# **January 7, 2024**





# The Epiphany of the Lord

### **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.

### **MMOC Eucharistic Adoration**

On Jan 11, Mary, Mother of the Church will host its monthly Holy Hour at 4:45 PM. Come, let us adore, Him!



**Time for a New Ministry Schedule** 

We will soon begin working on a new Ministry Schedule that will run from February 1 through April for Lectors, Cantors, Servers, Sacristan, Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters and Scrip Sellers. Please submit any "Can't Serve Dates" through the online scheduling tab on the parish website, www.mmoclacrosse.org under Ministry Scheduler or by calling the parish office, 788-5483, ext. 1 by Jan. 18.

Please consider actively signing up for other Masses: Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14), Holy Thursday (Mar. 28), Good Friday (Mar. 29), Holy Saturday (Mar. 30).



**NEEDED: Ministers of Holy Communion** 

We welcome new Ministers of Holy Communion. Training will be offered on Saturday, January 13 from 8:30-9:30 AM. Those interested are asked to contact the parish office 788-5483 x1 by noon on Friday, January 12 to share your email and register.

#### **Communion Calls**

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

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

# **Family Life**

### 50th Wedding Anniversaries

Please submit the names of those couples celebrating their 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries in the year 2024, by January 22 to Steve at 608-788-5483, ext.1 or secretary@mmoclacrosse.org.

### **United in the Bond of Marriage**

Congratulations to Deven Nietzold & Lily Manning who were married on December 30, 2023. May the love they share be a living witness of how much God loves the world.

# **Faith Formation**

### **Family Faith Formation**

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday January 10. Families should be completing At Home Lesson 4-1:Bible Basics for Beginners and 4-2:God's Living Word. We will see you again on January 17. Contact Kristin with any questions at 608-788-5483 Ext. 4 or kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org.

### **Sacramental Preparation**

Our next At Church Sacramental Prep session will be Wednesday January 24 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church. We will begin our Nourish program to help children and families getting ready to celebrate First Eucharist. Dinner will be provided beginning at 5:00 PM.

### PCCW & Men's Club

### Christmas Social on Jan. 10 at 6 PM

Join us for an evening of fun! All men and women of the parish are invited to an evening social hosted by the PCCW & the Men's Club in the parish hall. Both groups are always looking for new members. All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with current members.

### **Finance**

### **Diocesan Annual Appeal**

The target goal for our parish is \$110,420. As of Dec. 27, parish participation is at 26% 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.



# Social Justice

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, Jan. 16

<u>Food & Milk</u> (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM): Joseph van Oss, Sue Olson (milk), OPEN, OPEN, OPEN

<u>Intake</u> (6:30 PM - 9 PM): Mary Olson, Sarah Kopski, Heidi Korger, Pat Korger, OPEN, OPEN

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

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

# **Eucharistic Revival**

### A Minute With Jesus

At Mass, we want to focus on God. When we go to Mass, we want to think about God. This is our set-aside time with Jesus and we are to speak with and listen to Him because the Mass is the official public worship of God by the Church. This is the way that God invites us to worship Him as laid out in the Bible. Jesus wants us to sincerely focus on Him and what is happening at the altar. When we get distracted: don't get upset, but say a little prayer – ever so simple – and turn your thoughts gently and peacefully back to the Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to stay focused on You and what is happening at Mass every Sunday (or Saturday evening). This week, read how we are to give thanks to the Lord in Psalm 95:1-6.

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# **Community Events**

### **ACS Enrollment**

Aguinas Catholic schools welcomes you to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year. Aguinas is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for its students. There is much to be excited about with the launch of the Viterbo Education Program, new STEM lab, and over fifty extracurricular activities to get involved with. Call (608) 784-0287 to schedule a tour!

Enrollment for Cathedral Elementary School, St. Patrick Elementary School, Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, Aguinas Middle School, and Aguinas High School opens soon as well: January 8 - Current ACS Families, and January 22 - New Families. Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions or visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment.

### Pilgrimage for LIFE - Let's Bear Witness!! | Jan. 17-21 | Washington D.C.

Your pro-life witness is needed more than ever! Come with us by coach bus to Washington, DC, to participate in the annual March for Life. For ages 13 and up, \$400/person. Parish or school groups must have each participant complete the registration online, fill out the required forms and pay a non-refundable deposit of \$100. The remainder of the fee will be paid to the parish or school. For more information and to register, visit: <u>diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/pilgrimage-for-</u> life or scan the QR code to the right.

### "Behold: God is With Us" Young Adult Retreat - Jan. 27



The world needs Jesus. Our souls need Jesus. Out of God's abundant love for us, He became man: the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14).

