November 10, 2024





32nd 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.

Miracles of the Eucharist Exhibit at MMOC

Please join Mary, Mother of the Church on Monday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall for a presentation on Eucharistic Miracles by Patrick Brueggen. The Miracles of the Eucharist Exhibit will be open for view from 5:00 PM until the presentation begins. All are encouraged to attend.

Lector Workshop

All lectors, veterans and prospective, are invited to attend a workshop on Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Chris Carstens, Diocesan Director of Sacred Worship, will present "The Spirituality of Proclaiming the Word." This promises to be a time to enhance one's own soul for this ministry of heralding God's Word. It has been some time since gathering all lectors, and we look forward to seeing everyone. Please notify Jennifer at the Parish Office at 608-788 5483 ext. 1 if you plan to attend. A light breakfast will be available before the program.

Silver Circle

The next Silver Circle is Nov 21. It will be pot luck. Lunch will be served at noon. Come and share a meal and share stories of what you are grateful for. Bring a picture, tell a story, or share something that brings thanks to your heart. Giving thanks needs to be expressed more often than just an annual holiday. I have a story ready to share. I hope you will share yours. Let me know if you need a ride. - Sr. Kathy

Pictures in Memory of Loved Ones

If you placed a picture of your loved one at the back of the church you are welcome to pick them up this weekend Nov. 9-10 after Mass.

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, 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 lschwartz@mmoclacrosse.org.

PCCW

PCCW Meeting

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.

PCCW Vice President

The PCCW is in search of a Vice President. Come and join this wonderful group of faith filled women. Meetings are held every other month. It is a great way to get to know the people of our parish and feel a sense of belonging to the greater good of our church and community. Please pray about fulfilling this wonderful opportunity. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Jolene Goodman. 608-317-9575.

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.

Cookie Walk Crafts

We are again having a craft area at the Cookie Walk and would appreciate al 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. We are also in need of Christmas themed gift bags.. Conact Vickie Kloss 608-788-4828 or Maureen Spencer 608-782-0994 for more information.

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation meets this Wednesday, November 13 from 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church. This week we will be doing a special family activity to help us prepare for Advent.

Families with Children preparing for First Reconciliation

There will the first of two large group meetings on Wednesday, November 20 from 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM at Mary Mother of the Church for all families with a child preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. An optional meal will be provided from

5:00 PM - 5:20 PM. At least one parent and the child preparing to receive the Sacrament must attend. Questions? Contact Kristin Johnson at 608-788-5483 Ext. 4 or kjohnson@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. 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 319-230-0895.

Social Justice

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, Nov. 19

Food & Milk: (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM): OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, Kelli Lewis, Sue Olson (milk)

<u>Intake:</u> (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM) OPEN, OPEN, OPEN Mary Olson, Nancy Imhoff, Larry Lopat

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

Free haircuts by Dave Imhoff

Around the Diocese

Help celebrate the feast of St. Nick with the homeless

New to the Blessed Sacrament Parish Advent Fair this year is "Gifts from St. Nick." The Women's Club is celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (Dec. 6) with the homeless of the Warming Center by donating 40 bags of food, each filled with one day's worth of travel food for one person. Each bag covers all three meals with snacks, a special treat in honor of the feast day, and a prayer card of St. Nick. Help is need to cover the cost of food. The cost to fill a single bag is \$11. Early donations can be sent to the Blessed Sacrament Parish office by Nov. 15 (Donations will be accepted during the Advent Fair on Nov. 16). Cash and check accepted. Please make checks payable to the Blessed Sacrament Women's Club (memo: St. Nick.)

50th Wedding Anniversaries

Calling all couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2025 or 2026 Every year we are honored to do something special for couples who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Each couple receives a packet and certificate, as well as an invitation to attend one of three celebrations that includes Mass with the Bishop followed by a dinner. We use information provided by your parish's records to know where to send the packets and invitations. We are preparing for the anniversaries happening in 2025 and would like to get a head start on the 2026 anniversaries as well. Please contact the parish office to

ensure your wedding date is listed in the parish's records.

Catholic Charities Christmas Programs

Every year hundreds of individuals and families in need request help at Christmas time and to fulfill these requests, we need your help! As Christmas is fast approaching, families are signing up for Christmas presents. If you are able to assist, please contact us and we will match your donation with a child or family needing help this year. There are many ways to help.

- Sponsor a family or join with other families or groups to be a sponsor.
- Donate local gift cards to be distributed to families for purchasing food and gifts.
- Volunteer to help distribute gifts through your local office.

