

March 3, 2024



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



3rd Sunday of Lent

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 us 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 Mon-
day 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.

March 3, 2024



MMOC Parish Hall
Friday, March 15
Dine-in or Carry-out
4:00 - 7:00 PM

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.

MMOC Eucharistic Adoration

On March 7, Mary, Mother of the Church will
host its monthly Holy Hour at 4:45 PM. Come,
let us adore, Him!



Parish Social

Join us Thursday, March 7 after the 7:30 AM Mass in
the Parish Hall for coffee, conversation and fellowship.

Spring Forward

Daylight Savings time will begin at 2 AM on Sunday,
March 10, 2024.

Stations of the Cross

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

Penance Service with Individual Confessions

Join us at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 13 at MMOC
for our Penance Service for individual confessions.

Lenten Collection

Did you know? The Hunger Task Force strives to
grow 30,000 pounds of fresh produce annually.

In 1998, The Hunger Task Force established the
Kane Street Gardens at the corner of Kane and St.
Cloud Streets. This community garden helps to provide
the fresh vegetables that are missing from the diets of
those struggling to make ends meet. Fresh produce is
expensive; therefore, those families struggling to make
ends meet may have to eliminate these healthy foods
from their grocery store purchases.

The 30,000 pounds of fresh produce harvested every
season are distributed to those in need – free of charge!
During the harvest season (beginning in June), commu-
nity members may come to the gardens on Mondays,
Thursdays, and Saturdays to receive produce. All re-
ceive some portion of the harvest.

The Hunger Task Force staff and hundreds of volun-
teers assist with planting, weeding, and harvesting each
season. The garden receives some funding from the
City of La Crosse through a Community Development
Block Grant (CDBG). Your generosity can help provide
The Hunger Task Force with seeds, materials, and
equipment necessary to operate this life-giving resource
in La Crosse. Please be generous this Lent to our cho-
sen charity – The Hunger Task Force.



NEEDED: Parish Office Assistant

Open Position: Office Assistant at
Mary, Mother of the Church Parish



Primary duties:

- Managing the front office
- Creating bulletins & handling parish mailings
- Maintaining parish calendars
- Assisting parish staff and organizations
- Overseeing Parish Hall usage
- Maintaining parish databases
- Scheduling Mass intentions & liturgical ministries
- Facilitating sacramental prep programs, including
marriage and baptisms
- Maintaining sacramental records
- Computer/technology troubleshooting skills
- Managing office supply inventory
- Selling Scrip
- Works with the Pastor

Qualifications:

1. Have the ability to operate office equipment
2. Experience with Google and Microsoft Office, including
Word, Excel and Publisher; ability to learn in-house
software ParishSoft and Ministry Scheduler Pro
3. Possesses good telephone, reception, and clerical
skills and experience
4. Possesses effective interpersonal communication
skills, including social media
5. Ability to work well with others, maintain confidentiality,
and maintain good attendance

Hours: Part-time position (28 hours/week); office hours
are 8 AM - 3 PM on Tues. - Fri.

Pay Range: \$18-20/hour commensurate with experience.
Benefits include paid time off including holidays, retire-
ment option, and 10% tuition discount at Aquinas Catho-
lic Schools, if applicable.

Available: March 19, 2024 Please submit a resume with
references from previous employer(s)/supervisor(s) to
frkonopa@mmoclacrosse.org.

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

Church Cleaning

An hour of your time will make
our church shine! We are looking for 25
volunteers to clean the church on Satur-
day, March 9, at 8:00 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.



Faith Formation

Supporting the Domestic Church

For the past two years Cathy Juran has used her gifts of hospitality and organization to take the lead in providing meals for the families who participate in our collaborative Family Faith Formation program on Wednesday nights. She has creatively planned menus, organized volunteers, lovingly shopped and cooked for 65-75 people, and served with smile. Many families have shared that the meals were one of the best parts of the program! They certainly were helpful in allowing families to come to our program unburdened by the task of feeding their family as well as allowing them to join in fellowship with others.

