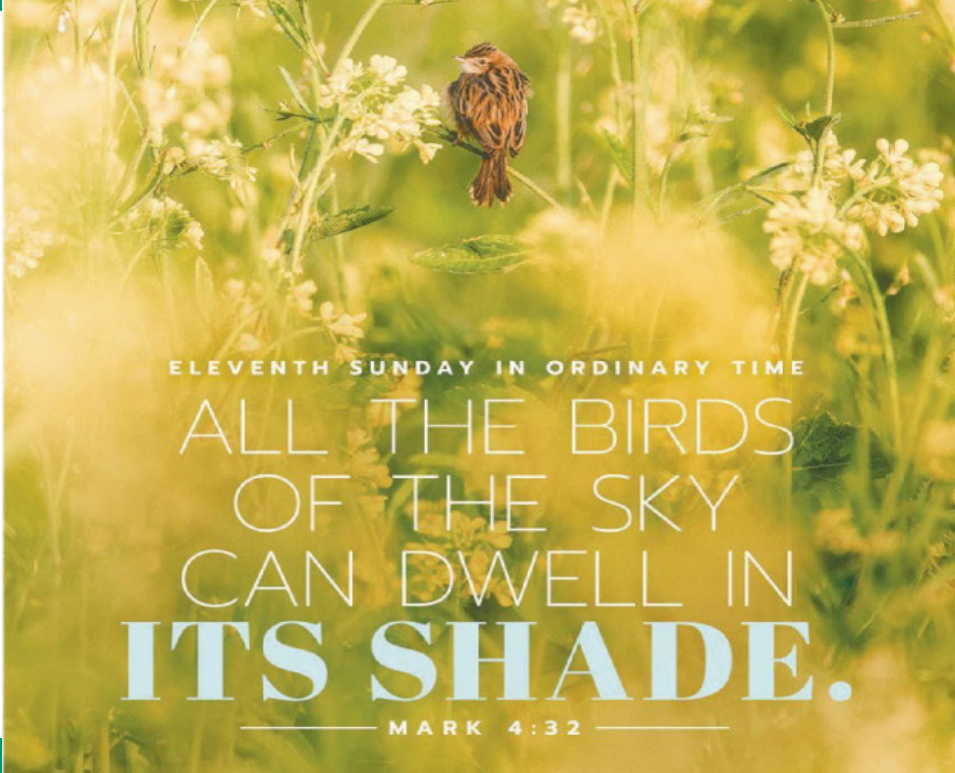


June 16, 2024



# MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
ALL THE BIRDS OF THE SKY CAN DWELL IN ITS SHADE.  
MARK 4:32

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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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### 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.



### Parish Pictorial Directory



It's time to book your appointment for a photography session for the new parish directory. Sessions are available on the following dates: August 20 through the 23 and August 27 through the 30. Use the QR code to the left or you can visit

[https://book.appointment-plus.com/d0nm3xs6/?employee\\_id=7527](https://book.appointment-plus.com/d0nm3xs6/?employee_id=7527). Families with children are encouraged to sign up early. Please contact Betty Brendel at 608-790-8054 with any questions.

### Save a Life, Donate Blood - Emergency Appeal

MMOC is hosting a blood drive on July 8 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The blood supply is critically low. Please reserve your spot today by calling 1-877-232-4376 or visiting [Versisti.org/wi](http://Versisti.org/wi).

### Parish Key Fob Inventory

We are conducting a yearly inventory of our key fobs. If you have an MMOC key fob please stop by and see Jenn at the office, bringing your fob with you before July 31 to sign a new agreement.

### Mass Intention Stipends

The bishops of the Wisconsin province discussed and decreed a change in our offering amount for Mass which will go into effect on July 1. The suggested stipend for Mass Intentions has increased to \$20.

### 2025 Italy Pilgrimage — Pre-tour

In 2025, a Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope, we will head to Italy! In addition to our pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy, pilgrims should consider signing up for the pre-tour 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 consists of 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. You will have the afternoon 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. Ber-

nadine, 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.

This extra portion of the trip costs 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).

### Men's Club Riverfest Grounds Clean-up

Please mark your calendars to help with the Riverfest fundraiser for the Men's Club. Grounds clean-up will take place Thursday to Sunday mornings from 5:00 AM to 6:00 AM. This is also a great opportunity for our youth who may need service hours. Join us for as many mornings as you are able.

## Family Life

### Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Walker James Key who was baptized on June 9, 2024. We welcome him to God's family with great joy!

### Wedding Banns II

Andrew Wagner and Katie Zoroufy, June 29, 2024. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding.

