

September 1, 2024



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEGGED HIM
TO LAY
HIS HAND.

MARK 7:32

22nd 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.

Twenty-Second 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.

Monthly Parish Social

Join us Thursday, September 5 after the 7:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall for coffee, conversation and fellowship.

MMOC Eucharistic Adoration

On September 5, Mary, Mother of the Church will host its monthly Holy Hour at 4:45 PM. Come adore, Him!

Communion Calls

The following parishioners will receive Communion in their homes this week: Gerald Sheehan, Pam Badger, Rosemary Boland, Carol Weis, Dick Rady, and Tom Hengstl. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist in their home, call the parish office at 788-5483 ext. 7.

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!

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 19 participants signed up for the Rome-Assisi pilgrimage, and 12 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.

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

Faith Formation Registration

Just a friendly reminder that the Early Bird Pricing for Faith Formation registration ends on August 31 and prices will increase by \$50. Register TODAY using the QR code.



In need of Catechists for Family Faith Formation

Our K-5th program needs the following volunteers for the upcoming year: 1st Grade Teacher, 3rd Grade Teacher and Assistant, 4th Grade Assistant and 5th Grade Assistant. The commitment is twice monthly 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

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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 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. It concludes the week of November 23. 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. Class times and locations are as follows:

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| Mon. | Blessed Sacrament | 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM |
| Tues. | MMOC | 8:15 AM – 9:45 AM |
| | St. James | 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM |
| | St. Patrick | 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM |
| Wed. | Holy Trinity | 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM |
| Thurs | St. Patrick's | 9:14 AM – 10:45 PM |
| | MMOC | 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM |
| Fri. | Cathedral | 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM |
| Sat. | Roncalli Newman | 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM |

PCCW

PCCW Membership

Did you know that our PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women) and Men's Club are sponsoring "The Eucharistic Miracles" display the weekend of Nov. 9 - 10 with a presentation on Monday, Nov. 11 at 7 pm? Learn more about this at our upcoming Sept. meeting on Monday, Sept. 9 and find out what this great organization is about. If you have any questions email: PCCW@mmoclacrosse.org or connect with Jolene Goodman, 608-317-9575.

Men's Club

MMOC Men's Club

All men of the parish are welcome to join us for fellowship and camaraderie on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM. Our first meeting of the season will be on September 4 and will start at 6:00 PM.

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.

A Minute with Jesus

Jesus wants to remain with us. The second part of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We know that Jesus wants to remain with us – to abide within us. We celebrate at Mass the enduring self-gift of Jesus Christ by which He fulfills His promise to remain with us always (unless we choose to separate ourselves from Him through serious sin.) When we receive the Eucharist, we are united to Jesus. He dwells within our heart. This is why the Eucharist is called Holy Communion. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please continue to "stay with me", to abide in me so that I can be strengthened as Your faithful follower.

Walking with Women, Praying the Scripture

Women of all ages are welcome to attend "Walking with Women, Praying with Scripture!" We practice the ancient exercise of lectio divina, engaging our five senses while reading the Gospels. This practice has been passed down through the church for ages, aiding the faithful to experience a deeper encounter with Jesus in His Living Word. We will be gathering in the Undercroft at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral beginning on Thursday, September 19, at 6 PM. Please contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com for more information.

Sacred Heart Golf Outing

The Sacred Heart School of Cashton is hosting its annual four person scramble golf fundraiser at Viroqua Hills Golf Course on Saturday, September 28 with a 9:00 AM shotgun start. For more information contact Craig Steger at 563- 419 -6619 or @craigsteger.com.

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a cross-denomination, faith-based effort to save lives and end abortion that runs September 25 - November 3. It is made up of three components:

- Prayer and Fasting: Inviting people of our city to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting to end abortion.
- Peaceful Vigil: standing for life in peaceful, prayerful, public witness outside Planned Parenthood on Caledonia Street.
- Community Outreach: taking a positive pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, church presentations, door to door advocacy and public visibility. For more information visit 40daysforlife.com/lacrosse or contact Marie Allen at marie.v.allen@charter.net or 608-784 -5189.

The Holy Father's Intention for September

For the cry of the Earth.

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Music Ministry

The MMOC Music Ministry supports and energizes the celebration of the Liturgy. We welcome, engage and empower all who possess a love for music to share their talents in the praise of God! If you love to sing, or have other musical talents, please join us!

