

May 19, 2024



# MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



## Pentecost Sunday

### 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 us 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

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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.

## 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](http://www.mmoclacrosse.org) and click on the Ministry Scheduler link at the top of the page, or call 788-5483, ext. 1.

## Chicken-Que Thanks!

The Chicken-Que Team would like to thank all those who volunteered, bought tickets and supported the spring Chicken-Que. It was a success with a profit of \$12,480.23 for the parish. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 12 for the fall Chicken-Que.

## 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. Please keep these high school graduates in your prayers as they go forward with the next chapter of their lives.

Cole Arentz	Kallie Arenz
Ella Branson	Alyssa Brickson
Thomas Bryant	Samuel Dickinson
Emma Fischer	Zackary George
Daniel Hammes	Isabella Helfrich
Samuel Horman	Jordan Hurtgen
Kasey Hurtgen	Kaelyn Kath
Elizabeth Klar	Jackson Massa
Ella Schuttenhelm	Hally Skrede
Gavin Stratman	Jacquelyn Taylor
Shelby Trautman	Nathan Wintheiser
Brett Ziolkowski	

**The Newman Connection** The Newman Connection strengthens today's Catholic young adults by connecting them to Catholic Campus Ministry at hundreds of Colleges and Universities. Campus Ministry becomes a central meeting place for young adults to become involved in social events, Bible studies, daily Mass, Sunday Masses, and much more. You can sign up directly at their website <http://www.newmanconnection.com>. Simply give your name and the College/University you plan to attend this Fall.

## New Bishop Battersby Video

The Archdiocese of Detroit published a video sharing closing remarks from Bishop Battersby. In this video (3:22 min), Bishop Battersby reflects on his new assignment with us and his perspective as he arrives. "The first job I have is listening. It is to find out where the people of La Crosse are at, what their heart is and what they feel the necessities are for moving forward. I mean, because the Holy Spirit's been speaking to them, too. And so it will be necessary to discern with them what the priorities are. Well as Bishop Quinn said so beautifully many years ago when he was auxiliary, 'It's not about me, it's not about you, it's about Jesus'. And I would just say to them, 'I'm coming to you as a pilgrim. I'm coming to you to learn Jesus. I'm coming to you to find Jesus. I'm coming to you to proclaim Jesus.'"



## 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.

## Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage

In 2025, a Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope, we will be heading to Italy! In addition to our pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy, pilgrims may want to consider signing up for the pre-trip to Florence and Venice.

The journey begins from the US on Sept. 25 to Venice. We stay in Padua, which honors St. Anthony, "Patron Saint of Lost Things and Causes," and includes Mass at his Basilica and a visit to his tomb.

On Sept. 27, we visit Venice, the "city paved with water," which includes a walking tour of St. Mark's Square and the Golden Basilica of San Marco, which is known for the great mosaics that depict the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, and the afternoon for free time to explore Venice with a late return to Padua.

On Sept. 28, we visit Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance and home to some of the most renowned artists: Dante, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Botticelli, and Donatello—an art lover's dream place. We will view the famous sculpture of Michelangelo, David and much more. On Sept. 29, a walking tour includes the Church of the Holy Cross, Piazza Signorina, and much more. The afternoon is free to explore Florence.

On Sept. 30, we go to Siena, the birthplace of St. Catherine of Siena, a Doctor of the Church, and St. Bernadine, the Apostle of Italy. We will enjoy lunch, a walking tour, and some additional free time before meeting the rest of our group in Assisi.

The cost for this extra portion of the trip is an additional \$1,978 per person. You can sign up for this portion of the trip and the pilgrimage by visiting [www.206tours.com/frkonopa](http://www.206tours.com/frkonopa).

## 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

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May 25 from 9 AM - 11 AM at MMOC. The only thing that's asked of you is to bring a heart open to other women and a little pot-luck dish to share! You can RSVP with the QR Code 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.

## Family Life

### Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Weston Inglett and Jack Inglett who were baptized on May 11, 2024. We welcome them to God's family with great joy!

## Faith Formation

### 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 at sobert@mmoclacrosse.org.

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Level I Part A Formation Course

Do you have a heart for sharing Jesus with children? Come join veteran catechist Ruth Ohm Sutherland for an incredible spiritual formation experience in catechesis for our little ones! The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers all children from infants to 12 yrs old the opportunity to form an authentic, faithful relationship with God using scripture, the liturgy, and sensory materials. Level I is the foundation for all four levels of CGS and focuses on the 3-6 yr old child. This formation course for adults will include:



- Learning the guiding principles of CGS
- Exploring the religious nature and needs of the 3-6 yr old child
- Offering the adult time to hear & prayerfully consider the Biblical and liturgical themes presented to the child
- Broadening the adult's ability to observe and

learn from children

**When:** Preliminaries via Zoom: July 13, 2024 time TBD. In person section: July 15 - July 22, 2024 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

**Where:** Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Faith Formation Center

**Cost:** \$150 per person. Thanks to the generosity of the La Crosse Diocese Bishop's Education Endowment Trust, scholarship funds are available.

