# November 5, 2023



MARY MOTHER of the church



# 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### SCRIP

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.

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#### Visiting Seminarian

The Diocese of La Crosse has a Journey program that helps men discerning the priesthood and preparing for seminary life. This program is hosted at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation behind the Diocesan Center, and other dioceses have asked to be part of this.



Part of the program is to have parish experience on a monthly basis!. We welcome Jesse Mayton's visit on this weekend!

### 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.

### 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 is in a place of honor near the Easter Paschal Candle for the majority of the month of November.

**Pictures in Memory of Loved Ones** Thank you to everyone who shared pictures of your loved ones. Your pictures are in the gathering space of the church to be picked up.

### Handbell Rehearsals

Anyone in 3rd grade and older is welcome to give it a try. Rehearsals will be on Friday, November 10 & 17 at 3:45 - 4:30 PM in the music room, lower level of the Parish Hall. No musical knowledge is required. Handbells are scheduled to play when it works into the group's calendar. We might play for Catholic Schools Week at 10:00 AM Mass on January 28 or the First Communion Mass at 12:30 on Sunday, April 14.

## Thanksgiving Day

Mass will be offered on Thursday, November 23 at 9:00 AM. Let us come together to give thanks to God! There will be no Mass Friday, November 24. Liturgical ministries are needed for this Mass. Please go to www.mmoclacrosse.org and click on the Minis-try Scheduler link at the top of the page, or call Steve at 788-5483, ext. 1.

## 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 of leadership. Please contact the parish office at secretary@mmoclacrosse.org or 788-5483 x1 for more information.

### **Church Cleaning - Thank You!**

Thank you to the hard working crew that cleaned our church on Nov 4. It looks wonderful!

### Silver Circle - Nov. 16 Noon Potluck

So what are we doing for our unsheltered population? Come and hear Sandy Brekke share her lived experience. Sandy was the St. Clare Health Mission administrator for 10 plus years. She does first hand nursing to the people on the street and in the parks. She has connections with multiple agencies in La Crosse who are all working together to make a difference for the homeless. If the St. Clare Mobile Medical bus is not out helping people, we will have it here for you to see.

### **Communion Calls**

The following parishioners will receive Communion in their homes this week: Gerald Sheehan; Rosemary Boland; Carol Weis; Dick Rady; Pam Badger; Tom & Gloria Hundt; Shirley White; Shirley Marson.

If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist in their home, call the parish office at 788-5483 ext 7.

## Early Bulletin Deadlines

It is that time of the season when all bulletin items are due earlier than Mondays.

Bulletin for: Nov. 26 due by Friday, Nov. 17 Dec. 24 due by Friday, Dec. 15

## **Funeral Mass Thank You**

"We would like to thank Father Konopa, Therese van Oss, the lectors, altar servers, and the beautiful choir for the funeral mass liturgy for Alan W. Bennett on June 20, 2023. We would also like to thank the ladies of the PCCW for preparing, serving, and clean-up of the delicious funeral luncheon. Special thanks to Father Konopa for the care, concern and hospital visits during Alan's illnesses and thank you to all parishioners for their prayers and support at this most difficult time. With prayerful gratitude, The Family of Alan W. Bennett."

# Family Life

## **New Parishioners**

MMOC is delighted to welcome the Boehm Family (Dusty & Rachel) as well as Sister Mary Dawiczyk, H.S.M, and Mary Dawiczyk to the parish!

## Coffee and Kids - Nov. 17

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. If you have any questions please call BrieAnn McKenna 319-230-0895. We're looking forward to seeing you Friday October 20!

## PCCW

### Cookie Walk 2023

The Mary, Mother of the Church Cookie Walk will be held on December 9 from 7:30 AM -1 PM. Makers of every kind are needed.

If you are a cookie maker; a candy, bread, pie maker, Scandinavian specialty or soup and chili maker, we need your help in making this year's Cookie Walk a day reminiscent of the traditional MMOC holiday festivity, with our crafters adding even more to this day.

Signup sheets will be in the back of church starting November 11 until December 3. Please check the signup areas weekly to see where help is needed.

Beginning the week of November 18 raffle tickets will go on sale up through and including the day of the Cookie Walk. Raffle tickets will be sold two ways/two different areas of the Church: There will be a raffle ticket seller only in the back of church; the baskets/ furniture, themselves, with another seller will be showcased in the Parish Hall, as in years past. Please visit either location to assist in this part of the Cookie Walk.

