February 11, 2024





6TH 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.

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 8am-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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MMOC Parish Hall Friday, February 16 Dine-in or Carry-out

4:00 - 7:00 PM

(Next One: March 15)

BAKED or FRIED COD, COLESLAW, BAKED POTATO or FRIES, ROLL 2-PIECE \$12 3-PIECE \$14

\$5 - Kids Menu: Grilled Cheese, Fries, Fruit Beer, Wine and Dessert available at dine-in for an additional cost

Ash Wednesday, February 14 Schedule

6:30 AM St. Patrick Cathedral

8:00 AM Blessed Sacrament

St. Patrick

St. James the Less St. Charles. Genoa

8:30 AM St. Teresa of Kolkata, West Salem

St. Joseph Ridge

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12:10 PM Cathedral

4:00 PM St. Patrick, Onalaska

5:10 PM Cathedral **5:30 PM MMOC**

St. James the Less

6:00 PM St. Patrick, Onalaska

St. Joseph Ridge

6:30 PM St. Teresa of Kolkata, West Salem

7:00 PM St. Charles, Genoa

Lenten Regulations

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Lenten regulations are as follows:

- 1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
- 2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Little Black Books

Free Lenten booklets are available this weekend on a first come, first serve basis in the back of church. These books offer daily, 6 minute reflections on the parables of Jesus.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Feb. 27 at the 10:30 AM Mass (NO 7:30 AM Mass).

Those with the following health conditions should consider receiving the sacrament:

--heart condition

- --serious ailment or disease
- --elderly...notably weakened by age
- --upcoming surgery due to illness/injury
- --emotional affliction

By the grace of this sacrament, God strengthens both body and soul to face the extra anxiety and temptations that come with sickness. Please use the reserved seating in the front pews. If you need a ride, contact Sr. Kathy 608-788-5483 ext. 7.

Lenten Collection

Mary, Mother of the Church has a loyal band of volunteers who put Matthew 25:37 into action: "Lord, when did we see you hungry?" Their shared mission since 2021 is "To relieve the hunger of unsheltered people in La Crosse." In an atmosphere of authentic, Christian fellowship, they meet every Thursday (Nov. – April) in the parish kitchen at 2 PM for 2 hours to prepare one big meal for the Warming Center. However, they don't stop there! They also bring breakfast and enough sandwiches for the sheltered guests to share with others the next day.

These volunteers rely on The Hunger Task Force for the vast majority of their ingredients. Therefore, this organization will receive the funds from our 2024 Lent Collection. In 1996, they began their mission: The Hunger Tasks Force works to eliminate hunger by harvesting community resources and being the voice of the hungry. Hunger Task Force is a liaison between various organizations in our community to help them work cooperatively to alleviate hunger.

Each weekend, there will be updated information in the bulletin so we can learn about the issue of hunger and how The Hunger Task Force makes a difference.

Please be generous to this year's Lent Collection.

Old Palms

If you are looking for a way to dispose of blessed palms, there is a box in the gathering space for this purpose. We will dispose of them in a proper manner. Traditionally, the ashes from blessed palms are used for Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross

Devotions will be held every Friday, February 16 - March 22 during Lent at 4:00 PM. Eucharistic Exposition and individual confessions will take place from 3:00-3:50 PM prior to Stations of the Cross.

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 7885483 ext. 7.



Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast

The Men's Club will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 11 from 8 AM - 12 noon. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit cocktail, juice and coffee. \$5.00 per person; \$4.00 seniors (60+) and kids (6-12); Free for kids 5 and under. Come join us in the Parish Hall for some great food and fellowship!

Family Life

Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Hazel Anne MacLeod who was baptized on Feb. 4. We welcome her to God's family with great joy!

United in the Bond of Marriage

Congratulations to Harold Rackow and Karen Guggenbuehl who were married on January 31, 2024. May the love they share be a living witness of how much God loves the world.

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Richard Weisbecker, James Schumacher and Theressa "Dee" Monti. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to the families and friends who mourn their loss. Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Coffee and Kids

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, February 16.

Finance

Scrip Extra Rebate



Kwik Trip has a short-term special rebate. Therefore every purchase of Kwik Trip from February 10 through February 25 will receive a 10% rebate instead of 5%!!

