

October 13, 2024



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



28th 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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 15 at 10:30 AM. Those with the following health conditions should consider receiving the sacrament:

- heart condition
- serious ailment or disease
- elderly... notably weakened by age
- upcoming surgery due to illness/injury
- emotional affliction

By the grace of this sacrament, God strengthens both body and soul to face the extra anxiety and temptations that come with sickness. Please use the reserved seating in the front pews. There will be no 7:30 AM Mass this day.

Portraits from Harmann Studios

Portraits have arrived! They will be distributed after Mass during the next two weekends (Oct 19-20 and Oct 26-27). Come to the Parish Hall after Mass to pick up your pictures. Having the receipt from your sitting will be helpful. After these weekends, distribution will be in the Parish office during office hours beginning on Oct. 29. The 2025 Directory is in production and will be distributed at a later date.

Life Chain Thank You

Thank you to all those who participated in last Sunday's Life Chain. It was a great public witness of praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. Thank you for standing up for LIFE!

Altar Server Training

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

Cookie Walk Crafts

The 2024 Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 14. We are again having a craft area and would appreciate your handmade items. If you have the desire and time, please consider donating to our area. Donations can be dropped off the day before the Cookie Walk or we will be able to pick them up. Contact Vickie Kloss 608-788-4828 or Maureen Spencer 608-782-0994

Italy Pilgrimage

2025 is a Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope – and we will head to Italy! We will tour many holy sites and historic locations while visiting Rome, Assisi, and other cities. In addition to our pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy, pilgrims should consider signing up for the pre-trip to Florence and Venice. Those attending the pre-trip will travel to Venice on September 25. Those partaking in the main portion of the trip will depart for Rome on September 30 and then travel by bus to Assisi, where they will meet up with the pre-trip travelers. On October 8, after an early breakfast, we will depart for the airport and return home. The pilgrimage costs \$5194/person, and the pre-trip costs \$1978/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, as well as tips for the guide and bus driver. To register for the pilgrimage and pay your deposit of \$500, visit www.206tours.com/frkonopa. The trip balance is due 90 days before departure: July 1, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Schwartz at lschwartz@mmoclacrosse.org.

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!

Coffee and Kids

Calling all parents, please join us on the third Friday of each month for snacks and conversation as our children play! We will meet from 8:30 AM -10:30 AM in Room E in the lower level of the parish hall. Coffee and snacks will be provided. If you have any questions please call BrieAnn McKenna 319-230-0895. We're looking forward to seeing you Friday, October 18.

Casa Hogar

On October 26 - 27, Msgr. Joseph Hirsch will be visiting Mary, Mother of the Church to share the story of Fr. Joseph Walijewski and how his legacy lives on today. Padre Jose, as he was called by the people of Bolivia and Peru, received \$50,000 in 1985 from St. Pope John Paul II to start Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II orphanage which continues to provide a better future for children, built on a foundation of faith and the experience of a healthy family. As the Executive Director of Casa Hogar, Msgr. Hirsch has a unique perspective of the work done in Peru. Through his stories, he will explain what life was like for children before they arrive and what life is like for them now, thanks to the generosity and support of the people and organizations in the Diocese of La Crosse and across the United States. Learn more about the Fr. Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild and Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II at www.homeajpm.com.

Marriages, Divorces and Annulments

Marriage is a covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life. By its nature, marriage is ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of children. This covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament; "Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate" (Mark 10:9). Jesus Christ taught us that true marriage is indissoluble. Thus, in the Catholic wedding ceremony, both bride and groom make their vows to last "all the days of my life" or "until death do us part." A Catholic marriage is a covenant entered into with God, not just between a couple, so it is unbreakable because it is a union bound together through God.

However, sometimes marriages become so unhealthy

and even abusive, that a legal separation (i.e. civil divorce) is the best option. In these cases, the government's declaration to end a civil marriage is not the final word on the covenant of marriage.

