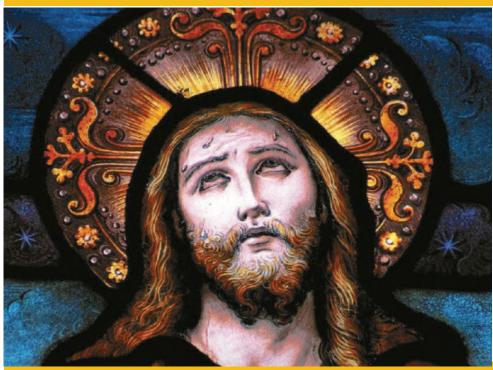
April 14, 2024





3rd 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.

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.

Called and Gifted

Did you know God gave you spiritual gifts to be a more effective witness to your faith? If you wonder how you are called to be a channel of His love and provision at work or in your community, come and begin to discern your unique mission in life. We are all called to help build the Kingdom and the Holy Spirit endows us with unique gifts to support us as we answer the Lord's call.

We are excited to offer this opportunity at MMOC, and everyone is invited to start this journey to discover the unique call God has for you and the gifts He gives you to fulfill your mission in life.

Our team, trained by the Catherine of Sienna Institute, will offer the Called & Gifted workshops and discernment groups from May 14 to September 17. Ten meetings will be held on Tuesdays from 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Call Linda Schwartz at 608-792-0351 or email her at lschwartz@mmoclacrosse.org, for info and to register.

Chicken-Que

The Spring Chicken Q will be held on Thursday, May 9. Tickets are \$12.00 and will be available for purchase after Masses beginning the weekend of April 20 - 21. Volunteer sign up sheets are available in the Gathering Space. For ticket reservations, please call 608-518-6145. Please support this major parish fundraiser.

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 AM -10:30 PM 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, April 19th!

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 information, please visit the site: www.206tours.com/frkonopa.

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 Tuesday April 16 from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. Those interested are asked to contact the parish office 788-5483 x1.

Family Life

Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Avah Marie Pierce who was baptized on April 6. We welcome her to God's family with great joy!

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Roy Erickson. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to the families and friends who mourn their loss. Eternal rest grant onto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

Wedding Banns I

Dalton Kerns and Jordyn King on May 4, 2024. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding

Faith Formation

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all those who received the Sacrament of First Communion on April 14.

Cyrus Kinsley Ellie Mariel Finnian	Arentz Beran Callan Foley Hancock	Finley Jacob Dumitru Khaleesi Colton	Myhre Neubauer Ostrovschi Pagenkopf Register
Hudson	Hundt	Caitlyn	Roesler
Owen	Jaekel	Sebastian	Schramm
Annelise	Johanns	Caden	Senzig
Eli	Korger	Hazel	Schams
Karina	Kruse	Savannah	Tennant
Lydia	Kruse	Jack	Thompson
Shyann	McDowell	Teagan	Tierney-Morrison
Graham	Ludlow	Oliver	Valentine
Hallie	Miller	Dekker	Voves
Hayley	Myers	John	Young

May the spiritual nourishment you receive in the Body and Blood of Christ strengthen your love for Jesus as you live your faith each day.

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation meets this Wednesday April 17th from 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church. We will continue exploring our monthly topic: Mary and the Saints and incorporate what we learned during a

time of Eucharistic Adoration. Contact Kristin with any questions at kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788 -5483 Ext. 4.

Steubenville High School Youth Conference: July 26-28, 2024

So many young men and women lack a sense of identity and purpose. Steubenville is a weekend Catholic conference that evangelizes, equips, and empowers high school youth to become radical, joyful disciples of Jesus. They will enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more. Please consider registering your current 8th-12th grade teens for Steubenville. We'll be attending the St. Paul conference July 26-28. Contact Samuel Obert for more information or to sign up your high-schooler today. sobert@mmoclacrosse.org

Social Justice

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, April 16

<u>Food & Milk:</u> (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM): Ann Heasley, Joseph van Oss, Mary Olson, Sue Pretasky, Ellen Degner (milk)

<u>Intake:</u> (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM) Mary Olson, Sarah Kopski, Tammy Byington, Nancy Imhoff, Riley and Shannon Klar

Morning Volunteer: (6:00 AM - 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

St. Teresa of Avila reminds us, "Christ has no body but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes with which He looks Compassion on this world. Yours are the feet, with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His body." Through our Lenten collection, our parish family, which is the body of Christ, has been His eyes, hands, and feet in caring for those in need of support. As of April 9, we have raised \$8,933 to help The Hunger Task Force meet the needs of our brothers and sisters living in the La Crosse area in need of food. Thank you!

