# June 23, 2024





**Twelfth 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 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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# **Parish Pictoral 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 – 23 and August 27 – 30. Use the QR code to the



left or you can visit <a href="https://book.appointment-plus.com/d0nm3xs6/?employee\_id=7527">https://book.appointment-plus.com/d0nm3xs6/?employee\_id=7527</a>. Families with children are encouraged to signup early. Please call or text Betty Brendel at 608-317-8054 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. There were some technical problems last week but registration is now live in the system

# 4th of July Mass-Liturgical Ministers Needed

On Thursday, July 4 at 9am come and pray for our country and to give thanks to God for our many blessings, including religious liberty. Additionally, we are in need of Greeters and Gift Bearers for this Mass. Please sign up online or contact the parish office.

## **Holiday Office Hours**

The Parish Office will be closed on July 4 and will open again on Friday July 5.

## 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 mornings Thursday, July 4 to Sunday, July 7 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.

#### **MMOC Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday, July 11 we have our monthly Holy Hour at 4:45 PM. Come Adore Him!

#### **Monthly Parish Social**

Join us Thursday, July 11 after the 7:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall for coffee, conversation and fellowship.

#### **Communion Calls**

The following parishioners will receive Communion in their homes this week: Gerald Sheehan, Pam Badger, Rosemary Boland, Carol Weis, Dick Rady, and Tom Hengstl. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist in their home, call the parish office at 788-5483 ext. 7.

## **Volunteer Vehicle Safety Policy**

Attention all volunteers! In July, we will be rolling out the Diocese Vehicle Safety Policy for all volunteers who drive on behalf of the parish. Stay tuned to the bulletin for more information on what we'll need from you. Many thanks for sharing your generous time and talent!

## **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.

# 2025 Italy Pilgrimage — St. Francis/Assisi

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 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 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 <a href="https://www.206tours.com/frkonopa">www.206tours.com/frkonopa</a>.

# Family Life

# **Wedding Banns III**

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

### **Requiescat in Pace**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Donald Wiggert and Cece Lewis. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to the families and friends who mourn their loss. Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

# 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 ap-



preciation 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 or 608-788-5483 x. 4.

# 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 Cath-

olic faith in fun and exciting way, join the VBS Team! Contact Kristin at kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org

# 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 sum-

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 for information or to be added to an email contact list! sobert@mmoclacrosse.org

#### **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**



Thousands of our Catholic brothers and Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, in each of the four 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.

Religious Freedom Week June 22-29:

Religious Freedom Week takes place on June 22 at the Memorial of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, through June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve



faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at usccb.org/ ReligiousFreedomWeek or by scanning the QR code.

#### Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher.

Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher were Renaissance men. Talented and energetic, they contributed to the humanist scholarship of early modern England. wrote theological and philosophical treatises, while making a career as a lawyer and government official. Bishop John Fisher worked as an administrator at Cambridge, confronted the challenge Martin Luther presented to Christian Europe, and most importantly served as Bishop of Rochester. As a bishop, he is notable for his dedication to preaching at a time when bishops tended to focus on politics. These men were brilliant. They both corresponded with Erasmus, who helped Bishop Fisher learn Greek and Hebrew, and who also famously referred to More as a man for all seasons.

Above all their accomplishments, these men bore witness to a deep faith in Christ and his Church. More considered joining religious life and was assiduous in his devotional practices. As a married man, he committed himself wholly to his vocation as a father. At the time, disciplinary practices with children tended to be severe, but More's children testify to his warmth, patience, and generosity.

St. John Fisher was a model shepherd and demonstrated remarkable humility. He remained in the small Diocese of Rochester his entire episcopal ministry, devoting himself to his local church rather than seeking promotion to a larger, more powerful diocese.

More and Fisher are well-known for opposing King Henry's divorce. Ultimately, it was their refusal to sign an oath of supremacy that led them to be executed. King Henry VIII claimed to be the supreme head of the Church in England, asserting sovereign power over English Christians. Neither Fisher nor More could abide this claim, and their steadfastness to their consciences put them in conflict with the king. They were convicted of treason.

It is good to love one's country, but ultimate loyalty is due only to Christ and his kingdom. Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher show us what faithful citizenship looks like. They loved and served their country. In the moments just before his execution, More is said to have stated, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first." They never rose up to incite rebellion or foment revolution. They were no traitors. But when the law of the king came into conflict with the law of Christ, they submitted to Christ. These men gave their lives for the freedom of the Church and for freedom of conconscience. They bear witness to the truth that no government can make a claim on a person's soul. May their example continue to illuminate the path for us, as we seek to faithfully serve our Church and country.

We ask for the intercession of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, that we too would be good servants to our country, but God's first!

# Community Events

**Drop-in Grief Support Groups at Gundersen** 

The road of grief can be lonely and confusing. No one experiences it in the same way. Thoughts, feelings, and responses can vary, it is natural to wonder about what one is experiencing. The staff at Gundersen Health System knows that the death of a significant person in your life brings many adjustments. To assist those who have experienced the death of someone close, we are now offering twice-monthly, drop-in Grief Support Groups. They are held on the first and third Saturdays of every month from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Advance registration is not required. There is no cost to attend. Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome. Participants attend as long as their support needs are being met. They are able to leave the group or return to it at any time.

Location: Gundersen Hospital. Check-in at the hospital main entrance front desk (visitor guidelines must be followed).

