

September 22, 2024



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



25th 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.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thank You Father Dickman

We welcome Fr. Richard "Dick" Dickman, a senior priest of the Diocese of La Crosse, as our celebrant for this weekend's Masses. Father Konopa is attending a rare Fitzgerald Family Reunion. Thank you, Father Dickman.

Fall Rummage Sale

The PCCW Fall rummage sale will be October 4 and 5. Donations can be dropped in the Parish Hall from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM on October 3. We are unable to accept curtain rods or window blinds, file cabinets, magazines, 3 ring binders, hanging file folders, computers or televisions. Sign up sheets are in the gathering space in the back of the church. All help is appreciated. This is a great opportunity for students to get some of their service hours.

Welcome Father Woody Pace

Fr. Woody Pace, Director of the Missions Office for the Diocese of La Crosse, is beginning a medical leave for a number of months. He will be living in the rectory during this time and will be seen frequently at various times and Masses. He will also be helping out in other parishes. Please give him a warm welcome which makes the whole person heal well.



Time for a New Ministry Schedule

We will soon be working on the Ministry Schedule that will run from Nov. 1 to Jan. 31, 2025 for Lectors, Cantors, Servers, Sacristans, Ministers of Holy Communion Greeters and Scrip Sellers. Please submit any "Can't Serve Dates" through the online scheduling tab on the parish website under Ministry Scheduler or by calling Jennifer in the parish office at 608-788-5483 x1 before Oct. 11.

Kwik Trip Scrip

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

Sunday Choir

The Sunday Choir will start rehearsing on Sept. 24 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Music Room. Email Mary Jo Lium mjlium@mmoclacrosse.org if you are interested in joining.

Part Time Housekeeper Needed

Housekeeper position for the Offices and Rectory needed. \$18-20/hour; approx. 4 hours/week. Main areas of focus include floors, surfaces, and bathrooms [e.g. vacuum, mop (no heavy buckets), and dusting]. No dishes or laundry. Rectory is maintained well so cleaning is not heavy on a weekly basis. Some cyclical cleaning such as baseboards and ceiling corners. On the job training provided if requested. Flexibility offered but scheduling during office hours (Tues-Friday 8am-3pm) is necessary. Arranged time off is allowed. If interested or know someone who may be interested, contact Andy Foley at 788-5483 x. 9.

NEEDED: Finance Assistant

Mike Juran has submitted his resignation. He came out of retirement over two years ago to help the parish when we were not receiving applications and he has served us admirably, which is one of the reasons he was recognized as the 2024 Man of the Year. We appreciate Mike's positive attitude and dedicated work in the parish office. While Mike has begun to reduce his hours, he is willing to extend his time until March of 2025. This gives the parish an extended opportunity to fill this position with a qualified individual. We are grateful for his willingness to provide training for a new employee.

Accordingly, we are accepting applications to hire a Finance Assistant. Duties include:

- Prepares deposits
- Records financial transactions including weekly collections, ACH, and other donations and payments
- Obtains authorization and processes expenditures and accounts payable
- Prepares payroll to be submitted to a third-party vendor
- Reconciles parish bank accounts monthly with a third-party vendor
- Working with the Pastor to prepare financial reports, the annual budget, the annual Report to the Bishop and the annual Report to the Parish
- Prepares annual Contribution Statements to Parish Households
- Assures accountability for the Scrip Program

The successful candidate will have an Associate Degree in Accounting or Finance from a Technical School or equivalent demonstrated experience in bookkeeping, experience with computers to use QuickBooks and Microsoft Office, especially Excel, and ability to learn in-house software, ParishSoft. The Finance Assistant position is approximately 25 hours per week during office hours (Tues.- Fri.; 8AM-3PM) and pay range of \$20+/hour will be commensurate with experience. The position is available Nov. 1 – March 1. To apply, please submit a resume with references from previous employers to Father Konopa at the parish office (2006 Weston Street) or frkonopa@mmoclacrosse.org.

A Friend Asks for Help: Jesse Mayton



Dear MMOC parishioners,

A huge thank you for your support and prayers during my year of discernment last year! I can't put into words how much I appreciate you! As you heard from my talk at the May 11-12 weekend Masses during my final visit, I did not enter seminary but was going to pursue a job in teaching. I am going to be teaching THIS year, but not in the way I expected. I will be doing missionary work with Life Teen in Georgia! I will be stationed at Camp Hidden Lake which is for middle school students. This is such a great opportunity, but being a missionary for a non-profit Catholic organization, I need a lot of fundraising help: mission partners. I have to fundraise \$33k. Most of this money will go towards Lifeteen's mission with weekend retreats and summer camps! As St. John Paul II says, "Some give by going to

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the missions, some go by giving to the missions. Without both, there are no missions." The Men's Club was very generous in my fundraising for SEEK24 in St. Louis last January, and I am very grateful because a lot of my discernment was done while I was there. If you are interested in mission partnering, email me at jessemayton@gmail.com and I'll send you the link to my fundraising page with more info. I'm looking forward to hearing from you and I will be sharing newsletters about what I'm doing and how God is working in my life and in the lives of the teens. Thank you in advance and God bless MMOC! Verso l'Alto. -Jesse Mayton.