#### PCCW Monthly Meeting

PCCW meeting November 13 at 6 PM. All ladies of the parish are invited to join as a group in support of each other and our community. Come and find out about a great opportunity for us to help with a new program for families with children preparing to receive the sacraments for the first time. Hope to see you all there. Refreshments available too! Rita Sanchez, PCCW President

# Social Justice

#### 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 caused by the terrorism and fighting in the Holy Land. To learn how you can help, visit ww.crs.org or scan the QR code.



#### Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, Nov. 7

Food & Milk: (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM): Sue Pretasky, Robin Woodwick, Dorothy Holtz, **Dunn & Foley Families** 

Intake: (6:30 PM - 9 PM) Mary Olson, Sarah Kopski, OPEN, Matt Deshler, Karen Deschler,

Morning Volunteer: (6 - 8:30 AM Wed.) OPEN, OPEN Free haircuts by Linda Kuehl

--Mary Olson, MMOC Coordinator for Warming Center, molson@mmoclacrosse.org.

## **Faith Formation**

### **Family Faith Formation**

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet this Wednesday November 8. Families should be completing At Home Lessons 1-2: Who Does God Say We Are? And

1-3: Celebrating who we are. We will see you again on November 15 for our at Church Session: Jesus my Friend and Savior. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 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**

Why does Jesus give us Living Bread?

Jesus loves us more than anyone, and He wants to dwell within us. Through Baptism, we become children of God. As part of His Family, Jesus wants to guide us on the right path – to live a life with joy and peace. He knows we need His help and this is how He strengthens us to follow Him, giving us the spiritual food that we need to have the power in order to follow His Way. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, I believe that You are the "living Bread" come down from Heaven. Please strengthen my belief. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: In your own words thank God for the gift of your Baptism in which you became a child of God and are privileged to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. This week, read how Peter addressed the great crowd of people, encouraging them to repent and be baptized in Acts 2:14a, 36-41.

2.Confession – a preparation for receiving the Eucharist.

The best way to prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is by going to Confession (also known as

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the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance). We want to receive Him with a clean heart. If it is not possible to go to Confession before receiving Jesus, make a sincere Act of Contrition in your heart, and as always pray with sincerity the prayer at Mass, "I confess to Almighty God..." A sin that is mortal - serious or grave - requires Sacramental Confession before receiving Holy Communion. If you are not sure about this, speak with a priest, a school teacher or parish catechist. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please give me the grace to be truly sorry for my sins. This week read how God calls us out of darkness into His own wonderful light in 1 Peter 2:9-10.

# **Community Events**

### A Place of Grace Benefit

A benefit concert for A Place of Grace will be held Sunday, Nov. 19, 2 PM at San Damiano Chapel, 900 Viterbo Dr., La Crosse. Music will be provided by Prairie Smoke and Fr. Conrad Targonski and Polly Pappadopolos with an introduction by Tom Thibedeau. There is no admission but monetary and non-perishable food donations will be joyfully accepted. The concert is open to everyone and the building is handicap accessible.

### ACS GOLD GALA 2023

Join us in supporting Aquinas Catholic Schools' mission of supporting mental AQUINAS health for our students and staff at the CATHOLIC 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/goldgala and click on the RSVP ONLINE! button.

#### Green & Gold Giveawav 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.

### **AHS Musical - ANNIE**

Fri. Nov. 10 at 7:30 PM

Sat. Nov. 11 at 2:00 PM

Sun. Nov. 12 at 2:00 PM

Performances will be held in the Aquinas High School Campbell Theatre. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance in the AHS office.

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

EVENINGS from 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.

#### Formed

This week on Formed: "Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee" video series.

What is the Eucharist? How does Jesus' ministry pave the way for this incredible gift? In this first episode of Bread of Life, Dr. Tim Gray shares insights from Sacred Scripture and dives into the Gospel of Mark's account of the first multiplication of loaves. Dr. Gray shows how Christ's eucharistic teaching is grounded in the Old Testament, provides hope for the reconstitution of Israel, and anticipates the Last Supper.

Visit: www.formed.org, click Sign up and search for "Mary, Mother of the Church LaCrosse," and provide your email address. Mobile apps are also available!

