October 6, 2024





27th 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.

Altar Server Training

The parish welcomes new altar servers for all weekend Masses. Training will take place on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 8:30 AM and on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 4:15 PM. Contact Jennifer in the parish office at 608-788-5483 x 1 to register for one of the sessions.

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.

Italy Pilgrimage - Rome 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 Rotondo.

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 www.206tours.com/frkonopa.

Men's Club Pancake Breakfast

Please join the Men's Club for fellowship at the annual Fall Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 20th from 8am to Noon. Tickers are \$5/person. \$4/seniors (60+) and kids (6-12). Kids 5 and under are free. All are welcome!

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.

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet on Wednesday, October 9th. Families should work on at-home lessons 1 -1: The Bible: Our Book of Faith and 1-2: The Four Evangelists. We will see you again on October 16.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a program for the religious formation of children rooted in the Bible and Liturgy of the Church. The 3-6 year old child will encounter Jesus as the Good Shepherd; who loves them, cares for them, and knows them by name. This is accomplished through prayer, listening to Scripture and giving the child time to work with hands on activities. The materials are linked to either a specific part of the ass or the Bible which helps to make the mystery of God concreted for the child.

CGS will take place Friday mornings in Room K from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Nov, 1, 2024 to May 30, 2025. To participate, children must be at least 3 years old by November 1st, 2024. Space is limited, Registration is \$50 per child. If this is a burden, please reach out.

Register on line on our parish website under the Education - Preschool tab or you may contact catechist Sara Scarlet direction at 608-406-7686 or sscarlet@mmoclacrosse.org.

Finance

Diocesan Annual Appeal

"For We are God's Co-Workers" (1 Corinthians 3:9). We are reminded in this verse that our faith calls us to a life of trust in God, zeal for the Church's evangelical mission, and profound love and care for the poor by actively participating in God's work. Letters regarding the Diocesan Annual Appeal will be arriving in your mail box this week as we prepare for the kick-off weekend on Oct. 12-13. Our target this year is \$116,570. Let's enthusiastically embrace the idea of collaborating with God to support each other in our spiritual journey and in our service and support of the Church.

New Rebate Options Available for Scrip

We have added options for Scrip purchasers. In addition to being able to apply Scrip rebates to Tuition for Aguinas Catholic Schools and Journey Together in Christ (Faith Formation), purchasers can now choose to apply funds to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. When designating Scrip funds for MMOC, purchasers can choose where they would like the funds applied: to Operations, to the Vision Fund (supporting continuing formation ministries), or the Building Fund. No changes are necessary if you want to continue with a choice you previously made. If you would like to change your designation, note it on your next Scrip order and we will make the update. If you have any questions, please contact the Finance office at 608 -788-5483 X 2. Thank you for your support of all of these programs through Scrip!

Social Justice

Meals on Wheels

MMOC will be delivering meals the week of October 21 - 27. Thank you for your participation in this important ministry.

Stand Up for Life

Could you pray one hour with us? This Sunday is National Life Chain Sunday which is held throughout the US and Canada and is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public wit-



ness in the world! The La Crosse Life Chain is from 2:00-3:00 PM along Losey Boulevard, but join our MMOC Parish at the corner of Losey Blvd. and Madison St. Let's fill our area with MMOC support! Signs will be available for you at that corner (a suggested donation of 50 cents per person or \$1 per family). Let's do our part to defend life.

Alliance Family Services Needs Pregnant Moms to help train their ultrasound technicians.



Alliance Family Services exists to support women and families in the ALLIANCE La Crosse area. They offer many free services to meet the needs of FAMILY SERVICES clients, including pregnancy tests,

STI testing, prenatal care, mentorship, community referrals and more. Currently they need mothers who are pregnant to help train their nurse. To schedule your free ultrasound appointment call 608-782-2410.

Walk for Life

The first annual Walk for Life to support Alliance Family Services is taking place on Saturday October 19 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Registration takes place at Blessed Sacrament Parish at 9:00 AM. The walk is 2.2 miles long and will be



followed by lunch, prize giveaways for top donors, fun family activities, and a time of fellowship. Don't forget your lawn chair. Register now by scanning the QR code or you can call 608-782-2410.

Those **Devastated** by Hurricane Helene Help Hurricane Helene came ashore last week in Florida, causing catastrophic damage in the southeast and killing scores of people. Whole communities are flooded and millions are without power. Please support those who continue to suffer the storm's effects by making a donation at catholiccharitiesusa.org, or scan the QR code.

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

Holy Trinity Chicken-Que and Bake Sale Thursday, October 10, 11:00-5:30, 13th and Park Streets, La Crosse. 1/2 Chicken, Beans, Coleslaw and Roll \$11.00. Carryout, Drive Through, Delivery. Presales preferred—Call the Chicken Line at 608-782-2028 Ext. 2.

