

August 18, 2024



# MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



## 20th 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.

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Parish Pictorial Directory

There are only a few photography sessions spots left. Please call Betty at 608-317-8054 or scan the QR code. Volunteers are needed to greet parishioners coming for their picture. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. Pictures will be taken in the Faith Formation Center on the lower level of the east side of the building.



### 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!

### 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](mailto:chickenque@mmoclacrosse.org)

### 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 Rite-way Club Avon/Sill), and this will be my 10<sup>th</sup> 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. You can pick up the paperwork at the Parish

Office. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Meg at 608-788-5483 x 2 or you may also email [bookkeeper@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:bookkeeper@mmoclacrosse.org).

### 2025 Italy Pilgrimage - St. Francis/Assisi Highlights

In September 2025, we will embark on a pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy. Last week's bulletin article highlighted the "pre-trip" option to tour Florence and Venice. This week, we will focus on the core pilgrimage, which begins in Assisi. Pilgrims will arrive in Rome on September 30 and board a bus to Assisi. Our first night in Assisi will include a walking tour, meet-and-greet, and dinner.

On Oct. 1 we begin with a tour of St. Francis Basilica, visit his tomb, and view frescoes of his life. During our walking tour of Assisi, we will visit the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the birthplace of St. Francis, and the church that honors St. Clare. Following free time and lunch, a bus will take us outside the walls of Assisi to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, the area where St. Francis spent most of his life.

On Oct. 2 we travel through the Umbrian mountains to Gubbio where St. Francis freed the town from a fierce wolf and, in 1224, received his stigmata. We will visit the Chapel of the Stigmata and the Basilica.

On Oct. 3 we begin our way to Rome, but we will have a few other notable highlights on the way! We will stop in Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. We will celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Longinus in Lanciano, the site of a Eucharistic Miracle. Our final stop is San Giovanni Rotondo.

On Oct. 4 we will tour the sanctuary to view the crucifix in front of which St. Padre Pio received the stigmata. We will also see the confessional, where he spent innumerable hours hearing confessions. We will visit the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel on our way back to San Giovanni Rotondo. After some free time and dinner, you can participate in a candlelight procession and Rosary at the Sanctuary of St. Pio.

On Oct. 5, we will board the bus to travel to Rome. On the way, we will stop in Pietrelcina to visit the birthplace of St. Padre Pio. Then, we will see the Abbey of Montecassino and the tombs of siblings St. Benedict and St. Scholastica. Finally, we will arrive in Rome!

Next week's bulletin article will share the highlights of the three nights in Rome. For more details, information and registration, visit [www.206tours.com/frkonopa](http://www.206tours.com/frkonopa).

### 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

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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](mailto:alpha@mmoclacrosse.org) or call the parish office at 608-788-5483 ext. 1 to enroll.

## *Family Life*

### **New Parishioners**

MMOC is delighted to welcome Aric and Colleen Hoeschen and family, Christopher and Clare Ruff, Matthew and Megan Bauer and family, Thomas Hale, Christopher Carskadon, Karen Guggenbuehl and Harold Rackow, Mitchell and Allison Romens and family to the parish.

### **Requiescat in Pace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carol Netwall. 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.*

## *Faith Formation*

### **Faith Formation 2024/2025 Registration**

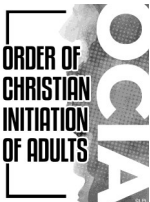


The new school year will be here before you know it which means it is time to register your child for Faith Formation. All families with youth in 1st-12th grade should have received a letter and registration information in the mail. If you haven't contact Kristin Johnson [kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org)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

### **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

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, contact Deacon Terry Bell at [deacon@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:deacon@mmoclacrosse.org) or call 608 788-5483 x 6.



### **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. If you are interested please contact Kristin Johnson [kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org](mailto:kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org) or 608-788-5483 Ext. 4.

## *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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **Jesus Reads Today's Gospel**

Many are familiar with the TV series "The Chosen," which depicts Jesus choosing His disciples and forming them as missionaries to carry the gospel into the world. The actor who plays the role of Jesus is Jonathan Roumie. He attended the Eucharistic Congress and gave a 15 minute talk to the delight of the crowd. He read today's gospel from John 6. Anyone who has watched The Chosen would find this especially inspiring. The link is complicated, but if you search "The Chosen Eucharistic Congress" you should find it easily or you tube has several options. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4qnqo2crGY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4qnqo2crGY).

