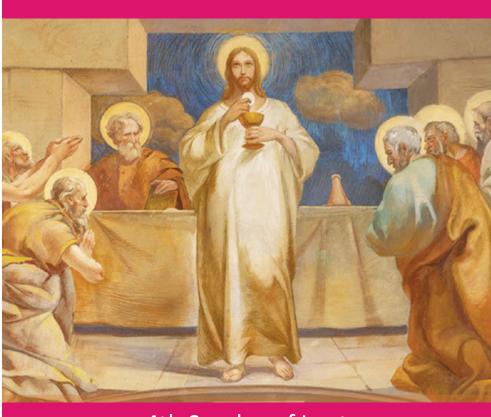
March 10, 2024





4th 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 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.



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.

Easter Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 28 at 7 PM with adoration until 9 Good Friday, March 29 at 1 PM Easter Vigil, March 30 at 8:30 PM Easter Sunday, March 31 at 8 AM & 10 AM

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Items for the March 24 bulletins are due by Friday, March 14. Items for the March 31 bulletins are due by Thursday, March 21.

Holy Communion: Precious Blood

On Holy Thursday we will offer the Precious Blood from Communion cups for those who wish to fulfill the Lord's invitation to "eat and drink." This Gift was offered last year on Holy Thursday and many chose to receive.

Needed: Liturgical Ministers

Liturgical positions need to be filled for all Holy Week Masses. This includes Sacristans, Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters, Gift Bearers, and Servers. Please consider filling in if you are available. Go to www.mmoclacrosse.org and click on the Ministry Scheduler link at the top of the page, or call the office at 608-788-5483, ext. 1.

Stations of the Cross

Devotions will be held at 4:00 PM every Friday during Lent through March 22. Eucharistic Exposition and individual 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? 12 schools in the La Crosse school district operate food pantries for their students & nearly half of the students in the school district of La Crosse receive free or reduced meals.

The Hunger Task Force serves our community as a food bank. As a food bank, they collect, sort, and distribute food to various meal sites, shelters, and food pantries, like those in the La Crosse School District. These food pantries then serve individuals and their families by distributing food items to those in need.

In 2000, The Hunger Task Force began their Food Recovery Program to prevent safe and wholesome food from going to waste. Through this program, The Hunger Task Force coordinates donations from approximately 520 donors and food drives and then delivers to over 120 meal sites, food pantries, youth programs, and outreach sites in La Crosse, Vernon, Trempealeau, Mon-

roe, Houston, Winona, and Allamakee Counties. In 2022, the Food Recovery Program "recovered" 2.5 million pounds of food!

Each year, up to 1/5th of America's food ends up as waste – approximately 130 pounds per person going into landfills. The annual value of this food is \$31 billion – roughly enough food to feed 49 million people! This program reduces waste in our landfills, uses the earth's bounty well, and provides for needy families.

The Hunger Task Force Food Recovery Program is a FREE and LOCAL service. They rely solely on grants and committed donors. Please be generous this Lent to our chosen 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
- Experience with Google and Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel and Publisher; ability to learn inhouse software ParishSoft and Ministry Scheduler Pro
- 3. Possesses good telephone, reception, and clerical skills and experience
- Possesses effective interpersonal communication skills, including social media
- 5. Ability to work well with others, maintain confidentiality, and maintain good attendance

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

<u>Pay Range:</u> \$18-20/hour commensurate with experience. Benefits include paid time off including holidays, retirement option, and 10% tuition discount at Aquinas Catholic Schools, if applicable.

<u>Available:</u> April 2, 2024 Please submit a resume with references from previous employer(s)/supervisor(s) to frkonopa@mmoclacrosse.org.

Family Life

Coffee and Kids - 3/15 at 8:30 AM

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 in the lower level of the parish hall Room E. Coffee and snacks will be pro-

vided. If you have any questions please call BrieAnn McKenna 319-230-0895. We're looking forward to seeing you Friday, March 15th!

