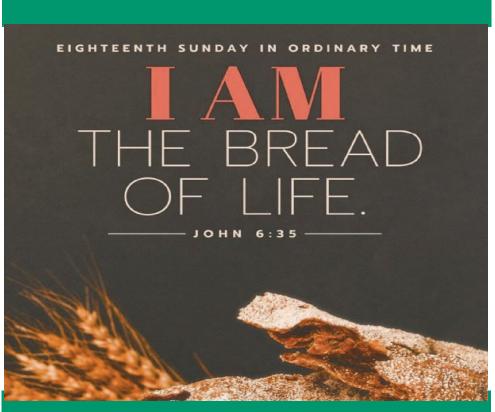
August 4, 2024





18th 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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Pictoral Directory

Thank you to the over 300 parish families who have arranged for their pictures to be in the 2025 Directory. Scheduled sittings will begin August 20 in the Faith Formation Center. There is still time to



schedule a sitting! If you couldn't find a block of time for your family, please call or text Betty at 608-317-8054 or call the parish office 608-788-5483 x1. We will attempt to accommodate all. We hope to have a good representation in pictures of our parishioners. NOTE: All picture sittings must be scheduled (or specific arrangements provided for) by August 10.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On August 15 Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be held at MMOC at 12:00 PM and 5:30 PM. All liturgical positions need to be filled for these Masses. Please go to www.mmoclacrosse.org and click on the Ministry Scheduler link at the top of the page, or call Jenn at 788-5483, ext. 1.

Silver Circle

The next Silver Circle potluck will be August 22 at noon. Bring your favorite dish to pass and an appetite for conversation. Come and hear some of the staggering statistics from The Exchange furniture bank. Can you believe that in just 7 months by repurposing unwanted furniture they reduced the amount of stuff going to the landfill by 55.24 tons? Each guest that gets furnishings to start up a home receives all then need to get started Consider helping by bringing some practical item to donate, like cleaning supplies, towels, or a set of sheets, etc. Volunteers are also needed to pick up furniture, sort things donated items, and to deliver furniture to homes. Thanks!

Garden Sharing Ministry

A table has been set up in the gathering space of the church to share your extra garden produce. Please feel free to donate and/or to take produce. Thank you for sharing your abundance!

Parishioners Request: The Rocking Chair Prophet

"I've been fortunate to be a member of Mary, Mother of the Church. Over the years, I've assisted with RCIA, annual events like the Chicken-Q, and the 2015 project to salvage items from the St. Thomas More school building. Also, I've been fortunate to be part of the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Fellowship for over 12 year. Every Wednesday I chair a noon AA meeting (The Riteway Club Avon/Sill), and this will be my 10th year.

"Last Lent, I read *The Rocking Chair Prophet* by Matthew Kelly which was mailed to all parish households. I believe this book would be a blessing for those in AA. It's powerful in its meaning and shares some of the language found in the AA program. I think it would be helpful to many, and gain insight into their journey. If you've read your copy and are willing to donate it to AA, I would greatly appreciate it. Please place it on the Greeters' Table in the main entrance of church.

"Thank you, for helping me, and using God's Spirit to help others. -PM

MMOC Chicken Que

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the MMOC Fall Chicken Que on Thursday, September 12, 2024.

MMOC ALPHA series

What is Alpha? Alpha is a free opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is not so much a course, but an experience. Gathering once a week over an eleven week period, Alpha brings together people from every walk of life

How does an Alpha session work? We eat together, we listen to a talk and then we gather in small groups for a discussion. During the discussion portion, you can ask any questions you want. The beauty of Alpha is that there are no questions too hostile, silly or simple. Alpha has no prerequisites; we come together with one another as we are, free to be ourselves. Your table host will ensure the discussion ends on time. Do I have to talk and share my thoughts? No, you may remain silent if you wish.

Alpha will take place on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall on September 10 - November 19 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Dinner is provided so please sign up to ensure we have enough food prepared. We will have a retreat on October 25-26 which is an integral part (and a highlight) of the Alpha experience. It will be held at the Parish Hall on Friday 6 - 8 PM and The Franciscan Spirituality Center on Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM. No cost.

You can contact Kimberly Krejchik at alpha@mmoclacrosse.org or call the parish office at 608-788-5483 ext. 1 to enroll.

