September 10, 2023







23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4 PM Sunday 8 AM & 10 AM Tuesday—Friday 7:30 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM 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 8 AM - 3 PM

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 8 AM - 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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fall Chicken-Que

The Fall Chicken-Que is 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.

MMOC Sunday Choir

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

Needed: MMOC Coordinator for Mobile Meals

Sue Moyle has been the parish coordinator for 20+ years and will be stepping away from this position at the end of 2023. The main responsibility of this open position is to schedule volunteers to deliver meals during our week. Mary, Mother of the Church has six weeks per year to deliver meals. We have two weeks left this year (Sept. 18 and Nov. 20). Sue is willing to answer any questions and offer support: 608-787-0076. We're grateful for Sue's commitment over the years and grateful she is still committed to being one of the drivers.

Needed: Mobile Meals Volunteers

MMOC delivers Mobile Meals two more times this year. We need volunteers for the week of September 18-24 and November 20-26. It takes about one hour or less if you know the route. It is such a wonderful service. Please consider delivering Mobile Meals. Contact Sue Moyle @ 608-787-0076 to volunteer on one day, two days, or even the whole week. Thank you!

Needed: Outside Flower Volunteer

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. beginning Sept. 15. For more information contact the parish office at ext. 1.

Scrip Extra Rebate



Kwik Trip has a short-term scrip special rebate. Therefore every purchase of Kwik Trip from September 1 through September 30 will receive a 10% rebate instead of 5%!!

Pope's Prayer Intention for September

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



Social Justice

Catholic Charities Food Pantry/Clothing Closet Low

The Food Pantry and Men's Clothing Closet in La Crosse is getting low and could use men's, women's and children's winter clothes, as well as non-perishable food items. Donations can be dropped off at 508 South 5th Ave in La Crosse, Monday-Thursday from 9 AM – 4 PM. We appreciate your support!

LIFE CHAIN - Stand Up for Life!

The La Crosse Life Chain will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1, from 2:00-3:00 PM along Losey Blvd. Stand with thou-



sands of pro-lifers throughout the USA in a peaceful and prayerful public witness for one hour praying for our nation and an end to abortion. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable from the beginning of life to its end and at every point in between.

MMOC's corner captains are Kerry and Sue Groetsch. Please join them and fellow parishioners at the corner of Losey Blvd. and Madison St. where they will have signs for you (a suggested donation of 50 cents per person or \$1 per family). Even if you only have a few minutes, please come and join us in standing up for LIFE!

PCCW

PCCW Meeting

Dear MMOC Ladies: Our Parish Council of Catholic Women is honored to be hosting the Fall Deanery meeting on Sept. 18, so we need all hands on deck to plan this event, as well as other upcoming events.

As your new PCCW president, I certainly appreciate your support. I hope to see you on Sept. 11 at 6 PM. - Rita Sanchez

Deanery Council of Catholic Women

Fall Assembly at Mary, Mother of Church, September 18, 2023 at 6 PM.

Have you heard about or seen the movie the "Sounds of Freedom", a story about child and human trafficking?

Come learn more about this problem from Deacon Steve Przedpelski of the Franciscan Peacemakers of Milwaukee. Meeting will start at 6 PM with pro-

gram to follow. A light meal with desserts, refreshments, and fellowship will top off the evening.

All ladies of all area parishes are invited. Please RSVP by call or text to Rita Sanchez, 608-780-3621 or Kay Kesler, 608-780-0485.

Rummage Sale

PCCW Rummage sale will be October 13-14. Donations can be dropped off from 8 - 4:30 PM on Oct. 12 in the Parish Hall. Please remember we are unable to take furniture, paint or chemicals, microwaves, or anything we would need to pay for disposal.

Family Life

New Parishioners

MMOC is delighted to welcome the Stanton family (Paul, Brooke, Molly, Sam, Clara, Henry, & Nora), and the Inglett family (Joe, Alex, Weston, & Jack) to the parish.