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 unburned 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.

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation meets this Wednesday, March 13 from 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church. Families will have an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will gather in the parish hall for a brief time of preparation and then head to the church for the penance service with individual confessions offered by priests from all of the collaborating parishes. Contact Kristin with any questions at 608-788-5483 Ext. 4 or kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org.

At Church Sacramental Preparation Session

Our next At Church Nourish session for families with a child preparing to receive First Eucharist will be Wednesday, March 20 from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church. Families should complete Family Meetings 3, 4, and 5 prior to this session. Dinner will be served at 5:00 PM. Contact Kristin with any questions at 608-788-5483 Ext.4 or kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org.

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.

> He fell Her eyes would swell kingdoms fell ~ 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!

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 allembracing 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!

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

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

Abby Johnson Speaking at April 13 DCCW **Convention in La Crosse**

You are invited to come hear pro-life leader Abby Johnson at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse on Saturday, April 13, at the La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) Biennial Convention. Abby was a Planned Parenthood director before undergoing a

profound conversion in 2009, when she witnessed an ultrasound-guided abortion. Her story was portrayed in the major 2019 film *Unplanned*. To learn more and to register, visit Idccw.org, or use the QR code.



La Crosse Area Pregnancy Resource Center Networking Event | March 18 | Onalaska Public Library

Hear from representatives from Agape, New Life Resource Center, Birthright, Hope's Door, and Catholic Charities Pregnancy Resources, who will share briefly about their organizations, followed by time for questions and networking.

5:00 - 6:00 PM, Onalaska Public Library, 741 Oak Avenue S. in Onalaska (small snack provided). All are welcome to attend, but this will be especially appealing to anyone working with pregnant women and families in need.

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 bring your donations by Sunday, March 17. 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

16th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon

Bishop William Patrick Callahan and Catholic Charities cordially invite you to the 16th Annual La Crosse Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center, 3710 East Avenue South. Gourmet soup, salad and bread will be served. The luncheon will honor the "In My Name Award" recipient - Sr. Catherine Kaiser, FSPA and the "Bill Medland Faithful Servant Award" recipients - Dan and Mary Mundt Reckase. Cost is \$30.00 per person or reserve a table of 4 for \$120.00. Please RSVP online at https://cclse.org/la-crosse-lenten-luncheon/ by March 15 as seating is limited.

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 your name and number to: mealsonwheels@mmoclacrosse.org. Deliveries resume in April. Thank you.

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, March 19 Food & Milk (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM): Pattie Nimocks, Linda Gillette, Mary Jothen, Anne Heasley, Mary Barrett (Milk)

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

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

Community Events

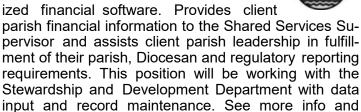
"the ANSWER" Eucharistic Rally on June 7 at La Crosse Center

The Eucharistic Revival is about God stirring our hearts to believe that the Holy Eucharist is truly Jesus. Join others who are seeking God and praying for revival for our country. The answer to our troubled nation and our troubled hearts is the Eucharist because the Eucharist is Jesus. You won't want to miss this!

Perhaps the most exciting thing about this rally is that ticket requests have been rolling in. We are grateful to all who have registered so far. We recently received word that Bishop Robert Barron from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and Founder of Word on Fire ministries will be the homilist at the Mass that day. We are also excited to announce the organizations, schools, and ministries that are helping to sponsor this event. Thank you to the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, FOCUS, EWTN, Viterbo University, Saint Mary's University, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Pioneer Catholic, and Crosswoods Camp! Don't miss this amazing day! Information and registration is found at diolc.org/the-answer/ or by using your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code.

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Saint Patrick's Swing Dance — March 16

Come to the St. Patrick's swing dance event at the St. Pat's school gym on Saturday, March 16! A dance lesson taught by Fr. Timothy Reither and DRE Anne McMenomy-Rodman will start at 6:30 PM. Following the lesson, there will be dancing (along with drinks, snacks, and crafts) from 7-9 PM. The cost of entry for the dance is a free will donation supporting the St. Pat's youth group. We hope to see you there!"

