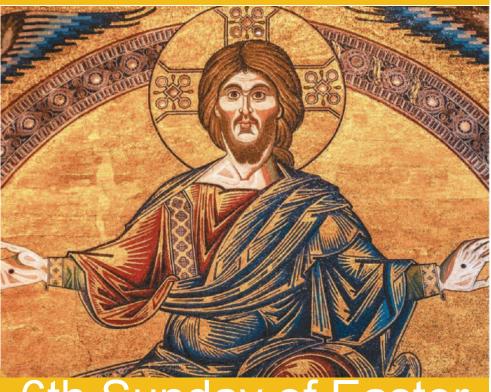
May 5, 2024





6th 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.

6th Sunday of Easter

May Crowning

On Mother's Day weekend (May 11-12) the parish will celebrate a May Crowning ceremony in honor of Mary the Mother of God (and our mother). This will occur during each of the

weekend Masses. How will this work? A statue of Mary will be in the sanctuary. After Communion, someone will crown Mary while we begin to sing a Marian hymn. After the crowning, children and adults alike will bring their flowers forward and lay them at the feet of Mary. In a special way, children are encouraged to bring flowers from home – anything will work, even dandelions! (Mary is a mom and moms understand this to be a precious gift, too.)

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.

Patronal Feast On Monday, May 20, we will celebrate our patronal feast on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of the Church with 5:30 pm Mass followed by a potluck dinner in the parish hall. The parish will supply the main entree. At this celebration the Man and Woman of the Year will be recognized. All are welcome!

Man and Woman of the Year Nominations

If there is a man or woman that you would like to see acknowledged for their contribution to the parish, please send nominations to the parish office by May 13 to be recognized on the Patronal Feast Day of Mary, Mother of the Church on Monday, May 20 after the 5:30 PM Mass. Please include a brief description of the positive efforts the nominee has made on behalf of MMOC.

Woman of the Year	Man of the Year
2001 Alice Kempton	2001 Everett Kuhn
2002 Alys Kerrigan/ Shirley Wenzel	2002 Brad Sturm
2003 Carol Breidel	2003 Henry Becker
2004 Mary Lou Larkin	2004 Rich Larkin
2005 Pat Darling	2005 Jack Darling
2006 Mary Schaub	2006 Ken Martin
2007 Virginia Hortsman	2007 Norm Suhr
2008 Sr. Kathy Stuttgen	2008 Tom Thibodeau
2009 Linda Gillette	2009 Joseph van Oss
2010 Germaine Klouda	2010 Mike Marco
2011 Maureen Monk	2011 Fred Monk
2012 Therese van Oss	2012 Mike Pederson
2013 Judy Roraff	2013 Dave Wagner
2014 Lu Ann Miller	2014 Deacon Richard Sage

2015 Betty Brendel	2015 Bill Brendel
2016 Linda Elsen	2016 Howard Olson
2017 Betty Stoll	2017 Wally Stoll
2018 Paula Heiderscheit	2018 Charles Heiderscheit
2019 Donna Omernik	2019 Bob Flottmeyer
2020 Mary Jo Lium	2020 Joseph van Oss
2021 Lisa Doering	2021 Rick Wilson
2022 Marie Miller	2022 Mark Outzen
2023 Sue Groetsch	2023 Kerry Groetsch
2024 ???	2024 ???

Holy Communion: Precious Blood

The Blood of Christ is being offered from Communion cups beginning on the Solemnity of the Ascension (May 11-12). Those who wish to fulfil His invitation "to eat and drink" will be able to do so. As a reminder, whenever we receive the Sacred Host, we are receiving His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity; but it is good to make available the opportunity to fulfill His invitation "to drink." With new Ministers of Holy Communion recently being trained and commissioned, we will offer both kinds throughout the summer months and perhaps beyond.

