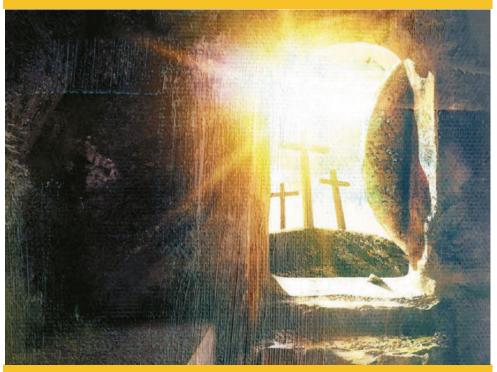
March 31, 2024





EASTER SUNDA

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.

Easter Sunday



25th Anniversary of Mary, Mother of the Church

Our Parish of Mary, Mother of the Church was established on April 9, 2000, which means next year is our silver jubilee! A few preparatory plans are underway. This coming May, we will have a mosaic of Mary, Mother of the Church installed in the church. This coming August, we will take pictures for a new pictorial directory. And this fall, a project will commence to write our history. As you can see on the color page of the bulletin, we will have a pilgrimage to Italy in 2025 which will also be the "Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope" as promulgated by Pope Francis. (We're quite confident he didn't announce this just for us.) More ideas will be generated so we have a variety of events in 2025. Watch the bulletin for details!

Welcome to Bishop Battersby

On March 19, we learned that Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Bishop Callahan and appointed Bishop Gerard W. Battersby as his successor. Bishop Battersby will be installed on May 20. Bishop Callahan will be living at the Diocesan Center as Emeritus Bishop. God's blessings upon both in this time of transition.

Brother Michael Mandernach, CSPX (1929-2024)

Brother Michael Mandernach was a member of the religious community, the Brothers of St. Pius X formed in the Diocese of La Crosse in 1951. He served St. Pius X Parish as Director of Religious Education during the years of 1978-1982. He visited our Parish as part of our Building I Our Legacy Together series to share his



memories with us on July 25-26, 2015. He passed away on March 17, 2024. Br. Michael was the last living member of the Brothers of St. Pius X. In 2014, he published a book chronicling the history of the Brothers of St. Pius X, *Together as Brothers*. May he rest in peace.

Eucharistic Adoration

Mary, Mother of the Church will host it's monthly Holy Hour on Thursday, April 4 at 4:45 PM.



Fish Fry Thank You

We would like to thank the many volunteers that come together to make these Fish Fry events happen during Lent. Without the countless volunteer hours during the week doing ordering, hall table setup/teardown, food prep, cooking, ticket sales, bartending, seating guests, waiting tables, washing dishes and cleanup, this event would never take place. And a thank you to all of you who purchased meals for dine-in or takeout. The net profit from March 15 was \$4,200. Special recognition to Cindy Klar (and Bob) who conduct the orchestra for the Fish Fry! Thank You!

New Office Assistant

We welcome Jennifer Burchell (BIRCHehl similar to "Churchill") to our parish staff as she begins this week. A brief biography was in last week's bulletin.



We are grateful to Kimberly Krejchik and Linda Schwartz for generously donating their time, energy and talent to faithfully fulfill these responsibilities and provide orientation to Jenn. Their commitment to our parish has been a blessing during these two weeks.

Monthly Parish Social

Join us Thursday, April 4 after the 7:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall for coffee, conversation & fellow-



The Pope's Prayer Intention for April



We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Lenten Collection Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Lenten Collection. This year we chose The Hunger Task Force for our chosen charity. As an organization, they serve the most needy of our community through programs such as The Food Recovery Program, Senior Stockboxes, & the Kane Street Gardens. Additionally, The Hunger Task Force provides much of the food used by our Matthew 25 volunteers, who provide weekly meals (Nov. - Apr.) to the unsheltered members of the La Crosse community. The total amount collected is \$6,168 as of March 19. Thank you for your generosity.

Chicken-Que

Please mark your calendars for the MMOC Spring Chicken Q on Thursday, May 9, 2024.

Blessed Is She

Are you a woman who desires prayer and ! community? Blessed is She is a sisterhood of women who want to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through their Catholic faith. Come join us on April 13



from 11 AM - 1 PM in the Parish Hall at Mary, Mother of the Church for our first Blessed Brunch. It's a potluck brunch for women of all ages and stages (so that's you!) We'll enjoy food, conversation and prayer. Scan the QR code to sign up to bring an item to the brunch and/or RSVP to attend! For more info contact Jamie Thompson at ilwthomps@gmail.com.

Liturgical Roles

Time for a New Ministry Schedule



We will soon begin working on a new Ministry Schedule that will run from May 1 through July 31 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, 788-5483, ext. 2 by April 16.

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation meets this Wednesday, April 3 from 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church. We will begin our next monthly topic Mary and the Saints and new At Home Lesson packets will be handed out. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

First Eucharist Retreat April 6

The final part of our preparation for First Eucharist will be a parent/child retreat on Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 AM - Noon at Mary, Mother of the Church. Enjoy a lovely morning with your son or daughter exploring how God is near. He is a God of relationship and His greatest miracle is done in the midst of a family meal, the Eucharist. He cannot be closer than when we receive his Body and Blood into our lives. At least one parent must attend with their child. Families need only bring themselves and an open heart!

Poems from Confirmation Candidates

I hope you delight in this poem from one of this year's 10th grade Confirmation candidates. It was one of the three winners. May it enrich your Easter season!

Jesus died, suffering on the cross
Pierced through His palms and His feet,
He saved us from eternal suffering,
through His suffering
Jesus endured gruesome pain
so we could one day be with Him
He fulfills us through His death,
and now by His resurrection we are saved
~ Anonymous

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

Family Life

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Lorraine Beal, Wenzel Smetana, Louis Bornheimer and Brother Michael Mandernach. 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.

Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Joseph Thomas Schramm who was baptized on March 17, 2024. We welcome him to God's family with great joy!

OCIA

Congratulations to our new MMOC Parish members welcomed into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil March 30, 2024: Bjorn Larsen, Bradley Tschumper, Emily Allen, Frank Gillette, Hailey Woods, Kristy Holinka, Nick Callan, Mariah Callan, Rachel Woods, Ryan Tschumper, and Sharlene Timm.

Social Justice

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, April 2
Food & Milk: (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30
PM): Mike Marco, Robin Woodwick, Paul & Mary
Therese Rinzel, Mary Schaub, Ellen Degner (milk)
Intake: (6:30 PM - 9 PM) Mary Olson, Sarah Kopski,
Matt Deshler, Karen Deshler, Nancy & Dave Imhoff
Morning Volunteer: (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.

PCCW

Rummage Sale

PCCW Spring Rummage Sale is Friday, April 26 from 11 AM - 3 PM and Saturday, April 27 from 8 - 11 AM. Donations may be dropped off from 8 AM - 3 PM on Thursday, April 25 in the Parish Hall. Due to difficulty and expense of disposal, we are not able to accept: curtain rods, window blinds, file cabinets, furniture, magazines, 3 ring binders, hanging file folders, computers or televisions. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be available in the back of the church beginning April 6. We will be happy to offer students service hours for their help during set-up, sale, and cleanup!

Special Collection

The Council of Catholic Women have once again designated the Sunday after Easter as "Council Sunday", and will be taking up a special second collection at the Masses that weekend for the support of the Council of Catholic Women. These collections across the country serve to provide funds for the National, Diocesan, Deanery and Parish levels of the Council of Catholic Women to reinforce their mission to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world. — Rita Sanchez, Mary Mother of the Church Parish Council of Catholic Women President. rmsanchez2017@icloud.com

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 <u>Idccw.org</u>.

Men's Club

The next Men's Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm. The meeting is held in the Lower Level of the Parish Hall in Classroom C. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

7:30 AM † Paula Heiderscheidt

By The Family Wednesday, April 3, 2024

7:30 AM † Karen & Lois Guggenbuehl

By James Guggenbuehl

Thursday, April 4, 2024 7:30 AM † Michael Pitsch

By Sandy Pitsch

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare

Center

Friday, April 5, 2024 7:30 AM † Carol Marx

By Don Bennewitz

Saturday, April 6, 2024 4:00 PM † Larry Weibel By The Family

Sunday, April 7, 2024

10:00 AM

8:00 AM † Patricia Senn

By Sandra Sieber, Joan Deyo, Bill &

Debbie Faust Pro Populo

Community Events

Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7

The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

8:30 AM-4:00 PM Confessions in English & Spanish

9:00 AM Latin Mass

11:00 AM Spanish Mass

1:00 PM English Mass

2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2:45 PM Reflection and Family Consecration by Cardinal Burke.

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet by Cardinal Burke

3:15 PM Benediction

3:30 PM Blessing with the relic of St. Faustina

Cart shuttles available from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059.

"On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punish-

ment."

Diary of St. Faustina #699



Liturgical Roles April 6-7

4:00 PM Therese van Oss, Joseph van Oss, Kevin Moyle, & Linda Gillette

8:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Mary Lawrence, &

Charles Heiderscheidt

10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Fred Berneking, &

Barbara Stetzer

Lector

4:00 PM Mark Outzen & Sue Ernster 8:00 AM Fran Ortmeier & LuAnn Miller 10:00 AM Matt Binsfeld & Nancy Steinhoff

Server

4:00 PM Zeke Schramm & Jude Schramm 8:00 AM Kaitlin Ortmeier & Nolan Richards 10:00 AM Louie Berendes & Hank Berendes

Cantor

4:00 PM Peter Schmitz 8:00 AM Lisa Conzemius 10:00 AM Natalie Solverson

Musician

4:00 PM Chris Carskadon 8:00 AM Haylee Pagenkopf 10:00 AM Haylee Pagenkopf

Sacristan

4:00 PM Linda Kloet 8:00 AM Sue Groestch 10:00 AM Anne Kernan

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM OPEN, OPEN

8:00 AM Dave Ortmeier & Fran Ortmeier 10:00 AM Jim McGettigan & Kathy McGettigan

Greeter

4:00 PM Elie Klar, Steve Schaub, Joe Riemer, Jim Spielbauer, Jon Mason, Neil Kumm, Joan Weissenberger, Chris Schlegel -

LEAD

8:00 AM OPEN, Kylie Ortmeier, Kathy Skiles, Dan Skiles, Peggy Baumler, Donna

Burns, Pat Burns, Al Baumler - LEAD

10:00 AM Elly Binsfeld, Anna Binsfeld, Megan Binsfeld, Chuck Berendes, Charlotte Berendes, Polly Berendes, Gabriella

Stratman, Rob Pretasky - LEAD

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Kellie Schmitz & Heidi Schlegel 8:00 AM Mary Genz & Sue Moyle

10:00 AM Kimberly Krejchik, Tammy Byington

Hospitality

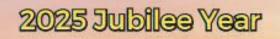
8:00 AM Paul Lansing, Kim Lansing 10:00 AM Trisha Stratman, Johanna Bell

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss

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- 4 nights Optional Pre-Tour to Florence and Venice
 - o 2 nights: Sep 26 Sep 28: Hotel Biri, Padua
 - 2 nights: Sep 28 Sep 30: Machiavelli Palace, Florence
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- · Wine and mineral water with dinners
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