Jesus is the answer to the longings of our heart, and He is our way to eternal life. Knowing He would ascend into heaven, Jesus leaves us Himself- body, blood, soul, and divinity- under the guise of simple bread and simple wine. Why? So that our intimate love and union with Him (flesh to flesh) may continue in this life as we await the perfection of His love and union in the next. "Behold: God is With Us" or "Behold," for short, is an opportunity for you to retreat from the busyness and stresses of this world and find rest and consolation in Jesus and other young adults like you. All 18-35 year olds are welcome to join us for a day of enriching talks, silent prayer/reflection, small group discussion, adoration, confession, and Mass. Most importantly, learn how to remain connected postretreat to a lively community of young adults striving for Sainthood. This day-long retreat will occur at Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse, WI. Checkins will begin at 8:30 AM, and the retreat will conclude after the 4:30 PM vigil Mass. An optional after party will take place to follow! Breastfeeding babies are welcome! Lunch will be provided! All of this and more for the low cost of \$20. Let us behold the Lord together! Register using your smartphone to scan the QR code above.

# Liturgical Roles January 13-14

### Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Kelly Jakes, Kevin Moyle, Rita Sanchez 8:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Steve & Erin Klar 10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Barbara Stetzer, Patti Sherry

Lector

4:00 PM Joseph & Therese van Oss 8:00 AM Charles Heiderscheit, Bob Mahr 10:00 AM Fred Berneking, Pattie Nimocks

Server

4:00 PM Aubrey Jakes, Ellyana Jakes Matthew Klar, Ryann Klar 8:00 AM Adelyn Neubauer, Olivia Neubauer 10:00 AM

Cantor

4:00 PM Rick Wilson Nancy Misch 8:00 AM Kristine Gasch 10:00 AM

Musician

4:00 PM Haylee Pagenkopf 8:00 AM **Bridget Baumeister Bridget Baumeister** 10:00 AM

Sacristan

4:00 PM Linda Gillette Kerry Groetsch 8:00 AM **Carol Forer** 10:00 AM

Gift Bearer

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8:00 AM Lance & Jennifer Miller Chuck & Jessica Neubauer 10:00 AM

Greeter

4:00 PM Linda Gillette, Chris Schlegel, Neil Kumm, Joe Riemer, Joan Weissenberger, Jim Spielbauer, Mary Schaub, Phil Watson-Lead

OPEN, Alan & Peggy Baumler, Jonathan 8:00 AM Baumler, Bob & Cindy Klar, Pat Burns,

Jon Mason-Lead

10:00 AM Lydia Bell, Felicity Bell, Cullen Sackman, Kyle White, Nathan Wintheiser, Mike &

Brenda Wintheiser, Robb Pretasky-Lead

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Sue Olson, Kevin Moyle 8:00 AM Mary Genz, Karen Perry 10:00 AM Kimberly Krejchik, Sheri Skelton

Hospitality

8:00 AM Jeff & Nancy Pederson

10:00 AM Johanna Bell, Trisha Stratman

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4:00 PM Joseph van Oss



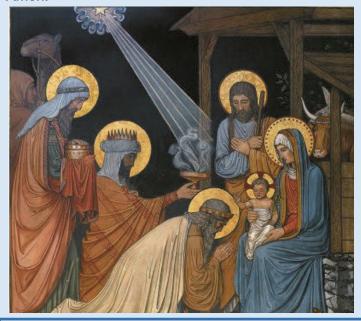


### A Special Thank You for All You Do!

To everyone who made our Christmas Masses so beautiful: liturgical ministers, musicians, greeters, sacristans, and especially to those who spent so much time decorating our church! Dec. 24 was the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve, so there was not much time. It is greatly appreciated!

2024 Epiphany Blessing of the Home

Blessed be all the rooms of this home. May each of them be holy and filled with the spirit of happiness and peace, love and affection. May the spirit of pardon and affection reside with us and be always ready to heal our divisions. May the spirits of joy and laughter, hope and faith, playfulness and prayer, compassion and love be perpetual quests in our home. May God's holy blessing rest upon us all, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



### **Weekly Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

7:30 AM **† Joyce Clements** 

By Linda Werner

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 7:30 AM

**Zietlow Family** By Mike Wuensch

Thursday, January 11, 2024

7:30 AM † Dee Smikla

By Jackie Sagear 2:00 PM **Word Service with Communion at** 

**Hillview Healthcare Center** 

Friday, January 12, 2024

7:30 AM † Kathryn Steele

By Virginia Horstman

Saturday, January 13, 2024

4:00 PM Teri & Mike Kendhammer and Family

By Amy & Thomas Strom

Sunday, January 14, 2024 8:00 AM † Jim Omernik

By Sue & Mark Halter

10:00 AM **Pro Populo** 





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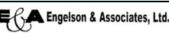


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