Sunday Choir: Supports the congregation every other Sunday at the 10:00 AM Mass and some other services. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings September to May beginning September 24 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

New Life Choir - Provides musical leadership and prayer at funerals. We meet 30 minutes before funerals. Daytime and weekend availability is helpful.

Small Group - Small groups come together to lead the congregation from the front. Periodically for some weekend Masses or other services, Rehearsals are immediately before the liturgy they are singing.

Cantor - Proclaims the Psalm in song and leads the congregation in sung prayer at weekend Masses and other services. It is important that the cantor has an ability to sing, to read music and to inspire the congregation to sing.

Song Leader - Leads and engages the congregation only when the choir is also singing. They announce and confidently let the congregation know when to start singing (with help from the director and the choir). No solo singing is ever required.

There are many musical opportunities available at Mary, Mother of the Church. For any questions or to be added to a list for upcoming opportunities, please contact Mary Jo Lium at mjlium@mmoclacrosse.org.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

7:30 AM † Donald Bowman
By Family

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

7:30 AM † William and Patricia Mertens
By Pat Mertens

Thursday, September 5, 2024

7:30 AM † Henry Becker
By Elaine Becker

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare Center

Friday, September 6, 2024

7:30 AM † Carol Marx
By Charles and Ellen Servais

Saturday, September 7, 2024

4:00 PM † Alan Bennett
By Sharon Bennett

Sunday, September 8, 2024

8:00 AM † Jerry Biesen
By Gloria Biesen

10:00 AM Pro Populo

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

Liturgical Roles Sept. 7-8

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Gary Heilman, Linda Heilman, John Klouda
Steve Lefever, Kevin Moyle, Christine J.
Nelson, Therese van Oss

8:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Nick Berry, Janice Berry,
Gloria Biesen, Tom Reichenbacher, Erica
Stanek, Steve Young

10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell Lisa Doering, Jo Beth Gaul,
Susan Halter, Shannon Klar, Terri Pedace,
Linda Schwartz

Lector

4:00 PM Chris Schlegel, Mark Outzen

8:00 AM Charles Heiderscheidt, Linda Elsen

10:00 AM Linda Gillette, Matt Binsfeld

Server

4:00 PM Zeke Schramm, Jude Schramm

8:00 AM Porter Stanek, Lincoln Stanek

10:00 AM Marcus Klar, Ella Krejchik

Cantor

4:00 PM Rick Wilson

8:00 AM Sara Edman

10:00 AM Natalie Solverson

Musician

4:00 PM Christopher Carskadon

8:00 AM Christopher Carskadon

10:00 AM Christopher Carskadon

Sacristan

4:00 PM OPEN

8:00 AM Kerry Groetsch

10:00 AM Linda Schwartz

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM Maggie Bell, OPEN

8:00 AM Sandy Pitsch, OPEN

10:00 AM Manu Parker, David Parker

Greeter

4:00 PM OPEN (lead) Arian Arens, Mark Misch, Olivia
Rudie, Steve Schaub, Peter Schmitz, Jim
Spielbauer, Phil Watson

8:00 AM Sue Groetsch (lead), Peggy Baumler, Allan
Baumler, Pat Burns, Donna Burns, Isabel
Harden, Erica Stanek, Deke Stanek

10:00 AM OPEN (lead) Elly Binsfeld, Anna Binsfeld, Me-
gan Binsfeld, Mason Klar, Andrew Schwartz,
Gabiella Stratman, Gavin Stratman

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Mary Schaub, Kellie Schmitz

8:00 AM Karen Perry, OPEN

10:00 AM Tammy Byington, Kimberly Krejchik

Hospitality

8:00 AM Cindy Klar, Bob Klar

10:00 AM Mary Snider, OPEN

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss

2024 Summer of Signs

In case you missed them, these are the messages that made it outdoors during the summer. There is one that caused confusion...almost like a parable that didn't quite make sense, but sorta made sense, but not enough to be confident of its meaning. It's the last one..



“God has no grandchildren?”

What does this mean? Grandchildren are among life's GREATEST gifts! Why wouldn't God want grandchildren?

Here's the answer:

God only has sons and daughters. When the faith is handed on to an individual, that person has to claim it as one's own, including his/her sonship/daughtership. It's simply not enough to say, "I'm Catholic because my parents are." God has no grandchildren.

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