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

Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Beau Dean Hammes who was baptized on July 24, 2024. We welcome him to God's family with great joy!

New Parishioners

MMOC is delighted to welcome to the parish: Beverly Reed, Dalton and Jordan King, Mary Fletcher, Andrew and Kate Weis, Linda Sturm, Joseph and Alexandra Inglett and family, Ashley Wateski and family, and Scot and Lori Nieburh.

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Joyce Marshall, Lyle Quillin and Gary Marx. 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

Middle and High School Summer Events:

All middle and high school youth are encouraged to join us for "Journey Nights"! Journey Nights take place from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM and consist of outdoor activities (sports, games, fires) as well as a brief spiritual discussion and time of prayer. The remaining dates and locations for Journey Nights are:

August 7 (Middle School) & August 14 (High School) at Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Please contact Samuel Obert at 608-788-5483 ext. 5 or <u>sobert@mmoclacrosse.org</u> for more information.



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 for Faith Formation. All families with youth in 1st-12th grade should have received a letter and regis-

tration information in the mail. If you haven't contact Kristin Johnson kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or Samuel Obert at sobert@mmoclacrosse.org or scan the QR code. Early-bird registration ends August 31st; price increase thereafter.

Feed My Sheep

We are still in need of an 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 the existing excellent and experienced team of volunteers who are ready and willing to help. to attend our program with less stress and provides an opportunity for fellowship and relationship building among the families. For information contact Kristin Johnson kjohn-

son@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 Ext. 4.

The Newman Connection

The Newman Connection strengthens today's Catholic young adults by connecting them to Catholic Campus Ministry at hundreds of Colleges and Universities. Campus Ministry becomes a central meeting place for young adults to become involved in social events, Bible studies, daily Mass, Sunday Masses, and much more. Sign up at www.newmanconnection.com. Simply give your name and the College/University you plan to attend this Fall.

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.

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.

A Minute with Jesus:

The Eucharist is called the Holy Sacrifice. A sacrifice is an offering of love for someone. Jesus rescued us and set us free from the bondage of sin by offering Himself through His painful sacrifice on the Cross. At each Mass, Jesus offers Himself to the Father for love of us. Jesus is not being "re-sacrificed" but the sacrifice of Calvary is being made present at each Mass. To express our gratitude and to open our hearts more deeply to Him, we can show our love by offering small sacrifices in union with Jesus: our willingness to forgive after being hurt by someone; cutting our time short with TV to take time for prayer; visiting someone who is sick, etc.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Thank You, Jesus, for loving me so much that You were willing to die in order to set me free from the bondage of sin.

This week, read how we are to imitate Jesus by walking in the way of love in St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians: "Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved me and gave Himself up for me as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

Community Events

500 Card Club

The 500 Card Club at MMOC invites you to participate in playing Ladies 500. The new season will begin in September and runs through April with the exception of the month of December. There is a \$11 fee to join. New members are very welcome. To sign up for more information contact Kathy Chapewsky at 608-788-3446 before August 18.

Good News Conference

A conference for individuals, couples and families who desire to grow closer to Christ through the Good News is being held August 10 - September 1 in Minneapolis. Speakers include Bishop Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Dr. Jordan Peterson, Sr. Miriam James and Monsignor James Shea. For more information visit www.goodnewsconference.com or call 866-524-1896.

The Pope's Intention for August

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

For the Sake of a Smile

The Importance of Listening

A tavern proprietor locked up his place at 3 AM and went straight home to bed. He had slept only a few minutes when the telephone rang. He picked up the phone and heard an obviously inebriated man ask, "What time do you open up the tavern in the morning?" The tavern owner was so furious he just slammed down the receiver and went back to bed. A short time later he was aroused again by the telephone's ring. Again the inebriated voice asked, "What time do you open up in the morning?" "Listen," the tavern owner said, "There is no sense in asking me what time I open up because I wouldn't let a man in your condition come into my place." Whereupon the caller replied, "I don't want to get in; I want to get out!"

