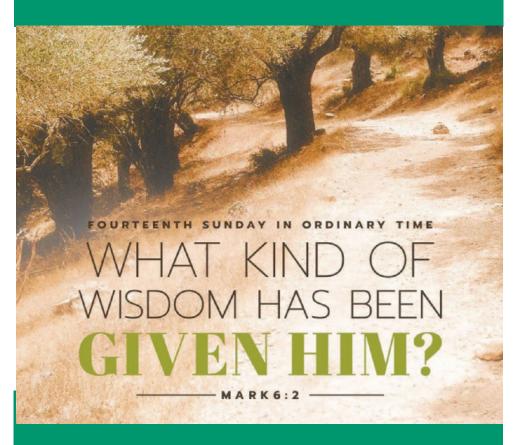
July 7, 2024





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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Pictoral Directory

Don't delay! Now is the time to register for your professional 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. You will also find a link to registration on the parish website. If you do go to the parish website to register you will find that is some misleading information. "You have the option of submitting a photo taken elsewhere. Keep this in mind if you plan to get together with family this summer." The option to submit professional photographs from another source is somewhat restricted and requires a conversation with Betty Brendel. If you have a family member who is housebound or in a nursing home, please call Betty to discuss how we can include the parishioner in our 2025 Pictorial Directory. Call or text Betty at 608-317-8054 or call the parish office 608-788-5483 x1 if you have any questions.

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.

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 — Tour logistics

As we look forward to 2025 and our pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy, you may be asking yourself a few questions. Are others already committed to going? Will we have enough to make it a go? What is included in the cost? How much planning and coordinating do I have to do?

Great questions!

First, yes, there are parishioners already signed up to go! We currently have 14 participants signed up for the Rome-Assisi pilgrimage, and 8 participants have committed to the Florence-Venice pre-trip.

The pilgrimage costs \$5,194/person, and the pre-trip is an additional \$1,978/person. These costs include round trip airfare from La Crosse, 8 nights of hotel accommodations (+4 nights of accommodations for the pre-trip), breakfast and dinner daily, wine and mineral water with dinners, motorcoach transportation while on pilgrimage, luggage handling, tips for hotel and restaurant staff, sightseeing and admission fees for all sights on the itinerary, and professional, local Catholic guides. Costs not included are lunches and beverages not men-

tioned, and the tips for the guide and bus driver.

The wonderful part of the pilgrimage is that most of the work is done for you! 206 Tours coordinates your itinerary, flights, meals, hotels, and transportation. You can spend your time learning about the Saints and sites we will be visiting, finding your passport, and relaxing!

To register for the pilgrimage and pay your deposit of \$400, visit www.206tours.com/frkonopa. The balance of the trip is due 90 days before your departure - July 1, 2025. There are also options to purchase various forms of trip insurance; you may want to click on those options and research if one of these would be a wise choice for you. There is also a section of frequently asked questions that may help with any lingering questions you might have about the pilgrimage. You may also email Linda Schwartz at lschwartz@mmoclacrosse.org.

MMOC ALPHA series

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

Family Life

United in the Bond of Marriage

Congratulations to Andrew Wagner and Katie Zoroufy who were married on June 29, 2024. May the love they share be a living witness of how much God loves the world.

Faith Formation

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

Blessed is She Brunch

Come join us on July 13th from 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall at Mary, Mother of the Church for a Blessed Brunch. It's a potluck brunch for Catholic women of all ages and stages (so that's you!) We'll enjoy food, conversation and prayer. To sign up email Jamie Thompson at ilwthomps@gmail.com.

Around the Diocese

Young Adult Gathering with Bishop

On Thursday, August 22, Bishop Battersby will be meeting with young adults (18-35 years old) at the event space of the Cathedral (i.e. new garage) at 6 PM. Bishop will give a short message and listen to his people -- to hear their thoughts and questions, and to encourage all to consider their vocation in service to the holiness of the Body of Christ, the Church. This is a potluck experience. No reservation is needed.

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/

Catholic Charities Back2School Program



Volunteers are needed to sort and distribute supplies for the Back2School Program. The event will be held at the La Crosse Center on August 6 –7. Please contact Courtney Kress at ckress@cclse.org or 608-519-8027 for

more information

Courage and EnCourage Ministry:

Courage is a ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs of people with same-sex attraction. A Courage Chapter meets monthly with a chaplain, and confidentiality is deeply respected. EnCourage is a 🔳 ⋤ ministry dedicated to the spiritual needs



of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who deal with same-sex attractions. An EnCourage Chapter meets monthly with a chaplain. Confidentiality is also deeply respected.