We are so grateful to her for sharing her gifts with us and even more excited for her as she steps down from this leadership role to be present to her new grandbaby. We are thankful Cathy has given us time to find a new leader for this role which will allow the new person to experience and witness what this service entails. If you feel called to this very important work of supporting the domestic church please contact Kristin Johnson at 608-788-5483 Ext. 4.

OCIA

Please pray for our Elect who are preparing to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil: Bjorn Larsen, Bradley Tschumper, Emily Allen, Frank Gillette, Hailey Woods, Kristy Holinka, Mariah Callan, Nick Callan, Rachel Woods, Ryan Tschumper, and Sharlene Timm.

Father of love and power, it is your will to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into his all-embracing love. Please guide our catechumens and candidates in the days and weeks ahead: strengthen them in their vocation, build them into the kingdom of your Son, and seal them with the Spirit of your promise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for them!

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday March 6. Families should be completing At Home Lesson 6-1, What Makes the Catholic Church Different. We will see you again on March 13. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 Ext. 4.

Poems for Lent

These poems have been written by various members of this year's group of 10th grade Confirmation candidates. They were tasked to write using the theme of either "Jesus on the Cross" or "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit". I hope you delight in these and that they will enrich your Lenten season! —Samuel Obert.

You are lost
but don't be
God is with you
Always and forever
trust
because the Lord is present
~ Anonymous

Please continue to pray for the 53 young men and women in our program who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in a month! Thank you!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Meet the Expert Q&A

What does the spirituality of a child look like? How can we help them grow in their relationship with Jesus? The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an amazing formation experience for infants through middle schoolers. It offers them the opportunity to hear and absorb the Gospel message through the use of sensory materials and working with their hands. Join Carolyn Kohlhaas, nationally recognized CGS formation leader and Montessori expert in the parish hall on Thursday, March 7 from 6-7:30 PM as she shares more about the richness of this program and answers your questions! A tour of Mary, Mother of the Church's atrium (prepared environment) will be offered. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Finance

Easter Flowers

Please use the special envelope in your packets to donate towards Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones. Flowers will be purchased throughout the Easter Season to add to our extended celebration. A list of donors and memorials will appear in a future bulletin.

Men's Club & PCCW

PCCW Meeting — March 11 at 6 PM in the Parish Hall

All women of the parish are encouraged to attend the Parish Council of Catholic Women. We need all hands on deck to plan future events and to organize our hosting responsibilities for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention on April 13 at the Radisson. During this season of Lent, may the Holy Spirit guide us in our work to infuse spirituality in our parish, our deanery, our diocese, and our community. — Rita Sanchez, PCCW President

Men's Club Meeting—March 13 at 7 PM in room C.

Food Drive

The Men's Club requests your help to pack the Food Closet at Place of Grace. Please grab a bag after any weekend Mass starting this weekend and return by Sunday, March 17. Information is on the bag. Thank you for your generosity!

Hoops Mania

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 3/19 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) Contact a Men's Club member for game cards.
- Thank you and good luck!

Social Justice

Meals on Wheels

Stefana Pretasky is taking over as coordinator for the meal delivery ministry from Sue Moyle. If you have volunteered in the past or would like to volunteer in the future, please email your name and number to: mealsonwheels@mmoclacrosse.org. Deliveries resume in April. Thank you.

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, March 5

Food & Milk (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM): Kathy & Dan Skiles, Paul & Mary Therese Rinzel, Linda Schwartz, OPEN, Sue Pretasky (Milk)

Intake (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM): Mary Olson, Sarah Kopski, Matt & Karen Deshler, OPEN, Patrick Stoffel
Free haircuts by Linda Kuehl/Dave Imhoff

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

Community Events

Healing Mass & Service Cashton — March 4

Are you suffering from physical, spiritual, or psychological distress? God's will is for you to be whole! A Healing Service will be held on March 4 at Sacred Heart Church -Cashton. The evening begins at 4:30 PM with Adoration, devotions, confessions and Holy Mass (5:30 PM), followed by prayers for healing using exorcised and blessed salt, oil, and water, with intercessory prayers by our clergy and lay prayer teams.

