## August 20, 2023





## 20<sup>™</sup> 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.

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## "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 - 8:00PM 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 for by MMOC's Vision Fund for parishioners, if registered through the parish) and includes Mark's book entitled "The Divine Encounter."

## St Joseph Pilgrim Icon

The Knights of Columbus Council # 839 will offer a prayer service at MMOC Parish on Tuesday, August 22, at 6:00 pm in the Church as part of the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Pro-



gram. This service will then be followed by hospitality from the Knights in the Gathering Space. The devotion to St. Joseph was understandably slow to develop in the history of the Church. The "just man," whom God chose to protect, defend, and raise the most precious of His gifts to humanity had not a word of his recorded in Scripture. The Pilgrim Icon is an opportunity to reflect on this inspiring man.

### Fall Chicken Que

The Fall Chicken-Que will be on Thursday, September 14. Tickets are \$12 and are on sale after weekend Masses and in the parish office. Volunteer sign up sheets are available in the back of church. Please support this major fundraiser. To reserve tickets contact by phone or text: 608-518-6145. Carry-outs can be delivered upon request.

## Music Ministry Invitations

## **MMOC Sunday Choir**

Rehearsals for Sunday Choir will begin on Tuesday, September 19. The choir meets to rehearse every Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Music Room. We are looking for new members to join...vocal or instrumental! If you are interested or have questions please contact Mary Jo Lium at millium@mmoclacrosse.org.

## Family Life

## **Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism**

Congratulations to Charlie Marie Linhart who was baptized on August 13. We welcome her to God's family with great joy!

### Wedding Banns (III)

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

## Faith Formation

## **CCO Small Faith-Sharing Groups**

As we set our eyes on the life of Christ and His mission, we are learning that we need a relationship with Him – a close and personal relationship. Are you asking yourself, "How can I have a personal relationship with Jesus? What does it entail?" Perhaps you also are experiencing some uncertainty about "going on mission" and what that means in your life. You are not alone in these questions!

Catholic Christian Outreach can help! Over the past five years, MMOC has offered this dynamic and life-changing faith study series as an opportunity to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and fellow Christians. Over 36 weeks, you and 4-7 other group members will explore, discuss, and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. You will discover the joy and freedom of letting Jesus be your primary relationship – your center.

Every human heart desires to be known, loved, and cared for – this is what every great relationship offers us. Perhaps it is experienced with your spouse, close friend, or sibling. However, a relationship with Jesus is a gift no other relationship can fully provide. When we enter into a relationship with Jesus Christ, we find that He knows, loves, and cares for us in abundance. In fact, He said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Once we experience this relationship, we desire to share it with others – we seek to go on His mission.

"Over the past several years, I had been struggling with how I could develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus. The CCO program has helped set me on a path to overcome that struggle. The facilitator presented the materials in a way that encouraged meaningful discussions and sharing among participants. As a result, we were able to gain different perspectives on various topics that may have been obstacles in our personal faith development. We were all blessed with new friendships as we shared our journey with one another."

~Leanne Bentzen, 2020 CCO Participant

Several opportunities are available starting in September. Identify your preference, and then contact the group leader with your name, contact information, and any questions you may have.

Monday: 6:00-7:30 PM Peter Schmitz (men only) Schmitz.peter13@gmail.com or (608) 780-4181

**Tuesday:** 8:15-9:45 AM - Sue Halter (men & women) skhalter@gmail.com or 608-769-4029

**Thursday:** <u>6:00-7:30 PM</u> - Tammy Byington (women only) <u>tammybyby@gmail.com</u> or (608) 498-0175

**Open:** Want to participate in a CCO group this Fall but are challenged with what fits your schedule? Contact Pattie Nimocks <a href="mailto:pattie.nimocks@gmail.com">pattie.nimocks@gmail.com</a>

or (608) 385-0865 to discuss what works for you. She is flexible in regard to day/meeting times!

### Called & 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

Call or email Linda Schwartz at 608-792-0351 or <a href="mailto:alrzschwartz@gmail.com">alrzschwartz@gmail.com</a> for more information and to register. Please note the email correction.

### **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 1-5. 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 608-788-5483 Ext. 4. or kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org.

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-

er for teens. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Samuel Obert at <a href="mailto:sobert@mmoclacrosse.org">sobert@mmoclacrosse.org</a> 608-788-5483 Ext. 5.

## 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: <u>kjohnson@newmanlc.org</u> or Samuel Obert: <u>sobert@mmoclacrosse.org</u>. Early-bird registration ends August 31 then price will increase.