Make a donation at 222.cclse.org and all proceeds with go to purchasing gifts.

St. Patrick ADESSE Raffle Tickets

ADESSE raffle tickets are available at the St. Pat's parish office. Each ticket is \$25 and is eligible for 365 drawings in 2025. There is no limit on how many times a particular ticket can win. Drawings take place each month and checks are mailed to the winners. ADESSE tickets are a wonderful gift for the holiday season and a wonderful stocking stuffer for those who are hard to buy for people on your shopping list.

Karuna Inc. Gala

We are thrilled to announce our first annual Holidays Gala supporting Karuna House on December 7 at the La Crosse Country Club. Karuna Inc. has been diligently working to address the urgent issue of inadequate housing, providing a safe and stable environment for individuals experiencing homelessness. Join us for this evening with dinner, music, auctions and more. Tickets are \$100 each. Please visit https://www.karunahousing.org/gala to purchase tickets, sponsor or donate. Or contact Kristine Hall at krishall@outlook.com or 612-803-3684.

Benefit Concert for "A Place of Grace"

A benefit concert for A Place of Grace will be held Sunday, November 24 at 2 PM at San Damiano Chapel at Viterbo. Music will be provided by Prairie Smoke, Fr. Conrad Targonski and Polly Pappadopolos with an introduction by Tom Thibedeau. There is no admission but monetary and non-perishable food donations will be joyfully accepted.

Scrip

Additional Scrip Purchasing Options

Are you doing any of your holiday shopping online this year? In addition to Scrip gift cards, you can now also get rebates shopping online. Accessible from RaiseRight's phone app or online, choosing "shop online" currently provides over 500 shopping sites to choose from. If you're looking for ideas this holiday season, online options for purchases include food, toys, books, apparel, technology, travel, home goods, pet and office supplies, event tickets, and more. Some exclusively online sites like Etsy, Wayfair and Etsy are also participating in the rebate program. Learn more at https://www.raiseright.com/how-it-works/shop-online.

Encourage Vocations

A study commissioned by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs. If you or someone you know is interested in discovering more about a call to the priesthood Fr. Nate Kuhn, Director of Vocational Recruitment for the Diocese of La Crosse, 3710 East Ave. S. PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602; or by phone at: 608.791.2667.

A Minute with Jesus

God gives you freedom to choose. Make the best choice to love Him above all things. God is your Creator and only wants what is best for you. God created you to be His beloved son or daughter so that you may spend eternity with Him. We must remember! It is our choice: we want to be open and receive God's love knowingly; or we can refuse it. God gives us this freedom to choose Him. Let us choose to receive God's love by receiving the Eucharist – Jesus Himself. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: God, help me not to prefer anything more than You nor to substitute anything for You. Thank You for the grace that will always strengthen me to choose You above everything.

Pregnant and in distress? Help is available 24/7:

Make a confidential call to Catholic Charities at 844.644.7223 (844.64.GRACE) or text 715.600.6391. To learn more, visit cclse.org/i-think-im-pregnant. For additional pregnancy support resources and locations, visit diolc.org/pregnancy-resources.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

7:30 AM † Edna Spohn By Family

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

7:30 AM † Diane Yeske

By Gordon Nelson Thursday, November 14, 2024

7:30 AM † William and Teddy Von Arx

By Francesca Ortmeier

2:00 PM Word Service at Hillview Healthcare

Center

Friday, November 15, 2024

7:30 AM † Ron Weise By Toni Weise

Saturday, November 16, 2024

4:00 PM † Adrian and Lorraine Yaeger
By Kathy and Dennis Bissen

Sunday, November 17, 2024

8:00 AM † Jim Schumacher

By Gloria Beisen

10:00 AM Pro Populo

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

Liturgical Roles November 16-17

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Kelly Jakes, Jim Klock, Mark Misch, Mark Outzen, Kellie Schmitz, Joseph van Oss Therese van Oss

8:00 AM OPEN, OPEN, Janice Berry, Nick Berry, Charles Heiderscheit, Mike Keogh, Anita Olson

10:00 AM Deacon Terry Bell, John Conzemius, Carol Forer, Susan Halter, Lori Hammes, Barbara Stetzer, Mary Olson

Lector

4:00 PM Sue Ernster, Chris Schlegel
8:00 AM Donna Keogh, Bob Mahr
10:00 AM Linda Gillette, Mary Jo Swartout

