October 27, 2024





30th 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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome, Monsignor Hirsch

We welcome Monsignor Hirsch as our celebrant for this weekend's Masses. Msgr. Hirsch is the Executive Director of Casa Hogar, an orphanage in Peru founded by Father Joseph Walijewski.

New Finance Assistant

Tammy Zoroufy will be joining the parish staff as the Finance Assistant in November as Mike Juran transitions back to retirement. Tammy and her husband, David, joined MMOC after moving to La Crosse from Middleton, WI, in 2017. They have



five adult children and are facilitators for FOCCUS and Called and Gifted at the parish and enjoy providing hospitality after Mass on Sundays. Previously, Tammy worked full-time in the business office at the School District of La Crosse. She's excited to transition to this part-time role which gives her the opportunity to serve the parish and have more time with her family.

Portraits from Harmann Studios

Portraits will be distributed after Mass this weekend (Oct. 26-27) in the Parish Hall. Then 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.

All Saints Day

Mass will be on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at Noon and 5:30 PM. No 7:30 AM Mass. This is a holy day of obligation. Other Mass options in the area:

Oct. 31

7:30 PM Roncalli Newman

<u>Nov. 1</u>

6:30 AM St. Patrick

6:30 AM St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral

8:00 AM St. Patrick

8:00 AM St. James the Less

8:00 AM Holy Trinity

8:00 AM Blessed Sacrament

8:15 AM St. Charles (Genoa)

8:30 AM St. Teresa of Kolkata (West Salem)

8:30 AM St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Holmen)

12:00 PM Mary, Mother of the Church

12:00 PM Roncalli Newman

12:10 PM Cathedral

12:10 PM St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Holmen)

5:10 PM St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral

5:30 PM Mary, Mother of the Church

5:30 PM St. James the Less

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6:00 PM Blessed Sacrament

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7:00 PM St. Charles (Genoa)

Liturgical Ministers Needed: Nov. 1, All Saints Day Many liturgical positions need to be filled on Nov 1, All Saints Day. Go to www.mmoclacrosse.org and click on the Ministry Scheduler link at the top of the page, or call

788-5483, ext. 1.

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. Pictures will be displayed for our Nov. 2-3 weekend Masses and the Nov. 6 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. 9-10 weekend Masses at the entrance of church.

Church Cleaning We are looking for 25 volunteers to help clean the church on Saturday, November 9, from 8 - 9 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.

PCCW

Our 2nd PCCW meeting of the year will be on Monday, Nov. 11 at 5:30 pm in the lower level of the Parish Hall. This will precede the speaker, Patrick Brueggen explaining the Miracles of the Eucharist. All are encouraged and welcome to join this group of faith filled women.

Rummage Sale Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with the PCCW rummage sale. It was another successful sale. Many items were donated to The Exchange and Catholic Charities. It was wonderful to see repeat customers and young families taking advantage of great deals.

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

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.

Cookie Walk Craft Area

The 2024 Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 14. We are again having a craft area and would appreciate all your homemade items. Please consider donating to our area. Your donations can be dropped off the day before the cookie walk or we can pick them up. Any questions Vickie Kloss 608-788-4828 or Maureen Spencer 608-782-0994.

Family Life

Welcomed to the Waters of Baptism

Congratulations to Conrad Finn Brandner who was baptized on October 19, 2024. We welcome him to God's family with great joy!

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation meets this Wednesday, October 30 from 5:30 pm-6:45 pm at Mary Mother of the Church. This week we will introduce our next monthly topic: See You at the Finish Line: The Final Coming.

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.

Hand in Hand

Hand in Hand is a new Catholic community for women in the La Crosse area. We will meet the first and third Fridays of the month from 8:30-10:30 AM at Mary Mother of the Church in the Faith Formation Center beginning Nov 1. We will be growing in our faith through a Bible study.



Child care will be provided. Our goal is to create a community of love and support while also growing in our faith. Those without children are welcome to attend as well. Coffee and snacks will be provided. To register scan the QR code and fill out the form. If you have any questions please contact BrieAnn McKenna 319-230-089

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.

Social Justice

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, November 5

Food & Milk: (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM): Joseph van Oss, Pattie Nimocks, Mary Olson, Juli Jansen (milk)

Intake: (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM) OPEN, OPEN, Mary Olson, David Imhoff, Nancy Imhoff

Morning Volunteer: (6:00 AM - 8:30 AM Wed.) Brad Sturm, Lynn Sturm

Free haircuts by Dave Imhoff

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.

Voting in the Upcoming Elections

Voting is a right and a responsibility for us as Catholics. For information on how and where you can cast your vote, and where you can learn more about the candidates, visit diolc.org/faithful-citizenship. You will also find their information on forming our consciences as faithful Catholic citi-

The Good News! Pass it on

When we have seen an exceptional movie or eaten at a restaurant with delicious food, we are most inclined to hand that information to friends and family. In fact, we may even follow up with someone to see if they have gone to the theater or checked out the cafe yet. What better news do we have than this: "Jesus Christ loves you. He gave HIs life to save you. And now He is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen, and free you." We need to relate this "Good News" to others. The added bonus is that in handing this true and essential message on to others, our own faith in God will be strengthened.