Catholic annulment is distinctly different from a civil divorce. Some may believe that an annulment is a "Catholic divorce" because the marriage can be "ended" at the end of the process. However, an annulment isn't the process of ending a marriage, it's the process of determining whether a marriage is valid in the eyes of the Church. So, the official understanding is that an annulled marriage is a union that was never a true marriage to begin with. It was a civil marriage and everyone believed it was a true marriage, which is honored by the Church. For this reason, children born from this civil union are considered "legitimate," and an annulment does not make them "illegitimate."

What are the grounds for an annulment? During a marriage ceremony in the Catholic Church, there are a series of questions asked of both the bride and groom to verify that they can get married. The questions are:

- Are both individuals entering into marriage freely, whole-heartedly, and without coercion?
- Are both individuals prepared to love and honor each other, and to follow the path of marriage?
- Are both individuals prepared to accept children and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?

These questions are asked because the elements in those questions are the necessary elements for a sacramental marriage. If one of those elements is missing in the bride or the groom, the marriage is not a sacramental marriage. Thus, an unbreakable union never truly existed in the eyes of the Church.

The annulment process is most often initiated by meeting with the local parish priest who will assist you in completing a preliminary investigation form. (A preliminary investigation form can also be requested directly from the Tribunal Office of the Diocese of La Crosse: <https://diolc.org/tribunal/annulment-process/>.) The completed form is then sent to the Tribunal Office, which will contact the petitioner within a few weeks to inform you if your case has been accepted or if further information is required. If the case is accepted, you will be informed of the grounds on which the case is being tried.

Ordinarily a case is completed in approximately five to seven months.

The standard fee for processing a formal marriage case is \$400, which is less than half of what it costs the Diocese of La Crosse to process a case. The fee is partial reimbursement for the cost of paying salaries and operating the office. The average case requires 24 to 40 hours of paid labor. The Diocese asks that one fourth of the fee be paid at the time of your interview and that the fee be paid in full before the case is finalized. Due to financial difficulties, the fee can be reduced and/or arrangements can be made to pay it in small monthly payments as necessary. No one is

ever denied the right to petition for a possible declaration of nullity based on an inability to pay.

Family Life

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rose Ann Krieg. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to the family and friends who mourn her loss. *Eternal rest grant onto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.*

Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Riley Allen Myers who was baptized on October 5, 2024. We welcome him to God's family with great joy!

New Parishioners

We welcome Heath and Leah Brandner and family, Michael and Julia Roskos and family, Bob Roers, and Carolyn Giannelli to the parish.

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation meets this Wednesday, October 16 from 5:30-6:45 pm at Mary, Mother of the Church. This week we will continue our exploration of the Bible by connecting the mysteries of the Rosary with Scripture. We will also complete our annual Safe Environment Training.

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 Mass or the Bible which helps to make the mystery of God concentered 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 Sarah Scarlet 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. You should have received letters regarding the Diocesan Annual Appeal. 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.

Mary, Mother 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 Aquinas 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: Operations, 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.

Warming Center

The Warming Center will again be serving homeless adults in downtown La Crosse from November through April. The Warming Center depends on volunteers to fill a variety of functions. Mary, Mother of the Church is providing volunteers for the first, third and fifth Tuesday evenings of the month. If you are interested in volunteering for this important ministry or you would like further information contact Mary Olson at Molson@mmoclacrosse.org

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

10:30 AM † Jerry Biesen
By Gloria Biesen

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

7:30 AM † Paula Heiderscheit
By Family

Thursday, October 17, 2024

7:30 AM † Charles and Ruth Burke
By Kathy Houlihan

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare Center

Friday, October 18, 2024

7:30 AM † Deceased family members of the Garbis and McConnell Families
By Charles Heiderscheit

