# May 12, 2024







# The Ascension of the Lord

#### 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.

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# Roses for Life

After all Masses on Mother's Day weekend the Men's Club will have roses available for a suggested donation of \$2 per rose in support of pro-life causes. What a great way to find that last minute gift for mom or that special someone in your life while supporting life! Look for the roses at the main entrance on your way out of church.

# 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 dinner in the parish hall supplied by the parish (not a potluck). At this celebration the Man and Woman of the Year will be recognized. All are welcome!

# Liturgical Ministers Needed: Patronal Feast

Many liturgical positions need to be filled for the 5:30 PM Mass on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of the Church on Monday, May 20, including Sacristan, Greeters, and Gift Bearers. Please consider filling in if you are available. Go to www.mmoclacrosse.org and click on the Ministry Scheduler link at the top of the page, or call 788-5483, ext. 1.

# 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.

## Holy Communion: Precious Blood

The Blood of Christ is being offered from Communion cups beginning today, the Solemnity of the Ascension. 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.

# 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.

## 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 8:30-10:30 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 are looking forward to seeing you May 18!

## 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.

# Jesse Mayton Farewell

Dear MMOC Parishioners, I can't thank you enough for the generous hospitality you all showed me during my (mostly) monthly visits. I appreciate all the support during this year of discernment which allowed me to grow so much in my faith. In my discernment, I feel that the

Holy Spirit is calling me to the married life, so I will not be going to college seminary next year. This year of discernment has been so impactful for every man in it and has prepared all of us, no matter where the Holy Spirit leads us, to serve better in the vocation we're called to. Thank you again, and remember, that the prayers in my jour-



ney are always very appreciated, and I will always be praying for all of you parishioners. God bless! Jesse has been a blessing to us. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide Jesse through his journey in life.

## **Blessed is She**

Are you seeking deeper, faith-filled friendships? Come be part of our local Blessed is She group by joining us for our second Blessed Brunch! This is for all women, regardless of age or life stage! We will be



meeting on May 25th from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at MMOC. The only thing that's asked of you is to bring a heart open to other women and a little potluck dish to share! You can RSVP below or contact Jamie Thompson at 507-581-1711 with any questions.

## Part Time Housekeeper Needed

Housekeeper position for the Offices and Rectory will open soon. \$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. Application deadline is June 15. If interested, contact Andy Foley at 788-5483 x. 9.

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## Called & 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 <u>lschwartz@mmoclacrosse.org</u>. for info and to register.

#### **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 <u>sobert@mmoclacrosse.org</u> or 608-788 -5483 ext. 4, by May 15.

# Family Life

#### Wedding Banns III

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

#### United in the Bond of Marriage

Congratulations to Dalton Kerns and Jordyn King who were married on May 4, 2024. May the love they share be a living witness of how much God loves the world.

# Faith Formation

#### **Family Faith Formation**

Last Family Faith Formation of the Programming Year! Our final Family Faith Formation session for the 2023/2024 programming year is this Wednesday May 15 from 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church. We will share a potluck meal together, get a chance to say good-bye to our teachers, and honor Mary with a special May Crowning. Contact Kristin with any questions kjohson@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 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 <u>diolc.org/the-answer</u> 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

# 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.

# 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 at mealsonwheels@mmoclacrosse.org

# Community Events

# Evening Prayer on May 19 for New Bishop

Our diocese will welcome Bishop Battersby with Evening Prayers at 5 PM on May 19 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. The installation the following day is a ticketed event, so the May 19 Evening Prayer is a fantastic opportunity to witness Bishop Battersby's arrival.

## **Tootsie Roll Thank you!**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parishioners of Mary, Mother of the Church for supporting the 2024 Intellectual Disabilities Campaign (Tootsie Roll Drive). With your help, Council 839 raised over \$3,000 for people with special needs in our community. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

### Healing Mass & Service

Are you suffering from physical, spiritual, or psychological distress? God's will is for you to be whole! A Healing Service will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sacred Heart Church-Cashton. The evening begins at 4:30 PM with Adoration, devotions, confessions and Holy Mass at 5:30 PM, followed by prayers for healing using exorcised and blessed salt, oil, and water, with intercessory prayers by our clergy and lay prayer teams.

#### **Post-Abortion Healing Ministry**

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or email <u>projectrachel@diolc.org</u>. There are also post-abortion healing retreats offered in the Diocese of Madison. For more information on the retreats, visit <u>madisondiocese.org/rachel</u>

# **Weekly Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, Ma	y 14, 2024	
7:30 AM + 9	Steve Pitsch	
By	y Rose Ann Kazmierczak	
Wednesday, May 15, 2024		
7:30 AM 🕇	Carol Marx	
B	y Anita Olson	
Thursday, M		
	James Omernik	
	y Shirley Role	
	lord Service at Hillview Healthcare	
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Friday, May 17, 2024		
7:30 AM 🕇	Paula Heiderscheit	
B	y Family	
Saturday, May 18, 2024		
4:00 PM †	Mary Ann Bornheimer	
В	y Joan and Gary Thames	
Sunday, May 19, 2024		
8:00 AM +	Lester Marx	
B	By Anita Olson	
10:00 AM P	ro Populo	
Monday, May 20, 2024		
	Bishop Gerrard Battersby By MMOC	

