August 25, 2024





21st 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.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 are available after Masses in the gathering space in the back of the church. For reservations, please call 608-518-6145 or you can email 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!

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.

2025 Italy Pilgrimage - Rome

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 <u>www.206tours.com/frkonopa</u>.

Family Life

New Parishioners

MMOC is delighted to welcome Martin Maddalone,

Thomas Hale, Mary Fletcher, Katie Weis and family, Linda Sturm and Ed Wollack to the parish.

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.

Faith Formation

VBS Thank you!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers that helped make our VBS week such an amazing success. Over 30 volunteers from ALL the parishes in La Crosse helped children from all of the La Crosse parishes and beyond to explore the Marvelous Mystery of the Mass.

Faith Formation Registration

A friendly reminder that the Early Bird pricing for Faith Formation registration ends on August 31. Register today! For more information contact Kristin Johnson kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or Samuel Obert at sobert@mmoclacrosse.org.



2nd Graders Preparing for the Sacraments

All families with 2nd graders who attend Public School, Catholic School or who Home School who will be preparing to receiving the sacraments should have been contacted by Kristin Johnson in regards to the Sacramental Preparation Program. If were not contacted via email or regular mail please contact Kristin at kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 Ext. 4.

In need of Catechists for Family Faith Formation

Our K-5th program needs the following volunteers for the upcoming year: 1st Grade Teacher and Assistant, 4th Grade Assistant and 5th Grade Assistant. The commitment is two times/month on Wednesday evenings from approximately 5:00 PM - 7 PM as well as some outside classroom time to prepare for the lessons and additional Catechist meetings throughout the year. Almost all materials and lesson plans are provided with plenty of support from the Director. Please contact Kristin at kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 Ext. 4.

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, pleas contact Deacon Bell at deacon@mmoclacrosse.org or call 608 788-5483 x 6.

Fall Adult Faith Formation Class

Beginning the week of September 15, we are offering Fr. Gaitley's "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" on Tuesdays from 8:15 AM- 9:45 AM and Thursdays from 6:00Pm - 7:30 PM. There are also many other parish locations and times so you can attend the class that best fits your schedule each week, or this program can be done as a home study. Join us as we learn ways of living the Catholic faith daily and forming a relationship with Jesus. You can sign up for Consoling the Heart of Jesus online at www.stpatsonalaska.com or by calling Amy Capelli at (608)783-0847. The cost for the book and workbook is only \$20.00.

PCCW

PCCW Membership

Did you know that our PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) funds many things within our parish community? In the past we have raised funds to purchase Altar Bread and send our teenagers to the Stubbenville Youth Conference, just to name a few. I invite you to join our first (bimonthly) meeting on Monday, Sept. 9 and find out what this great organization is about. If you cannot attend a meeting in person it may be possible for us to offer Zoom meetings. If this is of interest to you or if you have any questions about PPCW please email: PCCW@mmoclacrosse.org or connect with Jolene Goodman, 608-317-9575.

Men's Club

MMOC Men's Club

The Men's Club will have their first meeting of the season on September 4 at 6:00 PM All men of the parish are welcome to join us for fellowship.

MMOC Flower Beds

Thank you to all who helped with the "Keep our flower beds beautiful ministry" this spring and summer especially Rita Sanchez, Sue Moyle, and Tom and Mary Genz. Our parish grounds look wonderful because of the hard work of many people.

Crafts needed for the MMOC Cookie Walk

The 2024 Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, De-

cember 14. We are again having a craft area and would appreciate your homemade items. If you have the skills, desire and time, please consider donating to our area. Your donations can be dropped off the day before the cookie walk or if that is not possible we can arrange to pick them up. We are also in need of Christmas gift bags. Any questions Vickie Kloss 608-788-4828 or Maureen Spencer 608-782-0994

Around the Diocese

A Minute with Jesus

At Mass, the Scripture Readings prepare us to receive Jesus. There are two major parts to the Mass: the liturgy of the word and the liturgy of the eucharist. In the liturgy of the word, we listen to three readings and a psalm from the Bible. These readings help us recall all that God has done for us: His love and His plan for us. We stand up for the third reading – the Gospel, the most important reading - because Matthew, Mark, Luke and John deliver the message that Jesus brings, and include quotations of His very own spoken words. After the Gospel, the priest or deacon helps us to understand these readings from sacred scripture and how to apply the message to our daily life in order to be a more faithful follower of the Lord. Hearing the words of scripture and the homily prepare our hearts to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to come to Mass with an open heart, ready to hear the readings from scripture and the homily in order to know You better.

A Pastoral Guide to Gender Dysphoria with Jason Evertand and Father Jeffrey Kirby

Join Jason Evert and Father Kirby to hear about pastoral accompaniment for persons dealing with gender dysphoria. The podcast is 28 min and is located at chastity.com/

podcast/109 or by using your smart phone's camera to scan the QR code.

Archbishop Listecki Petitions to Intervene in Abortion Case before the WI Supreme Court

On July 2, the Wisconsin Supreme Court agreed to hear a case from Planned Parenthood that seeks to find a constitutional right to abortion within the Wisconsin Constitution. On July 15, Milwaukee Archbishop



Jerome Listecki filed a petition to intervene in the Planned Parenthood case, arguing that he has a religious obligation "to vindicate the constitutional rights of the unborn in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, particularly their rights to life and to equal protection of the laws under the 14th Amendment and to any claimed state constitutional right to bodily integrity, autonomy, and selfdetermination." Wisconsin's other bishops subsequently issued a statement of support for the Archbishop's petition, stating that they too have a religious obligation to care for the souls of every human life-born and unborn—in their respective dioceses, and that both sides deserve to be heard at the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Please pray his voice will be heard and heeded! To learn more, visit wisconsincatholic.org and click on "NEWS," or scan the QR code.

