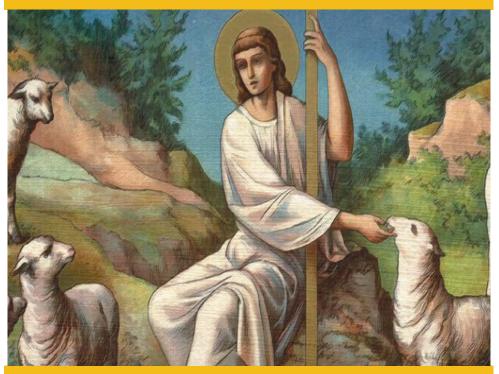
April 21, 2024





4th 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.

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 PM - 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Call Linda Schwartz at 608-792-0351 or email 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 are available for purchase after Masses. Volunteer sign up sheets are available in the Gathering Space. For ticket reservations, please call 608-518-6145. Please support this major parish fundraiser.

Family Life

Requiescat in Pace

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

Wedding Banns II

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

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday April 24. Families should be completing At Home Lessons 7-2 Saint Joseph and Patron Saints and 7-3 The Goal of Life. We will see you again on May 1.

Contact Kristin with any questions kjohn-son@mmoclacrosse.org 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

"The Answer" Eucharistic Rally: Be Part of This Amazing Day! | June 7 | La Crosse Center Do you desire more joy, hope and peace in your heart? God wants to shower you with His healing grace during this time of Eucharistic Revival. Join Catholics from around the Diocese and surrounding states on June 7th for "the Answer." Be inspired by Bishop Battersby,

Bishop Callahan, Bishop Barron and internationally-known speakers as we seek to encounter Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, His gift of Himself to us with unconditional love.

For further details and to register, visit diolc.org/the-answer

Social Justice

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, April 30

Food & Milk: (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM): Pattie Nimock, Karla Hein, Katie Ott, Natalie Solverson, Ellen Degner (milk)

<u>Intake:</u> (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM) Mary Olson, Sarah Kopski, Terri Pedace, Nancy Imhoff, Charlene Krocker, OPEN <u>Morning Volunteer:</u> (6:00 AM - 8:30 AM Wed.) Help Needed!

Free haircuts by Dave Imhoff

"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 Tuesday, April 23 between 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Culvers will donate 10% of sales to the jail ministry. The La Crosse Jail Ministry offers inmates spiritual direction, rehabilitative support and connections to faith communities.

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!

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.

Geranium Sale

44th annual MCHS- LaCrosse Auxiliary Geranium sale with proceeds going to nursing scholarships, online store is open now until April 24th. You may pre-order at https://fhauxiliaryflowers.square. Flowers will be ready for pick-up at the garage on the corner of 11th and Ferry streets on May 1st and May 2nd. Additional flowers and garden decor will also be available on site on May 1st and 2nd questions call 608-392-2711.

Join us for 33-Days to Eucharistic Glory

33-Days to Eucharistic Glory is Matthew Kelly's unprecedented spiritual resource that will draw you closer to Jesus in the Eucharist, the single greatest source of grace in the world. It is an easy-to-follow daily format that takes just 15 minutes! As a group we are begin reading the book May 1 st, the Feast of St. Joseph the Workman our Diocesan patron saint, and ending on June 7 th, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with the Consecration to the Eucharist at the Eucharistic Rally held at the La Crosse Center. Read it on your own or there are 2 optional weekly meetings to discuss the daily readings.

Sundays - St. Patrick, Onalaska 4:30 PM - 6:00PM in church basement

Mondays - Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM in Parish Hall

This can also be done as a home study

Books are only \$10 each and can be purchased in the parish office or after weekend Masses or by contacting Amy Capelli amy_capelli@charter.net or 608-783-0847.

A Call to Serve: Priesthood

There are few things in life that are more uplifting than being able to help someone or be there for someone in need. When we can use our gifts and talents to make someone else's life better, it can bring joy to not just our lives, but to those we are able to serve as well. Jesus tells us that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. As friends of Christ, we are called to love in this way, to be willing to lay down our life for others. A powerful way to do this is by being a priest of Jesus Christ. He is calling young men to consider this call to serve, to offer their lives out of love for their sisters and brothers. He may be calling YOU. If you are interested in discovering more about this call to the priesthood, contact Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse at 608.791.2667.

Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers Additional names will be listed in next weeks bulletin			
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Mary Jo Russell	Gift	Minister of Holy Communion	
Mary Sage	Deacon Richard Sage		Jim Klock (Deacon), Kellie Schmitz,
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Steve and Mary Schaub	Otto Schaub, Adolph Baker, Monte Rentschler, Lorraine Millich, Father Thome, Leona Bashaw Family, Don Bowman	10:00 AM	Moyle Deacon Terry Bell, Rita Sanchez, John Conzemius
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Datriala Otracasa	Tammy Gaul, Bill Juen	4:00 PM	Erin Klar, Steve Klar
Patricia Strasser	LeRoy Strasser and Pat Strasser	8:00 AM	Jennifer Miller, Lance Miller
Mary Swartout	Vera and L. Lester Swartout	10:00 AM	Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes
Michael and Danice Taylor		Greeter	
Tuesday, April 23, 202 7:30 AM † Don Wa	vra	4:00 PM	Phil Watson (Lead), Peter Schmitz, Steve & Mary Schaub, Joe Riemer, Arian Arens, Jim Spielbauer, Neil Kumm,
Wednesday, April 24, 2 7:30 AM † Cox and 0	k and Tracy Mullaney 2024 Grosskopf Families Grosskopf, Sr.	8:00 AM	Jon Mason (Lead), Allan & Peggy Baumler, Jonathan Baumler, Donna & Pat Burns, Dave & Mary Lawrence
Thursday, April 25, 202 7:30 AM † Phyllis Be By Sue and	24 enish Dennis Hansen	10:00 AM	Robb Pretasky (Lead), Mike & Brenda Wintheiser, Nathan Wintheiser, Andrew & Linda Schwartz, Charlotte Berendes
2:00 PM Word Servi	ce at Hillview Healthcare Cen-	Scrip Seller	
Friday, April 26, 2024		4:00 PM	Sue Olson, Dee Sauer
7:30 ÅM † Mary Ann By Louis Be	Bornheimer ornheimer	8:00 AM	Mary Genz, Karen Perry
Saturday, April 27, 202		10:00 AM	Sue Pretasky, Tammy Byington
4:00 PM † Jim Saud	er	Hospitality	
By Dee Sa Sunday, April 28, 2024		8:00 AM	Kim Lansing, Paul Lansing
8:00 AM † Andrew C		10:00 AM	Casey & Sam Horman, Lisa Doering,
By Family 10:00 AM Pro Populo		Live Streame	r Joseph van Oss



We give thanks to God for the Gift of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and for our First Communicants (April 14, 2004)

Mosaic of Mary, Mother of the Church

Building Our Future Together was a capital campaign that -standing votive candle rack will block the view; therebegan in November of 2014 and officially concluded over a year ago. There is one final project remaining on the Wish List that came from our Listening Sessions in January -March of 2015: a mosaic of Mary, Mother of the Church inside our church building. This project will come to comple- Sacred Heart niche. Brick and mortar repair will be tion on May 20, 2024, which is our Patronal Feast Day.

A series of articles begins today because preparatory construction work will commence this week.

The location for our new mosaic will be in the northwest niche (near the tabernacle), which became available when the statue of Jesus and the Children (in memory of Fr. Falconer, St. Thomas More pastor 1978-88) was relocated to the main entry of the Faith Formation Center – the lower level of the Parish Hall – in the summer of 2018. This offered an inviting work of art to greet and inspire our children much does the mosaic cost? Why now? and others.

on campus needs - not wishes - it was unknown how many This is a fitting project in preparation of our Silver Jubiyears (if ever) it would be for a mosaic to be installed. Therefore, a dignified image of the Divine Mercy was pur- - may we receive many blessings as we honor His chased and hung where the statue had been. Even though Mother and ours. the opposite niche already had an image of Jesus - The Sacred Heart - it was a fitting devotion that has grown in prominence since Divine Mercy Sunday was added to the liturgical calendar in 2000. Fr. Konopa chose this image for his 1998 ordination card and was drawn to this option for us.

Where will the framed picture of Divine Mercy go? Because of its size, there isn't a fitting place for it to hang in our church, so it will be kept in storage until it's determined if there's a fitting place or if it's best to donate it. As seen two weeks ago, a smaller image of Divine Mercy was placed next to the ambo-pulpit on Divine Mercy Sunday and this could become our custom.

This coming week (April 22-26), Fowler & Hammer, Inc. will be on site for preliminary work. They will remove the wood slats and determine if the ceiling or floor it touches

will need repair. Because of the mosaic's size, the free fore, it will be removed and wall-mounted votive candles from the Sacred Heart niche will be removed and installed along the east and west walls of the MMOC niche (after the mosaic is installed) in imitation of the needed and this will be an opportunity to address other cosmetic masonry work within the church. To localize the dust, poly sheeting will cover both niches until Pentecost weekend on May 18-19.

Please look for future bulletin articles for more information: Why do we need an image of Mary, Mother of the Church? Why was a mosaic commissioned rather than a mural, painting, or statue? What is a mosaic? What are the design elements of our mosaic? How

The 25th year of Mary, Mother of the Church is un-Because Building Our Future Together needed to focus derway, for our 24th anniversary was April 9, 2024. lee. As we focus on Jesus – His Life and His Mission









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