## Faith Formation

### 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. Contact Kristin for information [kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org) or 608-788-5483 x. 4.



### Middle and High School Summer Events:

All middle and high school youth are encouraged to join us this summer for "Journey Nights"! These Wednesday night events serve as an opportunity for the youth to be inspired in their faith all while having fun with their friends. *Journey Nights* will consist of outdoor activities (sports, games, fires) as well as a brief spiritual discussion and time of prayer. Below are the dates and locations for *Journey Nights* this summer:

June 19 (MS) & June 26 (HS): St. Joseph the Workman

July 10 (MS) & July 17 (HS): MMOC

July 24 (MS) & July 31 (HS): Blessed Sacrament

August 7 (MS) & August 14 (HS): TBD

Note that Middle School nights are labeled (MS) and High School nights are labeled (HS). Middle schoolers are any upcoming 6th-8th graders while high schoolers are any upcoming 9th-12th graders. All of these *Journey Nights* will take place from 7-9pm. Please encourage your youth to participate! Please contact Samuel Obert

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for information or to be added to an email contact list! [sobert@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:sobert@mmoclacrosse.org)

### Coffee and Kids Summer Program

Calling all parents, please join us on the third Friday of each month for snacks and conversation as our children play! We will meet from 8:30 AM -10:30 AM at the South Library Park during the summer months. Snacks will be provided, bring your own coffee. Rain location will be Room E in the lower level of the parish hall. If you have any questions please call BrieAnn McKenna 319-230-0895. We're looking forward to seeing you Friday, June 21

### Ordination Mass

All are welcome attend David Nowicki's Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 22 at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral as well as the reception following at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center. Please keep him in your prayers.

### Aquinas Catholic Schools 2024-2025 Enrollment

Aquinas Catholic Schools welcome you to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year. Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through education excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition and is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for it's students. Contact [info@aquinasschools.org](mailto:info@aquinasschools.org) with any questions or visit [www.aquinascatholicsschools.org/enrollment](http://www.aquinascatholicsschools.org/enrollment) to get started.

### National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

Thousands of our Catholic brothers and sisters continue to walk alongside our Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, in each of the four routes of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. These routes include 1) the Marian Route from the North, which began at the Mississippi Headwaters, Lake Itasca, MN; 2) the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route from the East, which began at New Haven, CT; 3) the St. Juan Diego Route from the South, which began in Brownsville, TX; and 4) the St. Junipero Serra Route from the West, which began in San Francisco, CA. One of our own, Dominic Carstens, son of Christopher Carstens who is the Diocesan Director of Sacred Worship, is a perpetual pilgrim walking the entire pilgrimage on the Seton Route. Pilgrims are accompanying Jesus from city to city, lighting hearts on fire along the way with all four branches of this historic Pilgrimage converging in Indianapolis for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Over 30,000 people have registered for the Congress, which will be held July 17 - 21, 2024.



### Priests for Tomorrow Dinner

A fundraising dinner will be held on July 28 at The Waterfront in La Crosse. Tickets are \$150, \$250 for a couple, \$1,200 for a table of eight. Do you know anyone who would like to donate an item for our silent auction? Contact Renee [rorth@diolc.org](mailto:rorth@diolc.org) or 608.791.2667 for tickets or more information

### Dare to Follow Retreat for Young Men

The Office for vocations is hosting a three-day discernment event in La Crosse from July 9 to July 11. This event is for young men in grades 6-10 who may be considering the call to the priesthood.



We are called to be Holy Men of God.  
Dare to Follow is for  
young men grades 6-10  
that are interested in hearing  
where God is calling them.

What: Join us for activities, discernment,  
and time with Bishop Battersby  
and priests from our area.  
Cost \$30 (includes meals and rooms).

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CONTACT RENEE WITH QUESTIONS: [RORTH@DIOLC.ORG](mailto:rorth@diolc.org)

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WEBSITE [WWW.BRAND.PAGE/DARETOFOLLOW](http://WWW.BRAND.PAGE/DARETOFOLLOW) TO REGISTER BY  
6/20/2024

SEE YOU THERE!



### A Minute with Jesus

The word Eucharist actually means thanksgiving. The Sacrament of the Eucharist is an action of thanksgiving to God. We want to thank our Heavenly Father for His works: creating the whole world and each one of us; sending His Son to redeem us through His Death and Resurrection; healing and purifying us through the grace of the Sacraments; and giving us the gift of Eternal Life with Him. At Mass, when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, it is the most important time to give thanks.

