

May 26, 2024



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



The Most Holy Trinity

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

Requests are due to the office by Monday in written format.

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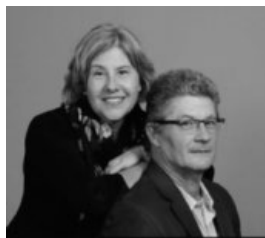
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OUR MISSION

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.

Congratulations to Mike and Cathy Juran our 2024 Man and Woman of the Year



Mike and Cathy Juran actively serve the parish family in music ministry and a variety of other ways. During the pandemic, Mike was a regular with his guitar when the rule was "9 or less," and the goal was to celebrate vibrant liturgies via YouTube and a local cable channel.

In May of 2022, he came out of retirement to lead the parish finance office without the benefit of a mentor. Not only did he serve us well, he has been a good mentor to Sr. Meg Earsely FSPA who joined staff last year (so he could reduce some hours and get back to fishing periodically). Cathy has used her heart and organizational skills to plan and organize meals for Family Faith Formation on Wednesday evenings. In the past, she also hosted choir socials and parish fundraising events, including a Chili-Fest before covid struck. Also, she had organized and maintained inventory in the parish kitchen pantry as well as the Sunday hospitality supplies. The planters at the church entrance and around the parish office building were researched, ordered, and cared for by Cathy for two years. She worked hard and relied on good helpers whenever needed. Now Cathy is devoting time to Susanna Jo, their first grandchild. God bless you, Mike and Cathy, for your leadership and service!

PCCW and Men's Club "Garden Club"

We are looking for volunteers to help purchase soil and flowers for the outdoor church planters, plant the flowers and water the plants one or two days a week or less depending on the number of volunteers. We hope to have enough people involved that the burden doesn't fall to just one or two. Sign up at the back of the church or call Rita at 608-780-3621. We are praying to the Holy Spirit to send us help to beautify our place of worship.

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.

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.

Update your Contact Information

The office is receiving a number of email "bouncebacks." Please contact Jenn if there have been any changes in your email or physical address. 608-788-5483 x1 or secretary@mmoclacrosse.org.

Welcome Bishop Battersby

Bishop Battersby was installed on May 20, 2024 at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. The youngest of nine children, Gerard W. Battersby was born, along with his twin brother, on May 15, 1960. He grew up in northwest Detroit. In 1993, he entered Sacred Heart Major Seminary as an adult vocation and received a Master of Divinity degree in 1998. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 30, 1998. He served in parish ministry for approximately ten years before being appointed to Sacred Heart Seminary, where he received a Licentiate in the New Evangelization in 2008. He served as director of graduate seminarians and graduate pastoral formation. In 2009, Father Battersby was assigned to graduate studies at the Angelicum in Rome, Italy. In 2011, he was appointed vice-rector and dean of seminarian formation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Father Battersby was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit on November 23, 2016 and his episcopal ordination occurred shortly thereafter on Jan 25, 2017. On March 19, 2024, His Holiness Pope Francis named Bishop Battersby as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse.



Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage

In September 2025, we will embark on a pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy. Last week's bulletin article highlighted the "pre-trip" option to tour Florence and Venice. This week, we will focus on the core pilgrimage, which begins in Assisi. Pilgrims will arrive in Rome on September 30 and board a bus to Assisi. Our first night in Assisi will include a walking tour, meet-and-greet, and dinner.

On Oct. 1 we begin with a tour of St. Francis Basilica, visit his tomb, and view frescoes of his life. During our walking tour of Assisi, we will visit the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the birthplace of St. Francis, and the church that honors St. Clare. Following free time and lunch, a bus will take us outside the walls of Assisi to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, the area where St. Francis spent most of his life.

On Oct. 2 we travel through the Umbrian mountains to Gubbio where St. Francis freed the town from a fierce wolf and, in 1224, received his stigmata. We will visit the Chapel of the Stigmata and the Basilica.

On Oct. 3 we begin our way to Rome, but we will have a few other notable highlights on the way! We will stop in Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. We will celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Longinus in Lanciano, the site of a Eucharistic Miracle. Our final stop is San Giovanni Rotondo.

On Oct. 4 we will tour the sanctuary to view the crucifix in front of which St. Padre Pio received the stigmata. We will also see the confessional, where he spent innumerable hours hearing to confessions. We will visit the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel on our way back to San Giovanni Rotondo. After some free time and dinner, you can participate in a candlelight procession and Rosary at the Sanctuary of St. Pio.

On Oct. 5, we will board the bus to travel to Rome. On

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the way, we will stop in Pietrelcina to visit the birthplace of St. Padre Pio. Then, we will see the Abbey of Montecassino and the tombs of siblings St. Benedict and St. Scholastica. Finally, we will arrive in Rome!

Next week's bulletin article will share the highlights of the three nights in Rome. For more details, information and registration, visit www.206tours.com/frkonopa.