# **Weekly Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

7:30 AM + Paula Heiderscheit

By Family

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

7:30 AM † Iris Topp

By Dave Schneider

Thursday, June 27, 2024

7:30 AM † James Omernik

By Gerald Wiltinger

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare

Center

Friday, June 28, 2024

7:30 AM † Deceased members of the Heidersheit

and Leytem families

By Charles and Paula Heiderscheit

Saturday, June 29, 2024 4:00 PM † Jim Sauer

By Dee Sauer

Sunday, June 30, 2024

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:00 AM † Anatalia Slater

By Bill and Whitney Cox

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

# Liturgical Roles June 29-30

# **Minister of Holy Communion**

4:00 PM Nancy Imhoff, Dave Imhoff, Dawn Kutt, Steve Lefever, Jim Klock, Mark Misch,

Rita Sanchez

8:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Pat Burns, Donna

Burns, Steve Young, Nick Berry, Janice

Berry, Dan Skiles

10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Anne Kernan, John

Conzemius, Terri Pedace, Jo Beth Gaul,

Susan Halter, Lori Hammes

#### Lector

4:00 PM Sue Ernster, Mark Outzen 8:00 AM Linda Elsen, Bob Mahr 10:00 AM Fred Berneking, Mary Olson

Server

4:00 PM Madison Schlegel, Keegan Gerling 8:00 AM Isabella Miller, Nolan Richards

10:00 AM Tenley Solverson, Christopher Hughey

Cantor

4:00 PM Rick Wilson 8:00 AM Dawn Mazzola 10:00 AM Mary Kulas

Musician

4:00 PM Haylee Pagenkopf 8:00 AM Natalie Solverson 10:00 AM Natalie Solverson

Sacristan

4:00 PM Linda Kloet

8:00 AM Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles

10:00 AM Kimberly Krejchik

**Gift Bearer** 

4:00 PM OPEN, OPEN

8:00 AM Jennifer Miller, Lance Miller 10:00 AM Jerry Kernan, Anne Kernan

Greeter

4:00 PM Phil Watson (Lead), Patrick Hogan, Jim Spielbauer, Kevin Moyle, Chris Schlegel,

Jackson Harpenau, Arian Arens, Joe

Reimer

8:00 AM Jon Mason (Lead), Kylie Ortmeier, Rosie

Pennebecker, Pat Burns, Donna Burns, Peggy Baumler, Kerry Groetsch, Sue

Groetsch

10:00 AM Linda Gillette (Lead), Charlotte Berendes, Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes, Carol

Forer, Robb Pretasky, Harper Solverson,

Terri Pedace

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Heidi Schlegel, Vickie Kloss

8:00 AM OPEN, Mary Genz 10:00 AM OPEN, Mary Schaub

Hospitality

8:00 AM Bob Klar, Cindy Klar

10:00 AM Mary Snider, Johanna Bell

Live Streamer 4:00 PM Joseph van Oss



Give me thy grace, good Lord:

To set the world at nought;

To set my mind fast upon thee,

And not to hang upon the blast of men's mouths;

To be content to be solitary,

Not to long for worldly company;

Little and little utterly to cast off the world,

And rid my mind of all the business thereof;

Not to long to hear of any worldly things,

But that the hearing of worldly phantasies may be to me displeasant;

Gladly to be thinking of God,

Piteously to call for his help;

To lean unto the comfort of God,

Busily to labor to love him;

To know mine own vility and wretchedness,

To humble and meeken myself under the mighty hand of God;

To bewail my sins passed,

For the purging of them patiently to suffer adversity;

Gladly to bear my purgatory here,

To be joyful of tribulations;

To walk the narrow way that leadeth to life,

To bear the cross with Christ;

To have the last thing in remembrance,

To have ever afore mine eye my death that is ever at hand;

To make death no stranger to me,

To foresee and consider the everlasting fire of hell;

To pray for pardon before the judge come.

To have continually in mind the passion that Christ suffered for me:

For his benefits uncessantly to give him thanks,

To buy the time again that I before have lost;

To abstain from vain confabulations,

To eschew light foolish mirth and gladness;

Recreations not necessary — to cut off;

Of worldly substance, friends, liberty, life and all, to set the loss

at right nought for the winning of Christ;

To think my most enemies my best friends,

For the brethren of Joseph could never have done him so much good

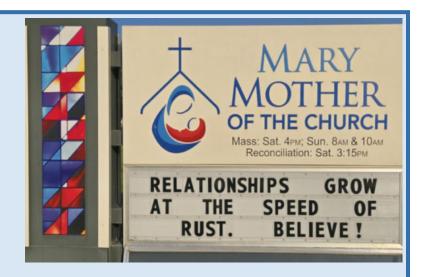
with their love and favor as they did him with their malice and hatred.

These minds are more to be desired of every man than all the treasure

of all the princes and kings, Christian and heathen, were it

gathered and laid together all upon one heap.

Attributed to St. Thomas More while imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1534.





Did you catch the missing letter in these pictures? I was changing the message board on Tuesday morning and misplaced a letter. Thank goodness I caught it!

It was good for a smile...and a lesson.

Relationships take a lot of work. It only takes one person to Distrust for Rust to begin. When BOTH persons raise the level of trust -- with all the risks that are part of it! -- a relationship can grow and even flourish.

Jesus believes in you. He sees the good in you. He sees the victory He is able to accomplish in you. In addition to love, He also trusts you. So, if one's relationship with Jesus is rusty, rusted, or rusted out, that means it's time to raise the level of trust in Him -- with all the risks that are part of it.

Be assured, Jesus is worthy of trust. Believe in Him.

His Life. His Mission. Our Focus.

Yours in Christ, Father Konopa





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