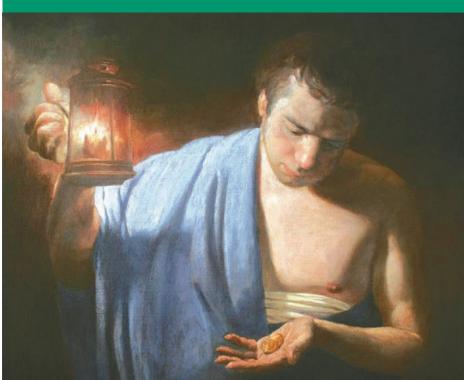
## November 19, 2023





## 33<sup>RD</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

F THE CHURCH

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.

#### PARISH STAFF

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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.

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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 Ministry Scheduler link at the top of the page, or call Steve at 788-5483. ext. 1.

### **Parish Office Hours**

The main office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 24.

### Angel Tree 2023

The tree is up and decorated with angels. This project is designed to help Catholic Charities provide for families in need during the Christmas season. As in the past, each angel will have a dollar amount attached. You have the opportunity to donate cash or check, or purchase scrip of your choice in that amount and place it in the box. All angels and donations need to be returned by December 3. Thank you for always being so generous.

### Mobile Meals Volunteers/Coordinator Needed

This is our last week for delivering Mobile Meals this vear. Volunteers needed Nov. 20 - Nov. 26. We are still in need of a Coordinator. I can answer any questions you may have. Please consider being the Coordinator! — Sue Moyle @ 608-787-0076.

### Advent Books

Just in time for Advent, The Little Blue Book from the Diocese of Saginaw will be available in the back of church next weekend. They are free for the taking.

### **Plan Ahead For The Holidays**

As Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Christmas approaches, please plan ahead for your Scrip purchases for all your shopping, baking, decorating and gift buying needs. You can buy



Scrip in the office on Fridays from 8 AM to 3 PM (please note office closure on Friday, 11/24). You can also buy scrip online, please call Mike or Sister Meg in the office for all the details 788-5483, ext. 2.

### A Night with St. Nicholas



Join us for an evening with St. Nicholas. This family event will be held on the eve of the feast of St. Nicholas, Tuesday, December 5, from 6 – 7 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in the parish hall. The



event will include singing, crafts, games and treats along with a visit from St. Nicholas himself! All children ages 3 to 7 are welcome to attend with their families. Older siblings are welcome too! There is no cost to this event but to help us better plan, please let us know how many children are coming by registering using the QR code. Contact Kristin with any questions. (788-5483, ext. 4 or kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org).

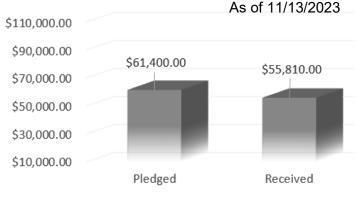


## Finance

### **Diocesan Annual Appeal**

This appeal supports the needs of the local Church and beyond. The target goal for our parish is \$110,420. Parish participation is at 20%. Please be generous. If you are unable to contribute financially, please return the appeal form to the diocese with \$0 written in the amount pledged line. Thank you!

## TARGET: \$110,420



## Family Life

### **New Parishioners**

MMOC is delighted to welcome Roland & Betty Roskos, and the Myers family (Chris, Dorothy, and Sammy) to the parish!

### PCCW

MMOC Cookie Walk 2023 Signups this weekend The Cookie Walk will be held December 9, 7:30 AM -1:00 PM. Makers of every kind are needed. If you are a cookie maker; a candy, bread, pie maker or soup and chili maker, please stop in and add your name to the sign-up sheets in the back of church, or if you have an imagination for crafting that something special the craft signup sheet is waiting for you. Do not forget to pick up the drop-off instructions for your baked goods when signing up.

### **Advent Luncheon**

Please join us for Christian fellowship with our neighbors (Good Shepherd and Our Redeemer Lutheran Churches) for our annual Advent Luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 11 AM at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. A free-will offering will be collected for the local program Come For Supper. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church to indicate if you are attending.

## 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 Holy Land. How can you help? Visit ww.crs.org or scan the QR code.



### Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, Nov. 21

<u>Food & Milk:</u> (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM): Pattie Nimocks, Tracy Mullaney, Joan Weissenberger, Anne Hensley, Pam Schelfhout

<u>Intake:</u> (6:30 PM - 9 PM) Mary Olson, Sarah Kopski, Russ O'Neil, Tammy Byington, Charlene Krocker, Fr. Konopa.

<u>Morning Volunteers:</u> (6 - 8:30 AM Wed.) Brad & Lynn Sturm, Tracy Mullaney

Free haircuts by Linda Kuehl

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

# 40th Annual La Crosse Community Thanksgiving Dinner

In the past, our parish answered the need for green beans and punch. This year we have provided \$250 from our Works of Charity fund.