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

United in the Bond of Marriage

Congratulations to Kyle Malin and Abby Knutson who were married on May 18, 2024. May the love they share be a living witness of how much God loves the world.

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. 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 or 608-788-5483 x. 4.



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

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"the ANSWER"

In these challenging times, the answer we seek can't be just human or political, it has to be spiritual. We need to rediscover Jesus and His gift of the Eucharist, which will stir our joy and our hope. That's the opportunity we have at the June 7th Eucharistic Rally, an event as significant as the Diocese has ever seen. It will feature dynamic speakers like Chris Stefanick and Immaculée Ilibagiza, Mass celebrated by our new Bishop, Gerard Battersby, with the homily preached by Bishop Robert Barron. You can register online by using the link or QR code in the parish bulletin or by visiting the parish office.



Memorial Day Mass

Father Konopa will offer a Mass for the Dead will be celebrated at the altar in the Veterans' Section at the Catholic Cemetery in La Crosse on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024 beginning at 11:15 AM. All are welcome to participate.



Mary, Mother of the Church

4th 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 608-791-2667 or visit diolc.org/wp-content.

March for Life Wisconsin

The biggest Pro-Life Rally in the State
Register at: <https://www.prolifewi.org/lacrossebus>
Deadline is June 3, 2024.
9:30 AM Depart Onalaska Walmart
10:00 AM Pick up behind Sparta Best Western, at 4445 Theater Road, Sparta,
1:30 PM Rally begins in Madison, WI, with speakers on the Capitol steps, followed by peaceful, prayerful march around the Capitol.
4:30 PM- vehicle departs Madison
Drop off passengers in Sparta
7:45pm arrives Onalaska
Passengers should bring a bag lunch and a snack to eat on the bus on the way home.

Masstimes.org



Don't miss Mass during a vacation!
Find Mass times by city, state or zip.
Then check that church's bulletin for any updates.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

7:30 AM † Anna Johnson
By Evelyn Hammes

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

7:30 AM † Frances Kreibich
By Jennifer Kreibich

Thursday, May 30, 2024

7:30 AM † Mike and Teri Kendhammer
By Amy and Thomas Strom
2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare Center

Friday, May 31, 2024

7:30 AM † Jim Schumacher
By Carol and Roger Forer

Saturday, June 1, 2024

4:00 PM † Alan Bennett
By Family

Sunday, June 2, 2024

8:00 AM † Howard Olson
By Anita Olson and Family
10:00 AM Pro Populo

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

Liturgical Roles June 1-2

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Joseph & Therese van Oss, Mark Misch, Kellie Schmitz, Mark Outzen, Kevin Moyle, Jim Klock
8:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Dan & Kathy Skiles, Erica Stanek, Tom Reichenbacher, Sandy Poellinger, Lance Miller
10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Fred Berneking, Lisa Doering, Emily Krejchik, Kimberly Krejchik, John Conzemius, Carol Forer

Lector

4:00 PM Barbara Stetzer, Sue Ernster
8:00 AM Francesca Ortmeier, Charles Heiderscheit
10:00 AM Linda Gillette, Barbara Stetzer

Server

4:00 PM OPEN, Tenley Solverson
8:00 AM Kaitlin Ortmeier, Nolan Richards
10:00 AM Izzy Schelfhout, Abby Schelfhout

Cantor

4:00 PM Mary Kulas
8:00 AM Haylee Pagenkopf
10:00 AM Rick Wilson

Musician

4:00 PM Mary Jo Lium
8:00 AM Bridget Baumeister
10:00 AM Bridget Baumeister

Sacristan

4:00 PM Linda Kloet
8:00 AM Jane Vogel
10:00 AM Carol Forer

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM OPEN, OPEN
8:00 AM Dave Ortmeier, Francesca Ortmeier
10:00 AM Manuokalewa Parker, David Parker

Greeter

4:00 PM OPEN (lead), Peter Schmitz, Elie Klar, Patrick Hogan, Jim Spielbauer, Joe Reimer, Kevin Moyle, Jackson Harpeneau
8:00 AM Jon Mason (lead), Deke & Erica Stanek Pat & Donna Burns, Kyle Ortmeier, Dave Lawrence, Rosie Pennebecker.
10:00 AM Robb Pretasky (lead), Jerry & Anne Kernan, Jackson Massa, Keith Krejchik, Mary Jothen, Linda and Andy Schwartz

