November 17, 2024



WILL NOT PASS AWAY. MARK 13:31

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

33rd 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.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Thanksgiving Day

Mass will be offered on Thursday, November 28 at 9:00 AM. Let us come together to give thanks to God! Liturgical ministries are needed for this Mass. Please visit www.mmoclacrosse.org and click on the Ministry Scheduler link, or call the office at 788-5483, ext. 1. There will be no Mass Friday, November 29 and the parish office will be closed.

Christmas Mass Times

Now is a good time to mark your calendars and to share with family and friends the Mass times for Christmas. December 24 at 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM December 25 at 9:00 AM

An Evening with St. Nicholas



Join us for an evening with St. 🔳 Nicholas. This family event will be held on the Feast of St. Nicholas, Friday, December 6, from 6 - 7 PM in the Parish Hall. The event



will include singing, crafts, games and treats along with a visit from St. Nicholas himself! All children ages 3 to 7 are welcome to attend with their families. Older siblings are welcome too! There is no cost to this event but to help us better plan, please let us know how many children are coming by registering using the QR code. Contact Kristin with any questions. (788-5483, ext. 4 or kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org).

Angel Tree 2024

The tree is up and decorated with angels. As in the past, each angel has a dollar amount attached. You have the opportunity to donate cash or check or purchase scrip of your choice in that amount and place it in the box. Angel Tree All angels and donations need to be turned in



by Dec. 3. This project is designed to help Catholic Charities provide for families in need during the Christmas Season. Thank you for always being so generous.

Dec. 1 Bulletin

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, articles for the Dec 1 bulletin will be due on the morning of November 18

Portraits

There are still a number of portraits ready to be picked up in the office. You can drop by and retrieve yours Tuesdays through Fridays from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Church Cleaning Thank You

Thank you to the great group of volunteers who worked so hard last Saturday to give our church a deep cleaning before the upcoming holidays.

Parish Hall Attendants

We are seeking individuals to train as Parish Hall attendants to supervise scheduled events. If you are able to help with this please contact the office at 608-788-5483

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 Linda questions, please contact Schwartz at lschwartz@mmoclacrosse.org.



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 Sign-ups Begin this Weekend

The Cookie Walk is on December 14 and Mary, Mother of the Church Cookie Walk needs makers of every kind. If you are a cookie, candy, bread, Scandinavian specialty maker or soup and chili maker, please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the back of the church, or if you have an imagination for crafting something special. Do not forget to pick up the drop- off instructions for your baked goods when signing up.

Raffle tickets will go on sale beginning next weekend with two locations available for purchasing tickets: the Gather Space with a descriptive reading of each basket's contents and in the Parish Hall where The Mystery Box, furniture and an assortment of raffle baskets will be on display. Tickets are \$1 each, 5 for \$6, or 10 for \$12 \$12. The drawing will take place at the Cookie Walk (you do not need to be present to win.)

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation does NOT meet for the next TWO WEEKS (Nov. 20 and 27). Families should work on at-home lessons 2-2: Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory and 2-3 Hope and/or catch up on any other home lessons. We will see you again on December 4.

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.

Social Justice

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, Nov. 19

<u>Food & Milk:</u> (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM): Katie Ott, Sue Kratt, Kathy Gillen, Kelli Lewis, Sue Olson (milk)

Intake: (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM) Sue Kratt, Bill Kratt, Jenifer Friedman, Mary Olson, Nancy Imhoff, Larry Wopat

<u>Morning Volunteer:</u> (6:00 AM - 8:30 AM Wed.) Brad Sturm, Lynn Sturm, Neil Kumm

Free haircuts by Dave Imhoff

Helping hands are always welcome. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mary Olson at 651-301-0989 or Molson@mmoclacrosse.org.

Around the Diocese

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 University. Music will be provided by Prairie Smoke, Fr. Conrad Targonski and Polly Pappadopolos and there will be an introduction by Tom Thibedeau. There is no admission but monetary and non-perishable food donations will be joyfully accepted.

Healing Service at Sacred Heart in Cashton

There will be a healing service and Mass on Dec 2. Adoration and confession at 4:30 PM, Mass at 5:00 PM, Corporate prayer for healing at 6:00 PM and an individual healing ministry at 7:00 PM. These times are approximate and participants are welcome to come and go as they please.

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 include Mass with the Bishop followed by a dinner. We use information from 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 records. - Diocese of La Crosse.

Cathedral Christmas Bazaar

The Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman is holding their annual Christmas Bazaar ad Bake Sale on Saturday December 7 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the church undercroft. There will be a wonderful selection of unique gift items, Christmas décor, handmade greeter cards and religious items. The bake sale will feature a fabulous selection of cookies, cakes, breads and candy.

The Season of Advent Begins in Two Weeks

This year the season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 1. Advent is the four weeks that we set aside for preparing our hearts before the annual celebrations of Christ's birth on Christmas. The Incarnation - God becoming man is the turning point of history. Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He promised to send us a Savior after the original sin of Adam and Eve. And He kept His promise. The Son of God was born in Bethlehem in order to give His life for us on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven, so that we "may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). Living life to the full means knowing the truth, having a relationship with Jesus in prayer and being united with Him in the sacraments. This is no small matter, and of course, we want to take this time of preparation during Advent seriously. Choose one simple way that you can spend time during Advent more focused on the "reason for the season."

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. To learn more you can visit https://www.raiseright.com/how-it-works/ shop-online.