A High School Student Testimony from Steubenville Conference

"Before the conference I was unsure about going and was worried it was going to be boring and dull. After the conference I was excited about the faith and wanted to discuss the experience with everyone... Thank you so much for the scholarship and allowing me to go! I am so grateful for the amazing experience you have given to me!" - Julianna

Because of your generous support of the MMOC Vision Fund through the "Inspired by the Spirit" campaign, five MMOC student parishioners attended the Steubenville conference this year at half price. Special shout out to the PCCW who covered our entire transportation cost. Twenty-five people from La Crosse attended the conference in St. Paul at the end of July. Twenty-five hearts were illuminated by Jesus.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

7:30 AM † Mary Ann Bornheimer

By Joan and Gary Thames

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

† Howard Olson 7:30 AM

By Anita Olson and Family

Thursday, August 29, 2024 7:30 AM † Michael Tierney

By Family

Word Service at Hillview Healthcare 2:00 PM

Center

Friday, August 30, 2024

7:30 AM † Paul Heiderscheit

By Family

Saturday, August 31, 2024

4:00 PM **† Mary Clements**

By Jennifer Kreibich

Sunday, September 1, 2024

8:00 AM **Pro Populo**

10:00 AM † Alan Bennett

By Sharon Bennett

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

Liturgical Roles Aug. 31 - Sept. 1

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Linda Gillette. Dawn Kutt. Steve Lefever. Kevin Moyle, Christine J. Nelson, Kellie

8:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Pat Burns, Donna Burns,

Erin Klar, Steve Klar, Lance Miller, Sandy

Poellinger

10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Carol Forer, Lori Hammes, Lindsey Hammes, Mary Olson, Rita

Sanchez, Barbara Stetzer

Lector

4:00 PM Therese van Oss, OPEN

Donna Keogh, Francesca Ortmeier 8:00 AM

10:00 AM Bill Brendel, Sarah Scarlet

Server

4:00 PM Keegan Gerling, Christopher Hughey

Isabella Miller, Kaitlin Ortmeier 8:00 AM

Adelyn Neubauer. Olivia Neubauer 10:00 AM

Cantor

4:00 PM Peter Schmitz

8:00 AM Pattie Nimocks

10:00 AM Paul Lansing

Musician

4:00 PM Christopher Carskadon

Haylee Pagenkopf 8:00 AM

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Sacristan

Mike Wuensch 4:00 PM

8:00 AM Mike Keogh

10:00 AM John Conzemius

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM OPEN, OPEN

Jennifer Miller, Lance Miller 8:00 AM

10:00 AM Jessica Neubauer, Chuck Neubauer

Greeter

4:00 PM Chris Schlegel (lead), OPEN, Mark Misch,

Kevin Moyle, Joe Riemer, Mary Schaub,

Steve Schaub, Jim Spielbauer

Allan Baumler (lead), OPEN, Pat Burns, Isa-8:00 AM

bel Harden, Dave Lawrence, Kylie Ortmeier, Joan Weissenberger, Rosie Pennebecker

Robb Pretasky (lead), Lydia Bell, Felicity Bell, Charlene Krocker, Jackson Massa, Trisha

Stratman, Gabriella Stratman, Gavin Stratman

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Sue Olson, Dee Sauer

Mary Genz, Sue Moyle 8:00 AM

Lisa Doering, Sue Pretasky 10:00 AM

Hospitality

10:00 AM

8:00 AM Dave Ortmeier, Francesca Ortmeier

10:00 AM Johanna Bell, OPEN

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss

The Hackner Touch: A Legacy of Sacred Craftsmanship



A New Exhibit from the La Crosse **County Historical Society.**

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This exhibition at the La Crosse Area Heritage Center at 506 Main Street features the works of the E. Hackner Company and those of Egid's daughter, Marietta Hackner. The exhibit runs through October 5, 2024. The Heritage Center is open Thursday-Saturday, 10:30-4:30, last admission at 4:00 pm.

You are invited to:

2024 Fall Birthright Regional Conference

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SPEAKERS:

- · Vlad Mamaradio, Ontario, Canada, keynote speaker: Culture of Encounter.
- Tracy Trussoni, Director of Development for Safe Families: Serving Others.
- · Marie Allen and Jennifer Fisk: Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

CONFERENCE EVENTS: Saturday, Sept. 14

Place: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Msgr. Anthony P. Wagener Parish Center, 130 Losey Blvd. South, La Crosse, WI.

10 a.m.-3:20 p.m. Speakers and Program

(Lunch will be served. Cost is \$10.) Check if having lunch

REGISTRATION FOR SATURDAY PROGRAM

Name:

(If a group, please provide a registration form for each person in your group.)

State: Zip Code: E-mail:

Checks for lunch are payable to Birthright of La Crosse. Mail or email registrations by Sept. 1 to: Julie Dietz, 239 Elm St., La Crosse, WI 54603, julie.dietz@gmail.com, 608-797-0553. Questions? Contact Julie Dietz or Mona Craig at 608-799-9667, rccraig.8260@gmail.com.





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