## *Around the Diocese*

### **Come to Rural Life Day**

All are invited to Join hundreds of the faithful for the 43rd Annual Rural Life Day at the Schmidt Family Farm on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 10 AM-2 PM at 29281 Fairview Rd. in Lone Rock. Bishop Battersby will celebrate Mass at 10 AM, after which he will present awards recognizing parishioners and farm families, and bless animals, crops and machinery. Lunch will be served. Join us as we joyfully thank God for the food that sustains our lives, the land on which it is grown, and the dedicated families who farm it. Learn more at [diolc.org/rural-life](http://diolc.org/rural-life).

# Mary, Mother of the Church

## A Minute with Jesus

At Mass, we want to focus on God. When we go to Mass, we want to think about God. This is our set-aside time with Jesus and we are to speak with and listen to Him because the Mass is the official public worship of God by the Church. This is the way that God invites us to worship Him as laid out in the Bible. Jesus wants us to sincerely focus on Him and what is happening at the altar. When we get distracted: don't get upset, but say a little prayer – ever so simple – and turn your thoughts gently and peacefully back to the Mass. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to stay focused on You and what is happening at every Mass

## Community Events

### Brat Fry for Casa Hogar

A brat fry is being held on August 18 at the Festival in the Village Shopping Center 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](http://Masstimes.org) to find Mass times by city, state or zip then check that church bulletin for changes.

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, August 20, 2024

7:30 AM † Edna Spohn  
By Family

### Wednesday, August 21, 2024

7:30 AM † Peggy Linden  
By Tom Pahs

### Thursday, August 22, 2024

7:30 AM † Paul Johann Gasch  
By Terri and Mike Kendhammer

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare Center

### Friday, August 23, 2024

7:30 AM † Patricia Stilp  
By Family

### Saturday, August 24, 2024

4:00 PM † Gary Werner  
By Linda Werner

### Sunday, August 25, 2024

8:00 AM † James Omernick  
By Gerald Wiltinger

10:00 AM Pro Populo

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

## Liturgical Roles August 24-25

### Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Mark Outzen, Kelly Jakes, Mark Misch, John Klouda, Dawn Kutt, Joseph van Oss, Therese van Oss

8:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Sandy Poellinger Charles Heiderscheit, Anita Olson, Nick Berry, Janice Berry, Dan Skiles

10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Chuck Berendes, Mary Olson, Polly Berendes, Kathy McGettigan, Barbara Stetzer, Lindsey Hammes

### Lector

4:00 PM Sue Ernster, Chris Schlegel

8:00 AM Pattie Nimocks, Bob Mahr

10:00 AM Sally Egan, Nancy Steinhoff

### Server

4:00 PM Zeke Schramm, Jude Schramm

8:00 AM Nolan Richards, Ryan Klar

10:00 AM Louie Berendes, Hank Berendes

### Cantor

4:00 PM Christine J Nelson

8:00 AM Natalie Solverson

10:00 AM Mary Kulas

### Musician

4:00 PM Christopher Carskadon

8:00 AM Haylee Pagenkopf

10:00 AM Haylee Pagenkopf

### Sacristan

4:00 PM OPEN

8:00 AM Kathy Skiles, Dan Skiles

10:00 AM John Conzemius

### Gift Bearer

4:00 PM OPEN, Maggie Bell

8:00 AM Sandy Pitsch, Stephanie Schmitt

10:00 AM Jim McGettigan, Kathy McGettigan

### Greeter

4:00 PM Phil Watson (lead), OPEN, Kevin Moyle, Peter Schmitz, Neil Kumm, Joe Riemer, Arian Arens, Jim Spielbauer

8:00 AM Allan Baumler (lead), OPEN, Karen Perry, Isabel Harden, Peggy Baumler, Dave Lawrence, Rosie Pennebecker, Donna Burns

10:00 AM Jon Mason (lead), OPEN, Andrew Egan, Charlotte Berendes, Casey Horman, Lisa Doering, Anne Kernan, Jerry Kernan

### Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Kellie Schmitz, Mary Schaub

8:00 AM Bob Jansky, Charlene Jansky

10:00 AM Sheri Skelton, Kathy McGettigan

### Hospitality

8:00 AM OPEN, OPEN

10:00 AM Pat Houlihan, Kathy Houlihan

### Live Streamer

4:00 PM Rick Wilson

**Young Adults from MMOC  
Bishop Battersby wants to meet you!**



**Young Adults ages 18-25 are invited to gather at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman for a night of fellowship with La Crosse's new Bishop on Thursday, August 22 at 6 PM.**

**Bishop Battersby will share his message and listen to your thoughts and questions about the role of young people in the Diocese of La Crosse.**

**This is a potluck experience. No reservation is needed.**