Part Time Housekeeper Needed

Housekeeper position for the Offices and Rectory will open June 1. \$16-17/hour; approx. 4 hours/week. Main areas of focus include floors, surfaces, and bathrooms [e.g. vacuum, mop (no heavy buckets), and dusting]. No dishes or laundry. Rectory is maintained well so cleaning is NOT heavy on a weekly basis. Some cyclical cleaning such as baseboards and ceiling corners. On the job training provided if requested. Flexibility offered but scheduling during office hours is necessary. Arranged time off is allowed. If interested, contact Andy Foley at 788-5483 x. 9.

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 on the following days: May 14, May 21 May 28, June 4, June 11, July 9, July 23, August 6, August 20, and September 17.

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

Silver Circle

Thursday May 16 Potluck lunch at noon. The Shovelmen! Come and hear how 5 volunteers and their shovels transformed the city of Sparta. If you need a ride contact Sr. Kathy (608) 788-5483 x 7.

Congratulations to all our Graduates

We would like to extend a special congratulations to all who will be graduating this year. To all of our middle school, high school, and college graduates, may the Holy Spirit continue to guide you on your journey of life. There will be a special blessing at the 10am Mass on Sunday, May 19 for all the High School graduates, please RSVP to sobert@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788 -5483 ext. 4, by May 15.

Family Life

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeneane Jacobson and Dolores Roach. 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 them

Wedding Banns II

Kyle Malin and Abby Knutson on May 18, 2024. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding.

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday May 8. We will see you on May 15 for our final Family Faith Formations session with a celebratory potluck and May crowning. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org 608-788-5483 Ext 4

Vacation Bible School 2024

The Marvelous Mystery August 5th-9th 9:00 AM -12:00 PM at Mary Mother of the Church. Get ready to discover the greatest mystery on earth learning about the incredible treasure of the Mass. We will spend the week developing a new appreciation for the Catholic Mass and deepen our love for Jesus in the Eucharist through faith teaching, catchy music, fun games, crafts and more! Vacation Bible School is for kids from the La Crosse City Parishes entering grades K-5th in the Fall of 2024. Adults and middle/high school youth are needed to help. Cost to attend will be \$30 per child. Contact Kristin kjohnson@mmoclacross.org 608-788-5483 Ext. 4 for more information.

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 sober@mmocoacrose.org.

"the ANSWER"

This is a day long Eucharistic Rally on Friday, June 7 at the La Crosse Center – and it will be HISTORIC! There will be dynamic, inspiring speakers like Chris Stefanick, Immaculée Ilibagiza and Josh Rosa, outstanding live music, and Mass celebrated by our newly appointed Bishop Gerard Battersby, with Bishop Robert Barron preaching the homily. This will surely be the biggest Catholic event to ever hit the Diocese! You can read all about it at diolc.org/the-answer where you will find the day's schedule, information on the speakers, maps and directions, and everything you need to know to register individually or as a group.

Answers respond to questions, and "the ANSWER" responds to the deepest question of our hearts: "Where can I find fulfillment and peace?" Ultimately, only in one place, only in one Person – Jesus Christ. Jesus comes to us, gives His Body and Blood to us, in the Eucharist. That's the whole point of "the ANSWER" Rally, and the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage that will be carrying Jesus in the Eucharist through the streets of cities all across the U.S. and into the La Crosse Center arena!

Wherever you may be in your own relationship with Jesus, the ANSWER will speak to your heart. Count on it! Join us on June 7! Bring family, friends and fellow parishioners. Don't miss this beautiful opportunity – it would be so good to see you there!

PCCW

Rummage Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped with the rummage sale. Your help is appreciated from set-up to clean-up, especially those who brought items to sell. The profit was over \$4,200. Another sale is being planned for the fall.

PCCW Meeting

All ladies of the parish are invited to our May 13 PCCW Meeting in the parish hall at 6:00 PM. This is the last meeting until September. There will be committee reports, discussion about what we want to do next fall and winter, review of the convention, and preparation for the ANSWER. We will enjoy social time together and have Faith-Filled Fun. Hope to see you there.