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Spring 2024 Performances

Sunday, March 10 at 2 PM
Trinity Lutheran, 1010 Sill St, La Crosse

Sunday, March 17 at 2 PM

La Crescent Methodist, 520 N. Elm St., La Crescent

Sunday, March 24 at 2 PM

Shepherd of the Hills, 1215 Redwood St., Onalaska

No tickets required —freewill offering taken

Liturgical Roles March 16-17

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Kevin Moyle, Mary Schaub, Kelly Jakes Deacon Bell, Gloria Biesen, Steve Young 8:00 AM Deacon Bell, Kathy McGettigan, Rita 10:00 AM Sanchez, OPEN-Choir

Lector

4:00 PM Mark Outzen, OPEN 8:00 AM Bob Mahr, Donna Keogh 10:00 AM Mary Olson, Polly Berendes

Server

4:00 PM Aubry Jakes, Ellyana Jakes Jackie Taylor, Olivia Taylor 8:00 AM Ella Kreichik, Louie Berendes 10:00 AM

Cantor

Therese van Oss 4:00 PM 8:00 AM Dawn Mazzola 10:00 AM Sunday Choir

Musician

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

Sacristan

4:00 PM **OPEN** 8:00 AM Mike Keogh 10:00 AM John Conzemius

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM OPEN, OPEN

8:00 AM Michael & Danice Taylor Jerry & Anne Kernan 10:00 AM

Greeter

4:00 PM Steve Schaub, Joe Riemer, Jim Spielbauer, Harper Solverson, OPEN, OPEN,

OPEN, Linda Gillette-Lead

8:00 AM Dave & Mary Lawrence, Bob & Cindy

Klar, Pattie Nimocks, Rosie Pennebeck-

er, Peggy & Allan Baumler-Lead

Jon Mason, Carol Forer, Keith Kreichik, 10:00 AM Shannon Klar, Marcus Klar, Elie Klar,

Mason Klar, Riley Klar-Lead

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Dee Sauer, Kevin Moyle 8:00 AM Karen Perry, Mary Genz

10:00 AM Sheri Skelton, Kimberly Krejchik

Hospitality

8:00 AM Ken & Michelle Morrison 10:00 AM Robb & Sue Pretasky

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Dave Imhoff

"Whoever

eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56-57



For the Sake of a Smile

The Priest and the Bus Driver

As he is approaching the gates, he hears a band of singing and dancing angels approach, and he begins to get excited. The lead angel approaches the Priest and asks if he would mind stepping aside for a moment. Surprised, the Priest does as he is asked. The angels march out of the gates and encircle a man who has also approached the gates. The man is in a bus driver uniform. The joyous parade of angels carries the bus driver in ahead of the Priest.

When the parade is gone, an angel returns to the Priest and says, "You can enter now." The angel begins to lead the Priest inside alone. The Priest, confused, says, "I'm not one to make waves or anything, but I need to know something. I think I have been a good Priest. I have worked hard and served the Lord all my life. Why is it that the bus driver gets led in by a band of angels ahead of me?" The angels says, "Well, frankly, whenever you preached, people slept. But whenever he drove, people prayed!"



Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 7:30 AM † Edna Spohn By Family

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 7:30 AM **† James Omernik**

By Gloria Biesen Thursday, March 14, 2024

† Paula Heiderscheit 7:30 AM

Bv Family

Word Service at Hillview Healthcare 2:00 PM

Center

Friday, March 15, 2024 7:30 AM † Larry Weibel By Family

Saturday, March 16, 2024 4:00 PM **†** Jamie Tennant

By Family

Sunday, March 17, 2024 Pro Populo 8:00 AM

10:00 AM Clarence & Virginia Campbell

By David & Judy Campbell





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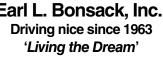
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