Wedding Banns (II)

Tyler Deaver and Rebecca Volten on Sept. 22, 2023. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding.

Coffee and Kids 9/15

Calling all parents, please join us on the third Friday of each month for coffee and conversation as our children play! We will meet from 8:30-10:30 AM in the lower level of the parish hall Room E. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Any questions please call BrieAnn McKenna 319-230-0895.

Faith Formation

Youth Faith Formation Reminders

Middle and High School Faith Formation

begins this Wednesday, September 13! Parents are to drop off their youth, before 7 PM, near the main church doors of Blessed Sacrament (on King Street). The youth can enter the parish hall through the doors on the Losey Blvd. side of the building. The youth can then be picked up around 8:30 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Elementary School parking lot.

Family Faith Formation (Grades 1-5) will begin the following week on Wednesday, on September 20 at Mary, Mother of the Church. Contact Samuel Obert (sobert@mmoclacrosse.org) or Kristin Johnson (kjohnson@newmanlc.org) with any questions. See you soon!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a program for the religious formation of children rooted in the Bible and the liturgy of the Church. In this program, the 3-6 year old child will encounter Jesus as the Good Shepherd; who loves them, cares for them, and knows them by name. This is accomplished through prayer, listening to Scripture, and giving the child time to work with hands-on materials. Each of the materials presented are linked to either a specific part of the Mass or the Bible, which help to make the mystery of God concrete for the child. To participate, children must be at least three years old by November 1, 2023. Space is limited to 10 children per session. Registration is \$50 per child. If this is a burden, please reach out!

Choose the session that best fits your schedule:

Fridays: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM starting November 3, 2023 - May 17, 2024.

Saturdays: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM starting November 4, 2023 - May 18, 2024.

Sessions will not meet for major holiday breaks: Nov. 24/25, Dec. 29/30, and March 29/30.

If you have a love for sharing the faith with the younger members of our parish family, please consider volunteering as an aide during sessions. Training will be provided.

Registration is available online at our parish website (under the Education-Preschool tab), via the QR code, or you may contact catechist Sarah Scarlet at 608-406-7686 or sscarlet@mmoclaccrosse.org.

MMOC Small Faith-Sharing Groups

Over 36 weeks, you and 4-7 other group members will explore, discuss, and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

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--Beginning September 11

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

- Beginning September 12

Thursday: 6:00-7:30 PM - Tammy Byington (women only) tammybyby@gmail.com or (608) 498-0175 - Beginning September 21

Fall Adult Faith Formation Program

Join us as hundreds of fellow parishioners learn about their faith in the Lectio: Eucharist Bible study this fall beginning the week of Sept. 17. Whether you know all about the Eucharist or you know nothing about the Eucharist, this bible study will open your heart and allow you to grow closer to Christ.

Have you already taken this course? Take it again but this time, bring a friend to join you! Let's help evangelize those around us and make the real presence known to all!

There are flyers at all church entrances and on bulletin boards. Cost to register is \$15 for those who need a workbook. Those who already have a workbook are free! Registration is available after all masses next weekend. You can also register at our parish office, online at stpatsonalaska.com, or by contacting Amy Capelli at (608) 783-0847 or amy capelli@charter.net. Home study is available.

- MON - Blessed Sacrament at 6:30-8:00 PM
- TUE - Mary, Mother of the Church at 8:15-9:45 AM - St. James the Less at 9:00-10:30 AM
- Holy Trinity at 1:00-2:30 PM WED
- **THUR** St. Patrick. Onalaska at 9:15-10:45 AM - St. Patrick, Onalaska at 5:00-6:30 PM - Mary, Mother of the Church at 6:00-7:30 PM
- FRI Cathedral at 10:30-12:00 noon



Eucharistic Revival

Two Minutes with Jesus for Eucharistic Revival

1. Why does Jesus want to stay with us always? You know that Jesus wants to stay with you always because He loves you unconditionally (completely). Why? Because He wants to be with the person He loves. How do you know He loves you so much? Jesus gave His life for you by dying on the Cross so that your sins can be forgiven. Let's pray this right now and every day this week. Thank You Jesus that You want to be with me all the time. This week read Psalm 139:13-16 which speaks of how well God knows me and how close He is to me.

