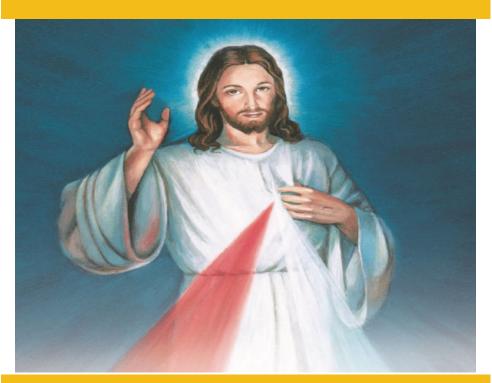
April 7, 2024





2nd Sunday of Easter

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 Blessings

Thank you to everyone who made the Easter Triduum so beautiful: decorators, church cleaners, musicians, servers and so many others. Thank you to everyone who made donations for the Easter flowers. New flowers will be brought into our sanctuary throughout the Easter Season to keep the festive spirit.

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. More ideas will be generated so we have a variety of events in 2025. Watch the bulletin for details!

Parish Pictorial Directory

MMOC has 120 new family units since our last directory nearly five years ago. We want to know your names and welcome you! Pictures help so please join us. We want this 2025 edition to be as complete and current as possible. Pictures are great tools for unity and communications in our parish family. More specific information is coming soon.

Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage

Join Fr. Konopa on a pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome from Sept. 29 - Oct. 8, 2025. Some highlights of the trip include daily Mass, birthplace of St. Francis, site of the Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano, tomb of St. Padre Pio, St. Peter's Basilica, the other 3 major basilicas of Rome, Sistine Chapel, and much more. Pope Francis has marked 2025 as a Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope. The cost of the trip includes airfare, breakfast and dinner daily, hotel accommodations, and motor coach travel between sites. The cost per person from La Crosse is \$5,194. You may consider additional days in Florence and Venice on Sept. 25-30 for an extra \$1,978. For more information, you may visit the trip website: www.206tours.com/frkonopa.

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 11:00 AM-1:00 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. We'll enjoy food, conversation and prayer. Sign up to bring an item to the brunch and/or RSVP to attend by contacting Jamie Thompson at ilwthomps@gmail.com.

Communion Calls

The following parishioners will receive Communion in their homes this week: Gerald Sheehan, Pam Badger, Rosemary Boland, Carol Weis, Dick Rady, Tom & Gloria Hundt, and Tom Hengstl. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist in their home, call the parish office at 788-5483 ext. 7.

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 "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.

NEEDED: Ministers of Holy Communion

We welcome new Ministers of Holy Communion. Training will be offered on Saturday, April 13 from 8:30-10:00 AM and Tuesday April 16 from 7:00-8:30 PM. Those interested are asked to contact the parish office 788-5483 x1 by noon on Friday, April 12 to share your email and register.

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday April 10. Families should be completing At Home Lessons 7-1 Mary and 7-2 Saint Joseph and Patron Saints. We will see you again on April 17th. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4

First Communion A special Mass has been scheduled on Sunday, April 14, at 12:30 PM for First Communicants. Please keep them in your prayers.

Confirmation

Congratulations to all the Confirmandi who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 3.

- Chloe Lynn (St. Anne) Ackerman
- Louie William (St. Teresa of Calcutta) Berendes
- Alayna Joan (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) Berra
- Elly Marie (St. Helena) Binsfeld
- Owen Andrew (St. Lidwina) Check
- •Kaarina Diane (St. Padre Pio) Dunn
- Sean William (St. Peter) Erickson
- Alex Raymond (St. Raymond) Gilberts
- Julia Maureen (St. Monica) Jakes
- Marcus Robert (St. Stephen) Klar
- Lance Jeremy (St. Augustine) Lyga
- Carter Keith (St. Michael the Archangel) Manock
- Griffin Patrick (St. Matthew) Marcou
- Samuel Henry (St. Nicholas) Marcou
- •Aiden Leo (St. Leo the Great) Martin
- Jace Christopher (St. Andrew the Apostle) Massa
- Kaitlyn Belle (St. Mary Magdalene) McGovern
- Norah Jane (St. Jane Frances de Chantal) Poellinger
- •Emma Jo (St. Maria Goretti) Roesler
- Aiden Adam (St. Sabastian) Schulze
- Nolan William (St. Teresa of Calcutta) Skrede
- •Kiaira Marie (St. Teresa of Calcutta) Viner
- Andrew Vincent (St. Andrew the Apostle) Watson
- Chloe Kathryn (St. Gemma) Wynn
- Abby Jean (St. Catherine of Siena) Ziolkowski

May the Holy Spirit enlive your life and mission in the Catholic Church and in the world.