Aquinas Schools

Green and Gold Getaway Tickets

Don't miss your chance to win 8 tickets to the Packers/ Bears game on Nov. 17 at Soldier Field including private luxury get transportation from La Crosse to Chicago! Tickets are \$100 each and only 300 tickets are available. The drawing will be held on Nov. 9 at the Aguinas High School "That 70's Party" but you need not be present to win. To purchase tickets, please contact the Aquinas Development Office at 608-784-0707 or any Aquinas Foundation Board

A Minute with Jesus

Jesus waits for us. After Mass, Holy Communion is reserved in the tabernacle. The red sanctuary candle in the front of the church is constantly burning to remind us that Jesus is present in the tabernacle in the sacred Host. He waits for us to come and spend some time with Him, just as we would spend time with any friend. We can speak with Him about anything, and simply be quiet in order to listen to Him. It is helpful to bring your bible or a book like *The Di*vine Encounter by Mark Hart to have something to help stay focused when distractions arise. This time with the Lord will help bring solace and peace as worries take on a proper perspective and we will gradually know that when we receive Holy Communion, we are truly receiving Jesus. Let's pray this right now ad every day this week: Jesus, help me to set aside some time to spend with You in church so that You can strengthen my faith that You are truly present in Holy Communion.

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 8, 2024

7:30 AM † Mary Clements

By Jim and Patti Martell

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

7:30 AM + Jim Schumacher

By Family

Thursday, October 10, 2024

7:30 AM + Bill Doskocil

By Family

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare

Center

Friday, October 11, 2024

7:30 AM † Helen "Honna" Pitz

By Joan Mitchell

Saturday, October 12, 2024

4:00 PM

† Leo and Evelyn Mertens

By Pat Mertens

Sunday, October 13, 2024

8:00 AM †TheRudolph Strasser Family

By The Klar Family

10:00 AM Prop Populo

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

Liturgical Roles Oct. 12-13

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Linda Gillette, Nancy Imhoff, Dave Imhoff, Dawn Kutt, Mark Outzen, Kellie Schmitz

Joseph van Oss

8:00 AM Gloria Biesen, Pat Burns, Donna Burns

Mike Keogh, Sue Moyle, Francesca Ortmeier

Steve Young

10:00 AM Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes, John

Conzemius, Jo Beth Gaul, Anne Kernan

Kimberly Krejchik, Mary Olson

Lector

4:00 PM Chris Schlegel, Peter Schmitz

8:00 AM Donna Keogh, Charles Heiderscheit

10:00 AM Patricia Kirchner, Bill Brendel

Server

4:00 PM Zeke Schramm, Jude Schramm 8:00 AM Isabella Miller, Olivia Taylor

10:00 AM Ella Krejchik, Tenley Solverson

Cantor

4:00 PM Therese van Oss 8:00 AM Dawn Mazzola 10:00 AM Sunday Choir

Musician

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

Song Leader

10:00 AM OPEN

Sacristan

4:00 PM OPEN 8:00 AM Mike Keogh

10:00 AM John Conzemius

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM OPEN, OPEN

8:00 AM Jennifer Miller, Lance Miller 10:00 AM Jerry Kernan, Anne Kernan

Greeter

4:00 PM OPEN (Lead), Arian Arens, Neil Kumm, Mark

Misch, Joe Riemer, Steve Schaub, Mary

Schaub, Phil Watson

8:00 AM OPEN, Peggy Baumler, Donna Burns, Cindy

Klar, Bob Klar, Pattie Nimocks, Joan Weissenberger, Allan Baumler (lead)

10:00 AM Lydia Bell, Felicity Bell, Keith Krejchik, Char-

lene Krocker, Robb Pretasky, Jackson Massa, Harper Solverson, Jon Mason (lead)

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Vickie Kloss, Kevin Moyle 8:00 AM Bob Jansky, Charlene Jansky 10:00 AM Kimberly Kreichik, Sue Pretasky

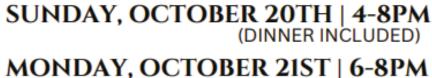
Hospitality

8:00 AM Kim Lansing, Paul Lansing 10:00 AM Johanna Bell, Trisha Stratman

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Dave Imhoff

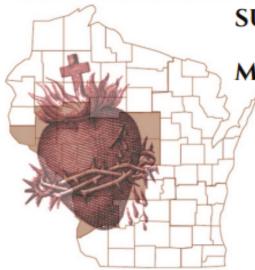
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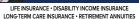
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2 Corinthians 3:17









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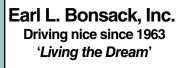
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