## Two Minutes with Jesus for Eucharistic Revival

- 1. Does Jesus understand everything about me? Jesus knows exactly what you are feeling and understands. Where you are, Jesus has been; He shares every joy and every pain with you. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: If you have something painful in your heart, speak with Jesus about it and give it to Him. This week, read from Scripture how the angel appears to Joseph and guides him to take his wife Mary into his home in Matthew 1:18-25. Note: Mary and Joseph were married in the Jewish tradition, which is referred to as being betrothed. There are 2 parts to betrothal: marriage and then, after one year, sharing a common home.
- 2. Jesus wants to stay with us always. Jesus loves each one of us so much that He gives Himself to us in Holy Communion at Mass. We receive Jesus Himself. When the priest prays the words of Jesus over the bread and wine at Mass, they are no longer bread and wine but the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus gives Himself to us because He wants to stay with each one of us always. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You that You desire to stay with us always. This week, read from Scripture about the birth of the Christ Child in Luke 2:1-7.

# OCIA/RCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (Formerly: RCIA)

Are you seeking to know Jesus Christ more deeply or understand God and His plan for us more fully? Do you want to know why Catholics believe what they believe and do what they do? To learn more about deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ, becoming part of a warm and supportive parish community, and understanding more about the Catholic Faith, we invite you to journey together with us in OCIA. OCIA is tentatively scheduled to start in early September. For more info, please contact Deacon Terry Bell at deacon@mmoclacrosse.org.



### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Holy hours are the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We have three wonderful opportunities here in La Crosse:

Mary, Mother of the Church will schedule a monthly Holy Hour -- typically on the first Thursdays of the month -- beginning September 7. To accommodate work schedules and adult faith formation opportunities, the Holy Hour will begin at 4:45 PM.

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! Register for a time slot at https://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.

## The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue -Our Lady of Fatima

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be a stop on the Fatima Tour for Peace this August 26. There will be an uphill procession with the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima that wept in 1972 and multiple talks in the church crypt. Get more details at www.guadalupeshrine.org/events.

## **Weekly Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

7:30 AM † Mary Lou Clark

by John Clark

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

7:30 AM † Harriet Karrib

by Family & Friends

Thursday, August 24, 2023

7:30 AM † Peggy Linden

by Tom Pahs

Friday, August 25, 2023

7:30 AM † Marty Konop

by Virginia Horstman

Saturday, August 26, 2023

4:00 PM **† Bonnie Powell** 

by Mark & Susan Halter

Sunday, August 27, 2023

† Deceased Members of Groetsch, 8:00 AM

> Pahs, & Pretasky Families by Kerry & Sue Groetsch

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

## Liturgical Roles August 26-27

## Minister of Holy Communion

Mark Outzen, Therese van Oss, Kevin 4:00 p.m.

Moyle

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

Shannon Klar, Chuck Berendes, Polly 10:00 a.m.

Berendes

### Lector

4:00 p.m. Sue Ernster, Chris Schlegel

8:00 a.m. Barbara Stetzer, Charles Heiderscheit

10:00 a.m. Mary Olson, Sara Scarlet

#### Server

4:00 p.m. Christopher Hughey, Keegan Gerling

8:00 a.m. Nolan Richards, Isabella Miller 10:00 a.m. Marcus Klar, Louie Berendes

### Cantor

4:00 p.m. Nancy Misch 8:00 a.m. Dawn Mazzola 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. **OPEN** 

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

10:00 a.m. Carol Forer

### Gift Bearer

4:00 p.m. Ben Gerling

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

Casey Horman, Lisa Doering, Sam Hor-10:00 a.m.

man

#### Greeter

Neil Kumm, Olivia Rudie, Phil Watson,

Jim Spielbauer, Arian Arens, Isaac 4:00 p.m.

Schelfhout, Ryan Riebel, Linda Gillette-

Pat Burns, Donna Burns, Sandy Pitsch,

Peggy Baumler, Jonathan Baumler, Ro-8:00 a.m.

sie Pennebecker, OPEN, Allan Baumler-

Lead

Nathan Wintheiser, Mike Wintheiser,

Brenda Wintheiser, Elie Klar, Trisha Strat-10:00 a.m.

man, Gabriella Stratman, Gavin Strat-

man, Phil Klar-Lead

## Hospitality

8:00 a.m. Cindy Klar, Bob Klar

10:00 a.m. Charlotte Berendes, Polly Berendes

### Scrip Seller

4:00 p.m. Heidi Schlegel,

8:00 a.m. Bob Jansky, Charlene Jansky

10:00 a.m. Sheri Skelton, Kathy McGettigan

## **Live Streamer**

4:00 p.m. Joseph van Oss

## Remember who you are...



## Be God's garden...



## **Garden Sharing Ministry**

A table has been set up in the gathering space of church to share your extra garden produce. Please feel free to donate and take produce. Thank you for sharing your abundance!



### Flower Volunteer Needed

Do you have a green thumb? Would you like to get outside a little more each day? MMOC is looking for our next volunteer to care for the outside flowers around the church. We greatly thank Cathy Juran, who has been filling this role for the last several years! For more information contact the parish office at ext. 1.







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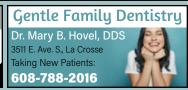
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