Saturday, October 19, 2024

4:00 PM † Don Wavra
By Fred and Maureen Monk

Sunday, October 20, 2024

8:00 AM Prop Populo
10:00 AM † Rossi Weber
By Jean Weber

Liturgical Roles Oct. 19-20

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Nancy Imhoff, Dave Imhoff, Kelly Jakes, John Klouda, Mark Misch, Christine J Nelson
Mary Schaub
8:00 AM OPEN, OPEN, Gloria Biesen, Francesca Ortmeier, Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles
10:00 AM Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes, Lindsey Hammes, Christine J Nelson, Mary Olson, Terri Pedace

Lector

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss, Therese van Oss
8:00 AM Charles Heiderscheit, Bob Mahr
10:00 AM Sarah Scarlet, Nancy Steinhoff

Server

4:00 PM Keegan Gerling, Ellyana Jakes
8:00 AM Kaitlin Ortmeier, Nolan Richards
10:00 AM Christopher Hughey, Shaun Ziolkowski

Cantor

4:00 PM Rick Wilson
8:00 AM Paul Lansing
10:00 AM Mary Kulas

Musician

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

Sacristan

4:00 PM Mike Wuensch
8:00 AM Kathy Skiles, Dan Skiles
10:00 AM Anne Kernan

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM Erin Klar, Steve Klar
8:00 AM Dave Ortmeier, Francesca Ortmeier
10:00 AM Andrew Egan, Rachel Egan

Greeter

4:00 PM Chris Schlegel (lead) Patrick Hogan, Kevin Moyle, Joe Riemer, Steve Schaub, Peter Schmitz, Jim Spielbauer, Phil Watson
8:00 AM OPEN (lead) OPEN, Isabel Harden, Cindy Klar, Bob Klar, Pattie Nimocks, Kylie Ortmeier, Joan Weissenberger
10:00 AM OPEN (lead), OPEN, Mason Klar, Shannon Klar, Marcus Klar, Jon Mason, Gabriella Stratman, Gavin Stratman

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Sue Olson, Dee Sauer
8:00 AM Mary Genz, Sue Moyle
10:00 AM Tammy Byington, Sheri Skelton

Hospitality

8:00 AM Dave Ortmeier, Francesca Ortmeier
10:00 AM David Zoroufy, Tammy Zoroufy

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Dave Imhoff



“For we are co-workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.” 1 Corinthians 3:9



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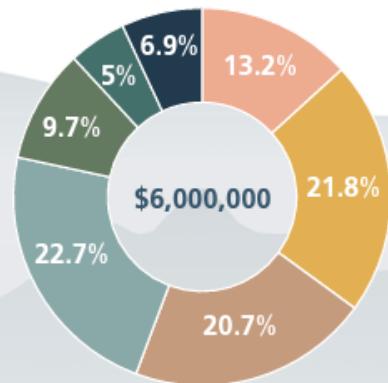
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2024-2025

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2023-2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL CASE STATEMENT ALLOCATION

Office of Stewardship & Development	\$415,795
Diocesan Facilities: Operations & Maintenance	\$298,105
Catholic Education & Formation	\$584,004
Charity, Missions & The Wider Church	\$1,360,000
Parish Services Support	\$1,240,470
Parish Ministries Support	\$1,307,234
Seminarian, Priests, Deacons, and Religious	\$794,392



TOGETHER, WE BUILD GOD’S KINGDOM

Let us unite as one body to proclaim the Gospel and serve those in need. Every gift, regardless of size, is essential to our mission. Together, we build a stronger, more vibrant community that reflects Christ’s love and advances the work of the Church. It’s the collective action of each of us that truly makes a difference.

May this Annual Appeal inspire a renewed commitment to our shared mission as we work together to build God’s kingdom on earth.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Your support enables the Diocese to continue God’s work, from supporting Catholic schools to providing for those in need. By contributing to this year’s Annual Appeal, you help sustain vital ministries that serve the vulnerable and ensure the growth of our Diocesan family. Our parish target this year is \$116,570.

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