

August 11, 2024



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER BELIEVES HAS ETERNAL LIFE.

— JOHN 6:47 —

19th 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 Mon-
day 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 joy-
fully 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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On August 15 Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation, will offered 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. Mass times at other parishes are as follows:

6:30 AM	St. Patrick (Onalaska)
6:30 AM	Cathedral
8:00 AM	St. Patrick (Onalaska)
8:00 AM	St. James
8:00 AM	Blessed Sacrament
8:30 AM	St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish (West Salem)
12:00 PM	Mary, Mother of the Church
12:10 PM	Cathedral
5:10 PM	Cathedral
5:15 PM	Roncalli Newman
5:30 PM	Mary, Mother of the Church
5:30 PM	St. Patrick (Onalaska)
5:30 PM	St. James

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 they need to get started. Please consider helping by bringing some practical items to donate, like cleaning supplies, towels, or a set of sheets, etc. Volunteers are also needed to pick up furniture, sort donated items, and deliver furniture to homes. Thanks!

MMOC Chicken Que

The Fall Chicken Q will be held on Thursday, September 12. Tickets are \$12 for a dinner which includes half a chicken, baked potato with toppings, homemade baked beans, coleslaw and a roll. Sign up sheets for volunteers and tickets will be available at Masses in the gathering space in church. For reservations, please call 608-518-6145 or email chickenque@mmoclacrosse.org

MMOC Golf Scramble

There is room for one more team for the MMOC Pedey Golf Scramble being held August 23. Contact Andy Foley at afoley@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 x1.

Coffee and Kids

Parents, please join us on August 16 from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM at the South Park Library for snacks and conversation as our children play! Bring your own coffee. Rain location is the Faith Formation Center. Contact BrieAnn McKenna 319-230-0895 for information.

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.

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

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"

Attention all parishioners who drive for the Parish

There is a new Diocese Driver Safety Policy that requires drivers to watch a video and complete some paperwork. The paperwork is available at the parish office. If you have any questions, contact Sister Meg at 608-788-5483 or email bookkeeper@mmoclacrosse.org.

2025 Italy Pilgrimage — Logistics/Status

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 13 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 mentioned, 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.

Family Life

Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Leondra Marie Scarlet who was baptized on July 24, 2024. We welcome her to God's family with great joy!

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Trudy Maddalone. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to her family and friends who mourn her loss. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.*

United in the Bond of Marriage

Congratulations to Jordan Crotteau and Katie Ott who were married on August 4, 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:

The last *Journey Night* for the summer is August 14 (High School) at Blessed Sacrament Parish. Please contact Samuel Obert at 608-788-5483 ext. 5 or sobert@mmoclacrosse.org 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 registration information in the mail. If you haven't contact Kristin Johnson kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or Samuel Obert at sobert@mmoclacrosse.org. Early-bird registration ends August 31st; price increase thereafter.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)



Are you seeking to know Jesus Christ more deeply or understand God and His plan for us more fully? Do you want to learn more about what Catholics believe and why? Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Please know that you are not alone and are invited to journey with us in OCIA. OCIA is an opportunity to come together weekly to learn about deepening our relationship with God. We will grow in our understanding of the Catholic Faith, discuss how to live the fullness of life in Jesus Christ, and discover how to enter more fully into Our Father's family: The Church. If you or someone you know would like to learn more, you can contact Deacon Terry Bell at 608-788-5483 x 6 or email deacon@mmoclacrosse.org.

PCCW

PCCW Membership

Did you know that if you are a registered woman of MMOC parish, you are already a member of our parish PCCW? There is no formal registration and no annual dues. Just show up to our 1st meeting on Monday, Sept. 9th and find out what this great organization is about. If you have any questions or concerns: Please email: PCCW@mmoclacrosse.org or connect with Jolene Goodman, 608-317-9575.

PCCW Vice President Needed

The MMOC Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) is in need of a Vice President. Please consider taking on this valuable role. Contact Jolene for more information at PCCW@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-317-9595.

SCRIP

Scrip update

We have some Red Lobster Scrip cards remaining for the locations open in Rochester and Eau Claire.

Don't forget to purchase scrip to use for all of your back-to-school shopping needs!

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.

Community Events

Brat Fry for Casa Hogar

A brat fry is being held on August 22 at the Festival in the Village Shopping Center to raise funds for the Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Fund to benefit Casa Hogar.

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.

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, August 13, 2024

**7:30 AM † Alan Bennett
By Family**

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

**7:30 AM † Jim Sauer
By Dee Sauer**

Thursday, August 15, 2024

**7:30 AM † Donald Wavra
Neil Kumm**

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

Friday, August 16, 2024

**7:30 AM † Marilyn Servais
By Gordon Nelson**

Saturday, August 17, 2024

**4:00 PM † Dick Weisbecker
By Gloria Weisbecker**

Sunday, August 18, 2024

8:00 AM Pro Populo

**10:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Peter and Anna Spaeth Family
By Wilma Spaeth**

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

Liturgical Roles August 17-18

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Mark Outzen, Chris Schlegel, Therese van Oss, Dawn Kutt, Kevin Moyle, Steve Lefever, Christine J Nelson
8:00 AM Erica Stanek, Pat Burns, Donna Burns, Mike Keogh, Charles Heiderscheit, Gloria Biesen, Steve Young
10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Barbara Stetzer, Rita Sanchez, Shannon Klar, Lori Hammes, Susan Halter, Linda Schwartz

Lector

4:00 PM Jim Klock, OPEN
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 Louie 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 Stephanie Schmitt
10:00 AM OPEN, OPEN

Greeter

4:00 PM Phil Watson (lead), OPEN, Mark Misch, Jim Spielbauer, Steve Schaub, Joe Riemer, Arian Arens, Neil Kumm
8:00 AM OPEN (lead), OPEN, Deke Stanek, Erica Stanek, Allan Baumler, Peggy Baumler, Pat Burns, Donna Burns
10:00 AM Lisa Doering (lead), Sam Horman, Mike Wintheiser, Casey Horman, Nathan Wintheiser, Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes, Charlotte Berendes

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Kevin Moyle, Sue Olson
8:00 AM Bob Jansky, Charlene Jansky
10:00 AM OPEN, 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

Pause Netflix. Try Alpha.



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.

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