For more information about Courage International,

visit couragerc.org or scan the QR code smartphone camera.

Pregnant and in distress? Help is available 24/7 Make a confidential call to Catholic Charities at 844.644.7223 (844.64.GRACE) or text 715.600.6391. To learn more, visit cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant. For additional pregnancy support resources and locations, visit diolc.org/pregnancy-resource

A Minute with Jesus

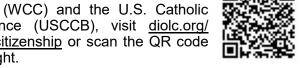
The Eucharist is called the Memorial of the Lord's Death and Resurrection Jesus instructed the Apostles at the Last Supper to "do this in memory of Me." The Eucharist is a memorial, but this means much more than recalling something to mind, or remembering an event from the past. "In Sacred Scripture the *memorial* is not merely the recollection of past events," but at Mass, they become present and real so that our lives may be conformed to them. "When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, She commemorates Christ's Passover [Jesus passing over from death to life], and it is made present: the sacrifice of Christ offered once for all on the Cross remains ever present" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1363, 1364). So never forget the true meaning of the word "Memorial". Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please help me to prepare beforehand to enter into the Memorial – the making present – of Your Death and Resurrection at Mass.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married Couples Would you like to relive the excitement, romance and passion of your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Call Denise and Greg at 563.920.9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming dates are Sept. 27-29 in Dubuque, IA and Nov. 8 -10 in Holstein, IA

Catholic Faithful Citizenship Resources

For resources on politics and voting from a Catholic perspective, including materials from the bishops of the Wisconsin Catholic Con-

ference (WCC) and the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCCB), visit diolc.org/ faithful-citizenship or scan the QR code to the right.



Help Project Milk send a Shipment to Casa Hogar Founded in 1984 to help feed the poor children of Casa Hogar in Peru, Project Milk provides whole milk powder to the orphanage and the surrounding community. Each year the Rural Life Committee seeks to raise enough money to ship 40,000 lbs. of milk powder. With higher milk and shipping costs, the cost this year will be over \$90,000, and we are within a couple thousand dollars of that total. One hundred percent of your monetary gift feeds these children and the poor. To give, visit frjoesguild.org/donate, and select "Project Milk" as your designation or visit diolc.org/project-milk to learn more and get the address if you prefer to pay by check.

For the Sake of a Smile

Poor Sermons

After delivering a carefully prepared sermon, a certain visiting preacher stood outside the church along side the pastor. There he received the usual accolades from many of the people who were filing out. It was the sort of ritual that occurs every week in many churches. The preacher preaches and the people line up when it's over to shake hands and say, "I enjoyed the sermon." This is what was taking place, until that visiting preacher was confronted by a parishioner who said, "That was a terrible sermon." Although somewhat befuddled, nevertheless, the clergyman kept his composure, even as he watched the man getting back into the line so that he could have another shot at him. When the man came up the second time he said, "The stories you told in your sermon were dull and boring. I've been hearing them since I was a little boy." This time the host pastor tried to redeem the embarrassing situation. He called his guest aside and whispered into his ear, "Pay no mind to that man, he's not very bright. He just repeats what he hears everyone else saying."

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 9, 2024

7:30 AM † Patricia Senn

By Sandra Sieber, Joan Deyo,

Bill and Debbie Faust

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

7:30 AM † Alan Bennett

By The Wilhelm Family

Thursday, July 11, 2024

7:30 AM † Edna Spohn

Bv Family

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

Center

Friday, July 12, 2024

7:30 AM Mike and Terry Kendhammer

By Amy and Thomas Strom

Saturday, July 13, 2024

4:00 PM † Larry Weibel

By Family

Sunday, July 14, 2024

8:00 AM **Pro Populo**

10:00 AM † Arthur Hammes

By Evie Hammes

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

Liturgical Roles July 13-14

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4:00 PM Sue Ernster, Linda Gillette, Mary Schaub, Dawn Kutt, Kellie Schmitz, Nancy Imhoff,

