

July 21, 2024



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COME AWAY BY YOURSELVES.

MARK 6:31

16th 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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Pictorial Directory

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. 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. Everyone with pictures published in the 2025 edition will receive a free copy of the directory.



MMOC Chicken Que

Mark your calendars for the MMOC Fall Chicken Que on Thursday, September 12, 2024.

Volunteer Vehicle Safety Policy

Do you drive on behalf of the parish? If so, there is a new Diocese Vehicle Safety Policy that requires you to fill out some paperwork, watch a video regarding safety, and provide proof of insurance.

Volunteers who need to complete this process include those who deliver meals, run errands, deliver communion, visit seniors, go shopping, or any other activity specifically done on behalf of the parish. Volunteers who drive to the church, providing their ministries at Mass, or other activities like choir practice, working at a Chicken Que, etc., do not need to complete this process.

Parishioners who drive on behalf of the parish can pick up the paperwork with complete instructions at the Parish Office.

There will be two information sessions; July 30 at 4:30 PM and August 1 after the Parish Social. Each session will last approximately one hour. Please contact Sister Meg at bookkeeper@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 ext. 2 if you need the resources or have any questions. After September 1, 2024, anyone who has not completed this process and returned the paperwork is asked not to drive on behalf of the parish for any reason.

Parish Key Fob Inventory

Last chance to renew your key fob agreement. Please stop by the office with your key fob before July 31.

2025 Italy Pilgrimage — Pre-Trip

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-trip 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. Bernadine, 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.

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

Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Jack Sullivan Weis who was baptized on July 14, 2024. We welcome him to God's family with great joy!

Wedding Banns II

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 John Clark. 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

Specific Help Needed for VBS at MMOC

We already have a great number of kids signed up and we are looking forward to Vacation Bible School August 5 -9 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at Mary Mother of the Church. We need volunteers to make this week a success. Please prayerfully consider helping!

Assistants/Small Group Leaders: Adults, high school and middle school aged youth to be assistants at each

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station OR taking a small group of children from station to station.

Runner/Floater: Help station leaders with extra supplies, water or snacks. Signal station rotation.

Welcome Team: Sign kids in and out with parents and guardians and direct kids to group leaders.

Skit Director: Gather costumes and props, practice and perform skits at the opening assembly.

Contact Kristin at 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:

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.

Faith Formation 2024/2025 Registration

The new school year will be here before you know it which means it is time to register your child/ren for Faith Formation. All families with youth in 1st-12th grade should have received a letter and registration information in the mail. If you haven't contact Kristin Johnson kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or Samuel Obert at sobert@mmoclacrosse.org. OR register using the QR code below. Early-bird registration ends August 31st; price increase thereafter.

Feed My Sheep

We are still in need of a special individual willing to "step up to the plate" and serve as the meal coordinator for our bi-monthly Family Faith Formation meals. This person would plan the meals, shop for food, and organize a group of volunteers to cook and serve the meals. An excellent and experienced team of volunteers is already in place and ready and willing to help. Providing a meal for our families allows them the freedom to attend our program with less stress and provides an opportunity for fellowship and relationship building among the families. Contact Kristin Johnson kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 ext. 4 if you are feeling called to serve in this vital ministry.

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.

Priests For Tomorrow Dinner

A fundraising dinner will be held on July 28 from 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM in The Cargill Room at the Waterfront Restaurant. Spend the evening with the bishop, our newly ordained priest and the seminarians who are your Priests for Tomorrow. The evening includes cocktails from 4:30 - 5:15 PM and dinner at 5:30 PM. A program and silent auction will follow. Email Renee Oroth at rorth@diolc.org for more information.

La Crosse Food Pantry Running Low

Our Food Pantry in La Crosse is very low. Non-perishable food and personal hygiene items can be dropped off at 508 South 5th Ave, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM., or simply add them to our Food Baskets at weekend Mass.



2024 Back2School Program

We are looking for Volunteers to help us with our Back2School Program by sorting and distributing supplies in August. Below are the dates and times we need help with. Please contact Courtney Kress at ckress@ccles.org or 608-519-8027 if you are interested in helping out. Thank you!

National Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, You give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me. Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me. Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me. Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me. Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your church and on our world. Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life.

You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Verso L'Alto Hike to Devil's Lake

All Middle and High School Youth 6th-12th grade youth are invited to participate in this day of hiking, fellowship, and prayer on August 10. We will follow in the footsteps of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, who had a rich passion for Jesus and the great outdoors. To sign up or for more information, contact Samuel Obert by August 3. sobert@mmoclacrosse.org

For the Sake of a Smile

Out to Lunch

A farmer was travelling along a country road. He came upon a young boy who was looking in dismay at a huge load of hay which had fallen from his wagon. The farmer had pity on the boy and he said to him, "Young man, I'm on my way to lunch. Join me. After you have eaten and rested a bit I'll return here with you and together we'll get this load back on your wagon." The boy replied, "I don't think my dad would like me to do that." But the farmer's will finally prevailed and the boy went off with him to lunch. Two hours later, rested and refreshed, they returned to the wagon. As they began reloading the big pile of hay onto the wagon, the farmer expressed concern that the young lad had been burdened with the heavy responsibility of transporting this great load of hay. "Where is your father?" He asked the boy. The boy replied, "He's under the load of hay!"