Visiting Seminarian



The Diocese of La Crosse has a Journey program that helps men discerning the priesthood and preparing for seminary life. This program is hosted at the Mater Redemptoris House of Formation behind the Diocesan Center, and other dioceses have asked to be a part of this. Part of the program is to

have a parish experience one weekend of every month. Mary, Mother of the Church warmly welcomes Levi Spaeth as our visiting Seminarian.

"My name is Levi Spaeth. I grew up in Sparta where I went to St. Patrick's school from kindergarten through 8th grade. After graduating from Sparta High School, I attended UW-Stevens Point. I completed a dual major of Paper Science and Chemical Engineering and was hired out of college to work as a Process Engineer at the paper mill in Tomahawk, WI. I really started to grow in my faith toward the end of college. After several years of growing in my love for Jesus and learning more about the faith, I started feeling that Jesus was calling me for something else. I entered the Journey Program with the Diocese of La Crosse so I would be able to discern if God is calling me to enter seminary and explore a vocation to the priesthood. Some of my interests include sports, fitness, hunting, and fishing. I am excited to be in this parish, to meet the people, to learn from Father Konopa, and to see what God brings me in this upcoming year."

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet Wednesday, September 25. Families should be completing their At Home Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:16. We will see you again on October 2.

Around the Diocese

LIFE CHAIN - Stand Up for Life!

The La Crosse Life Chain will be held on Sunday, Oct. 6, from 2:00-3:00 PM along Losey Boulevard. Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA in a peaceful and prayerful public witness for 1 hour praying for our nation and an end to abortion. Please join fellow MMOC parishioners at



the corner of Losey Blvd. and Madison St. where they will have signs for you (a suggested donation of 50 cents per person or \$1 per family). As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable from the beginning of life to its end and at every point in between. Even if you only have a few minutes, please come and join us in standing up for LIFE.

Catholic Charities FolksHaven Referrals



FolksHaven is a supported living house designed to offer young men who are living and struggling with mental health problems a supported and safe place to live for up to 2 years (depending on their needs) to regain mental strength. The house philosophy and environment, along with the availability of supportive services will help residents achieve a level of mental health recovery that allows them to take additional steps toward purposeful and independent living.

FolksHaven is funded through Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) operated by County Departments of Human Services, or Family Care agencies. Individuals who are not already clients of one of these can still be referred to FolksHaven. The referral source would need to work with the individual to apply for CCS or Family Care. For more information, please contact us at 888-21-HELP (4357) or visit our website at www.cclse.org/folkshaven.

40 Days for Life

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 contact Marie Allen by visiting 40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse.

Holy Trinity Chicken-Que and Bake Sale

Holy Trinity will be holding a Chicken Que and Bake Sale on Thursday, October 10, from 11 AM - 5:30 PM. Dinners are \$11 each and have a 1/2 chicken, beans, coleslaw and roll. Carryout, drive-through, and delivery. Presales are preferred. Call the Chicken Line at 608-782-2028 Ext. 2.

St. Mary's Coon Valley Annual Pancake Breakfast

St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 7:30 AM – Noon. Enjoy a delicious stack of pancakes (from our own local Great American Pancake Co.) with local real maple syrup, eggs, sausage, cheese curds, applesauce, milk, orange juice and coffee! Also purchase a tasty treat to take home from the bake sale! \$10 for adults, \$5 children ages 6 -12, 5 and under free.

Community Events

Benedictine Villa Open House

You are invited to celebrate the newly remodeled Benedictine Villa on September 24 from 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM. The ribbon cutting is at 4:30 PM and there will be an opportunity to participate in a guided tour the updated facility. To register email janie.ourourke@benedictineliving.org.

Mary, Mother of the Church

A Minute with Jesus

When we are at Mass, and preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, our minds will sometimes wander. When we find ourselves distracted in this way, simply return our eyes to the altar and listen with our hearts as the priest prays the words of Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into His Body and Blood of Jesus. As we go forward to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, it is a good practice to repeat the following prayer: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." Let's pray this right now and every day this week in preparation for next Sunday: Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed (Matthew 8:8).

Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Photographic Exhibit

In the entire history of the Catholic Church, there have been numerous Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church as truly worthy of belief. This exhibit faithfully recounts for us well documented miraculous occurrences. Knowledge of these miracles strengthens our faith in Christ and His Church. They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Exhibit was created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old from Milan, Italy who was beatified on October 10, 2020. The Exhibit will be available for viewing at MMOC Parish the weekend of Nov. 8 thru Nov. 11, with a presentation in our Parish Hall at 7 PM on Nov. 11. Take time out of your schedule, to view the exhibit during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival." The Display will be available for review 2 hours before and after weekend Masses, Nov. 9 and 10,

