jason Garstka and Paula Fanta on August 26, 2023. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding.

Faith Formation

Verso l'Alto Hike

Saturday, August 19, Devil's Lake State Park. All middle and high school-aged youth are invited to participate in this day of hiking, friendship, and prayer. We will learn about the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, which was full of prayer and the outdoors, about each he proclaimed, "verso l'alto" or "to the heights!" Chaperones will be needed to help with carpooling. If interested please contact Samuel Obert: sobert@mmoclacrosse.org

Volunteers Needed for Faith Formation

Our Family Formation program and Youth Program are in need of volunteers to help with this year's collaborative programs serving families and youth from five of the La Crosse parishes.

Family Formation meets approximately twice a month from 5:30-6:45 PM on Wednesdays at Mary, Mother of the Church. Catechists and assistants are needed to teach monthly topics to children in grades 1st-5th. We are also in need of adults willing to serve as small group leaders to facilitate discussions with parents. Contact Kristin if you are interested or would like more information kjohn-

son@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

Youth Formation (middle and high school aged youth) takes place weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 PM at Blessed Sacrament Parish. If you are a faith filled person with a heart for young people your gifts are needed to serve as a small group lead-

Mary, Mother of the Church

er for teens. Contact Samuel if you are interested or would like more information

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Youth Faith Formation 2023 - 2024

The new school year is upon us, which means it's time to register your child/ren for their Faith Formation program. All families with youth in 1st grade through 12th grade should have received a letter and registration form in the mail.

Contact Kristin Johnson: kjohnson@newmanlc.org
or Samuel Obert: sobert@mmoclacrosse.org. **OR**register using the QR code below. Early-bird registration ends August 31 then price will increase.

Sacramental Preparation Programs

All families with children going into 10th grade should have received information (via email) regarding applications for the Confirmation programs. If you haven't received anything and would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, contact Kristin Johnson: kjohnson@newmanlc.org or Samuel Obert: sobert@mmoclacrosse.org. Applications are due by August 20.

Men's Club

Golf Scramble

The MMOC Men's Club cordially invites anyone interested in becoming a hole sponsor for the annual "Pedey" Golf Scramble being held on Friday, August 25. Cost is \$150 per hole sponsorship. Contact Andy Foley at 608-799-4077 for details or to register.

Social Justice

Food Baskets

The La Crosse Food Pantry is in desperate need of personal hygiene products and single serve food items. Currently, there is a great demand for toilet paper, shampoo, hand soap, laundry soap pods and toothpaste.

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. Next Pick up event is at Erickson North Side BGC August 8 (1:00-6:00 PM) & 9 (7:30 AM-Noon) at the La Crosse Center and August 17 (5:00-7:30 PM) 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!!

Mission Co-op Thank You

On the weekend of July 8-9 we welcomed Fr. Michael Apurio from the Diocese of Moroto in Uganda. Fr. Apurio came as a guest through the Diocese of La Crosse Mission Co-op program to fundraise for a new church to be built within his diocese. Thank you to all who generously donated. We raised \$7,724 for their project.

Aquinas Catholic Schools

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St. Patrick's Elementary School

- Second Grade Teacher
- Library/Media Specialist

St. Patrick & Blessed Sacrament Elementary Schools

- Specialist Band and Orchestra
- After Care Workers

If you are interested in either of these positions, please submit a resume, cover letter, and three references to St. Pat's Principal, Angela Koblitz, at angela.koblitz@aquinasschools.org or Blessed Sacrament's Principal, Kate Moll a kate.moll@aquinasschools.org

Aquinas Catholic Schools welcome you to enroll for the 2023-2024 School Year (3p-12)

Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Aquinas is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for its students. There is much to be excited about with the launch of the Viterbo Education Program, NEW STEM lab, and over fifty extracurriculars to get involved with. Call (608) 784-0287 or email at

info@aquinascatholicschools.org for more info.