#### St. Patrick Parish ADESSE Raffle

St. Patrick Parish has their ADESSE raffle tickets for sale at the parish office. Each ticket is \$25.00 and is eligible for 366 drawings in 2024. There is no limit on how many times a particular ticket can win. Each month a drawing is done, and the checks are then mailed to the winners for that monthly. Annual prize amounts to \$16,740.

ADESSE Tickets are wonderful gifts for the holidays and excellent stocking stuffers for those hard to buy for people on your Christmas list!

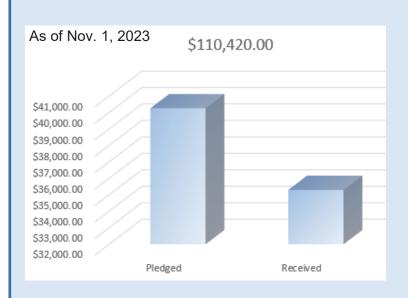




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### Diocesan Annual Appeal

"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,	November 7, 2023	
7:30 AM	† Mary Piek	
	By Richard Grosskopf, Sr	
Wedneso	lay, November 8, 2023	
7:30 AM	† Kathleen Cavanaugh, Marie Owen & Pat	
7.30 AW	Sullivan	
	By Pat Mertens	
	/, November 9, 2023	
7:30 AM	† Mary Lou Clark	
	By John Clark	
2:00 PM	Word Service with Communion at Hillviev	
	Health Care Center	
Friday, November 10, 2023		
7:30 AM	† Queto & Caroline Weber & Rossi Weber	
	By Jean Weber	
	, November 11, 2023	
4:00 PM	† Jim & Arlene Thornton	
	By Barbara Romanko	
	November 12, 2023	
8:00 AM	† Phyllis Tschumper	

By John & Cindy Dronenburg 10:00 AM Pro Populo





# Liturgical Roles Nov. 11-12

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linister of Ho	bly Communion
4:00 PM	Linda Gillette, John Klouda, Kelly Jakes
8:00 AM	Deacon Terry Bell, Nancy Imhoff, Dave Imhoff
10:00 AM	Deacon Terry Bell, Chuck Berendes- Choir, Linda Schwartz, Barbara Stet- zer,
.ector	
4:00 PM	OPEN, Joseph van Oss
8:00 AM	Bob Mahr, LuAnn Miller
10:00 AM	Mary Olson, Pattie Nimocks
Server	
4:00 PM	Madison Schlegel, Ellyana Jakes
8:00 AM	Porter Stanek, Lincoln Stanek
10:00 AM	Marcus Klar, Louie Berendes
Cantor	
4:00 PM	Therese van Oss
8:00 AM	Dawn Mazzola
10:00 AM	Sunday Choir
lusician	
4:00 PM	Mary Jo Lium
8:00 AM	Jenny Nielsen
10:00 AM	Jenny Nielsen
Sacristan	
4:00 PM	Linda Gillette
8:00 AM	Jane Vogel
10:00 AM	Linda Schwartz
Sift Bearer	
4:00 PM	George Bell, Maggie Bell
8:00 AM	Anita Olosn, Sandy Pitsch
10:00 AM	Shannon Klar, OPEN
Greeters	Karin Marda, Otarra Oakarda, Arian
4:00 PM	Kevin Moyle, Steve Schaub, Arian Arens, Phil Watson, Jim Spielbauer, Mary Schaub, Nora Dickinson, Chris Schlegel- Lead
8:00 AM	Ericka Stanek, Deke Stanek, Bob Klar, Cindy Klar, Sandy Pitsch, Peg- gy Baumler, OPEN, Allan Baumler- Lead
10:00 AM	Elie Klar, Mason Klar, Nathan Wintheiser, Mike Wintheiser, Brenda Wintheiser, Andrew Schwartz, Chuck Berendes, OPEN-Lead
lospitality	
8:00 AM	Nancy Pederson, Jeff Pederson
10:00 AM	Charlotte Berendes, Polly Berendes
Scrip Sellers	
4:00 PM	Heidi Schlegel, Vicki Kloss
8:00 AM	Karen Perry, Mary Genz
10:00 AM	Sue Pretasky, OPEN
ive Streamer	
4:00 PM	Rick Wilson
Song Leader	ODEN
10:00 AM	OPEN



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