Community Events

Holocaust Remembrance Day

Sunday May 5, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the Congregation of the Sons of Abraham, 1820 Main St, La Crosse, Kevin Erickson, Aquinas High School, La Crosse will receive the Gregory P. Wegner Recognition for Excellence in Holocaust Education Award, in recognition of his dedication to Holocaust education.

Social Justice

Meals on Wheels

Thank you to the volunteers who helped fill our week in May. I am looking for new volunteers for future commitments. MMOC delivers one week. Your commitment is one day from 10:30 AM and takes about an one and a half to two hours. Please contact Stefana

Warming Center

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who generously shared time and talents with our homeless brothers and sisters at the Warming Center during the cold six months. Your joyful interaction with the guests and staff, along with the hot meals were appreciated.

Special thanks to Linda Kuehl and Dave Imhoff for offering haircuts every Tuesday.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

The word "novena" comes from the Latin word which means "nine." The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself before ascending into heaven forty days after the resurrection. On the tenth day, the feast of Pentecost, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. This daily prayer is recommended to begin on Friday, May 10 in order to have nine days before Pentecost on May 19.

O Holy Spirit, Divine Consoler! I adore you as my True God.

I bless You by uniting myself to the praises You receive from the angels and saints.

I offer You my whole heart,

and I render You heartfelt thanks

for all the benefits You have bestowed

and do unceasingly bestow upon the world.

You are the author of all supernatural gifts

and you enriched with immense favors the soul

of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

I beseech you to visit me by Your grace and Your love, and grant me the favor I so earnestly seek in this novena...(State your request here...)

O Holy Spirit, spirit of truth,

come into our hearts:

shed the brightness of your light on all nations, that they may be of one faith and pleasing to You.

Amen.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

7:30 AM † Edna Spohn

By Family

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

7:30 AM † Edna Spohn

By Family

Thursday, May 9, 2024 7:30 AM † Don Wavra

By Ellen and Charles Servais

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare

Center

Friday, May 10, 2024

7:30 AM † Don and Lorraine Helfrich

By Joanne Dierkop

Saturday, May 11, 2024

4:00 PM † Stephen van Oss

By Virginia Horstman

Sunday, May 12, 2024 8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:00 AM † Living and Deceased members of the

Anna and Peter Spaeth Family

By Wilma Spaeth

Liturgical Roles May 11 - 12

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Linda Gillett, Jim Klock, Sue Ernster, Kevin Moyle, John Klouda, OPEN, Dawn

Kutt

8:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Steve Young, Charles Heiderscheit, Pat & Donna Burns, Gloria Beisen, OPEN

10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Mary Olson, Barbara Stetzer, Kathy McGettigan, OPEN, Rita Sanchez, Susan Halter, Kelly Jakes

Lector

4:00 PM Chris Schlegel, Joe van Oss8:00 AM Linda Elsen, Pattie Nimocks10:00 AM Emily Krejchik, Polly Berendes

Server

4:00 PM Madison Schlegel, Jesse Mayton
8:00 AM Jesse Mayton, Isabella Miller
10:00 AM Ella Krejchik, Jesse Mayton

Cantor

4:00 PM Open

8:00 AM Sara Erdman 10:00 AM Sunday Choir

Musician

4:00 PM Christopher Carskadon

8:00 AM Mary Jo Lium 10:00 AM Jenny Nielson

Sacristan

4:00 PM Linda Kloet

8:00 AM Daniel and Kathy Skiles

10:00 AM Linda Schwartz

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM Riley Klar, OPEN

8:00 AM Stephanie Schmitt, Sandy Pitsch 10:00 AM Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes

Greeter

4:00 PM Phil Watson (lead), Arian Arens, Patrick Hogen, Mark Misch, Harper Solverson,

Open, Riley Klar, Elie Klar.