Community Events

Catholic Medical Association La Crosse Guild Special Event

The La Crosse Guild of the Catholic Medical Association is sponsoring an event at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe open to all on Saturday, Aug. 19.

8:30 Holy Mass

9:30 Buffet breakfast at Culina Mariana Cafe

10:00 Presentation on: "Spiritual Armor for Everyday Life: Prayer, Humility and Hope."

by Rev. Randal Kasel

Cost - \$15/person. Register by Aug. 14
Make check payable to "La Crosse Guild of the CMA" and mail to: Charlie Peters, MD, La Crosse Guild, N8536 County Road TT, Holmen, WI 54636.
Questions: contact Dr. Stephen Pavela at slpavela@gmail.com

Healing Your Marriage - Retrouvaille

This is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your mar-



riage and rebuild a loving relationship. The next program in Central Wisconsin begins with a weekend stay, August 25-27, 2023 in the Wausau area. For more information or to register, call 1.877.922.HOPE (4673) or visit website: HelpOurMarriage.org. Fully Confidential and affordable. Space is limited. Register early.

Video Testimonials on the Lay Formation Institute (LFI)

Watch short videos of what the most recent graduates are saying about their Lay Formation experience, how it has deepened their relationship with Christ and their Faith! Registration is now open for the next two-year cycle that begins in the fall of 2023. For the video clips and more information, visit diolc.org/lay-formation, or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code. Discuss enrollment with your pastor and contact the Office for

Ministries and Social Concerns at

ministries@diolc.org or call 608.791.0161.

Weekly Mass Intentions (August 8-13, 2023)

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

7:30 AM † Susan Ouimette

by Joseph & Therese vanOss

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

7:30 AM † Joseph Korn

by Marian Korn

Thursday, August 10, 2023

† Paul & Molly Bueltel 7:30 AM

by Terry Rymarz

Friday, August 11, 2023

7:30 AM † Joyce Deflorian

by The Family

Saturday, August 12, 2023

4:00 PM † Deacon Richard Sage

by Friends

Sunday, August 13, 2023

8:00 AM **Pro Populo**

10:00 AM † Edna Spohn

by The Family

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



Liturgical Roles August 12-13

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m.Deacon Terry Bell, Gary Heilman, Joseph vanOss

8:00 a.m.Deacon Terry Bell, Lance Miller, Mary Jo Schumacher

10:00 a.m.Deacon Terry Bell, Mary Schaub, Terri Pedace

Lector

4:00 p.m.Linda Gillette, Barbara Stetzer

8:00 a.m.Fred Berneking, LuAnn Miller

10:00 a.m.Matt Binsfeld, Patricia Kirchner

Server

4:00 p.m.Keegan Gerling, OPEN

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

10:00 a.m.Abby Schelfhout, Izzy Schelfhout

4:00 p.m.Nancy Misch

8:00 a.m.Sara Edman

10:00 a.m.Rick Wilson

Musician

4:00 p.m.Christopher Carskadon

8:00 a.m. Natalie Solverson

10:00 a.m. Natalie Solverson

Sacristan

4:00 p.m.Linda Gillette

8:00 a.m.Kerry Groetsch

10:00 a.m.OPEN

Gift Bearer

4:00 p.m.Ben Gerling, OPEN

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

10:00 a.m.Nick Hammes, Lindsey Hammes

4:00 p.m.lsaac Schelfhout, Jim Spielbauer, Neil Kumm, OPEN, OPEN, CPEN, Lead-**OPEN**

8:00 a.m.Erica Stanek, Deke Stanek, Bob Klar, Cindy Klar, Allan Baumler, Peggy Baumler, Lead-Sue Groetsch

10:00 a.m. Elly Binsfeld, Anna Binsfeld, Megan Binsfeld, Jerry Kernan, Anne Kernan, Nathan Wintheiser, Mike Wintheiser, Lead-Robb Pretasky

Hospitality

8:00 a.m.LuAnn Miller, OPEN

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

Scrip Seller

4:00 p.m.Kevin Moyle, Dee Sauer

8:00 a.m.Karen Perry, OPEN

10:00 a.m.Kimberly Krejchik, Tammy Byington

Live Streamer

4:00 p.m.Dave Imhoff



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops launched a three-year Eucharistic Revival in 2022. Year One of this initiative began at the diocesan level, inviting diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to what Pope Francis has described as "a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ" — particularly the transforming power and mercy of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

After the initial year of preparation, the Year of Parish Revival began on June 11, 2023, which was the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or "Corpus Christi" (in Latin).

