September 8, 2024





23rd 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.

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!

2025 Italy Pilgrimage -- Pre-Trip

In 2025, a Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope, we will head to Italy! In addition to our pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy, pilgrims should consider signing up for the pretrip to Florence and Venice.

The journey begins from the US on Sept. 25 to Venice. We stay in Padua, which honors St. Anthony, "Patron Saint of Lost Things and Causes," and includes Mass at his Basilica and a visit to his tomb.

On Sept. 27, we visit Venice, the "city paved with water," which consists of a walking tour of St. Mark's Square and the Golden Basilica of San Marco, which is known for the great mosaics that depict the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, and the afternoon for free time to explore Venice with a late return to Padua.

On Sept. 28, we visit Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance and home to some of the most renowned artists: Dante, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Botticelli, and Donatello-an art lover's dream place. We will view the famous sculpture of Michelangelo, David and much more. On Sept. 29, a walking tour includes the Church of the Holy Cross, Piazza Signorina, and much more. You will have the afternoon free to explore Florence.

On Sept. 30, we go to Siena, the birthplace of St. Catherine of Siena, a Doctor of the Church, and St. Bernadine, the Apostle of Italy. We will enjoy lunch, a walking tour, and some additional free time before meeting the rest of our group in Assisi.

This extra portion of the trip costs an additional \$1,978 per person. You can sign up for this portion of trip and pilgrimage by visiting 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 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 PM - 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

Family Faith Formation Kick-Off

Our Family Faith Formation programming year kicks off Wednesday, September 18 at 5:30 PM at Mary Mother of the Church. If you are a family with a 1st-5th Grader and you have not registered yet 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

5th Grade Assistant

Commitment is two times/month on Wednesday evenings from approximately 5:00 PM-7:00 PM as well as some outside classroom time to prepare for the lessons and additional Catechist meetings throughout the year. All materials and lesson plans are provided with plenty of support. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Kristin at kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 Ext. 4.

All 2nd Graders Preparing to Receive the Sacraments All families with 2nd graders should have been contacted by Kristin Johnson in regards to the Sacramental Preparation Program. If were not contacted via email or regumail 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 inor of 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 jour-

ney 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, Fr. Gaitley's "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" will be offered here at MMOC 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 many other parish locations and times for you to attend the class that best fits your schedule. It can also be done as an individual home study. We will learn ways of living the Catholic faith daily and forming a relationship with Jesus. You sign up online 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 is a wonderful group of faith based women who are working hard to make a difference in our Parish and surrounding community? Learn more about us at our upcoming Sept. meeting on Monday, Sept. 9th at 6 pm and find out what this great organization is about. For more information please email: PCCW@mmoclacrosse.org or connect with Jolene Goodman, 608-317-9575.

Around the Diocese

A Minute with Jesus

We Respond with Thanksgiving after Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the words of Jesus repeated by the priest, a miracle happens at every Mass. The substance of the bread and wine become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, even though the bread and wine still look the same. When we receive Jesus, we want to thank Him for this incredible Gift. Then we can speak with Him about anything that is on our heart. We also want to listen to what He might say to us in the quiet of our heart. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, I believe in you. Jesus, I hope in You. Jesus, I want to love You with all my heart. Jesus, I thank You for having come to dwell in me as I receive You in Holy Communion. I welcome You into my heart and I ask you to "crowd out" whatever might be there that is not of You. And I desire to give You full reign as my Lord, my Savior and my King. Thank You for giving Your life for me on the Cross, loving me this much and allowing me to receive You into my heart in this present moment. And now that You are so close to me, please help me love You more and more, and serve You by loving the people around me. Amen.

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. If you have any questions or for more information, contact Mari Erickson or Amy Mulhern at walking9praying8@gmail.com.

40 Days for Life campaign in La Crosse:

From Sept. 25 to Nov. 3, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – to stand and peacefully pray at a particular hour during a 40-day vigil on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 1201 Caledonia St., La



Crosse. For more information and to sign up, please get in touch with Marie Allen by visiting 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse or scanning the QR code to the right. The 40 Days for Life opening rally will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, Sept. 15, at Northside Community Church, 1300 Caledonia St., La Crosse. Topic: Post-abortion ministries in our area. All are welcome!

