October 29, 2023





30[™] 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 s for additional information, especially for hearing aids paired with Bluetooth.

THE ROSARY

Prayed before each weekday Mass Tuesday - Friday beginning at 7:05 AM.

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.

SCRIE

Scrip is sold before and after all weekend Masses and in the parish office on Fridays from 8 AM - 3 PM.

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.

A Prayer for Peace in Israel and Gaza

Heavenly Father, we pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel.

We pray especially for those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies. Strengthen and support the work of all relief organizations.

We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.

Lord hear us as we pray in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

World Mission Sunday

A heartfelt thank you to each one of you for your outpouring of support on World Mission Sunday. Together, our parish raised \$2,576 for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith! Your generosity echoes the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," bringing warmth and hope to communities worldwide. To remain connected and engaged with the Pope's missions throughout the year, please visit One-FamilyInMission.org. Your commitment to the universal mission of the Church is deeply appreciated.

All Saints Day

Mass will be on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at Noon and 5:30 PM. No 7:30 AM Mass. This is a holy day of obligation. Other Mass options in the area:

Oct. 31

5:15 PM Roncalli Newman

Nov. 1

6:30 AM St. Patrick

6:30 AM St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral

8:00 AM St. Patrick

8:00 AM St. James the Less

8:00 AM Holy Trinity

8:00 AM Blessed Sacrament (School Mass)

8:15 AM St. Charles (Genoa)

8:30 AM St. Teresa of Kolkata (West Salem)

8:30 AM St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Holmen)

12:00 PM Mary, Mother of the Church

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All Souls Day Mass at the Catholic Cemetery

A Mass for the Dead will be celebrated on All Souls Day, Thursday, November 2, in the Saint Francis of Assisi Mausoleum Chapel of the Catholic Cemetery, 519 Losey Boulevard South, at 5:15 pm. A plenary indulgence, under the usual circumstances, can be gained for the souls in purgatory by the Christian faithful who, within November 1-8, devoutly visits a ceme-

tery and prays for the dead. The celebrant is Father Pace. All are invited to attend.

November Parish Social

The November social is cancelled. More info to follow in future bulletins.

Eucharistic Adoration

Mary, Mother of the Church will host its monthly Holy Hour — Thursday Nov. 2 at 4:45 PM.



November Book of Remembrance

Beginning with the Feasts of All Saints (Nov 1) and All Souls (Nov 2) – the Family of God remembers the souls of our departed loved ones. MMOC records the names of parishioners who have died in the previous 12 months in our Book of Remembrance. Everyone is invited to pray for them and to write the names of their own loved ones whose funerals have been in other places, especially those who have died in the last year. The Book of Remembrance will be in a place of honor near the Easter Paschal Candle for the majority of the month of November.

Pictures in Memory of Loved Ones

On All Souls Day, November 2, we remember and celebrate our loved ones who have gone before us marked by the sign of faith. As part of this remembrance, we invite any and all to bring to church a picture of your family members or friends who have died and we will arrange them in church. This is not just for those who have died this past year; consider doing this if you have never done it before. Simply place them in the box at the front entrance of the church during Oct. 28-29 weekend Masses. Additional pictures will be added until the Nov. 2 service and they will remain in church through the weekend of Nov. 11-12. It would be helpful, if the picture is in a frame that could stand on its own. Please ensure pictures are marked with your name so we can return them to the rightful owners.

Service of Remembrance

A prayer service will be held on Wednesday, November 8 at 6:30 PM. Mary, Mother of the Church will call to mind the souls of our departed loved ones, especially those parishioners who have had their funerals with us in the previous 12 months. All are welcome.

Church Cleaning

An hour of your time will make our church shine! We are looking for 25 volunteers to clean the church on Saturday, November 4, at 8 AM. This is a good way for students to earn service hours! And, this is a great way for parish members to work together to help keep our church clean while getting to know one another! The parish will supply the rags and

cleaning solution (an all-natural product). Volunteers are encouraged to bring a 1-gallon bucket. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the church.

Angel Tree Volunteers

MMOC helps families celebrate Christmas via the good work of Catholic Charities. This year we are in

need of organizers. Responsibilities include working with Catholic Charities to identify the Scrip needs of the families they serve and the deadline for delivery, working with the parish office to schedule 3 weekends for promotion including bulletin articles, decorating the Angel Tree, and organizing volunteers to assist at weekend Masses. This may sound like a lot, but it almost runs itself, and previous decorations and bulletin articles are on hand. Julie Marthaler and Jane Vogel are available for more information and to assist in this transition; we are grateful for their leadership for many years. Please contact the parish office at secretary@mmoclacrosse.org or 788-5483 x1 for more information.