Server

4:00 PM Aubrey Jakes, Ellyana Jakes 8:00 AM Perrin Richards, Nolan Richards 10:00 AM Ella Kreichik, Tenley Solverson

Cantor

4:00 PM Peter Schmitz 8:00 AM Linda Kloet

10:00 AM Christine J Nelson

Musician

4:00 PM Christopher Carskadon 8:00 AM Christopher Carskadon 10:00 AM Christopher Carskadon

Sacristan

4:00 PM OPEN

8:00 AM Kathy Skiles, Dan Skiles

10:00 AM Mike Wuensch

Gift Bearer

4:00 PM OPEN, OPEN

8:00 AM The McKenna Family
10:00 AM Shannon Klar, Danice Taylor

Greeter

4:00 PM Phil Watson (lead), Arian Arens, Neil Kumm, Patrick Hogan, Kevin Moyle, Joe Riemer,

Olivia Rudie, Jim Spielbauer

8:00 AM Allan Baumler (lead), OPEN, Peggy Baumler, Donna Burns, Pat Burns, Cindy Klar, Bob

Klar, Karen Perry

10:00 AM Jon Mason (lead), Lydia Bell, Felicity Bell, Marcus Klar, Mason Klar, Keith Krejchik, Charlene Krocker, Harper Solverson

Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Vickie Kloss, Kellie Schmitz8:00 AM Bob Jansky, Charlene Jansky10:00 AM Kimberly Krejchik, Sheri Skelton

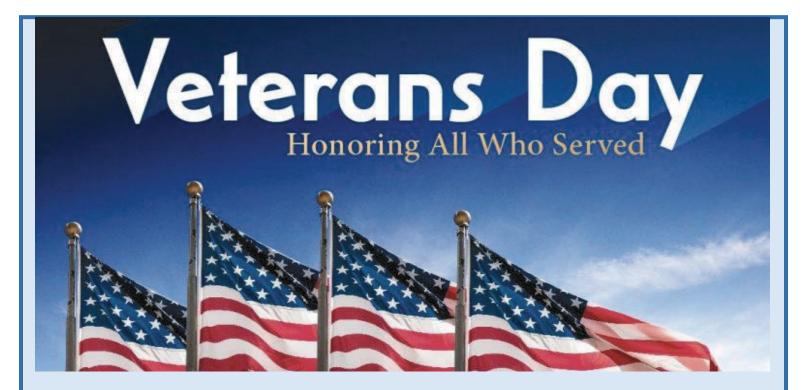
Hospitality

8:00 AM Michelle Morrison, Ken Morrison

10:00 AM Johanna Bell, Mary Snider

Live Streamer

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss



to rest in La Crosse.



geant Jack Hohlfeld at St. Patrick's wall of the missing. Church in Onalaska.

an Japanese POW camp in the Philippines. He was lat- were moved to the Schofield Barracks mortuary in Haer buried in a common grave and his remains were only waii. On May 29, 2024, the Defense POW/MIA Agency recently identified. More than 80 years later, his remains confirmed that one set of remains belonged to Sgt. Jack were finally returned home to La Crosse.

Born in Vernon County and raised in La Crosse and Trempealeau, Hohlfeld served in the US Army Air Corps the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, WWII POW Medal, Good and fought valiantly in the Philippines in intense combat. Conduct Medal, American Defense Medal, Asiatic Pacif-He died in captivity on December 26, 1942, and was ic Campaign Medal with service star, WWII Victory Medburied in Common Grave 811 (CG 811) with five other al, Presidential Unit Citation with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, service members. The remains in CG 811 were inter- Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, and Philippine Demingled and difficult to identify due to swampy condi- fense Ribbon with Bronze Star.

82 years after his death Sqt. Jack Hohlfeld was laid tions. Dental records identified three in 1945-1946, but the other three, including Sgt. Hohlfeld, were deemed On August 26, Bishop Battersby unidentifiable and moved to the American Military Cemcelebrated a funeral Mass for Ser- etery in Manila in 1948, where they were listed on the

Determined to bring her son home, Jack's mother, Sergeant Holyfield was a native Mary Hohlfeld, wrote letters to the War Department for of La Crosse and Trempealeau, years. Jack's niece, Sharon Graw, continued her efforts. who survived the brutal Bataan In 2015, thanks to Sharon's persistence, agencies re-Death March during World War II newed their efforts to identify and repatriate Jack's reand died while being held captive at the cruel Cabanatu- mains. In 2018, the unidentified remains from CG 811 Hohlfeld.

Jack is the recipient of numerous awards, including





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