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

7:30 AM † Alan Bennett

By Family

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

7:30 AM † Joseph Korn

By Marion Korn

Thursday, August 8, 2024

7:30 AM † Mary Ann Sedevie (Elsen)

By Tom and Diane Elsen

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare Center

Center

Friday, August 9, 2024

7:30 AM † Sr. LaVerne Ramaeker

By Kay Shriver and Family

Saturday, August 10, 2024

4:00 PM † Tom and Steve van Oss

By Joseph and Therese van Oss

Sunday, August 11, 2024

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:00 AM † Arthur Hammes By Eric Hammes

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

Liturgical Roles August 10-11

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM OPEN, Mark Outzen, Chris Schlegel, Therese van Oss. Dawn Kutt. Kevin

Moyle, Steve Lefever

8:00 AM Erica Stanek, Pat Burns, Donna Burns, Mike Keogh, Charles Heiderscheit, Gloria

Biesen, Steve Young

10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, OPEN, Rita Sanchez,

Barbara Stetzer, Shannon Klar, Lori

Hammes, Susan Halter

Lector

4:00 PM OPEN, Jim Klock

8:00 AM Donna Keogh, Linda Elsen 10:00 AM Pattie Nimocks, Terri Pedace

Server

4:00 PM Izzy Schelfhout, Keegan Gerling
8:00 AM Porter Stanek, Lincoln Stanek
10:00 AM Louise Berendes, Hank Berendes

Cantor

4:00 PM Linda Kloet 8:00 AM Lisa Conzemius 10:00 AM Mary Kulas

Musician

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

Sacristan

4:00 PM OPEN 8:00 AM Mike Keogh 10:00 AM Linda Gillette

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM OPEN, OPEN

8:00 AM Danice Taylor, Stephanie Schmitt 10:00 AM Jim McGettigan, Kathy McGettigan

Greeter

4:00 PM Phil Watson (lead), Mark Misch, Jim Spielbauer, Steve Schaub, Joe Riemer, Arian Arens, Harper Solverson, Neil

Kumm

8:00 AM OPEN (lead), Deke Stanek, Erica Stanek, Allan Baumler, Peggy Baumler, Jackson Harpenau, Pat Burns, Donna Burns

10:00 AM Lisa Doering (lead), Chuck Berendes, Charlotte Berendes, Polly Berendes, Sam Horman, Casey Horman, Mike Wintheiser. Nathan Wintheiser

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Kevin Moyle, Sue Olson 8:00 AM Bob Jansky, Charlene Jansky, 10:00 AM Kathy McGettigan, Sheri Skelton

Hospitality

8:00 AM Kim Lansing, Paul Lansing 10:00 AM Jim Wagner, Julie Wagner

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse

ANNUAL REPORT

2023



Volunteers



We depend on volunteers in our communities to cover our front desks, assist with data entry, serve in our community homeless shelters, as well as aid us with a large number of special projects. Each hour volunteered allows us to provide a better service to those in need in our community

Immigration



Our Immigration Program is recognized by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). DOJ Accredited Representatives are authorized to provide legal counsel to immigrants on their eligibility for immigration benefits under current immigration law. The focus of the program is family and/or humanitarian-based immigration services. Our services include personal consultation, application assistance, and legal representation for clients.

Countries represented

Clients served

Individuals housed through our Afghan Project

St. Lawrence Community Services



Catholic Charities' HUD certified and experienced staff tailor assistance to clients who need help managing their finances. Struggling families and individuals receive an evaluation of their situation, assistance in developing a plan, and financial education and case management. Our staff provides charitable assistance (rental. mortgage, food, utilities), financial counseling, housing counseling, mentoring, and financial literacy.

1,071 Total volunteers

22,878 Volunteer hours

Community Homeless

\$767,291

Dollar value placed on volunteerism

1,864

Individuals receiving financial assistance and counseling services-rent, utilities and basic human needs

\$183,886

Direct financial and in-kind aid given to families and individuals

Adoption & Pregnancy Support



Facilities

We provide overnight facilities for many poor, hurting, homeless, and often "faceless" people in our community. The shelters in Eau Claire, La Crosse, and Wausau offer a safe, clean place for adult men and women to sleep overnight, shower, clean their clothing, and have a nutritious dinner and basic breakfast. Some day services are also offered in all three locations.



We believe that children, either through adoption, foster care, or being raised by birth parents need unconditional love, a healthy house environment, security, and stability. We provide support to individuals and families who have been impacted by out-of-home care (foster care, adoption, pregnancy support, adult adoptees, reunified families, and relative caregivers).

\$47, 073 31,956 Nights of Service

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