Scan the QR code to register, or contact Sarah Scarlet at [sscarlet@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:sscarlet@mmoclacrosse.org). More details are also available on the parish website.

### Vacation Bible School 2024

"The Marvelous Mystery" on August 5-9 from 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 children from the La Crosse City Parishes entering grades K-5 in the Fall of 2024. Adults and middle/high school youth are needed to help. Cost to attend will be \$30 per child. Register using the QR Code. Contact Kristin for information [kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org) or 608-788-5483 x. 4.



### Looking for help with Vacation Bible School!

Join the team for Vacation Bible School on August 5-9 from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church. Looking for adult, middle and high school age volunteers If you are interested in helping kids entering grades K-5 learn their Catholic faith in fun and exciting way, join the VBS Team! Contact Kristin at [kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.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](http://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

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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!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Vocations Golf Outing

The Diocese of La Crosse -- Office of Vocations -- is sponsoring a Golf Outing & Dinner at Fox Hollow Golf Course on Monday, June 24 with Noon Shotgun Start & 6 PM Dinner: \$125/golfer includes cart, sack lunch & dinner. Learn more to become a sponsor, golf, or simply attend the dinner. Contact Renee Orth [rorth@diolc.org](mailto:rorth@diolc.org) 608-791-2667 or visit [diolc.org/wp-content](http://diolc.org/wp-content).

## 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](mailto:mealsonwheels@mmoclacrosse.org)

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Monday, May 20, 2024**

**5:30 PM Bishop Battersby  
By MMOC**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

**7:30 AM † Alan Bennett  
By Kathleen & Oliver Leege**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

**7:30 AM † Joseph Korn  
By Marian Korn**

**Thursday, May 23, 2024**

**7:30 AM † Larry Weibel  
By Family**

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

**Friday, May 24, 2024**

**7:30 AM † Donald Bowman  
By Family**

**Saturday, May 25, 2024**

**4:00 PM † Patricia Stilp  
By Family**

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

**8:00 AM † Karen & Lois Guggenbuehl  
By James Guggenbuehl**

**10:00 AM Pro Populo**

The Rosary is prayed before each weekday Mass Tuesday through Friday beginning at 7:05 AM.

## Liturgical Roles May 25-26

### Minister of Holy Communion

- 4:00 PM Deacon Terry Bell, John Klouda, Kelly Jakes, Steve Lefever, Chris Schlegel, Linda Gillette, Joseph van Oss.  
8:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Erin Klar, Steve Klar, Charles Heiderscheid, Gloria Beisen, Mary Lawrence, Mike Keogh  
10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Lori Hammes, Lindsey Hammes, Mary Olson, Carol Forer, Kimberly Krejchik, OPEN

### Lector

- 4:00 PM Mark Outzen, Barbara Stetzer  
8:00 AM Linda Elsen, Donna Keogh  
10:00 AM Emily Krejchik, Nancy Steinhoff

### Server

- 4:00 PM Aubrey Jakes, Ellyana Jakes  
8:00 AM Rylann Klar, Matthew Klar  
10:00 AM L:ouie Berendes, Hank Berendes

### Cantor

- 4:00 PM Linda Kloet  
8:00 AM Pattie Nimocks  
10:00 AM Natalie Solverson

### Musician

- 4:00 PM Christopher Carskadon  
8:00 AM Christopher Carskadon  
10:00 AM Christopher Carskadon

### Sacristan

- 4:00 PM Linda Gillette  
8:00 AM Mike Keogh  
10:00 AM Carol Forer

### Gift Bearer

- 4:00 PM OPEN, OPEN  
8:00 AM Erin Klar, Steve Klar  
10:00 AM Chuck Berendes, Hank Berendes

### Greeter

- 4:00 PM Phil Watson (lead), Jackson Harpenau, Arian Arens, Steve Schaub, Joe Riemer, Elie Klar, Neil Kumm, Mark Misch  
8:00 AM Allan Baumler (lead), Pat Burns, Donna Burns, Peggy Baumler, Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles, Dave Lawrence, Jon Mason  
10:00 AM Linda Gillette (lead), Harper Solverson, Robb Pretasky, Lydia Bell, Felicity Bell, Gabriella Stratman, Gavin Stratman, Trisha Stratman

### Scrup Seller

- 4:00 PM Dee Sauer, Kevin Moyle  
8:00 AM Mary Genz, Karen Perry  
10:00 AM Sue Pretasky, Kimberly Krejchik

### Hospitality

- 8:00 AM OPEN, OPEN  
10:00 AM Charlotte Berendes, Polly Berendes

### Live Streamer

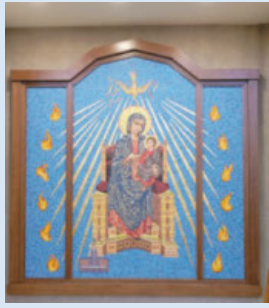
- 4:00 PM Joseph van Oss



## Mosaic of Mary, Mother of the Church

Our mosaic has arrived!

