# September 29, 2024





# 26th 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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **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 Thursday, or 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.

#### **MMOC Eucharistic Adoration**

On October 2, Mary, Mother of the Church will host its monthly Holy Hour at 4:45 PM. Come Adore, Him!

#### **Monthly Parish Social**

Join us Thursday, October 2 after the 7:30 AM Mass in the Parish Hall for coffee, conversation and fellowship.

#### 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 Potendo.

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 <a href="https://www.206tours.com/frkonopa">www.206tours.com/frkonopa</a>.

#### **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. Other dioceses have



sent men to our Journey program as well. Part of the program is to have a parish experience one weekend 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."

#### **Welcome Father Woody Pace**

Fr. Woody Pace, Director of the Missions Office for the Diocese of La Crosse, is on 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.



#### Chicken Que Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped in making our Fall Chicken Que a success! We realized a profit of \$12,501.94.

#### 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.

#### **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
- -Works 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.

#### 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.

#### Scrip for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Scrip rebates can now be applied to children participating in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). When purchasing Scrip, fill out the "Religious Education Tuition" family name and then check the "Check here if student is in CGS" checkbox below it. Scrip volunteers will then apply it to that family. If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Office.

### 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. See you on October 2!

### Around the Diocese

#### **Gospel of Life White Mass & Banquet**



On Friday, Oct. 18, at 6:00 PM, Bishop Battersby will celebrate the "White Mass," at which the faithful honor and pray for Catholic healthcare professionals. A banquet will follow with Bishop Battersby as the keynote speaker on "Prayer and the Eucharist: The Heart of Mission," showing us how we can be equipped

to proclaim the Life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ in this challenging world. All are warmly invited to the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman for the Mass, as well as the banquet and talk to follow (\$25/person, \$15/student). To learn more and to register for the banquet, visit www.diolc.org/ GospelofLife. Space is limited, so register soon!

#### 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.

#### **40 Days for Life Conference**

Pro-Life leader Steve Karlen will be speaking in La Crosse on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 PM, at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center, 1433 Rose St., La Crosse. All are welcome to hear this dynamic speaker, author, and national campaign director for 40 Days for Life. Steve will be available to sign his newly published book: *What to Say When 2.* For more information go to www.40daysforlife.com/en/lacrosse.

#### A Minute with Jesus

The Eucharist strengthens our love for our neighbor. In reading the life of any saint, we see clearly that they "constantly renewed their capacity for love of neighbor from their encounter with the Eucharistic Lord" (Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "God is Love"). When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, He strengthens us with His Divine power to seek to live with charity toward every person that we meet. We cooperate with this power – His grace – by asking for His help as we encounter any situations, particularly difficult ones. In continuing to seek to live with love, we become more and more the person that God created us to be. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, as I receive You in Holy Communion, help me to see You in every person I meet and give me Your love for them in my heart.

#### **Catholic Charities Warming Center**

The Warming Center will again be serving homeless adults in downtown La Crosse from November 1 through April 30. The Warming Center depends on volunteers to fill a variety of functions. Some provide supper, others register the guests as they check in, check their belongings, serve the supper and get them settled for the night while others help as guests have breakfast and prepare for their day.

Mary, Mother of the Church will provide volunteers for the first, third and fifth Tuesday evenings of the month. The following are the 14 nights of service: Nov. 5 & 19; Dec. 3, 17 & 31; Jan. 7 & 21; Feb. 4 & 18; March 4 & 18; and April 1, 15 & 29.

Each night we need volunteers for the following service and times: Food for 40-45 people plus milk to be delivered to the Warming Center by 6:30 PM. Six intake people from 6:30 -9:00 PM. Two early morning people from 6:00-8:00 AM. We will NOT be staffing the overnight hours.

Volunteers are encouraged to attend one orientation/training session: Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 5-6:30 PM; Thursday, Oct. 17 from 5-6:30 PM, or Monday, Oct. 21 from 8:30-10 AM. These sessions are helpful if people have questions or seem apprehensive about being in the shelter. To register, call or text Karla Hein at 608-668-9065 or khein@cclse.org.

Sign-up sheets for November, December and January will be in the gathering space from October 8 - 27. Thank you for considering this opportunity to offer food and hospitality to our homeless brothers and sisters. God bless.—Mary Olson, MMOC Coordinator for the Warming Center, molson@mmoclacrosse.org.

### **Weekly Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

7:30 AM + Carmen Jean Roraff

By Joseph and Therese van Oss

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

7:30 AM † Patricia Senn

By Sandra Sieber, Joan Devo, Bill and

**Debbie Faust** 

Thursday, October 3, 2024

7:30 AM + Paula Heiderscheit

Mark and Sue Halter

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare

Center

Friday, October 4, 2024

7:30 AM † Donald Bowman

By Family

Saturday, October 5 2024

4:00 PM † Alan Bennett

By Elaine and Marlin Buchner

Sunday, October 6, 2024

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:00 AM † Living and Deceased members of the

Peter and Anna Spaeth Family

By Wilma Spaeth

# Liturgical Roles Oct. 5 - 6

#### Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Sue Ernster, Jim Klock, Dawn Kutt, Steve Lefever, Kevin Moyle, Chris Schlegel, Kellie

Schmitz

8:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, Nick Berry, Janice Berry,

Erin Klar, Steve Klar, Anita Olson, Sandy

Poellinger

10:00 AM John Conzemius, Susan Halter, Lori Hammes, Mary Olson, Christine J Nelson, Rita

Sanchez

#### Lector

4:00 PM Therese van Oss, Joseph van Oss8:00 AM Charles Heiderscheit , Bob Mahr10:00 AM Polly Berendes, Barbara Stetzer

Server

4:00 PM Christopher Hughey, Izzy Schelfhout

8:00 AM Matthew Klar, Ryann Klar

10:00 AM Louie Berendes, Hank Berendes

#### Cantor

4:00 PM Rick Wilson 8:00 AM Sara Edman 10:00 AM Natalie Solverson

Musician

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

#### Sacristan

4:00 PM OPEN 8:00 AM Jane Vogel 10:00 AM Mike Wuensch

#### **Gift Bearer**

4:00 PM OPEN, Maggie Bell

8:00 AM Michelle Morrison, Ken Morrison 10:00 AM Michelle Morrison, Ken Morrison

#### Greeter

4:00 PM OPEN, Chris Schlegel, (Lead), Arian Arens, Patrick Hogan, Neil Kumm, Kevin Moyle, Pe-

ter Schmitz, Joe Riemer

8:00 AM Allan Baumler (lead), Peggy Baumler, Cindy Klar, Bob Klar, Dave Lawrence, Rosie Penne-

becker, Karen Perry, Mike Weissenberger

10:00 AM Linda Schwartz (lead), Matt Binsfeld, Elly Binsfeld, Anna Binsfeld, Megan Binsfeld, Mary

Jothen, Robb Pretasky, Andrew Schwartz

#### **Scrip Seller**

4:00 PM Vickie Kloss, Dee Sauer8:00 AM Kerry Groetsch, Sue Groetsch10:00 AM Kathy McGettigan, Sheri Skelton

#### Hospitality

8:00 AM Michelle Morrison, Ken Morrison 10:00 AM Charlotte Berendes, Polly Berendes

#### Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss





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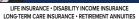
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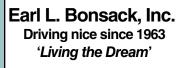
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