### Faith Formation

### **Family Faith Formation**

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday November 22 or Wednesday November 29. Families should be completing At Home Lesson 2-1: How can we know, 2-2: Jesus His Life on Earth, and 2-3: Jesus: The Good Shepherd. We will see you again on December 6 for our at Church Session - Family Life: Building Youth Domestic church. Contact Kristin with any questions — kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 788-5483 Ext. 4.

### **Sacramental Preparation Session November 29**

This is just a friendly reminder that our next At Church Sacramental Preparation Session takes place Wednesday November 29 from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church. Pizza will be served starting at 5:00 PM until we begin our session. At least one parent/guardian must attend along with their son or daughter preparing for the Sacraments. This will be our last Mend At Church Session before the children make their First Confessions.

We will be going over the logistics of how to go to confession at this session. Contact Kristin with any questions at kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 Ext. 4.

### Eucharistic Revival

### Two Minutes With Jesus

1. The Holy Spirit and the Eucharist Even after the Apostles had experienced the Risen Christ, they were afraid. They gathered with Mary on the day of Pentecost and prayed behind locked doors, waiting as instructed for the Gift of the Holy Spirit. After the Holy Spirit descended upon them on Pentecost, the Apostles were no longer afraid and were equipped to fulfill their mission. It is the same for us today. When we receive the Eucharist, we also receive God the Holy Spirit, to abide in the depths of our hearts. If we allow Him, the Spirit of Truth will transform us and we will no longer be afraid, but be equipped with peace and strength for our mission. Let us then prepare for each Eucharistic encounter in the same way the Apostles prepared for Pentecost, "in prayer ... with Mary ..." (Acts 1:14). Let's pray this right now and every day this week: the Sequence for Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home Shed a ray of light divine! Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms shine. You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest; Sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe. O most blessed Light divine, Shine within these hearts of yours, And our inmost being fill! Where you are not, we have naught, Nothing good in deed or thought, Nothing free from taint of ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray. On the faithful, who adore And confess you, evermore In your sevenfold gift descend; Give them virtue's sure reward; Give them your salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

2. The Eucharist and the Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit Jesus gave His life for us so that our sins can be forgiven and we can be united in a relationship of love with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We refer to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the most Holy Trinity – three Persons in one God. When we receive the Eucharist, in reality, we are not only receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus, but all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you" (Paul's second Letter to the 2Corinthians 13:13)

### **Vocation to Diocesan Priesthood**

Have you ever wondered how God may be speaking to you? Perhaps you are waiting to hear a loud, booming voice come from the heavens to tell you what to do or which way to go. While this isn't completely out of the question, often God takes a much subtler approach. In 1 Kings, we have the account of the Prophet Elijah standing at the entrance of a cave, waiting for the Lord to appear. As he waits, he encounters a strong, violent wind, a powerful earthquake, and a consuming fire, yet God was not revealing Himself in any of those powerful examples. Finally, as Elijah waited, he heard a soft, quiet whisper. At that, he knelt to the ground and prayed. God often speaks to us, not in grand and impressive ways, but in the silence. When we can still our hearts, that's when we begin to hear His voice, calling us into relationship and to follow Him. Sometimes that invitation is to follow the Lord as one who lovingly serves others in the priesthood. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, please contact: Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667.

## **Community Events**

### A Place of Grace Benefit

A benefit concert for A Place of Grace will be held at 2 PM on Sunday, Nov. 19, 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.

### Holy Trinity Cookie Walk

The Cookie Walk and Craft Sale at Holy Trinity Parish is on Saturday, December 9 in Leo Hall. Fancy Cookies can be purchased by the pound from 8:00 AM until gone. There will also be a Craft Sale featuring 10 tables of crafts from local parishioners and vendors from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

## This week on Formed

Movie: St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction

Audio: A Time to Die: Monks on the Threshold of Eternal Life

Books: *Manalive by G.K. Chesterton* Kids: Ryan Defrates: Secret Agent

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

### Liturgical Roles Nov. 23 Thursday, 9:00 AM - Mass of Thanksgiving

### **Minister of Holy Communion**

- Deacon Terry Bell, Lori Hames, Joseph van Oss
- Lector Patricia Kirchner, Chris Schlegel
- Server Isabella Miller, Isabella Neubauer
- Cantor Small Group
- Musician Mary Jo Lium
- Sacristan Linda Kloet
- Gift Bearer Jennifer Miller, Lance Miller
- Greeter Pat Burns, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, Mary Jothen, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN-Lead
- Scrip Sellers Heidi Schlegel, Vickie Kloss

Live	Joseph van Oss
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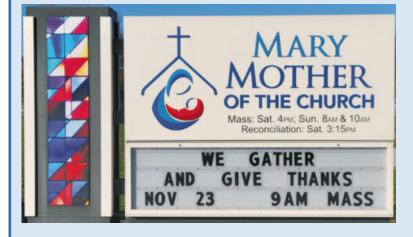
# Liturgical Roles Nov. 25-26