# Mary, Mother of the Church

## New Pregnancy Resource Center in La Crosse! Inaugural Fundraiser June 25

Alliance Family Services serves women and families who find themselves unexpectedly pregnant and struggling. They walk alongside them throughout their pregnancy with prenatal care, material assistance, housing, and much more. This interfaith ministry has been serving the Kenosha and Racine communities and has now come to La Crosse! Their first La Crosse fundraiser, "Stories of Hope," will be held June 25 at First Free Church in Onalaska, with an optional charcuterie social hour from 6-7 p.m., and the program from 7-8 PM. Hear testimonials from clients and staff about their incredible life-changing and lifesaving work. Tickets are free—registration is requested. Support the ongoing mission of rescuing the unborn and proclaiming the gospel of life! Register at [alliancefamilyservices.org](http://alliancefamilyservices.org) or scan the QR code on the right.



## St. Patrick's Church Rummage and Bake Sale,

Friday, July 26, 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM and

Saturday, July 27, 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Holiday items, collectors corner with antiques and unique items, household items, furniture, bikes, toys, bedding, jewelry, baked goods, and so much more! Donations for the St. Patrick Rummage Sale will be accepted starting June 19. Contact the parish office for drop-off times and information at 608.783.5535, ext. 2.

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, June 18, 2024**

7:30 AM † Adrianna Miller

By Mary Ann Ekern

**Wednesday, June 19, 2024**

7:30 AM † Marian Schmitz

By Peter and Kellie Schmitz

**Thursday, June 20, 2024**

7:30 AM † Herbie and Gerda Jothan

By Bob and Mary Jothan

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

**Friday, June 21, 2024**

7:30 AM † Marie Yost

By Joan Deyo

**Saturday, June 22, 2024**

4:00 PM † Lorraine Yeager

By Kathy and Dennis Bissen

**Sunday, June 23, 2024**

8:00 AM **Pro Populo**

10:00 AM † Mary Ann Bornheimer

By Louis Bornheimer

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

## Liturgical Roles June 22-23

### Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Kelly Jakes, Mark Outzen, Gary Heilman, Linda Heilman, Chris Schlegel, John Klouda, Jim Klock

8:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles, Sandy Poellinger, Erica Stanek, Nick Berry, Susan Moyle

10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes, Emily Krejchik, Kimberly Krejchik, Barbara Stetzer, Lisa Doering

### Lector

4:00 PM Therese van Oss, Joseph van Oss

8:00 AM Pattie Nimocks, Fred Berneking

10:00 AM Bill Brendel, Mary Jo Swartout

### Server

4:00 PM Aubrey Jakes, Ellyana Jakes

8:00 AM OPEN, OPEN

10:00 AM Louie Berendes, Hank Berendes

### Cantor

4:00 PM Mary Kulas

8:00 AM Sara Edman

10:00 AM Paul Lansing

### Musician

4:00 PM Christopher Carskadon

8:00 AM Jenny Nielson

10:00 AM Jenny Nielsen

### Sacristan

4:00 PM Mike Wuensch

8:00 AM Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles

10:00 AM Linda Gillette

### Gift Bearer

4:00 PM OPEN, OPEN

8:00 AM Sandy Pitsch, Stephanie Schmitt

10:00 AM OPEN, Jim McGettigan

### Greeter

4:00 PM Chris Schlegel (lead), Phil Watson, Steve Schaub, Jim Spielbauer, Mark Misch, Joe Riemer, Arian Arens, Jackson Harpenau

8:00 AM Sue Groetsch (lead), Karen Perry, Dave Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Deke Stanek, Erica Stanek, Kerry Groetsch, Pat Burns

10:00 AM Linda Schwartz (lead), Lydia Bell, Felicity Bell, Charlotte Berendes, Charlene Krockner, Keith Krejchik, Andrew Egan, Andrew Schwartz

### Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Mary Schaub, Kevin Moyle

8:00 AM Bob Jansky, Charlene Jansky

10:00 AM Tammy Byington, Kimberly Krejchik

### Hospitality

8:00 AM Nancy Pederson, Jeff Pederson

10:00 AM Sue Pretasky, Robb Pretasky

### Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss



Over 2500 people were in attendance at the Mass held as part of the Answer Eucharistic Rally on June 7 at the La Crosse Center.

RIGHT: Bishop Barron from the Diocese of Winona-Rochester begins the Eucharistic Procession from Minnesota to Wisconsin across the Cameron Street



BELOW: Bishop Battersby prays before the Blessed Sacrament before beginning the last leg of the Eucharistic Procession to the La Crosse Center.



Thank you to Chris Schlegel and the MMOC Men's Club for providing the majority of the ushers for the Eucharistic Procession.

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