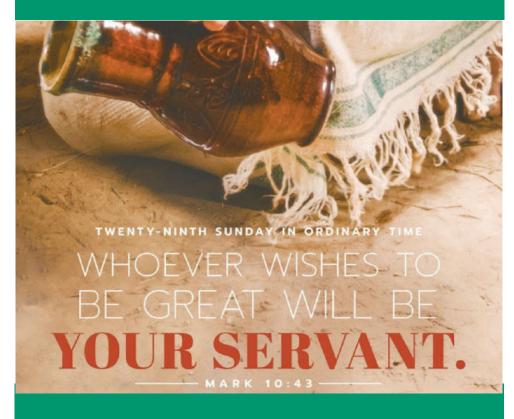
October 20, 2024





29th 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Men's Club Pancake Breakfast

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

Deanery Mission Weekend: Church on Fire

The Holy Spirit is alive and wants to share himself with us. Come, put yourself in a position to receive new life at the Deanery Mission hosted at the Cathedral on Sunday, October 20, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM and Monday, October 21, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Both nights include prayer time starting at 8:00 PM. Hear talks about healing and the love of God plus receive intercessory prayer that calls down the blessing of God upon you. Walk-ins welcome. Please come join us!

World Mission Sunday, October 20

This weekend, we will unite with the global Church in celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year, the theme is "Go and Invite everyone to the banquet" - Matthew 22:9. As we observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ's love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world. Your fervent prayers and generosity in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service. Thank you!

Portraits from Harmann Studios

Portraits have arrived! They will be distributed after Mass for 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 two 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.

Service of Remembrance

A prayer service will be held on Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00 PM. Mary, Mother of the Church will call to mind the souls of our departed loved ones, especially those parishioners who have had their funerals with us in the previous 12 months. All are welcome.

Book of Remembrance

In the month of November – beginning with the Feasts of All Saints (Nov 1) and All Souls (Nov 2) – the Family of God remembers the souls of our departed loved ones. MMOC records the names of parishioners who have died in the previous 12 months in our Book of Remembrance. Everyone is invited to pray for them and to write the names of their own loved ones whose funerals have been in other places, especially those who have died in the last year. The Book of Remembrance will be in a place of honor near the Easter Paschal Candle for the majority of the month of November.

Pictures in Memory of Loved Ones

On All Souls Day, November 2, we remember and celebrate our loved ones who have gone before us marked

by the sign of faith. As part of this remembrance, we invite any and all to bring to church a picture of your family members or friends who have died, and we will arrange them in church. This is not only for those who have died this past year; consider doing this if you have never done it before. Simply place them in the box at the main entrance of the church during Oct. 26-27 weekend Masses. Pictures will be displayed for our Nov. 3-4 weekend Masses and the Nov. 8 service. It would be helpful, but not necessary, if the picture is in a frame that could stand on its own. Please make sure all pictures are marked with your name so we can return them to the rightful owners. They will be available for pick-up after the Nov. 6 service and during Nov. 10-11 weekend Masses at the entrance of church.

Church Cleaning

We are looking for 25 volunteers to help clean the church on Saturday, November 9, at 8 AM. This is a good way for students to earn service hours! And, this is a great way for parish members to work together to help keep our church clean while getting to know one another! The parish will supply rags and an all natural cleaning product. Volunteers are encouraged to bring a 1-gallon bucket. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the church.

Cookie Walk

A very special invitation to the young, the older, the experienced, the non-experienced, females and, yes, male bakers and makers to begin looking through those favorite holiday recipes of yours, whether traditional or something new, and whether it will involve a baking party of one or a baking party of many. This year the Cookie Walk is the closest this event will ever get to Christmas, 10 days from that holiday. Cookies, candies, pies, breads, and Scandinavian sweets will be in more demand than ever. Let us keep the tradition of all that this day represents and make it as special of a holiday parish event as it can be.

For those of you who do not have the setup for baking but want to be a part of this event in some way, cookie decorators are in demand for this year. With more sugar cookie dough to roll out, more decorators with that colorful, creative touch will be needed. Please contact Lu Miller at (608) 788-7383 for decorating specifics. Thank you always from the bottom of our hearts for such support over these past 17 years.