Social Justice

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, April 16

Food & Milk: (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM): Ann Heasley, Joseph van Oss, Mary Olson, Sue Pretasky, Helen Heiser (milk)

Intake: (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM) Mary Olson, Sarah Kopski, Tammy Byington, Nancy Imhoff, OPEN, OPEN Morning Volunteer: (6:00 - 8:30 AM Wed.) Help Needed!

Free haircuts by Dave Imhoff

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

Lenten Collection Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Lenten Collection. This year, The Hunger Task Force was our chosen charity. The hymn entitled, "Here Am I" (No. 804), begins, "Here am I, where, underneath the bridges of our winter cities, homeless people sleep. Here am I, where in decaying houses, little children, shiver, crying at the cold. Where are you?" Through this verse, we hear Jesus's call for us to care for those who need food.

Through your generous support of The Hunger Task Force this Lent, you have helped answer the pleas of the unsheltered and those living at/near poverty. As of April 2, the total amount collected was \$8.933. Thank you for your generosity.

"Six Tips for Talking to 'Pro-Choice People' (What We've Learned from Talking to More than 5000)" |April 27 |St. James Parish, La Crosse

Come to a pro-life breakfast and talk featuring Emily Geiger, Director of Education & Outreach for the Equal Rights Institute (ERI). Emily is the former Co-President of *Oles for Life* at St. Olaf College, where she worked to transform campus culture using ERI's apologetics to foster respectful and productive dialogues about abortion. A sought-after speaker, Emily frequently gives talks on college and high school campuses and for churches and conferences. She has also been interviewed on MSNBC, BBC Newsday, EWTN, Focus on the Family, Relevant Radio, and Christianity Today. To learn more and to register, visit diolc.org/respect-life.

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 are available in the back of the church. We will be happy to offer students service hours for their help during set-up, sale, and cleanup!

Chicken-Que

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

Second Collection for Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Thank you for your financial support this weekend. Your generosity supports our Catholic women at the national, diocesan, deanery and parish levels to fulfill their mission to support, empower, and educate women in spirituality, leadership and service.

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>.

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 punishment."

Diary of St. Faustina #699

Spaghetti Fundraiser

A Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser is being sponsored by the Luxembourg/American Descendants Society on Saturday, April 13 from 5 PM - 7 PM at the Moose Lodge, 1932 Ward Avenue. The dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad and garlic toast. The price is \$12 (children under 5-\$5). There will also be a bake sale and a raffle. Proceeds support the Luxembourg Students Exchange Program and Future Sister City Projects. We currently have 11 students from Aquinas and Central going to Luxembourg in June.

Aquinas Booster Club Chicken Que

The annual Chicken Q will be held at Aquinas High School on Wednesday, April 24. Food will be served from 11 am until gone. \$12 per plate.

Weekly Mass Intentions Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7:30 AM Fr. Konopa and all priests **Bv Anonymous** Wednesday, April 10, 2024 7:30 AM + Charlotte Baier

By Mary Beranek

Thursday, April 11, 2024

7:30 AM † Paula Heiderscheit **By Barbara Stetzer**

2:00 PM **Word Service at Hillview Healthcare**

Friday, April 12, 2024

7:30 AM † Dick Berendes

By Shirley & Pat Janisch

Saturday, April 13, 2024 4:00 PM † Edna Spohn By Family

Sunday, April 13, 2024

8:00 AM † James Omernik

By Jerry & Phyllis Venner

10:00 AM **Pro Populo**

Liturgical Roles April 13-14

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Kelly Jakes, Nancy Imhoff, Dave Imhoff 8:00 AM Dan Skiles, Gloria Biesen, Lance Miller 10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Mary Olson, Terri Pedace

12:30 PM Hosts: Deacon Terry Bell, Steve Klar, Steve Young, Erin Klar (Choir) Cup: Linda Schwartz, OPEN, OPEN,

OPEN

Lector 4:00 PM Sue Ernster, Joseph van Oss 8:00 AM Charles Heiderscheit, Bob Mahr 10:00 AM Sarah Scarlet, Mary Jo Swartout 12:30 PM OPEN, Barbara Stetzer

Server

4:00 PM Aubrey Jakes, Ellyana Jakes Olivia Taylor, OPEN 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Tenley Solverson, Christopher Hughey 12:30 PM Matthew Klar, Ryann Klar

Cantor

4:00 PM Therese van Oss 8:00 AM Dawn Mazzola 10:00 AM Pattie Nimocks 12:30 PM Sunday Choir