Large Scrip Orders

A friendly reminder that if you intend to purchase a large amount of scrip at one time the best thing to do is to order a week or two ahead. This way we don't run out. You can easily do this online and pick up after Mass.

Red Lobster Scrip

There are still some \$25 Scrip cards for Red Lobster available. These are the perfect solution for that hard to buy for friend or relative who lives in Rochester, MN.

Pope Francis' Intention for November

In his prayer intention for November, Pope Francis prays that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter might find consolation in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

A Minute with Jesus

Give Thanks for God's Greatest Gift! God's greatest gift to you is the gift of His own Son. Jesus is your Savior and loves you unconditionally. Jesus desires to be with you always and therefore Jesus gives Himself to you in the holy Eucharist so that He can live in your heart. The holy Eucharist is Christ Himself. You know that Jesus is your greatest friend because He gives Himself to you completely in the holy Eucharist. It is helpful to remember that the word Eucharist means thanksgiving. Be thankful to our Heavenly Father in a much deeper way this Thanksgiving for the incredible gift of the Eucharist. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, thank You for giving Yourself to me in holy Communion and being my closest friend.

Pastoral Letter on End of Life Decisions

On Nov. 2, the Feast of All Souls, Wisconsin's bishops released the 4th edition of their pastoral letter on end of life decisions, Now and at the Hour of Our Death. The letter provides guidance on many aspects of endof-life planning and decisions, and it can be accessed at wisconsincatholic.org/parish-resources/endoflife/, or For questions related to the moral principles for end of life decisions, you may contact Chris Ruff - Office for Ministries and Social Concerns (cruff@diolc.org).

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 19	9, 2024	
7:30 AM + William Do	skocil	
By Family		
Wednesday, November 20, 2024		
7:30 AM † Jim Schu	macher	
By Diane Si	lha	
Thursday, November 21, 2024		
7:30 AM † Alan Benr	nett	
By Family		
2:00 PM Word Servi	ce at Hillview Healthcare	
Center		
Friday, November 22, 2024		
7:30 AM † Colleen V		
By Mark an	d Sue Halter	
Saturday, November 23, 2024		
4:00 PM † Larry Wei	bel	
By Family		
Sunday, November 24, 2024		
8:00 AM + Paul Gase	:h	
By Family		
10:00 AM Pro Populo		
The Rosary is prayed before each weekday Mass Tuesday through Friday beginning at 7:05 AM.		

Liturgical Roles November 23-24

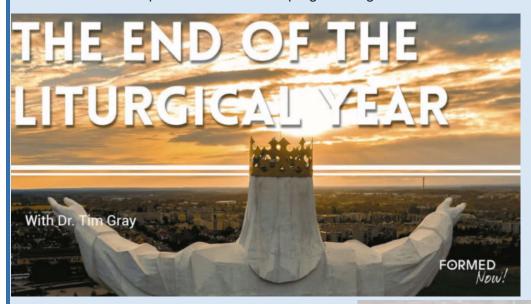
Minister of Holy Communion 4:00 PM OPEN, Nancy Imhoff, Dave Imhoff, Kevin Moyle, Jim Klock, Steve Lefever, Kellie Schmitz 8:00 AM Gloria Biesen, Mike Keogh, Lance Miller, Tom Reichenbacher, Sandy Poellinger, Steve Young 10:00 AM Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes, John Conzemius, Susan Halter, Anne Kernan, Patti Sherry Lector 4:00 PM Peter Schmitz, Mark Outzen 8:00 AM Linda Elsen, Bob Mahr 10:00 AM Bill Brendel, Nancy Steinhoff Server 4:00 PM Christopher Hughey, Izzy Schelfhout 8:00 AM Isabella Miller, Hallie Miller 10:00 AM Louie Berendes, Hank Berendes 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 Christopher Carskadon 10:00 AM Jenny Nielsen Song Leader 10:00 AM Kimberly Krejchik Sacristan 4:00 PM OPEN Jane Vogel 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Anne Kernan **Gift Bearer** 4:00 PM Steve Klar. Erin Klar 8:00 AM Jennifer Miller, Lance Miller 10:00 AM Nick Hammes, Lindsey Hammes Greeter 4:00 PM Phil Watson (Lead), Arian Arens, Neil Kumm, Joe Riemer, Mary Schaub, Steve Schaub, Chris Schlegel, Jim Spielbauer 8:00 AM OPEN (lead), OPEN, OPEN, Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles, Mary Lawrence, Dave Lawrence, Rosie Pennebecker 10:00 AM Jon Mason (Lead). Charlotte Berendes. Mike Wintheiser, Brenda Wintheiser, Jerry Kernan, Chuck Berendes, Polly Berendes, Jackson Massa Scrip Seller 4:00 PM Kevin Moyle, Dee Sauer 8:00 AM OPEN, Mary Genz 10:00 AM Tammy Byington, Lisa Doering Hospitality 8:00 AM Francesca Ortmeier, Dave Ortmeier 10:00 AM David Zoroufy, Tammy Zoroufy Live Streamer 4:00 PM Dave Imhoff

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Join Dr. Tim Gray as he examines scripture and takes a deep dive into the wisdom of the Church as she closes out the liturgical year and leads us to the celebration of Christ the King of the Universe. A fascinating look at the end times and the importance of focusing on Christ as sovereign over all.

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Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss Christmas, holidays, liturgical seasons and family traditions. This presentation takes a deeper look at some of the history and meaning of our traditions at this time of year.

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