Lenten Day of Recollection — March 9

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse will be hosting a Lenten Day of Recollection. The day includes talks on The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Hell, and Heaven. Free admission. Learn more at GuadalupeShrine.org/events!

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

7:30 AM † Dennis Vegel
By Gary & Shelley Vegel

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

7:30 AM † Alan Bennett
By Gloria Biesen

Thursday, March 7, 2024

7:30 AM † Queto and Caroline Weber
By Jean Weber

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare Center

Friday, March 8, 2024

7:30 AM † Kay Garbers
By Dr. Stephen and Jeanne Pavela

Saturday, March 9, 2024

4:00 PM † Gary Werner
By Linda Werner

Sunday, March 10, 2024

8:00 AM Pro Populo
10:00 AM † Myron Gierszewski
By Family

Liturgical Roles March 9-10

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Mark Outzen - Deacon, Jim Klock, Kellie Schmitz

8:00 AM Deacon Bell, Nick & Janice Berry

10:00 AM Deacon Bell, Chuck & Polly Berendes

Lector

4:00 PM Peter Schmitz, Chris Schlegel

8:00 AM Fred Berneking, Barbara Stetzer

10:00 AM Sally Egan, Matt Binsfeld

Server

4:00 PM Christopher Hughey, Keegan Gerling

8:00 AM Porter Stanek, Lincoln Stanek

10:00 AM Louie Berendes, Hank Berendes

Cantor

4:00 PM Christine Nelson

8:00 AM Pattie Nimocks

10:00 AM Dawn Mazzola

Musician

4:00 PM Christopher Carskadon

8:00 AM Bridget Baumeister

10:00 AM Bridget Baumeister

Sacristan

4:00 PM Linda Kloet

8:00 AM Jane Vogel

10:00 AM Mike Wuensch

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM Steve & Erin Klar

8:00 AM Ken & Michelle Morrison

10:00 AM Sally, Andrew & Rachel Egan

Greeter

4:00 PM Olivia Rudie, Patrick Hogan, Elie Klar, Neil Kumm, Arian Arens, Mark Misch, OPEN, Phil Watson - LEAD

8:00 AM Deke Stanek, Peggy Baumler, Jonathan Baumler, Sandy Pitsch, Jon Mason, Erica Stanek, OPEN, Allan Baumler - LEAD

10:00 AM Anne Kernan, Elly Binsfeld, Anna Binsfeld, Megan Binsfeld, Cullen Pittman, Isaac Schelfhout, Kyle White, Lisa Doering - LEAD

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Heidi Schlegel, Vickie Kloss

8:00 AM Karen Perry, OPEN

10:00 AM Kathy McGettigan, Sheri Skelton

Hospitality

8:00 AM Jeff & Nancy Pederson

10:00 AM Polly and Charlotte Berendes

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss



Mary, Mother of the Church
Presents
2024 Spiritual Renewal Days

Encountering Jesus in the Love Story of Salvation

Monday, March 4

GOD'S STORY WITH US:

Understanding the Story of the Bible

Presented by Ann Lankford

Meet in Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 5

MY STORY WITH GOD:

Knowing and Telling your Story

Presented by Chris Ruff

Meet in Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 6

ENCOUNTERING JESUS:

To Be Known, Loved & Cared For

Meet in Church



Join us at 6 pm each evening at MMOC



Christopher Ruff is Director of the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns for the Diocese of La Crosse. He directs the Lay Formation Institute, is assistant director of Deacon Formation, and supports social ministry efforts throughout the

diocese. Chris received his licentiate degree from the Pope John Paul II Institute for Marriage and the Family. He is the author of the Discipleship Series of small-group resources and has spoken around the country. He and his wife, Clare, have five grown children and four grandchildren.



Ann Lankford is Director of the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization for the Diocese of La Crosse. She assists teachers of the Faith at parishes and schools with ongoing formation and the development of requested resources and provides

evangelization training in the Lay Formation Institute and Diaconate. Ann received her MA in Theology and Christian Ministry with a specialization in Catechetics from Franciscan University of Steubenville. She is a presenter for Franciscan at Home online workshops for the Catechetical Institute, Steubenville, OH.

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