July 14, 2024





15th 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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Pictoral Directory

To schedule your appointment use the QR code or go to MMOC webpage. Click "online appointment system" (in 3rd bullet) and follow the prompts. If you do not have a computer, or need any assistance, call Betty Brendel (608) 317-8054



and she will get you registered. Please allow up to an hour for check-in time, photography sitting and viewing. You may select your free 8x10 or 5x7 Portrait during that time. Families of parishioners in nursing homes or home bound, please call Betty Brendel (608) 317-8054 to arrange for a picture to be included in the directory. A picture can be taken in their home setting if arranged before July 31. Anyone that has pictures taken by Harmann will also receive a free copy of the 2025 Directory.

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

Thanks to everyone who has stopped by the office to renew your key fob. If you have a MMOC key fob and you have not yet done so, please stop by and see Jenn before July 31 to sign a new agreement.

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. There is no cost.

To sign up please email alpha@mmoclacrosse.org

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 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

Volunteers Needed for Youth Formation

Do you have a heart for the youth and a desire to see them grow in their knowledge and love of Christ? We are looking to expand our team of faithful and dedicated volunteer catechists/group leaders for our upcoming formation season (fall 2024 to spring 2025). Our multiparish programs serve youth from Kindergarten all the way through 12th grade. We also offer Sacramental preparation and other special youth ministry events (vacation Bible school, retreats, conferences, service projects, parties, etc.). If this sounds like where God may be calling you to serve, please contact Kristin Johnson (kjohnson@newmanlc.org) or Samuel Obert (sobert@mmoclacrosse.org). We will set up an appointment with you to determine how you can best serve and support the youth.

Coffee and Kids Summer

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 July 19!

Family Lite

Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Isabelle Kirchner who was baptized on July 7, 2024. We welcome her to God's family with great joy!

Wedding Banns I

Jordan Croteau and Katie Ott on August 3, 2024. Keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding.

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Harris. 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.

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: 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.

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.

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Anniversary

You are invited to come and celebrate the 16th Anniversary of the Shrine's Dedication on July 30. It will be a day to thank God for all who have shared in the vision for this place of pilgrimage under our Lady's mantle since 2008. His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke will be the main celebrant for the 12:15 PM Holy Mass.

Aquinas Schools

2024-2025 ACS Enrollment

Aquinas Catholic Schools welcome you to enroll for the 20214-2024 School year. Aquinas is committed to providing a safe and structured learning environment for its students. Call 608-784-8585 to schedule a tour. Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through education excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Contact info@aquinasschols.org with any questions.

The Importance of Spiritual Reading:

In our busy lives full of noise and activity, why would you want to set aside a few minutes each day for spiritual reading? Reading a spiritual article, pamphlet or booklet is an activity in which we take in information through the mind. This consideration of Jesus and the things of God leads to an opening of the heart. The opening of the heart can draw us to spontaneously and naturally converse with Jesus. As we know, spontaneous conversation with our Lord is properly called prayer. This is a perfect time to engage in spiritual reading during the eucharistic revival. There are compelling resources available at the back of the church. Allow yourself this beautiful opportunity to "feed" your mind and heart with the Truth of Jesus Christ

Eucharistic Congress: July 17-21

The first Eucharistic Congress in 83 years for the United States will be held July 17 - 21 in Indianapolis. Tens of thousands of people from all over the country will attend this 10th National Eucharistic Congress, so the prayer of the multitudes will be powerful. God hears our prayers for the renewal of the Catholic Church. He will answer them through a life-changing transformation of our own hearts.70 pilgrims from across the Diocese of La Crosse will attend. Please unite your prayers with them. If you have petitions that you would like to be taken to the Congress (which will remain confidential), please submit them by Monday, July 15 at this link: diolc.org/petitions. Ann Lankford, Director for Catechesis & Evangelization, will take the intentions submitted online to the Congress.

A Minute with Jesus

The Eucharist is called the Holy Sacrifice. A sacrifice is the act of giving up something highly valued for the sake of something else considered to have a greater value or claim out of love for another person and/or for God. The perfect sacrifice was Christ's death on the cross, by which He offered Himself to the Father out of love for us, which accomplished our salvation. The Holy Mass is a sacrifice because it is the re-presentation and the memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. The sacrifice of Calvary is being made present in an unbloody manner on the altar at Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: "Jesus, please give me the grace to appreciate the sacrifice that is made present at every Mass in which You offer Yourself to the Father out of love for me." This week, read Luke's account of Jesus offering Himself in sacrifice to the Father for love of us in Luke 22:14-20.