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4:00 PM	Nancy Imhoff, Dave Imhoff, Kelly Jakes		
8:00 AM	Deacon Terry Bell, Daniel & Kathy Skiles		
10:00 AM	John Conzemius, Linda Schwartz - Choir, Carol Forer, OPEN		
Lector			
4:00 PM	Therese & Joseph van Oss		
8:00 AM	Francesca Ortmeier, Charles Heider- scheit		
10:00 AM	Barbara Stetzer, Polly Berendes		
Server	Darbara Oterzer, i ony Derendes		
4:00 PM	Aubrov Jakos Ellvana Jakos		
	Aubrey Jakes, Ellyana Jakes		
8:00 AM	Kaitlin Ortmeier, Nolan Richards		
10:00 AM	Louie Berendes, Shaun Ziolkowski		
Cantor			
4:00 PM	Nancy Misch		
8:00 AM	Sara Edman		
10:00 AM	Sunday Choir		
Musician			
4:00 PM	Mary Jo Lium		
8:00 AM	Mary Jo Lium		
10:00 AM	Jenny Nielsen		
Sacristan			
4:00 PM	Linda Gillette		
8:00 AM	Kerry & Sue Groetsch		
10:00 AM	Linda Schwartz		
Gift Bearer			
4:00 PM	George & Maggie Bell		
8:00 AM	Dave & Francesca Ortmeier		
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10:00 AM	Lisa Doering, Casey Horman, Sam Horman		
Greeters			
4:00 PM	Arian Arens, Linda Gillette, Patrick		
	Hogan, OPEN, Steve Schaub, Peter Schmitz, Phil Watson, Kellie Schmitz		
	-Lead		
8:00 AM	Peggy Baumler, OPEN, Donna		
	Burns, Sue Groetsch, Jon Mason,		
	Pattie Nimocks, Kylie Ortmeier, Allan		
	Baumler-Lead		
10:00 AM	Chuck Berendes, Charlotte Ber-		
	endes, OPEN, Andrew Schwartz,		
	Nathan Wintheiser, Brett Ziokowski,		
	Lisa Doering - Lead		
Hospitality	-		
8:00 AM	Dave & Francesca Ortmeier		
10:00 AM	Pat & Kathy Houlihan		
Scrip Sellers	,		
4:00 PM	Kevin Moyle, Sue Olson		
8:00 AM	Mary Genz, Sue Moyle		
10:00 AM	Tammy Byington, Pat Houlihan		
Live Streamer			
4:00 PM	Joseph van Oss		
	OPEN		
Song Leader			

### Weekly Mass Intentions Tuesday, November 21, 2023 7:30 AM **† Frank & Regina Svec** By Joan Deyo Wednesday, November 22, 2023 7:30 AM Jane O'Neil **Russell O'Neil** Thursday, November 23, 2023 9:00 AM Roger Role **By Shirley Role** Friday, November 24, 2023 No Mass Saturday, November 25, 2023 4:00 PM Adrian & Lorraine Yeager By Dennis & Kathy Bissen Sunday, November 26, 2023 8:00 AM Lloyd Turner **By Lori Turner** 10:00 AM Pro Populo



**"The littlest Saints"** A moment captured at our All Saints Day Mass.



### MMOC Cookie Walk 2023 Raffle Baskets

Raffle tickets are on sale with 2 locations available for purchasing tickets: the back of church (with a descriptive reading of each basket's contents) and in the Parish Hall where The Mystery Box, furniture and an assortment of raffle baskets will be showcased. The following are brief snapshots of each basket:

#1 - **The Mystery Box**: This ???? is valued at \$350.00.

#2 - **Christmas Eve** highlighting that special evening of family time, whether putting a puzzle together, playing a game, reading a traditional favorite or even coloring Christmas stockings, topped off with a Domino's pizza gift card.

#3 - **Christmas Morning** featuring a waking up to breakfast basket of a waffle Nostalgia maker, pancake/waffle mix, syrup and a Walmart gift card.

#4 - **The Little Baker** (For the future Cookie Walk maker who needs a little of everything for starters) featuring her own nostalgia gingerbread maker (like Moms), cookie/cake mixes, a baking set, complimented by a Festival gift card.

#5 - **Relax and Rejuvenate** (Spa Basket) helping to pamper that someone special featuring a special RELAX candle, a bottle of River Gold wine, and gift cards to help with the pampering. Get that special manicure and pedicure at The Salon Professional Academy.

#6 - **Spirited Selections**, a "festive" and spirited wine basket featuring red and white wines from the Vernon Vineyards among a selection of chocolate goodies and complimentary gifts.

#7 - **Toasting Good Moments**, a wine basket that helps one when entertaining featuring tumblers, coasters, and an array of snacks paired with red and white wines from the Vernon Vineyards.

#8 - **Taste of Italy** featuring a basket that if one cannot go to Italy, you can experience Italy in your own home. Featuring a variety of wines, variety of pastas and sauce.

#9 - **Toddler, Youth and Adult chairs** each uniquely complimented.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 12 for \$10. Drawing at the Cookie Walk (you do not need to be present to win).

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM Christmas Day 9:00 AM





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