Family Life

New Parishioners

MMOC is delighted to welcome the Hancock Family (Steve, Danielle, Fin, and Maddie) as well as Paul & Mary Therese Rinzel to the parish!

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Adrianna "Ann" Miller. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to the families and friends who mourn her loss. Eternal rest grant onto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Men's Club & PCCW

PCCW Cookie Walk

The 2023 Cookie Walk will be taking place on December 9. We are again having a craft area and would appreciate all of your homemade items. This year we would like to incorporate homemade soaps and candles along with other various crafts. If you have the talent and time, please consider donating to our craft area. Any questions, contact Vicki Kloss at 608-788-4828 or Maureen Spencer at 608-782-0994.

Men's Club

The next meeting will be held on Wed. Nov. 1 at 7 PM in room C. All men of the parish are welcome!

Social Justice

Wisconsin Bishops Issue Statement on Hamas Attack and call for Day of Fasting & Prayer

The Bishops of Wisconsin unequivocally condemn the Hamas terrorist attack on unarmed Israeli civilians and the taking of women, children, and elders as hostages. We deplore this and every form of antisemitism. We mourn for the innocent Israelis and Palestinians who will now lose their lives because of this brutality. We pray that the hostages and refugees from this conflict may find safety. May nations welcome them with compassion.

Donate to Help the Victims of Violence in the Holy Land

Catholic Relief Services, in conjunction with Caritas partners, are working to meet the desperate humanitarian needs caused by the terrorism and fighting in the Holy Land. To learn how you

can help, visit www.crs.org or scan the QR code.

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation meets this Wednesday, November 1, from 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church. Children should plan on dressing up or carrying a symbol of their favorite Saint and arrive by 5:20 PM to get ready for Mass. We will have a short procession before celebrating Mass followed by snacks in the Parish Hall. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

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/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 Nov. 3, 2023 - May 17, 2024.

Saturdays: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

starting Nov. 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 on 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@mmoclacrosse.org.

Eucharistic Revival

Two Minutes with Jesus for Eucharistic Revival

1. The Eucharist is the Great Miracle of Mercy. In His great love for us, Jesus gave us a great miracle of mercy: The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. God did not only become man in the Incarnation to give His life for us on the cross and to rise again in glory for our salvation. The Incarnation also looked forward to Jesus remaining physically with us in the Eucharist as we journey through this life. The Divine Mercy Image of Jesus with the white and red rays represents our Eucharistic Lord, whose Heart has been pierced and now pours forth the water of Baptism and the Precious Blood of the Eucharist as a fountain of mercy for us.

Let's pray right now 3 times the words that Jesus gave St. Faustina: "Jesus, I trust in You!" This week, read how Jesus appears to Thomas who was not present when He first appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection. Thomas, when He does see Jesus, falls before Him and says "My Lord and My God". John 20:19-29.

2. The Eucharist is the Risen Christ. On Easter Sunday, two disciples were leaving Jerusalem without hope as they believed that the Savior was dead. Jesus joined them as they walked but the disciples did not recognize Him as He now had a glorified body. When Jesus sat down with the disciples at Emmaus, they recognized Him in the "breaking of bread," which was the Eucharist. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Lord, make my heart burn with a desire to read Your Word in Sacred Scripture. This week, read how Jesus explained how He fulfilled the Old Testament in His Passion, Death and Resurrection, and allowed the disciples to recognize Him in the breaking of the bread in Luke 24:13-35.

Community Events

Death Is An End, But It's Not The End

We all have very real questions about death. What Happens when we die? What does scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? The art of dying well is also the art of living well. By understanding who we are and what we are made for, we can order our lives and values according to God's design for our true fulfillment.

Nov. 7 – The Story of Death and The Afterlife

Nov. 14 – The Hour of Death

Nov. 28 – The Faithful Departed

AFTERNOONS 1:00 – 2:30 PM with Msgr. Richard Gilles St. Joseph the Workman, Cathedral – 530 Main Street, La Crosse

EVENINGS 6:30 - 8:00 PM with Fr. Tim Reither St. Patrick Parish – 1031 Main Street, Onalaska

Join us for three sessions of "**Eternal Rest**" led by Fr. Tim Reither. Each evening we will show a video followed by a question and answer period with Fr. Reither. TUESDAY EVENINGS beginning Nov. 7 at 6:30 - 8:00 PM St. Patrick Parish – 1031 Main Street, Onalaska.

ACS GOLD GALA 2023

Join us in supporting Aquinas Catholic Schools' mission of supporting mental health for our students and staff at the Denim & Diamonds Gold Gala event on Saturday, November 11 at Aquinas High School! Participate in our silent auction and live auctions (https://aquinasgoldgala2023.ggo.bid/bidding/package-browse). To RSVP visit www.aquinasschools.org/gold-gala and click on the RSVP ONLINE! button.