The Franciscan Spirituality Center Grief Circle

Join us for a five-week, in-person grief support group is starting September 18, 2024. This group, facilitated by Karna Marks and Sarah Hennessey, FSPA, is for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Many people who are grieving feel pressure to keep their grief to themselves. This is a place to share your thoughts, feelings and experiences – where you can talk about your loss with other people who are also grieving. Sometimes, friends and family, although well-intentioned, may not understand the meaning of your loss and the depth of your pain. The support of others on the same journey can bring a great deal of comfort and healing. For more information visit www.FSCenter.org or call 608-791-5295.

St. Peter's Middle Ridge Sauerkraut Supper

Fall is fast approaching and so is the 57th Annual Sauer-kraut Supper! Join us for a traditional sit-down supper and festivitites along with full dinner carry-outs this year. The dinner will be held on Wednesday Oct 9, 2024 from 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM. Homemade Sauerkraut, Pork Ribs and Polish Sausages are on the menu and raw Kraut will be available for sale.

Aquinas Schools

Aguinas Fest

Join us for 47th Annual Aquinas Fest on Friday, September 13 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Aquinas High School in the Cameron Street Parking lot. There will be live music, a beer garden, Cornhole, Pig Roast, Brats and Hotdogs and kids activities. The Aquinas football game against G-E-T is the same night at UW-L. Don't forget your chance to win \$10,000 cash or a \$15,000 MSRP Discount at Clason Buick-GMC. For information visit call 608-784-0707nor visit aquinascatholicschools.org/Aquinas-fest.

Scrip

Kwik Trip Scrip

Kwik Trip has a short-term special rebate this month! That means every purchase of Kwik Trip scrip from September 1 through September 29 will receive a 10% rebate. We have been experiencing some problems with Kwik Trip orders and deliveries being timely so please be patient.

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 milium@mmoclacrosse.org.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

7:30 AM † Paula Heiderscheit

By Family

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

7:30 AM † Pat Pahs and Farrell Pahs

By Tom Pahs

Thursday, September 12, 2024

7:30 AM † Don Wavra

By Linda and Frank Gillette

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare

Center

Friday, September 13, 2024

7:30 AM † Doris Stuber

By Sue and Bill Kratt

Saturday, September 14, 2024

4:00 PM Living and Deceased members of the

Wister, Graf, Long and Pahs Families

By Tom Pahs

Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:00 AM † Lawrence, Alma and Liz Ends By Evie Hammes

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

Liturgical Roles Sept. 14-15

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Nancy Imhoff, Dave Imhoff, Kelly Jakes John Klouda, Kevin Moyle, Christine J Nelson,

Mark Outzen

8:00 AM Nick Berry, Janice Berry, Pat Burns, Donna

Burns, Erin Klar, Steve Klar

10:00 AM John Conzemius, Lori Hammes, Anne

Kernan, Kathy McGettigan, Rita Sanchez

Linda Schwartz

Lector

4:00 PM Therese van Oss, Joseph van Oss 8:00 AM Charles Heiderscheit, Bob Mahr 10:00 AM Mary Olson. Barbara Stetzer

Server

4:00 PM Ellyana Jakes, Aubrey Jakes 8:00 AM Matthew Klar, Nolan Richards

10:00 AM Olivia Neubauer, Isabella Neubauer

Cantor

4:00 PM Paul Lansing 8:00 AM Dawn Mazzola 10:00 AM Jeff Nylander

Musician

4:00 PM Mary Jo Lium 8:00 AM Mary Jo Lium 10:00 AM Mary Jo Lium

Sacristan

4:00 PM Mike Wuensch 8:00 AM Jane Vogel 10:00 AM Linda Schwartz

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM Jessica Neubauer, Chuck Neubauer 8:00 AM Anita Olson, Michael Taylor

10:00 AM OPEN, Maggie Bell

Greeter

4:00 PM Phil Watson (Lead), OPEN, Arian Arens, Joe Riemer, Patrick Hogan, Chris Schlegel, Peter