2. Why does Jesus want to live in your heart?

God has created each person absolutely unique there is only one of you. Jesus knows you and loves you, and wants to be with you always. Jesus has a love in His Heart that only you can receive. If you don't receive Jesus' love for you, it will be "wasted." And likewise, you have a love in your heart that only you can give to Jesus. If you don't give that love, there will be an empty place in Jesus' Heart. Let's pray this right now and every day this week. Jesus, I want to receive all the love You have for me and I want to give You all of my love. This week read about how much God loves you in John 3:16. To make this personal, replace the words "the world" with your own name.

Community Events

46th Annual Aquinas Fest 2023

The Aquinas Catholic Schools Foundation will host it's annual fundraiser on Sept. 15 from 3-8 PM at the high school. Proceeds support the students, staff and mission of Aquinas Catholic Schools. Festivities Include games, activities, food, live music and drawings. To purchase your entries call 608-784-0707 or stop by AHS Room 105!

Weekly Mass Intentions Tuesday, September 12, 2023 † Pat Pahs & Farell Pahs 7:30 AM by Tom Pahs Wednesday, September 13, 2023 7:30 AM **†** Phyllis Tschumper by John & Cindy Dronenburg Thursday, September 14, 2023 **†** Ron Weise 7:30 AM by Ken & Carol Borscheim Friday, September 15, 2023 7:30 AM **†** Karen Norstrom by Sue Reget Saturday, September 16, 2023 4:00 PM **†** Larry Weibel by Family Sunday, Sunday 17, 2023 8:00 AM Pro Populo 10:00 AM **†** Deacon Sage by Shirley Role

Liturgical Roles Sept. 16-17

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Minister of H	loly Communion
4:00 PM	Deacon Terry Bell, John Klouda, Mary Olson
8:00 AM	Deacon Terry Bell, Mary Lawrence, Anita Olson
10:00 AM	Deacon Terry Bell, Barbara Stetzer, Lori Hammes
Lector	
4:00 PM	Peter Schmitz, Mark Outzen
8:00 AM	Bob Mahr, LuAnn Miller
10:00 AM	Bill Brendel, Mary Jo Swartout
Server	
4:00 PM	Keegan Gerling, Sr. Sue Ernster
8:00 AM	Jackie Taylor, Danice Taylor
10:00 AM	Ella Krejchik, Louie Berendes
Cantor	
4:00 PM	Nancy Misch
8:00 AM	Lisa Conzemius
10:00 AM	Jeff Nylander
Musician	
4:00 PM	Jenny Nielsen
8:00 AM	Christopher Carskadon
10:00 AM	Christopher Carskadon
Sacristan	
4:00 PM	Mike Wuensch
8:00 AM	Mike Keogh
10:00 AM	Anne Kernan
Gift Bearer	
4:00 PM	Ben Gerling, OPEN
8:00 AM	Michael Taylor, Danice Taylor
10:00 AM	Keith Krejchik, Kimberly Krejchik
Greeter	
4:00 PM	Olivia Rudie, Isaac Schelfhout, Nora
	Dickinson, Chris Schlegel, Kevin Moyle,
	Phil Watson, OPEN, Linda Gillette - Lead
8:00 AM	Peggy Baumler, Jonathan Baumler,
	Dave Lawrence, Jon Mason, Pat Burns,
	Donna Burns, OPEN, Allan Baumler-
	Lead
10:00 AM	Charlotte Berendes, Nathan Wintheiser,
	Mike Wintheiser, Brenda Wintheiser, Tri-
	sha Stratman, Gabriella Stratman, Gavin
	Stratman, Robb Pretasky-Lead
Hospitality	
8:00 AM	OPEN, OPEN
10:00 AM	David Zoroufy, Tammy Zoroufy
Scrip Sellers	
4:00 PM	Kellie Schmitz, Sue Olson
8:00 AM	Kerry Groetsch, Sue Groetsch
10:00 AM	Sue Pretasky, Sheri Skelton
Live Streamer	
4:00 PM	Dave Imhoff
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The Rosary is prayed before each weekday Mass Tuesday through Friday beginning at 7:05 AM.