Musician

4:00 PM Jenny Nielsen 8:00 AM Jenny Nielsen 10:00 AM Jenny Nielsen 12:30 PM Jenny Nielsen

Song Leader

12:30 PM **OPEN**

Liturgical Roles April 13-14

Sacristan

4:00 PM **OPEN** Jane Vogel 8:00 AM Anne Kernan 10:00 AM 12:30 PM Linda Schwartz

Gift Bearer

OPEN, OPEN 4:00 PM 8:00 AM Michael Taylor, Danice Taylor 10:00 AM OPEN, Lucas Schelfhout

12:30 PM First Communicants

Greeter

4:00 PM Peter Schmitz, Kevin Moyle, Mary Schaub, Phil Watson, Steve Schaub, OPEN, OPEN, Linda Gillette-Lead 8:00 AM Karen Perry, Peggy Baumler, Donna

Burns, Pat Burns, Jon Mason, Sandy

Ptisch, OPEN, Al Baumler-Lead

10:00 AM Mary Jothen, Jackson Massa, Harper Solverson, Jerry Kernan, Andrew Egan, Casey Horman, Sam Horman, Lisa

Doering-Lead

12:30 PM Andrew Schwartz, Patti Sherry, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN-

Lead

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Dee Sauer, Kellie Schmitz 8:00 AM Sue Moyle, Mary Genz 10:00 AM Sue Pretasky, Kimberly Krejchik Hospitality

8:00 AM Nancy Pederson, Jeff Pederson David Zoroufy, Tammy Zoroufy 10:00 AM

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Dave Imhoff

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

We are very excited to announce "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally that will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center. This event kicks off the six days that the Marian Route of the National Eucharistic



Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. "the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will begin with a Eucharistic Procession across the Cameron Street Bridge in La Crosse and will end at the La Crosse Center where the rest of the rally will take place. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession, powerful speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Immaculee Ilibagize, and Josh Rosa, music from Luke Spehar, and plenty of vendors. The cost for this event is only \$15 per person. This rally is for youth, young adults, adults, families, etc. Tickets are on sale now. You can find more information about the event and the other days the Marian Route will be in our diocese by visiting: https://diolc.org/the-answer/.



The Diocese of La Crosse Welcomes Bishop Gerard Battersby as the 11th Bishop for the Diocese of La Crosse

"It is with joy that I received the news that the Holy Father had named me the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin," Bishop Battersby said. "When I was baptized, ordained a priest and consecrated a bishop, I received a call within a call, an invitation to follow. The Risen One has bid me to follow him to western Wisconsin, to the banks of the mighty Mississippi. I leave with hope and anticipatory joy."

— Bishop Battersby

Bishop Battersby was born on May 15th, 1960. In 1993, he entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1998. After ordination to the priesthood, he served in parish ministry for ten years. Bishop Battersby then served as director of graduate seminarians and graduate pastoral formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit. In 2011, he was appointed Vice-Rector and Dean of Seminary Formation and was ordained to the Episcopacy as an Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Moderator of the South Region in January 2017.

"I have had the privilege of serving as a bishop in westcentral Wisconsin for fourteen years," said Bishop Callahan.
"During this time, I have been blessed with numerous
wonderful memories. I am grateful for the meaningful
prayers and reflections that have connected my heart and
soul with joy and gratitude and I am especially thankful
for the three years I spent serving in the Archdiocese of
Milwaukee, where I received fraternity and support from
Cardinal Tim Dolan, Archbishop Jerry Listecki and the
Milwaukee presbyterate. In 2010, I was called by His
Holiness, Pope Benedict, to become the Tenth Bishop
of La Crosse and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity
to work with some of the best priests and deacons
in the Church in this capacity.

"Throughout my ministry, I have been fortunate to have the steadfast support of my Franciscan community since I was ordained as a priest in 1977. Looking back, it is a great blessing and I simply say, 'thank you' to all the wonderful people who have been part of my journey, especially the priests, deacons, religious, and holy women who have been so kind to me over these 14 years. Their friendship and mentorship have taught me to be mindful of what it means to be brothers and sisters of Christ and sons and daughters of God.

"As I move forward, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has made my time in the Diocese of La Crosse so meaningful. I look forward to continuing my service to Bishop Battersby and spiritual service to brother priests and deacons in La Crosse. I am grateful for the opportunity to remain in this wonderful community for as long as God allows, and I will cherish the memories and experiences I have had here. Thank you for allowing me to fulfill God's call among you. Be assured of my daily prayer and happy memories."

Bishop Battersby will be installed as the Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse on May 20th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman.



Watch the Press Conference and learn more about Bishop Battersby at: diolc.org/bishop-battersby







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