Green & Gold Giveaway Raffle

Enter for your chance to win private jet transportation and 8 tickets to the Green Bay vs. Tampa Bay game on Sunday, December 17 at noon. The private jet transportation is courtesy of Ron and Elisa Houser and the tickets are courtesy of Mark and Debbie Hansen.

Interested in purchasing tickets? Contact Brad Reinhart at brad.reinhart@aquinasschools.org / 608-784-0707). Get your tickets now, there are only 250 available at \$100 each!

Knights of Columbus Turkey Shoot

Guess what? It's that time of year again and they're back. Time to dust off your gear for hunting those elusive La Crosse Area Gobblers, aka Turkeys. On Sunday, Nov. 12, we will be holding our biggest fundraising event of the year from Noon till 5 PM. Come to the VFW in La Crosse and try your luck at various games of chance and skill. Don't forget to buy your raffle ticket for a chance to win up to \$2,500. Doors open at 11:30 and a donation of \$5 is being asked, which will go for food and beverages while it lasts and a chance at a drawing for door prizes. For more information or tickets call Terry Stika at 397-3009.

For the Sake of a Smile

Pecans in the Cemetery

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me," said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me." He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off.

Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. "Come here quick," said the boy, "you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls." The man said, "Beat it kid. Can't you see it's hard for me to walk?" When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery.

Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me." The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord."

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord. At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done."

They say the old man made it back to town a full 5 minutes ahead of the kid on the bike.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

"Where one alone may be overcome, two together can resist. A three-ply cord is not easily broken." Every household should have received a mailing to support the needs of the local Church and beyond. Please take a moment to read the material and say the prayer. Then make your decision on this year's effort: Let's act quickly and do our part as Mary, Mother of the Church! The target goal for our parish is \$110,420. Please be generous.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 7:30 AM **† Barb Herlitzka**

By Jim & Marylou Marhas

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

† Donald Bowman Noon

By Family

5:30 PM Pro Populo

Thursday, November 2, 2023

7:30 AM **† Joyce DeFlorian**

By Family

2:00 PM Word Service with Communion at Hillview

Health Care Center

Friday, November 3, 2023

7:30 AM **† Dick Branson**

By Family

Saturday, November 4, 2023

4:00 PM **† Leroy & Virginia Gerke**

By Rod & Bev Kadrmas

Sunday, November 5, 2023

8:00 AM † Madonna Elsen & Leis Bahr

By Tom & Diane Elsen

10:00 AM Pro Populo



Liturgical Roles Nov. 4-5

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Mark Misch, Gary Heilman, Linda

Heilman

8:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Janice Berry,

Nick Berry

10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Chuck Berendes,

Polly Berendes

Lector

4:00 PM Chris Schlegel, OPEN

Francesca Ortmeier, Fred Berneking 8:00 AM 10:00 AM

Pattie Nimocks, Barbara Stetzer

Server

4:00 PM Isabella Miller, Aubrey Jakes 8:00 AM Nolan Richards, Kaitlin Ortmeier

Louie Berendes, Hank Berendes 10:00 AM

Cantor

4:00 PM Linda Kloet

Christine Nelson 8:00 AM

10:00 AM Natalie Solverson

Musician

4:00 PM Mary Jo Lium

8:00 AM Christopher Carskadon

10:00 AM Christopher Carskadon

Sacristan

4:00 PM **OPEN**

Daniel Skiles, Kathy Skiles 8:00 AM

10:00 AM Carol Forer

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

Jim McGettigan, Kathy McGettigan 10:00 AM

Greeters

4:00 PM

OPEN, Joan Weissenberger, Steve

George Bell, Maggie Bell

Schaub, Arian Arens, OPEN, OPEN,

David Parker, Manuokalewa Parker

OPEN, Phil Watson-Lead

8:00 AM Kylie Ortmeier, Peggy Baumler, Jon-

athan Baumler, Mary Lawrence,

Dave Lawrence, Mike Weissen-

berger, Sandy Pitsch, Allan Baumler-

Lead

10:00 AM Gavin Stratman, Gabriella Stratman, Trisha Stratman, Charlotte Ber-

endes, Jerry Kernan, Anne Kernan,

Keith Kreichik, Open-Lead

Hospitality

8:00 AM 10:00 AM

Scrip Sellers

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Dave Ortmeier, Francesca Ortmeier David Zoroufy, Tammy Zoroufy

Heidi Schlegel, Kevin Moyle Sue Moyle, Karen Perry

Kathy McGettigan, Kimberly Krejchik

Live Streamer

4:00 PM **OPEN**









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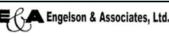


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