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 air-

fare 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, motor coach 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 Ischwartz@mmoclacrosse.org.

Family Life

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Donald Harman. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to the family and friends who mourn his loss. Eternal rest grant onto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does not meet on Wednesday, October 23. Families should work on at-home lessons 1-2: The Four Evangelists and 1-3: Blessed to be Catholic. We will see you again on October 30.

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 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 if you have questions you may contact catechist Sarah Scarlet at 608-406-7686or 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 enthusi-

astically embrace the idea of collaborating with God to support each other in our spiritual journey and in our service and support of the Church.

Social Justice

Alliance Family Services Walk for Life

The first annual walk for life fundraiser for Alliance Family Services was held on Saturday, 19. It is not too late to donate to this pro-life cause. You can visit the following link and select "Team Mary, Mother of the Church" to make your contribution. https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/website/home/?e=28193.

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. Others help the guests for 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 over-night hours.

Volunteers are encouraged to attend an orientation/ training session on 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 are in the gathering space. Thank you for considering this opportunity to offer food and hospitality to our homeless brothers and sisters. For more information contact Mary Olson at moson@mmoclacrosse.org.

Around the Diocese

Knights of Columbus Annual Turkey Shoot

The annual Turkey Shoot will be held at VFW Hall in La Crosse on November 10 from 12:00 - 5:00 PM. Proceeds from this event go toward the council's charitable work. Tickets for the raffle are \$20 each or \$6 for \$100. Come enjoy an afternoon of fun, food (lunch served throughout the day) and fellowship all for \$5. There will also be a silent auction and some games of skill to increase your chances of being a winner.

St. Pat's Spaghetti Dinner

Show off your cooking skills at the St. Patrick's spaghetti sauce cookoff on Saturday, November 2.Come to St. Pat's in Onalaska from 6:30-8 PM to eat spaghetti, garlic bread, and desserts for \$10/person or \$25/family. Please register your sauce by October 25. Please contact Anne at dre@stpatsonalaska.com with any questions.

A Minute with Jesus

Receiving the Eucharist is our Closest Union with Jesus on Earth. God will never stop loving me. Our heavenly Father speaks these words to me in the Bible: "My steadfast (unwavering, always ongoing) love shall not depart from you" (Isaiah 54:10). God proved His love for me in this way: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him may not die but may have eternal life" (John 3:16). God's boundless love includes Jesus establishing one Church and instituting seven sacraments so that we may be united with Him. The closest union we can have with Jesus on earth is receiving the Eucharist - His own body and blood. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Heavenly Father, help me to know how much You truly love me.

The Family that Prays Together Stays Together

The rosary is a powerful prayer in which we can implore from God what is so badly needed today: the gift of peace and the strengthening of the family. The rosary is also a beautiful prayer in which we reflect on the lives of Jesus and Mary, and this reflection provides helpful guidance in making personal decisions.

During October, the month of the rosary, it is an especially important time to gather your for 10 minutes each day to pray one decade of the rosary. For a downloadable prayer card on the rosary with pictures, a major point about each mystery, and the words of the prayers, visit diolc.org/deeper. Your family will be strengthened and experience greater peace.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

10:30 AM † Gary Werner

By Linda Werner

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

7:30 AM † James Omernik

By Dennis and Kim Hernet

Thursday, October 24, 2024

7:30 AM + Bob Hicks

By Joy Hicks

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare

Center

Friday, October 25, 2024

7:30 ÅM † Alan Bennett

By Kathleen and Oliver Leege

Saturday, October 26, 2024

4:00 PM † Don and Lorraine Helfrich

By Joanne Dierkop

Sunday, October 27, 2024

8:00 AM † Gertrude Kessler

By Mark and Sue Halter

10:00 AM Pro Populo

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

Liturgical Roles Oct. 26-27

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, Sue

Moyle, Mike Keogh, Francesca Ortmeier,

Steve Young

10:00 AM Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes, John

Conzemius, Jo Beth Gaul, Anne Kernan,

Kimberly Krejchik, Rita Sanchez

Lector

4:00 PM Chris Schlegel, Peter Schmitz

8:00 AM Donna Keogh, Charles Heiderscheit

10:00 AM OPEN, Patricia Kirchner

Server

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

10:00 AM Ella Kreichik, Tenley Solverson

Cantor

4:00 PM Therese van Oss 8:00 AM Dawn Mazzola

8:00 AM Dawn Mazzola 10:00 AM Sunday Choir

Musician

4:00 PM Jenny Nielsen 8:00 AM Jenny Nielsen

10:00 AM Jenny Nielsen

Sacristan

4:00 PM Mike Wuensch 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 Linda Gillette (Lead), Arian Arens, Neil Kumm,

