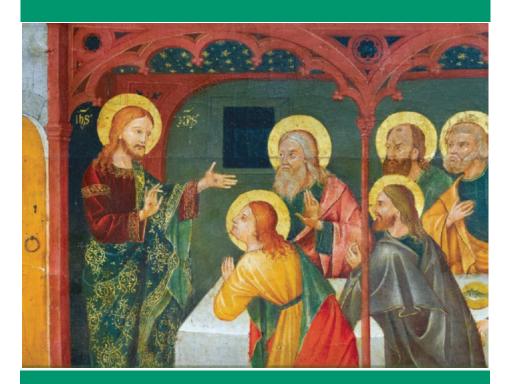
June 30, 2024





13th 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 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 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 https://book.appointment-plus.com/d0nm3xs6/?



employee id=7527. If you have a family member who is housebound or in a nursing home, please call Betty Brendel to discuss how we can include the parishioner in our 2025 Pictorial Directory. We can arrange for a new picture in their current home in July or possibly use another picture. Call Betty at 608-317-8054 by July 15 so we can arrange for the picture in later July. You can also leave a message at that number, or the parish office at 608-788-5483 x1 for Betty to return a call. 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 two weeks ago 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.

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.

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 — Rome Highlights

In September 2025, we will embark on a pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy. Last week's bulletin article highlighted the first leg of the core pilgrimage: Assisi. This week, we will focus on our time in Rome. Pilgrims will return to Rome on the evening of Oct. 5. After dinner, we will have the opportunity to walk to St. Peter's Square to pray the Rosary.

On Oct. 6, we will tour St. Peter's Basilica, where we will view Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture and pray at the tombs of Pope Benedict XVI and St. John Paul II. Next, we will visit the Vatican Museum, where we will see the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, and Sistine Chapel. After lunch, we will continue down the Appian Way to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and the Catacombs.

Oct. 7 begins with a walking tour from St. Peter's Square to the ancient part of Rome, including Castel Sant'Angelo, Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, and the Spanish Steps. Our next stop is the Trevi Fountain area for some free time. In the afternoon, we will visit the remaining major Basilicas in Rome: St. Mary Major and St. John the Lateran. We then cross the street to the very steps that lead up to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem which Jesus climbed on His way to trial during his Passion. Holy Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the oldest of the four major Basilicas.

On Oct. 8, after an early breakfast, we will leave by motor coach to the airport for our return flights home.

Next week's bulletin article will provide an update on the number of pilgrims who have signed up for the trip and the logistics of registering for the pilgrimage. For more details, information, and registration, visit www.206tours.com/frkonopa.

Family Life

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Larry Guggenbuehl. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to the family and friends who mourn his loss. Eternal rest grant onto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

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 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 Catholic 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 summer:

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

The Eucharistic Revival

We are entering our third year of the eucharistic revival. It is essential to know that revival is not something we do. It is God stirring up the hearts of His people. The Holy Spirit is responding to our prayers and filling us with His grace, to strengthen our faith in Jesus' True Presence in the Holy Eucharist. Join in with your response by seeking to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. He waits for you!

A Minute with Jesus:

The Eucharist is called the Breaking of Bread. At the last supper, Jesus gave thanks, then blessed and broke the bread and gave it to the apostles. Jesus repeated this action on the day of His resurrection as He shared a meal with the disciples in Emmaus. The disciples had left Jerusalem, believing that Jesus was dead. As Jesus walked with the disciples to Emmaus, they did not recognize Him. It was in the "breaking of the bread" that He opened their eyes to recognize Him as the risen Lord. This consecrated bread and wine - the Eucharist was the gift of Himself to them, and now to us.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please grant me the grace to recognize You in the holy Eucharist - please reveal this reality to my heart! This week, read the passage of the disciples recognizing Jesus in "the breaking of the bread" in Luke 24:13-35.

Around the Diocese

50th Wedding Anniversary Mass & Celebrations

Each year there are three dates that are options for couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary to come together to have Mass with the Bishop, followed by a dinner celebration. Invitations were mailed to couples with wedding dates listed in our records. If you do not receive an invitation this week, please contact the parish office secretary@mmoclacrosse.org. We will be happy to be sure you are on the list and receive an invitation. The scheduled dates, times and locations are as follows: July 14 at 1:00 PM at St. Bronislava, Plover, August 11 at 1:00 PM at Holy Cross Diocesan Center, La Crosse and August 24 at 1:00 PM at St. Olaf, Eau Claire.