Dave Imhoff

Deacon Terry Bell, Dan Skiles, Kathy 8:00 AM Skiles, Lance Miller, Sandy Poellinger,

Tom Reichenbacher, Nick Berry

Deacon Terry Bell, OPEN, OPEN, Terri 10:00 AM Pedace, Shannon Klar, Lisa Doering,

Mary Olson

Lector

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss, Mark Outzen

8:00 AM Pattie Nimocks, Charles Heiderscheit

Nancy Steinhoff, Patricia Kirchner 10:00 AM

Server

4:00 PM Keegan Gerling, Aubrey Jakes Nolan Richards, Isabella Miller 8:00 AM

10:00 AM OPEN. Marcus Klar

Cantor

4:00 PM Therese van Oss

8:00 AM Linda Kloet 10:00 AM Mary Kulas

Musician

4:00 PM Mary Jo Lium

Bridget Baumeister 8:00 AM

10:00 AM **Bridget Baumeister**

Sacristan

4:00 PM Mike Wuensch

8:00 AM Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles

10:00 AM **OPEN**

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM OPEN, Stephanie Schmitt

Jennifer Miller, Lance Miller 8:00 AM

10:00 AM OPEN, Shannon Klar

Greeter

4:00 PM Chris Schlegel (lead), Kevin Moyle, Jim

Spielbauer, Patrick Hogan, Phil Watson Harper Solverson, Neil Kumm, Steve

Schaub

8:00 AM Al Baumler (lead), Peggy Baumler, Deke

Stanek, Erica Stanek, Pat Burns, Donna Burns, Jackson Harpenau, Kylie Ortmeier

Robb Pretasky (lead), Andy Schwartz, 10:00 AM Linda Schwartz, Gabriella Stratman,

Gavin Stratman, Trisha Stratman, Chuck

Berendes, Charlotte Berendes

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Heidi Schlegel, Kellie Schmitz

Karen Perry, Sue Moyle 8:00 AM

10:00 AM Kathy McGettigan, Sheri Skelton

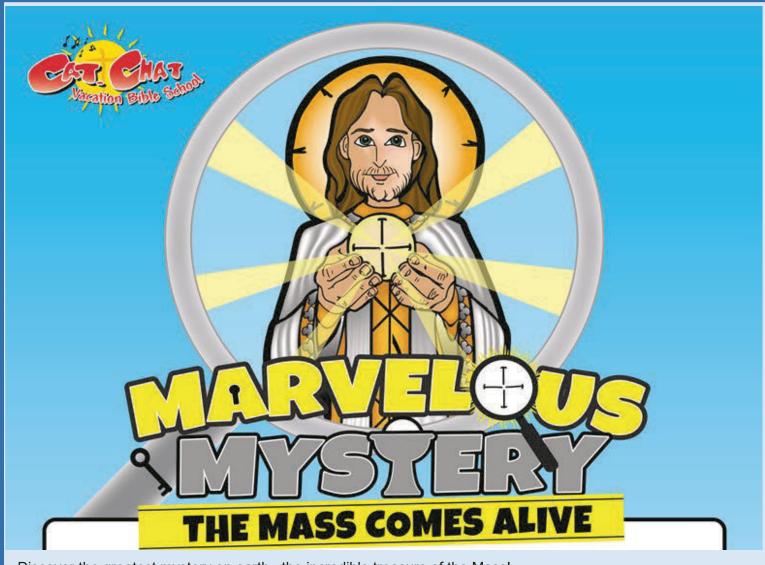
Hospitality

8:00 AM Kim Lansing, Paul Lansing

Sam Horman, Casey Horman, Lisa 10:00 AM

Doering

Live Streamer 4:00 PM Dave Imhoff



Discover the greatest mystery on earth –the incredible treasure of the Mass! Children ages k–5 in 2024 are invited to spend the week developing a new appreciation for the Catholic Mass and deepening their love for Jesus in the Eucharist. Cost to attend will be \$30 per child. The deadline to register is July 26. Please contact Kristin for information kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 x 4.



Your help is needed for The Marvelous Mystery being held at MMOC from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM during the week of August 5 - 9. Please consider being a part of this wonderful team that will help kids grow in their Catholic faith in a fun and exciting way.

We are in need of adult, middle school and high school age volunteers are welcome.

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 kjohn-son@mmoclacrosse.org





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