Mark Misch, Joe Riemer, Steve Schaub, Mary

Schaub, Phil Watson

8:00 AM Allan Baumler (Lead), OPEN, Peggy Baum-

ler, Pat Burns, Donna Burns, Cindy Klar, Bob

Klar, Joan Weissenberger

10:00 AM Jon Mason (Lead), Lydia Bell, Felicity Bell, Keith Krejchik, Charlene Krocker, Jackson

Massa, Robb Pretasky, Harper Solverson

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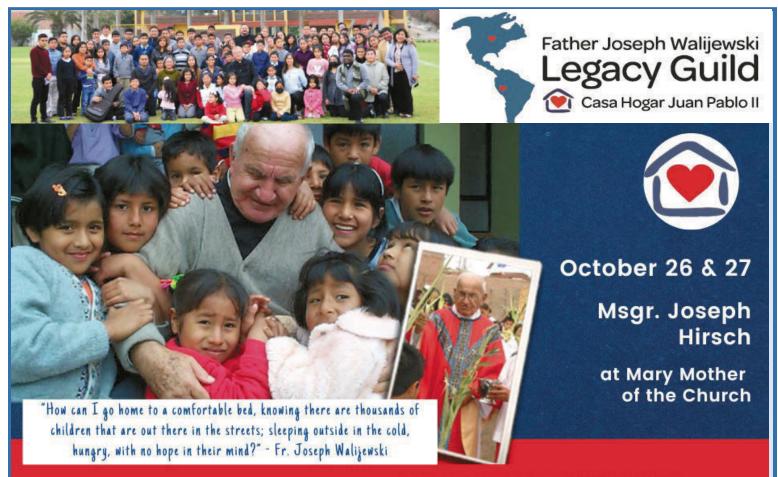
4:00 PM Vickie Kloss, Kevin Moyle8:00 AM Bob Jansky, Charlene Jansky10:00 AM Kimberly Krejchik, Sue Pretasky

Hospitality

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

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss



Msgr. Joseph Hirsch is looking forward to sharing the story of Casa Hogar, a home for youth in Peru, with the mission of delivering high quality care in a family environment. There are 64 children and 8 families who live at Casa Hogar ranging in age from 5 to 18 years. Living together today because of the vision and sacrifices of Fr. Joseph Walijewski.

Through his first hand stories, Msgr. Hirsch will share how over the years Casa Hogar has provided children with a safe and caring environment where they gain the confidence to develop skills that empower and enable them for a more promising future. All thanks to the generosity and support of many people and organizations in the Diocese of La Crosse and throughout the United States.

Learn more about Fr. Joseph Walijewski and Casa Hogar Juan Pablo II at www.homeajpm.org



Miracles of the Eucharist Exhibit at MMOC:

In the history of the Catholic Church, there have been Eucharistic miracles approved by the Catholic Church. They are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. This Exhibit was created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year old from Milan, Italy. The Exhibit will be available for viewing at Mary, Mother of the Church parish on Saturday, Nov. 9 thru Monday, Nov. 11 with a presentation by Patrick Brueggen on Monday, Nov. 11 in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM. We highly encourage you to view the exhibit during this Year of the Eucharistic Revival.

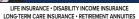
Viewing times at MMOC of the Exhibit, Relics and Bookstore are:

Saturday, Nov. 9 from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (Mass at 4:00 PM)

Sunday, Nov. 10 from 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Mass at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM)

Monday, Nov. 11 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM with speaker Patrick Brueggen following. All are welcome to attend. No reservations necessary. This event is sponsored by Mary, Mother of the Church PCCW and Men's Club.









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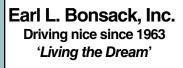
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