"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.

La Crosse Jail Ministry Fundraiser

Culvers on Mormon Coulee Road will be hosting a fundraiser for the La Crosse Jail Ministry on April 23 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. A portion of sales will go to the jail ministry.

PCCW

Rummage Sale

PCCW Spring Rummage Sale is Friday, April 26 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM and Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Donations may be dropped off from 8:00 AM - 3:00 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!

Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Collection

Thank you for your generosity last weekend. The collection raised \$1,227 to support 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.

Community Events

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 11:00 AM until gone. \$12 per plate.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Rolls

The Knights of Columbus Council 839 will be distributing tootsie rolls after all Masses on April 27-28 and accepting monetary donations, which will be distributed to programs assisting persons with intellectual disabilities within the Diocese of La Crosse.

Roncalli Newman Campus Ministry Fundraiser

There is great hope for the future of the Church - we want to share our good news with you! Please join us Saturday April 27 at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall for dinner, fellowship, and inspiration as we hear from and support the Catholic college students of La Crosse, in their growth in virtue and fervor for the faith. The evening will include dinner, testimonies from alumni and current students, a raffle, and swing dance (with lessons from Fr. Dodge!). \$35/ticket or bring a friend 2/\$60! Registration and more information can be found at roncallinewmancenter.regfox.com/making-saints. Kindly RSVP by April 15.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Choir Camp Registration information to come. Ages 7-13 are welcome to come to the week-long Choir Camp. The children will study different elements of music in an engaging atmosphere and have the opportunity to sing for the 12:15 AM Holy Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The Camp is June 17 - 21 beginning at 9:15 AM and concluding before Mass. More information at: www.GuadalupeShrine.org/Events

Mary, Mother of the	Church		
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Additional names will be listed in next weeks bulletin.		Lawrence Guggenbuehl Margaret Hammell	Lois Guggenbuehl Cornelius Hammell, Helen
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Jean Francis	Gene Francis	Sunday, April 21 2024	
Donald and Elsie Franzen		8:00 AM † Andrew C By Family	oleman
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Front left to right: Mariah Callan, Bjorn Larsen, Hailey Woods, Kristy Holinka, Emily Allen. Back left to right: Nicholas Callan, Ryan Tschumper, Bradley Tschumper, Rachel Woods, and Frank Gillette. Not pictured Sharlene Timm.

Welcome to the Catholic Church: The OCIA Team (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) testifies to the faith and sincerity of our newest members who have followed Jesus into the Catholic Church under the discernment of the Holy Spirit. We are grateful for the inspiration they provide our parish by their bold decisions to live a new life in Christ. They are new at this! The word "neophyte" means "a person who is new to a subject, skill, or belief" and this word especially refers to those who are newly baptized. In Greek, "neos" (new) + "phuton" (plant) = "newly planted." In addition to their sponsors and OCIA support team, they deserve the love, support, and prayers of Mary, Mother of the Church to encourage them in the good work God has begun in them. May He bring it to completion!

Liturgical Roles April 20-21		Gift Bearer	
Minister of Holy Communion		4:00 PM	OPEN, OPEN
4:00 PM	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	8:00 AM	Sandy Pitsch, Anita Olson
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10:00 AN		Greeter	
	Sherry	4:00 PM	Mike & Joan Weissenberger. Olivia Rudie,
Lector		1.00 1 101	Peter Schmitz, Cullen Pittman, Joe Reimer
4:00 PM	5 <i>i</i>		Patrick Hogan, Phil Watson (Lead)
8:00 AM	5 /	8:00 AM	Deke and Erica Stanek, Cindy and Bob
10:00 Al	M Bill Brendel, Mary Jo Swartout		Klar, Rosie Pennebecker, Jon Mason,
Server	Madison Coblege Lookelle Cobelfhout		Peggy Baumler, Allan Baumler (Lead)
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10:00 AN	,		Keith Krejchik, Elie, Marcus and Mason and Riley Klar (Lead)
Cantor	,	Scrip Seller	,
4:00 PM	Mary Koulas	•	
8:00 AM	/I Linda Kloet	4:00 PM	Vickie Kloss, Sue Olson
10:00 Al	M Christine J. Nelson	8:00 AM	Bob and Charlene Jansky
Musician	4 N. (P. O.)	10:00 AM	Kimberly Krejchik, Sheri Skelton
4:00 PM		Hospitality	
8:00 AN	•		
10:00 Al	•	8:00 AM	Ken and Michelle Morrison
Sacristan 4:00 PM		10:00 AM	Pat and Kathy Houlihan
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10:00 AM Mike Wuensch





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