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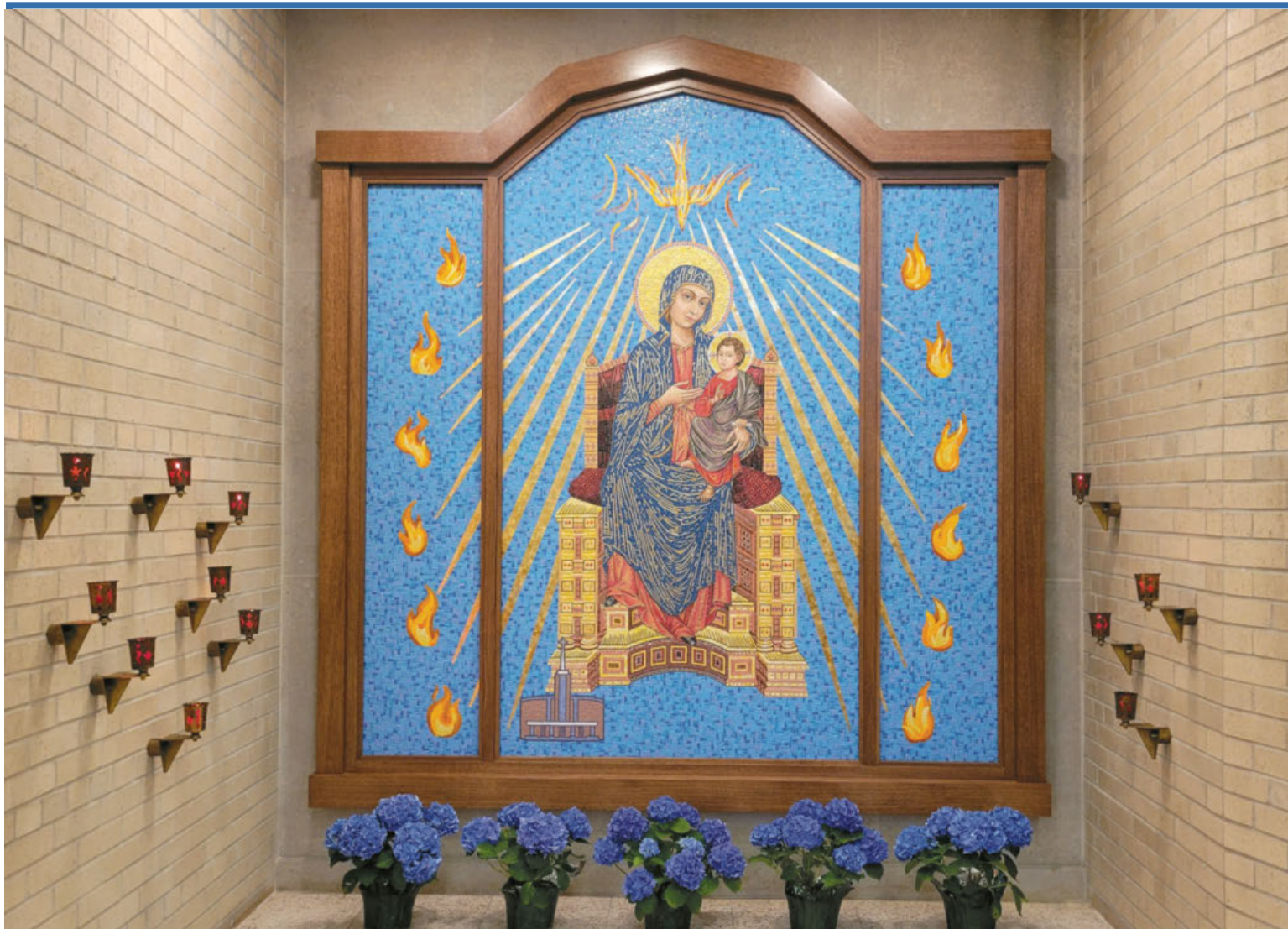
4:00 PM OPEN, Kellie Schmitz
8:00 AM Bob Jansky, Charlene Jansky
10:00 AM Lisa Doering, Tammy Byington

Hospitality

8:00 AM Dave Ortmeier, Francesca Ortmeier
10:00 AM Mary Schaub, Johanna Bell

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss



Mosaic of Mary, Mother of the Church

On Tuesday, May 14, our mosaic of Mary, Mother of the Church was installed by Inspired Artisans (Milwaukee). Fowler & Hammer did some finishing work, including installing the red votive candles taken from the Sacred Heart niche; the candles were located on the side walls after the pattern in the Sacred Heart niche.

The mosaic was first seen on the weekend of Pentecost (May 18-19), which is most appropriate since it depicts this glorious mystery. On the day after Pentecost - our Patronal Feast Day - the mosaic was blessed during the 5:30 PM Mass.

We are grateful to the anonymous benefactor who covered the entire cost of the mosaic: \$72,250. What a generous gift! The Building Fund covered the other costs of pre-installation work, relocating votive candles, and surface repairs to these and other areas throughout the church.

For the full story of the creative process in the design of the mosaic, please enjoy the bulletin articles beginning on April 21. Our parish now has two artistic expressions of Mary, Mother of the Church: our logo and our mosaic.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

May Crowning

On May 15, at the last session of Family Faith Formation, the children honored our Blessed Mother.



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