Faith Formation

OCIA: Rite of Sending

In order to highlight the Church's concern for our catechumens (those preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist), we will be sending them to Bishop Callahan to be admitted to the elect on the First Sunday of Lent. In addition, our candidates (those who are baptized and preparing for reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist) will also be presented to the Bishop. It is within the parish community, however, that the preliminary judgement is made concerning the

catechumens and candidates' state of formation and progress. This affirmation of our parish community will happen at the Rite of Sending on Feb. 18 at the 10 AM Mass. The Rite of Sending offers our parish community the opportunity to express its approval of the catechumens and candidates as well as send them to the celebration of election at the Cathedral assured of the parish's care and support. Please pray for them as they take this next step in their journey with Jesus!

Family Faith Formation Celebrates Ash Wednesday

All families are welcomed to attend Mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday on February 14 at 5:30 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church followed by Family Trivia in the Parish Hall until 6:45 PM. You may also celebrate Mass at your home parish if you prefer. Dinner will not be served this week. We will meet again for class on February 28. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4.

At Church Sacramental Preparation Session

Our next At Church Nourish session for families with a child preparing to receive First Eucharist will be Wednesday, February 21 from 5:30-6:30 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church. Families should complete Family Meetings 1 and 2 prior to this session. Dinner will be served at 5:00 PM.

Contact Kristin with any questions: kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 Ext.

Women's Small Faith-Sharing Group

Are you trying to figure out what it means to make Jesus' life and mission your focus or how to build a relationship with Him? Are you asking, "Where do I begin?" As with all great relationships, taking the time to get to know the person is best. The same is true with our relationship with Jesus Christ. To make His life and mission our focus, we must understand who Jesus is and how He wants to be a part of our lives. One dynamic way to begin this journey is to join a small faith-sharing group.

In the past, you may have felt the call to join one of the small faith-sharing groups the parish offers each fall, but the time commitment may have seemed overwhelming. Do you desire to experience being known, loved, and cared for by Christ? Are you longing to let Jesus into your heart? Do you sense something is missing in your life and think it might be Jesus? If these statements strike a chord in your heart, Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) might be the next step on your journey to a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ, your Savior.

On Mondays from 6:00-7:30 PM, beginning March 4, Tammy Byington will host a group focused solely on the series' first two books. During these 14 weeks, you will explore God's

loving plan for your salvation and develop a deeper appreciation of the power of the Holy Spirit. If you want to join her group, please contact her at TammyByBy@gmail.com or 608-498-0175.

Lenten Adult Faith Formation Program

Have you ever wondered...why we say and do certain things during Mass? What is the basis for our prayers, or practices, and our rituals during the Liturgy? You are not alone....so together let's learn about the Mass. YOU are invited to a 5-week Bible Study for everyone called "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" beginning the week of February 18. See below for locations and start times.

- Tuesdays: 9:00-10:30 AM St. James the Less (basement)
- Wednesdays: 8:15-9:45 AM MMOC (parish
- Wednesdays: 1:00-2:30 PM Holy Trinity (Leo
- Thursdays: 9:15-10:45 AM St. Patrick (basement)
- Thursdays: 5:00-6:30 PM St. Patrick (basement)
- 6:30-8:00 PM Blessed Sacrament Thursdays (parish hall)
- Fridays 10:30-12:00 Noon Cathedral (Undercroft)
- OR you can do a Home Study Option

The cost for class materials is \$24.00 which includes a book, workbook, and access to online videos. Register at any participating parish office, online at www.stpatsonalaska.com, or by contacting Amy Capelli at amy capelli@charter.net or (608)783-0847

Men's Club

Hoops Mania Kick-off

The Men's Club is sponsoring the Hoops Mania March Madness Basketball raffle! Game cards are \$10 each. Funds raised will



support the Building Fund, Vision Fund (youth/adult ministry), and Aquinas 7th grade Scholarships. Game cards are on sale until March 19 via several options:

- 1) The Men's Club will be selling game cards after all Masses on the weekends through Sunday 3/17
- 2) Online via the Hoops Mania website

http://www.charitymania.com/give/LE00D

- 3) At the men's club pancake breakfast on 2/11
- 4) Contact a Men's Club member for game cards. Thank you and good luck!

Social Justice

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Our parish' donations will support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. you missed the collection visit: usccb.org/ nationalcollections.com and click "How to give" under "Resources."

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, Feb.

Food & Milk (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM): Robin Woodwick, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, Sue Halter (Milk)

Intake (6:30 PM - 9 PM): Mary Olson, Sarah Kopski, Sue Halter, Patrick Stoffel, Dave Imhoff, Nancy Imhoff.