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

7:30 AM † Paula Heiderscheit
By Family

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

7:30 AM † James Omernik
By Dennis and Kim Hernet

Thursday, September 26, 2024

7:30 AM † Ted and Irene Banasik
By Family

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare Center

Friday, September 27, 2024

7:30 AM † Paula Heiderscheit
By Family

Saturday, September 28, 2024

4:00 PM Adrian and Lorraine Yaeger
By Kathy and Dennis Bissen

Sunday, September 29, 2024

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:00 AM † William Rachubinski
By Karen Rachubinski

Liturgical Roles Sept. 28-29

Minister of Holy Communion

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

8:00 AM Gloria Biesen, Charles Heiderscheit, Lance Miller, Anita Olson, Sandy Poellinger, Tom Reichenbacher

10:00 AM Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes, Jo Beth Gaul, Anne Kernan, Shannon Klar, Terri Pedace

Lector

4:00 PM OPEN, Mark Outzen

8:00 AM Barbara Stetzer, Bob Mahr

10:00 AM Sarah Scarlet, Bill Brendel

Server

4:00 PM Elyana Jakes, Aubrey Jakes

8:00 AM Isabella Miller, Olivia Taylor

10:00 AM Louie Berendes, Adelyn Neubauer

Cantor

4:00 PM Christine J Nelson

8:00 AM Christine J Nelson

10:00 AM Pattie Nimocks

Musician

4:00 PM Christopher Carskadon

8:00 AM Natalie Solverson

10:00 AM Natalie Solverson

Sacristan

4:00 PM OPEN

8:00 AM Sue Groetsch

10:00 AM Linda Gillette

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM Erin Klar, Steve Klar

8:00 AM Sandy Pitsch, Michael Taylor

10:00 AM Lisa Doering, Casey Horman, Sam Horman

Greeter

4:00 PM Phil Watson (lead), OPEN, Arian Arens, Patrick Hogan, Joe Riemer, Mary Schaub, Steve Schaub, Chris Schlegel

8:00 AM OPEN (lead), Pat Burns, Donna Burns, Isabel Harden, Cindy Klar, Rosie Pennebecker, Bob Klar, Harper Solverson

10:00 AM Robb Pretasky (lead), Charlotte Berendes, Carol Forer, Jon Mason, Linda Schwartz, Andrew Schwartz, Gabriella Stratman, Gavin Stratman

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Vickie Kloss, Kevin Moyle

8:00 AM Mary Genz, Sue Moyle

10:00 AM Tammy Byington, Sue Pretasky

Hospitality

8:00 AM Kim Lansing, Paul Lansing

10:00 AM Jim Wagner, Julie Wagner

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss

Everyone is warmly invited—bring your friends! But register soon, as space is limited!

Gospel of Life

White Mass & Banquet

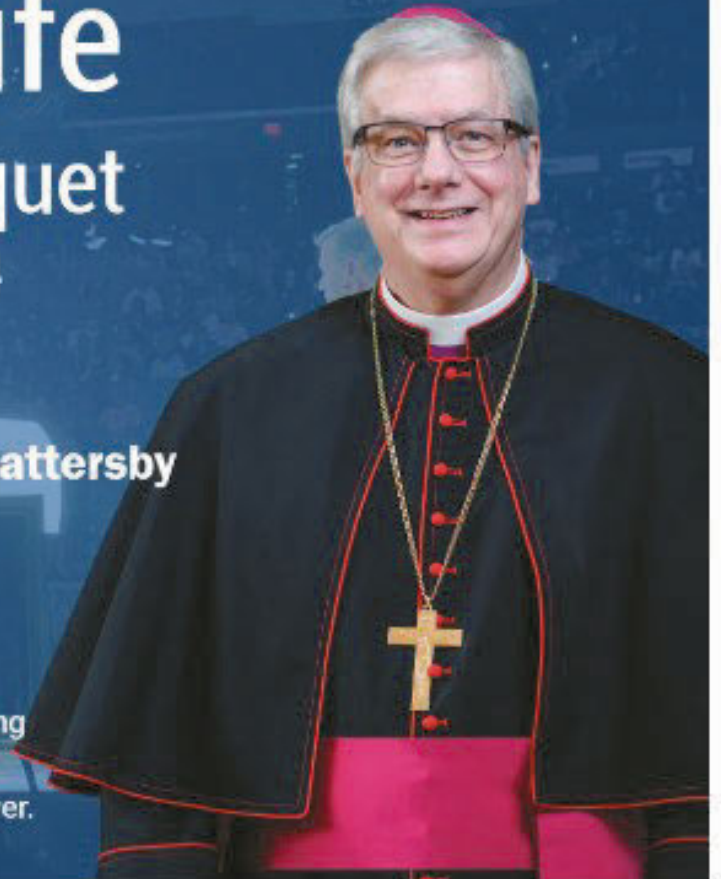
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby

“Prayer and the Eucharist:
The Heart of Mission”

How can we be equipped to proclaim the Life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ in this challenging world?
Join Bishop Battersby as he points us to the answer.



LOCATION

Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman | La Crosse

TICKETS

\$25/person \$15/for students

SCHEDULE

6:00 pm – White Mass

Celebrated by Bishop Gerard W. Battersby –

Annual celebration in which the faithful honor Catholic healthcare professionals.

7:00 pm – Banquet

7:45 pm – Presentation



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