# Liturgical Roles May 18 - 19

# Minister of Holy Communion

Minister of	Holy Communion
4:00 PM	Nancy Imhoff, Dave Imhoff, Mary Olson, Dawn Kutt, Mary Schaub, Mark Misch,
8:00 AM	Joseph van Oss Deacon Terry Bell, Anita Olson, Nick & Janice Berry, Pat & Donna Burns,
10:00 AM	Charles Heiderscheit Deacon Terry Bell, Fred Berneking, Chuck & Polly Berendes, Rita Sanchez, Shannon Klar, Anne Kernan
Lector	Shannon Kiai, Anne Keman
4:00 PM	Jim Klock, Chris Schlegel
8:00 AM	Bob Mahr, Barbara Stetzer
10:00 AM	Linda Gillette, Terri Pedace
Server	- ,
4:00 PM	Sue Ernster, Keegan Gerling
8:00 AM	Olivia Taylor, Jackie Taylor
10:00 AM	Louie Berendes, Christopher Hughey
Cantor	
4:00 PM	Paul Lansing
8:00 AM	Dawn Mazzola
10:00 AM	Rick Wilson
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10:00 AM	Mike Wuensch
Gift Bearer	
4:00 PM	OPEN, OPEN
8:00 AM	Michael Taylor, Danice Taylor
10:00 AM	Lisa Doering, Sam Horman
Greeter	-
4:00 PM	Phil Watson (lead), Jim Spielbauer, Neil Kumm, Olivia Rudie, Steve Schaub, Joe Riemer, Arian Arens, Mary Schaub
8:00 AM	Jon Mason (lead), Daniel & Kathy Skiles, Dave & Mary Lawrence, Donna Burns, Kyle Ortmeier, Rosie Pennebecker
10:00 AM	OPEN, Andrew Schwartz, Mike Wintheiser, Nathan Wintheiser, Brenda Wintheiser, Elly Binsfled, Anna Binsfeld
Scrip Seller	
4:00 PM	Kevin Moyle, Heidi Schlegel
8:00 AM	Ken Morrison, Sue Groetsch
10:00 AM	Kimberley Krejchik, Sheri Skelton
Hospitality	
8:00 AM	OPEN, Ken Morrison
10:00 AM	Pat Houlihan, Kathy Houlihan
Live Streame	er
4:00 PM	Dave Imhoff

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#### Mosaic of Mary, Mother of the Church

called tesserae, are hand-cut by the artist using a mosa- pert artisan close to Carrara, Italy. ic hammer and hardie or tile nippers. The art of creating mosaics requires the artist to first sketch the basic design on the surface and choose the color patterns. Then, after applying a cement-like substance to adhere the tesserae into place, they arrange the tesserae to create their masterpiece.

The creation of mosaics dates back at least 4,000 years! The earliest mosaics found in Mesopotamia (present-day Iraq) were dated to the 3rd millennium BC. This mosaic, in particular, was made from stone, seashells, and ivory. Early mosaics were difficult and timeconsuming to create; thus, they were status symbols. They were often found in the king's palace and at the entries to the royal cities.

The earliest signs of Christian mosaic art, 320-330 AD, were intermixed into Roman mosaics depicting their gods. Until Christianity was made legal by Emperor Constantine, artists created these Roman mosaics and hid scenes from the Old and New Testaments within. During the Middle Ages (500-1500 AD), mosaics continued to be a popular art form used to adorn mausoleums, churches, and other important buildings. During these years, this artistry began to increase in intricacy, and the people depicted became more realistic in their appearance. Although mosaics lost their popularity during the Renaissance Period, St. Peter's Basilica honored this artistic tradition by choosing mosaics for its decor. Today, we can find mosaics in subways, restrooms, restaurants, and parks. They can cover walls, floors, ceilings, benches, or tables. Wherever mosaics are, this ancient and elegant art form brings beauty and uniqueness.



and the original color will be the same for millennia. It day, May 14. was hand-blown in Venice. The three panels are made If you are interested in the creation process of mosaof at least 60,000 tesserae, with an average surface of ics, you can find videos on YouTube!

At its very basics, mosaic art is the creation of patterns 3/8 of an inch square. Due to the intricacies involved or pictures using small pieces of materials such as clay, with this mosaic, such as the eyes, fingers, and lips of marble, glass, tiles, or stones. These small pieces, Mary and Jesus, Inspired Artisans commissioned an ex-



Schooled in Ravenna, one of the few places in the world with this level of skill. The Venetian glass was applied to honeycomb aluminum panels, except for a few strategic Artists at Inspired Artisans in Milwaukee designed our places, so the panels can be screwed into the stone wall mosaic, the sketch, and the full-size cartoon on pa- of our church before being covered by the remaining per. It's one-of-a-kind. The chosen tesserae was Vene- glass. The mosaic arrived safely in Milwaukee a few tian glass. Venetian glass is formed by combining three months ago and Fr. Konopa has seen it with his eyes layers of glass, resulting in a deep, dimensional surface and taken these pictures to share. The artists at Inspired texture that uniquely captures light. A layer of hand- Artisans have created the frame and are preparing the blown glass ensures that no two pieces are identical, panels for their installation onto our stone wall on Tues-



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