For the past few weeks, we have been exploring the importance of having a prominent image of Mary, Mother of the Church in our church building, the reasons we chose to represent this image through a mosaic, how mosaics are made, and specifically how our mosaic was created. This article will share the specific design elements of our mosaic.



The title "Mother of the Church" is relatively new and was first used in an official church document during Vatican II. On Nov. 21, 1964, during the celebration of Mass at the end of the third session of the Council, Pope Paul VI declared our Lady "Mother of the Church, that is of the entire Christian people, both the faithful and their pastors, who call her their most loving Mother," and decreed that "from now onward the whole Christian people should give even greater honor to the Mother of God under this most loving title" (*Acta Apostolicae Sedis* "Acts of the Apostolic See" 56, 1965, p. 1015).

So, in the design of our mosaic, what should be our starting point? Not surprisingly, there isn't a "classic image" of Mary as Mother of the Church. Inspired Artisans (Milwaukee) provided four images for consideration.



Some years ago, Deacon Richard Sage looked at the Pentecost icon which is currently in the Server Sacristy, and said, "When I think of the image of Mary, Mother of the Church, I think of this." Mary was praying with the Apostles on Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon them and the Church was born.

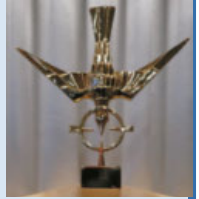
When Pope Francis chose to add "The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church" to the liturgical calendar in 2018, he chose "the Monday after Pentecost," thus highlighting what inspired Deacon Sage. When the readings were chosen for this feast day, two options were provided for the First Reading: Genesis in which Eve is called "the mother of all the living," and the story of Pentecost in Acts of the Apostles. Thus, Pentecost became our inspiration.

The May 5 article emphasized the importance of drawing inspiration from our church's current art and architecture. As you look around our church, you will notice many sharp angles, including diagonals. For example, the altar's backdrop is rectangular in its lattice structure, the ceiling and outdoor pillars have raised diamond

shapes, and diagonals are prominent in our stained glass windows and flooring. These angles and shapes are reflected in the 3 panels and in the rays coming forth from the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire upon the Twelve Apostles. (Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot before Pentecost, so the number was Twelve again.)

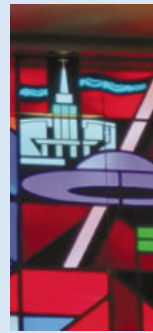


The Holy Spirit is the next design element inspired by our church's art and architecture. The symbol of the dove, representing the Holy Spirit, was modeled after the dove located over the tabernacle. Although the Holy Spirit is described as being "like a dove" at Jesus' baptism, Pentecost describes the Spirit's arrival as "a noise like a strong driving wind" and "tongues as of fire" (Acts 2:2, 3). Therefore, the goal was to represent the dove in the form of "wind & fire."



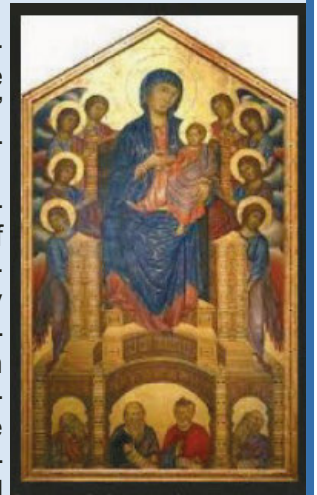
The wooden frame surrounding the mosaic was designed to be a two-dimensional representation of the baldachin-canopy over the tabernacle, which, in turn, is modeled after the canopy over the main altar.

Finally, one of the stained-glass windows, located at the very top of one of the north windows, includes an image of our church building. The green cross represents the Irish ancestry of Bishop John Patrick Treacy, the Bishop of La Crosse at the time our church was built. The shepherd's crook and hat symbolize the bishop's appointment to shepherd God's people. This image of our church building inspired the one in the lower left-hand corner of the mosaic.



The overall inspiration for Mary and the Christ Child began with "Maestra" or "Majesty" (Virgin and Child Enthroned) by Cimabue c. 1280 A.D.

As we moved into making decisions about the facial features of Mary and Jesus, we took inspiration from the Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) image which fills a window in the papal apartment used



by St. John Paul II. Beneath the window it says, "Mater Ecclesiae" – Mother of the Church.

Our mosaic is one-of-a-kind. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.





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