Due to our participation in the diocesan campaign – *Inspired by the Spirit* – which concluded on June 30, 2023, we find ourselves with some catching up to do!

The Eucharistic Revival fits well with our parish vision: *His Life. His Mission. Our Focus.* For a focus on the Eucharist is a focus on Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Mary. Jesus of Nazareth truly walked the face of the earth and lives today in His resurrected glory. This very same Jesus is present to us in the Eucharist – the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar (and in the tabernacle) – in His Divinity, but also in His Humanity (Human Body, Human Blood, and Human Soul). The more encounters we have with the Eucharist, the more encounters we have with Jesus...for the Eucharist IS Jesus.

"The Eucharist" is also an action: the Eucharistic Liturgy, the Sacrifice of the Mass. The fruit of this action is the bread and wine becoming the Body and Blood of Christ for Communion with each of us – for a relationship.

A relationship with Jesus is initiated and grows through encounters with Jesus. We learn and experience how much Jesus knows, loves, and cares for us by spending time with Him and seeking Him.

In the coming weeks, this bulletin will include opportunities to encounter Christ (such as Holy Hours of Eucharistic Adoration) and other opportunities to encounter Christ such as Adult Faith Formation opportunities.

Last week our bulletin included *Two Minutes with Jesus*, which are simple catechetical lessons with a suggestion for personal prayer. As you can see in this bulletin, it will become a series you can expect to read in each bulletin until this Year of Parish Revival concludes next summer.

This bulletin also invites everyone to consider attending *The Eucharist: At the Heart of the Scriptures* in our Parish Hall on Monday, August 21 at 5:30 –

8:00 PM. Due to the generosity of the Men's Club, Parish Council of Catholic Women, and the Parish Vision Fund (established by the parish through the aforementioned *Inspired by the Spirit* campaign), the modest registration fee of \$10 will be covered for any parishioner wishing to attend. It only requires the sacrifice of your time. Please locate the article to learn more.

So, if you're counting, the 3-year initiative is only at Year Two. What comes after the Year of Preparation at the Diocesan Level and the Year of Parish Revival? The third year is a Year of Mission. Jesus wants to send us into the world to share His Gospel and His Love "for the life of the world" (John 6:51). This will be initiated on July 17, 2024, at a National Eucharistic Congress held in Indianapolis, the first one in the United States in 83 years.

Let us seek a spiritual revival through our pursuit of Jesus in the Eucharist: His Life, His Mission, Our Focus.

Yours in our Eucharistic Lord, Father Konopa

Two Minutes with Jesus for Eucharistic Revival 1. God wants you to spend eternity with Him.

Our destiny (goal) is to spend eternity in Heaven with the Blessed Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). Jesus was willing to die for us so that we may be with Him in Heaven forever. Jesus came on this rescue mission to save His children so that we can spend eternity with Him.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to receive Your love. I am so thankful for You and that You want me to be with You forever

2. God created you to be His beloved son or daughter so that you may spend eternity with Him

God is our Creator, and He only wants what is best for us. We must remember! It is our choice: we want to knowingly be open, and receive God's love; or we can refuse it. God gives us this freedom to choose Him.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: God, help me not to prefer anything more than You, nor to substitute anything for You. Thank You for the grace that will always strengthen me to choose You above everything.





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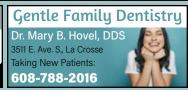
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