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 23, 2024

7:30 AM Servais and Werner Families
By Linda Werner

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

7:30 AM † James Omernik
By Gerald Wiltinger

Thursday, July 25, 2024

7:30 AM † Mary Clements
By Virginia Horstman

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare Center

Friday, July 26, 2024

7:30 AM † Karen and Lois Guggenbuehl
By James Guggenbuehl

Saturday, July 27, 2024

4:00 PM † Alan Bennett
By Bob and Mary Jochen

Sunday, July 28, 2024

8:00 AM † Doris Stuber
By Mark and Minda Chamberlain

10:00 AM Pro Populo

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

Liturgical Roles July 27-28

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Deacon Terry Bell, Kelly Jakes, Jim Klock, John Klouda, Kevin Moyle, Nancy Imhoff, Dave Imhoff, Steve Lefever

8:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Gloria Biesen, Charles Heiderscheid, Nick Berry, Steve Young, Janice Berry, Anita Olson

10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Mary Olson, Lisa Doering, Rita Sanchez, Barbara Stetzer, John Conzemius, Lori Hammes

Lector

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss, Therese van Oss

8:00 AM Bob Mahr, LuAnn Miller

10:00 AM Bill Brendel, Mary Jo Swartout

Server

4:00 PM Aubrey Jakes, Ellyana Jakes

8:00 AM OPEN, Tenley Solverson

10:00 AM Adelyn Neubauer, Olivia Neubauer

Cantor

4:00 PM Christine J. Nelson

8:00 AM Sara Edman

10:00 AM Rick Wilson

Musician

4:00 PM Haylee Pagenkopf

8:00 AM Natalie Solverson

10:00 AM Natalie Solverson

Sacristan

4:00 PM Mike Wuensch

8:00 AM Jane Vogel

10:00 AM Anne Kernan

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM OPEN, OPEN

8:00 AM Sandy Pitsch, Stephanie Schmitt

10:00 AM Jessica Neubauer, Chuck Neubauer

Greeter

4:00 PM Linda Gillette, Arian Arens, Steve Schaub, Mary Schaub, Joe Riemer, Jim Spielbauer, Patrick Hogen, Neil Kumm

8:00 AM Jon Mason (lead), Dave Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Peggy Baumler, Allan Baumler, Kyle Ortmeier, Jackson Harpenau, Rosie Pennebecker

10:00 AM Robb Pretasky (lead), OPEN, Mike Wintheiser, Nathan Wintheiser, Brenda Wintheiser, Elie Klar, Mason Klar, Marcus Klar,

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM OPEN, Vickie Kloss

8:00 AM Mary Genz, Sue Moyle

10:00 AM Sheri Skelton, Tammy Byington

Hospitality

8:00 AM Michelle Morrison, Ken Morrison

10:00 AM Johanna Bell, Trisha Stratman

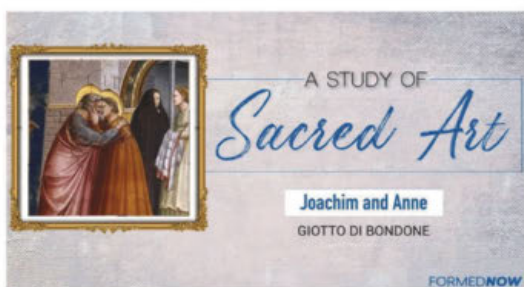
Live Streamer

4:00 PM Dave Imhoff

“This week on Formed” is a great resource with all kinds of videos and audio to accompany you during the weekly liturgical calendar, including the Saints Feast Days and a Catholic perspective on world events taking place. Visit www.formed.org. Sign up and search for “Mary, Mother of the Church LaCrosse,” and provide your email address. Get Formed! Get watching!

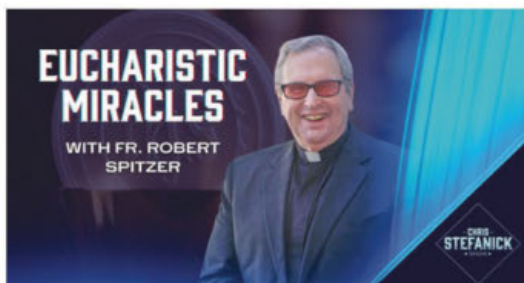
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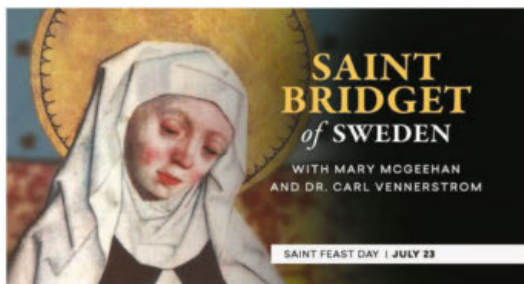
Sts. Joachim and Anne | Sacred Art

In this episode on FORMED Now, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp discuss the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this famous painting "Joachim and Anne Meeting at the Golden Gate."



The INCREDIBLE Eucharistic Miracles w/Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick Show

Did you know there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? It's true! And I brought Fr. Robert Spitzer back to tell us about the incredible science behind them.



St. Bridget of Sweden | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of this medieval saint: St. Bridget of Sweden. A wife, mother, and visionary, St. Bridget was an evangelist both inside and outside the home. St. Bridget's visions of Christ's Nativity have greatly influenced its depiction in Christian art. Watch to find out more!

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