Schmitz, Jim Spielbauer,

8:00 AM Sue Groetsch (Lead), Peggy Baumler, Dave Lawrence, Dan Skiles, Joan Weissenberger

Kathy Skiles, Rosie Pennebecker, Allan

Baumler

10:00 AM Robb Pretasky (Lead), Jerry Kernan, Jon Mason, Pattie Nimocks, Gabriella Stratman,

Mike Wintheiser, Nathan Wintheiser, Brenda Wintheiser

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Scrip Seller

4:00 PM8:00 AM10:00 AMVickie Kloss, Kellie SchmitzMary Genz, Sue MoyleSue Pretasky, Sheri Skelton

Hospitality

8:00 AM Cindy Klar, Bob Klar

10:00 AM Mary Schaub, Trisha Stratman

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Dave Imhoff

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Classes Available to Attend:

☐ Mondays	6:30- 8:00 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament parish hall
☐ Tuesdays	8:15- 9:45 a.m.	Mary, Mother of the Church parish hall
☐ Tuesdays	9:00-10:30 a.m.	St. James the Less Murphy Hall (basement
☐ Tuesdays	6:30- 8:00 p.m.	St. Patrick's Onalaska church basement
☐ Wednesdays	1:00- 2:30 p.m.	Holy Trinity Leo Hall
☐ Thursdays	9:15-10:45 a.m.	St. Patrick's Onalaska church basement
☐ Thursdays	6:00- 7:30 p.m.	Mary, Mother of the Church parish hall
☐ Thursdays	6:30- 8:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Holmen
☐ Fridays	10:30- Noon	Cathedral Undercroft (basement)
☐ Saturdays	9:00- 10:30 a.m.	Roncalli Newman basement
☐ Home Study Option		

Make checks payable to St. Patrick's Parish.

Submit registration and payment to any participating parish or to: St. Patrick's Parish, 1031 Main St. Onalaska, WI 54650, or contact Amy Capelli at (608) 783-0847 e-mail amy_capelli@charter.net

Chicken Que "By the Numbers"

It all adds up!

It takes an army of volunteers and a mountain of provisions to make the MMOC Chicken-Que hapen. Just imagine each Chicken-Que takes...

- 34 pounds of bacon and 136 pounds of Great Northern beans that are cooked in 17 roasters for our famous homemade beans.
- 64 pounds of sugar, 8 galloons of vinegar and over 55 pounds of cabbage to make our delicious coleslaw.
- Over 960 pounds of charcoal for the grill

And all that adds up to:

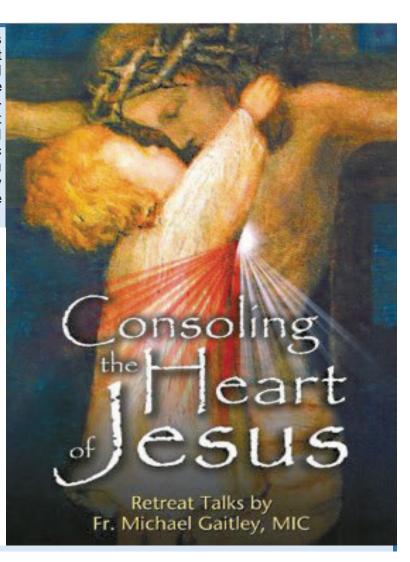
- 1,972 dinners served in Fall of 2023
- 1,979 dinners served in Spring of 2024

And that has result in profits of:

- \$ 11,503.03 Fall of 2023
- \$ 12,480.23 in Spring of 2024

All we need to add to the equations now is ...

YOU!



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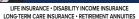
Meal includes half-chicken, baked potato w/ toppings, coleslaw, baked beans, and a dinner roll. All are made fresh by our BBQ chefs and kitchen staff.

Tickets: \$12.00

Pre-sale tickets can be ordered by phone or text: 608-518-6145 also, by email at: chickenque@mmoclacrosse.org Carry out orders will be delivered upon request. No delivery charge.

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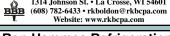




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