Formed.Org

Looking for something edifying during your summer vacation time? Want to see a movie about the life of a Saint? Or listen to inspiring teachers of the faith?

Get the Catholic video service from The Augustine Institute, free for MMOC parishioners!

Visit www.formed.org, Sign up and search for "Mary, Mother of the Church LaCrosse," and provide your email address. Mobile apps are also available!

For the Sake of a Smile

Bishop Battersby celebrated the Eucharist for us last Saturday at the 4 PM Vigil Mass and all went well. It can be viewed on our YouTube channel via our website. The following is not indicative of his visit. Now, "for the sake of a smile"...

The pastor's Bishop arrived one Sunday to confirm the kids and to preach the sermon. The Bishop was in a very bad mood, apparently, because he criticized everything he saw around the church. When he washed his hands in preparation for the service, he could find no towel. That was the last straw! "Look here," he said to the pastor, "Everything is a mess around this place. I got my hands all dusty going through the church and there was only cold water to wash my hands and now I can't even dry them because there is no towel. I'm in no mood to preach now. I'll confirm the kids, but you'll preach." So the poor pastor was forced to work up an important sermon in a big hurry and it made him so mad that he couldn't wait to find a way to get back at the Bishop. But how? Well, he went into the pulpit and began to preach an off-the-cuff sermon about sin. He said, "I want all of you to now that all of us are involved in sin and that it is theoretically possible for any one of us to commit a serious sin and go to hell. Church members can go to hell; non-church members can go to hell; the bishop can go to hell."

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 16, 2024

7:30 AM † Colleen Vollenweider

By Bob and Mary Jothen

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

† Mary Brague 7:30 AM

By Charles and Paula Heidersheit

Thursday, July 18, 2024

7:30 AM † Adrianna Miller

By Shirley Role

Word Service at Hillview Healthcare 2:00 PM

Center

Friday, July 19, 2024

7:30 AM † Paula Heidersheit

By Family

Saturday, July 20, 2024

4:00 PM † Adrian Yeager

By Kathy and Dennis Bissen

Sunday, July 21, 2024

8:00 AM † Michael Pitsch

By Don Walsh

10:00 AM Pro Populo

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

Liturgical Roles July 20-21

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Steve Lefever, Joseph van Oss, Gary Heilman, Linda Heilman, Mark Misch,

Chris Schlegel, Dawn Kutt

8:00 AM OPEN. Pat Burns. Donna Burns. Erica Stanek, Mary Lawrence, Sue Moyle, Mike

10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Linda Schwartz, Polly Berendes, Chuck Berendes, Jo Beth Gaul, Susan Halter, Lindsey Hammes

Lector

4:00 PM OPEN, Mary Olson

Donna Keogh, Fred Berneking 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Sarah Scarlet, Bill Brendel

Server

4:00 PM Madison Schlegel, Izzy Schelfhout 8:00 AM Porter Stanek, Lincoln Stanek Louie Berendes. Hank Berendes 10:00 AM

Cantor

4:00 PM Christine J. Nelson

OPEN 8:00 AM

10:00 AM Pattie Nimocks

Musician

4:00 PM Christopher Carskadon

8:00 AM Mary Jo Lium 10:00 AM Mary Jo Lium

Sacristan

4:00 PM OPEN

8:00 AM Mike Keogh 10:00 AM Linda Gillette

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM OPEN, Stephanie Schmitt

The McKenna Family, Anita Olson 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Nick Hammes, Lindsey Hammes

Greeter

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

Spielbauer, Neil Kumm, Mary Schaub

8:00 AM Allan Baumler (lead), Jon Mason, Deke Stanek, Karen Perry, Kerry Groetsch,

Sue Groetsch, Mary Lawrence, Erica

Stanek

10:00 AM Robb Pretasky (lead) Harper Solverson, Jackson Massa, Keith Krejchik, Charlene

Krocker, Mary Jothen, Felicity Bell, Lydia Bell

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Dee Sauer, Sue Olson

8:00 AM Mary Genz, Charlene Jansky 10:00 AM Sue Pretasky, Tammy Byington

Hospitality

8:00 AM Bob Klar, Cindy Klar

10:00 AM Charlotte Berendes, Polly Berendes

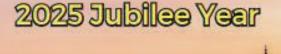
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4:00 PM Joseph van Oss

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Group Leader: Linda Schwartz

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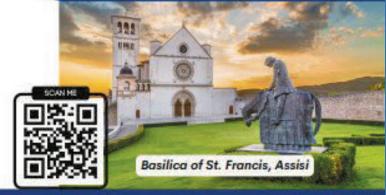
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