Discernment of Consecrated Life

Want to discover the call and gift of the ancient vocation of consecrated virginity for women living in the world? Join us at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center for the informational/discernment weekend on October 11-13. For more information about consecrated virginity for women living in the world go to the Diocesan web page: https:/ dioc.org.consecrated-virgins/

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 or 608.791.2667 for tickets or more information.

Diocese of La Crosse Guidelines for Reporting **Instances of Child Abuse**

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602- 4004. Alternatively, you can contact at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/ safe environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Aguinas Catholic Schools

Employment Opportunities available:

Director of Educational Services: Aguinas Catholic Schools

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Please visit: www.aguinascatholicschools.org/ employment

Aguinas Schools Youth Summer Camp

Youth Summer Camp information is now available on the website at www.aquinasschools.org/ahs-athleticssummer-sports.

Community Events

St.John/St James All Class Reunion

All former students of St. John and St. James the Less schools are invited to a picnic lunch reunion on Saturdav. August 24 from 12:00 - 4:00 PM at Red Cloud Park Shelter. For more information contact Susan at susanpham1309@gmail.com.

Don't miss Mass during a vacation!

Visit Masstimes.org to find Mass times by city, state or zip then check that church bulletin for changes.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 2, 2024 7:30 AM † Don Wavra

By Donald and Clarice Wuensch

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

7:30 AM † Mary and Ted Drazkowski

By Mike and Cathy Juran

Thursday, July 4, 2024 9:00 AM

† Lori Ann Monk By Family

Friday, July 5, 2024

7:30 AM † Living and Deceased Members of the

Kieffer and Mertens Family

By Pat Mertens

Saturday, July 6, 2024 4:00 PM

† Alan Bennett

By Kathleen and Oliver Leegee

Sunday, July 7, 2024

8:00 AM **† Carol Marx**

By Anita Olson

10:00 AM Pro Populo

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

Liturgical Roles July 6-7

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Therese van Oss, Joseph van Oss, Kevin Moyle, Kelly Jakes, Gary Heilman, Linda Heilman, Kellie Schmitz

8:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Francesca Ortmeier. Lance Miller, Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles, Gloria Biesen, Anita Olson

Deacon Terry Bell, Carol Forer, Barbara 10:00 AM Stetzer, Linda Schwartz, Polly Berendes, Lori Hammes, Chuck Berendes,

Lector

4:00 PM Chris Schlegel, Mark Outzen Charles Heiderscheit, Bob Mahr 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Mary Jo Swartout, Linda Gillette

Server

4:00 PM Zeke Schramm, Jude Schramm 8:00 AM Kaitlin Ortmeier, Nolan Richards Izzy Schelfhout, Abby Schelfhout 10:00 AM

Cantor

4:00 PM Peter Schmitz 8:00 AM Lisa Conzemius 10:00 AM Haylee Pagenkopf

Musician

4:00 PM Christopher Carskadon

Jenny Nielson 8:00 AM Jenny Nielson 10:00 AM

Sacristan

4:00 PM Linda Kloet

8:00 AM Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles

10:00 AM Carol Forer

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM OPEN, OPEN

8:00 AM Jennifer Miller, Lance Miller 10:00 AM Rachel Egan, Andrew Egan

Greeter

4:00 PM Phil Watson (lead), Neil Kumm, Joe Riemer, Steve Schaub, Arian Arens, Jackson Harpenau, Kevin Moyle, Mark Misch

8:00 AM Allan Baumler (lead), OPEN, OPEN, Peggy Baumler, Rose Pennebecker, Dave Lawrence, Kylie Ortmeier, Jon Mason

OPEN (Lead), OPEN, OPEN, Mason Klar,

10:00 AM Elie Klar, Charlotte Berendes, Jackson Massa, Charlene Krocker

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Kellie Schmitz. Dee Sauer 8:00 AM Kerry Groetsch, Sue Groetsch Tammy Byington, Kimberly Kreichik 10:00 AM

Hospitality

8:00 AM Dave Ortmeier, Francesca Ortmeier 10:00 AM Pat Houlihan, Kathy Houlihan

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss



Jesus' first words in his public ministry were "Come and see".

We invite you to bring your friends, family, co-workers or anyone else who wants to explore the meaning of life and the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

ALPHA is a series of interactive sessions that will take place on Tuesdays from September 10 - November 19 from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Dinner is provided each night!

There are 11 sessions in the Parish Hall and a weekend away October 25-26.

To sign up please email alpha@mmoclacrosse.org

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