Free haircuts by Linda Kuehl

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

Eucharistic Revival

A Minute With Jesus

Preparing to Receive Holy Communion. When we are at Mass and preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, our minds will sometimes wander. When we find ourselves distracted in this way, simply return our eyes to the altar and listen with our hearts as the priest prays the words of Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. As we go forward to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, it is a good practice to repeat the following prayer: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." (Matthew 8:8)

- Let's pray this right now and every day this week in preparation for next Sunday: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." (Matthew
- This week, read Isaiah 26:3: He does keep in perfect peace, whose mind in stayed on Thee.

Aquinas Catholic Schools 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 a tour! Enrollment for Cathedral Elementary School, St. Patrick Elementary School, Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, Aquinas Middle School, and Aguinas High School is open for new families. Contact info@Aquinasschools.org questions visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org/enrollment.



Liturgical Roles February 17-18

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4:00 PM Nancy Imhoff, Joseph & Therese van 8:00 AM Deacon Bell, Dan & Kathy Skiles 10:00 AM Deacon Bell, OPEN-Choir, Anne

Kernan, Mary Olson

Sacristans

4:00 PM Mike Wuench 8:00 AM Dan & Kathy Skiles 10:00 AM John Conzemius

Lectors

4:00 PM Linda Gillette

8:00 AM Francesca Ortmeier, Barbara Stetzer

10:00 AM Pattie Nimocks, Sarah Scarlet

Servers

4:00 PM Madison Schlegel, OPEN 8:00 AM Nolan Richards, Katlin Ortmeier 10:00 AM Adelyn Neubauer, Olivia Neubauer

Musicians

4:00 PM Mary Jo Lium 8:00 AM Mary Jo Lium 10:00 AM Jenny Nielsen

Cantors

4:00 PM Nancy Misch 8:00 AM Dawn Mazzola 10:00 AM Sunday Choir

Greeters

8:00 AM

4:00 PM Mike & Joan Weissenberger, Peter

Schmitz, Steve Schaub, Kevin Moyle,

Phil Watson, Mark Misch-Lead

Kylie Ortmeier, Pat & Donna Burns, Allan & Peggy Baumler, Bob & Cindy

Klar-Lead

10:00 AM Robb Pretasky, OPEN, OPEN, Jon

Mason, Jerry Kernan, Gavin Stratman,

Trisha Stratman, Polly Berendes-Lead

Gift Bearers

4:00 PM OPEN, OPEN 8:00 AM Dave & Francesca

8:00 AM Dave & Francesca Ortmeier 10:00 AM Chuck & Jessica Neubauer Hospitality

10:00 AM Scrip Sellers

8:00 AM

4:00 PM Kellie Schmitz, Dee Sauer 8:00 AM Bob & Charlene Jansky

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10:00 AM Sue Pretasky, Kimberly Krejchik

Song Leader

10:00 AM OPEN



Dave & Francesca Ortmeier

Pat & Kathy Houlihan

Year of the Eucharist: Spotlight on MMOC's Stained Glass Windows on the South (Left) Side of the Sanctuary



A: The stalks of wheat imposed on a cross symbolize the bread that Christ blessed and broke at the Last Supper. We recall his words at every Mass: "Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disci-

ples, and said: 'Take this, all of you, and eat it, for this is my body which will be given up for you.'" During Mass, at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the priest says these words: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. If will become for us the bread of life."

B: The bunches of grapes imposed on a cross symbolize the wine that Christ presented with these words: "When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples and said: 'Take

this, all of you, and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me." During Mass, at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the priest says these words: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink."



C: The monstrance is used to enthrone the consecrated host at Eucharistic Adoration. When we place ourselves prayerfully in His presence we receive His grace, symbolized by the rays of light.

	Acceptance of the Control of the Con			
	Weekly Mass Intentions			
	Tuesday, February 13, 2024			
	7:30 AM	† Edna Spohn		
		By Family		
Wednesday, February 14, 2024				
	Noon	† Michael Pitsch	By Sandy Pitsch	
	5:30 PM	† Doris Stuber	By Virginia Horstman	
	Thursday, February 15, 2024			
7:30 AM † Henry Kreibich				
		By Jennifer Kreibich Word Service with Communion at Hillview Healthcare Center		
	2:00 PM			
	Friday, February 16, 2024			
	7:30 AM	† Jerry & Fern Bina By Toni Weise		
	Saturday, February 17, 2024			
	4:00 PM	4:00 PM † Larry Weibel		
		By Family		
	Sunday, February 18, 2024			
	8:00 AM	† Mary Ann Bornhei	mer	
		By Joan Thomas		
	10:00 AM	Pro Populo		





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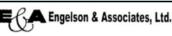


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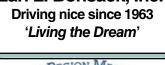
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