8:00 AM OPEN, Deke Stanek, Erica Stanek, Allan & Peggy Baumler, Jon Mason, Karen

Perry, Jackson Harpenau

10:00 AM Robb Pretasky (lead) Andrew Egan, Terri Pedace, Mike Wintheiser, Nathan Wintheiser, Mary Jothen, Jackson Massa

Keith Krejchik

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Sue Olson, Heidi Schlegel 8:00 AM Sue Moyle, Mary Genz 10:00 AM Sue Pretasky, Lisa Doering

Hospitality

8:00 AM Michelle and Ken Morrison

10:00 AM Charlotte Berendes, Polly Berendes

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss

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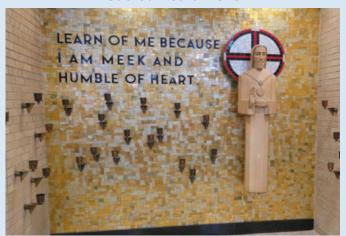
Mosaic of Mary, Mother of the Church

Preparation for the mosaic of Mary, Mother of the Church began April 22, and the poly sheeting was installed to control the amount of dust created in the Church. Some of the wall sconces that hold the red vigil candles in the Sacred Heart niche have been removed by Fowler & Hammer for installation in the other niche after the new mosaic is installed. This will help balance the appearance of the two niches and offer the ability to light votive candles near the mosaic.

In determining how best to represent Mary as "Mother of the Church," various art forms are possibilities: a framed painting, a mural, a statue, or a mosaic. The goal was to let the Church's art and architecture inspire this new project. A framed painting or a painted mural would introduce a new form of art. While a wood-carved statue (not a statue of plaster, stone, or plastic resin) would enced by the current design elements in the Church.

cred Heart Shrine. It is accented with a gold mosaic installed properly, a mosaic can withstand exposure to backdrop; therefore, there would be some complementa- sunlight, moisture, and temperature fluctuations – this is rity. Also, the gold mosaic inspired some elements for not the case with painted murals. our Parish Hall: the backdrop to the metal "MMOC" letdining room.

Sacred Heart Niche



Legacy Wall in Parish Hall





Dining Room Mosaic behind St. Thomas More



Hallway Mosaic behind MMOC

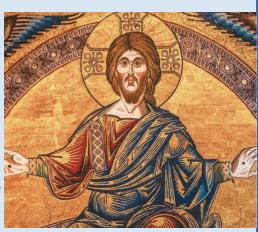
Mosaic art is quite durable and functional; in fact it is complement the current statues in the church, there's a considered the most long-lasting form of art in the world. definite style to our statues, which would constrict the Today, you will find mosaics used in several ways. They possibilities. A mosaic quickly rose to the top of the list. can be installed on the walls, floors, and ceilings of bath-In terms of practicality, a mosaic is durable, customiza- rooms and kitchens. High-traffic areas such as subways, ble, and timeless. However, the decision was also influ-swimming pools, and businesses are common locations. Mosaics are both decorative and functional and can be The first inspiration for choosing a mosaic was the Sa- used to enhance both indoor and outdoor spaces. When

Mosaic artists utilize various materials, such as clay, ters above the hospitality counter in the hallway as well marble, glass, tiles, or stone, to create their intricate as the backdrop to the statue of St. Thomas More in the masterpieces. The wide assortment of materials allows artists and designers to customize patterns, colors, and textures. Each mosaic is, therefore, unique and beautifully created to fit its surroundings or serve its purpose.

Finally, mosaic art is timeless. It is an art form with roots extending back to ancient cultures - over 4,000 years! – that is still appreciated, practiced, and chosen in today's modern building and decor designs. Due to its long-lasting design, mosaic art has allowed us a glimpse

into past civilizations. These discovered mosaics teach us about their religion, daily routines, and their attitude toward flora and fauna. Byzantine mosaics are a well-

established and inspiring form of artwork in the Catholic Church.



Next week's article will highlight what a mosaic is, how our mosaic was made, and how it will be mounted.

As the preparation work continues and our anticipation grows, we ask Mary, Mother of the Church to pray for US.





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