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CANDIDATES FOR MMOC PASTORAL COUNCIL

The election process will take place at the beginning of weekend Masses on Sept. 16-17. You are eligible to vote if you are a registered member and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. At the time of the elections you will be invited to vote for two of the following candidates. (There will be no absentee ballots.) Thank you for giving this your prayerful consideration.

Nicholas R. Berry



Nick and his wife Janice have five children and three grandchildren. They moved to the La Crosse area in September 2018 and joined MMOC the following spring. They usually attend 8AM Mass.

He is a Minister of Holy Communion and an altar server for funerals. He has been a catechist in the middle school faith formation (Edge) since arrival, and, currently, he is a catechist at the high school level (Life Teen).

Nick retired from the commercial line property and casualty insurance industry.

He is president of his condominium association and enjoys reading, gardening, and bicycle riding.

Kimberly Krejchik



Kimberly and her husband Keith have two children – Emily (1st Yr. college) and Ella (7th Gr. Aquinas MS). They attend 10 AM Mass.

Kimberly attended St. Thomas More Elementary, Aquinas Middle & High

Schools. She became Catholic at MMOC in 2001 and they joined MMOC in 2008. Kimberly was a Physician's Assistant until 2015, when she made the transition to stay-at-home mom.

She is a Minister of Holy Communion, sacristan, Scrip seller, and front office volunteer. Kimberly participated in a Catholic Christian Outreach small faithsharing group (2020-2021) and is starting Diocesan Lay Formation this September.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, crocheting, gardening, and reading.

Kevin Moyle



Kevin attended St. Thomas More Elementary and Aquinas High School. He became a member of MMOC when the parishes consolidated. Kevin usually attends the 4 PM Mass.

He is a Minister of Holy Communion, altar

server, greeter, and Scrip seller. He also helps to deliver meals through the Mobile Meals Program.

When time permits he enjoys reading and playing cards.

Manu Parker



Manu has a daughter Maile who is a teacher at Longfellow Middle School and a grandson David (7th Gr. Aquinas MS). They typically attend Mass on Sunday mornings.

Manu moved to La Crosse two years ago, and immediately joined MMOC. Manu is an active member of PCCW, volunteers with rummage sales, Chickenques, cooking for the homeless on Thursdays with the Matthew 25 group, serving funeral dinners, and gift-bearer on Sundays with her grandson.

Manu spent her career in many fields: a journalist for the Washington Post, a teacher in English as a Second Language, a missionary in Costa Rica, and a job coordinator for Afghan refugees.

Manu is a member of the Friends of La Crosse Marsh and the Norskedalen Nature & Heritage Center. In her spare time, Manu is writing a series of cozy mysteries.

Natalie Solverson



Natalie and her husband Karl have two children – Harper (9th Gr. Central HS) and Tenley (6th Gr. Blessed Sacrament). Karl has an older daughter, Emma, who graduated from Westby HS ('23). They usually attend 10 AM Mass.

They joined MMOC in August 2020 when they moved to La Crosse from Westby.

Natalie is active in music ministry, primarily as a cantor. She has also been a catechist in the faith formation program for the past two years.

Natalie has spent most of her career in data analytics and business intelligence. While she worked at UWL for many years, she has recently joined Nesnah Ventures as a member of their IT leadership team.

Natalie and her family are county fair enthusiasts and their kids are involved in 4-H in Vernon County. They enjoy the outdoors at their family farm. Natalie also loves to read, play the piano, and compete in occasional 10K or half marathons.



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