For the Sake of a Smile

A Total Commitment

The story is told of a pig and chicken who were walking past a Church one Sunday Morning. Said the chicken to the pig, "You know, over the years those people in there have been pretty nice to us. I think we ought to do something nice for them." "Good idea," said the pig, "What do you have in mind?" "I think we out to have a big banquet," said the chicken. "I'm all for that," said the pig, "But what shall we serve them to eat?" "Bacon and Eggs" said the chicken. "Not on your life!" said the pig. "For you that's just a contribution. For me, it's a total commitment!"

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

7:30 AM + Marg Grosskopf

By Richard Grosskopf Sr.

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

7:30 AM † Steve Pitsch

By Jim Finn

Thursday, October 31, 2024

7:30 AM † Marilyn Servais

By Gordon Nelson

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare

Center

Friday, November 1, 2024

12:30 PM † William Doskocil

By Family

5:30 PM Pastor and Deacon

Saturday, November 2, 2024

4:00 PM † Alan Bennett

By Kathleen and Oliver Leegee

Sunday, November 3, 2024

8:00 AM Pastor and Deacon

10:00 AM † Queto and Carolyn Weber

By Jean Weber

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

Liturgical Roles November 2-3

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM OPEN, Mary Olson, Christine J Nelson, Nancy Imhoff, Dave Imhoff, John Klouda,

Sue Moyle

8:00 AM Deacon Bell, Tom Reichenbacher, Erica

Stanke, Charles Heiderscheit, Nick Berry,

Janice Berry, Anita Olson

10:00 AM Deacon Bell, Lori Hammes, Jo Beth

Gaul, Mary Olson, Barbara Stetzer, Lisa

Doering, Susan Halter

Lector

4:00 PM OPEN, Linda Gillette, 8:00 AM Bob Mahr, Pattie Nimocks

10:00 AM Nancy Steinhoff, Sarah Scarlet

Server

4:00 PM Keegan Gerling, Christopher Hughey

8:00 AM Porter Stanek, Lincoln Stanek
10:00 AM Abby Schelfhout, Izzy Schelfhout

Cantor

4:00 PM Rick Wilson

8:00 AM Haylee Pagenkopf

10:00 AM Sunday Choir

Song Leader

10:00 AM Linda Gillette

Musician

4:00 PM Mary Jo Lium

8:00 AM Jenny Neilson

10:00 AM Jenny Neilson

Sacristan

4:00 PM OPEN

8:00 AM Mike Koegh

10:00 AM Mike Weunsch

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM OPEN, Ben Gerling

8:00 AM The McKenna Family

10:00 AM Jim McGettigan, Kathy McGettigan

Greeter

4:00 PM Phil Watson (lead), OPEN, Olivia Rudie,

Jim Spielbauer, Patrick Hogan, Neil

Kumm, Joe Riemer, Arian Arens

8:00 AM Allan Baumler (lead), OPEN, Deke

Stanek, Cindy Klar, Bob Klar, Peggy Baumler, Daw Lawrence, Karen Perry

10:00 AM Jon Mason (lead), Matt Binsfeld, Elly

Binsfeld, Anna Binsfeld, Megan Binsfeld, Mike Wintheiser, Nathan Wintheiser,

Brenda Wintheiser

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Kevin Moyle, Vickie Kloss

8:00 AM Bob Jansky, Charlene Jansky

10:00 AM Sheri Skelton, Lisa Doering

Hospitality

8:00 AM Mike and Joan Weissenberger

10:00 AM OPEN, Mary Snider

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss

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What is the difference between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day?

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1 and is one of the six holy days of obligation celebrated in the United States. The day celebrates the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. In the west, a key step in the establishment of All Saints' Day was in 609/610 AD, when Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon in Rome as a church and dedicated it to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs.

After rejoicing on November 1 with those of her children who have entered the glory of heaven, the Church then prays for all those who have died and await the day when they will join the company of saints in heaven. This is All Souls' Day which is celebrated on November 2 each year. The doctrine of the communion of saints tells us that the sacrifices and prayers of each Christian are able to help all, so the Church on earth joins the saints in heaven in praying for all those who have died, especially through the Mass. (The custom of praying for the deceased is actually found in the Old Testament [see 2 Maccabees 12:38-46].)

Some ideas for celebrating at home

- Gather for Evening Prayer, using the Office of the Dead.
- Pray the novena for the dead in preparation for All Souls' Day. Place your loved one's name
 in the Book of the Dead at your parish to be remembered by your community.*
- Visit the cemetery. In some places this is done in a community manner on November 2.
 Visiting the cemetery can also be done privately, when the faithful go to the graves of their own families to maintain them or decorate them with flowers and lamps.*
- Have family discussions about death, preparing for death, funerals, and the Sacrament of the Sick. Visit the cemetery with children. Visits to the cemetery should be uplifting, calm and peaceful, not a scary event.*
- If weather permits, a group from the parish could plan to visit a cemetery to walk, pray, read scripture, sing, carry candles, decorate graves, hold a vigil, etc.
- Create a display board in the parish gathering space for the month of November for people to write names and share memories of loved ones.
- Families can have a special meal and place pictures of loved ones and serve loved one's favorite dishes.



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:

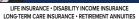
Saturday, Nov. 9 from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM (Mass at 4:00 PM)

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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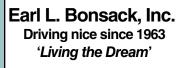
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