

January 19, 2025



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



The 2nd 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.

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Parish Directories

The Pictorial Parish Directories have arrived and will be distributed at the main entrances of the church next weekend (Jan 25-26) for those who participated by having their picture included in the directory.

Time for a New Ministry Schedule

We will soon be working on the Ministry Schedule that will run from Feb. 1 to April 30 for Lectors, Cantors, Servers, Sacristans, Ministers of Holy Communion Greeters and Scrip Sellers. Please submit any "Can't Serve Dates" through the online scheduling tab on the parish website under Ministry Scheduler or by calling Jennifer in the parish office at 608-788-5483 x1 before Jan 21,

Holy Hour for Protection of the Unborn

A Holy Hour for Life will begin at 6:30 AM on Wednesday, January 22 before the 7:30 AM Mass. This day of prayer and penance is called the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion" (*The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373*). While *Roe v. Wade* was overturned by the Supreme Court in 2022 by its decision on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, this did not establish legal protection of the unborn at the federal level but sent it to individual States, and most States offer little protection.

World Mission Sunday Thank You

A heart-felt thank you was received from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and our Diocesan Mission Office. Our response to Pope Francis' call to "Go and invite everyone to the banquet" raised a total of \$3,704.26.

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.

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation meets this Wednesday, January 22 from 5:30 to 6:45 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church. This week we welcome guest speaker Kristina Smaby Schoh, Holmen native, former Miss Oktoberfest and Miss Wisconsin, turned author who will give us an interactive presentation based on her family friendly book, *Seek and You Shall Find*.

Diocesan Annual Appeal



Social Justice

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, Jan. 21

Food & Milk: Pattie Nimocks, Mary Schaub, LuAnn Miller, Robin Woodwick, Linda Gillette (milk) (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM)

Intake: (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM) Mary Olson, Nancy Imhoff, Matt Deshler, Karen Deshler, Bill Kratt, Sue Kratt, Sarah Kopski

Dave Imhoff - Haircuts

Morning Volunteer: OPEN, OPEN, (6:00 AM - 8:30 AM Wed.)

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

Upcoming Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Fr. Billy Dodge – May 28 – June 6, 2025

Medjugorje is not just a pilgrimage, it's an immersion experience into a rhythm of prayer in a setting steeped in the Lord's peace. Many have said it is the closest to heaven on earth they have experienced. Pilgrims on this grace-filled journey will enjoy the guidance and leader-

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ship of Ann Vucic, early witness to the Medjugorje apparitions and very experienced guide.

If you are interested in receiving more information about the pilgrimage please email Angela Bujan at ascapbujan@gmail.com. Please note there are limited spots available and registration will be on a first come first serve basis.

Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

Join Father Antonio Musa, Croatian Franciscan Priest and Pastor of St. Jerome parish in Chicago and Ann Vucic, Catholic speaker and pilgrimage coordinator on Tuesday, January 21 at Roncalli Newman Parish at 5:15 for Mass followed by prayer and talks on Medjugorje. For more information contact Angela Bujan at scapbujan@gmail.com.

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Program

Retrouvaille has been a lifeline for marriages for over 45 years. Whether a couple has drifted apart, separated, or even divorced, this 3-phase program offers hope for all who want to restore their marriages and rebuild loving relationships. Affordable, Catholic in origin and open to couples of all faiths, the next program begins with a weekend stay in Wausau area February 14-16, 2025. For local info and fully confidential registration call: 877-922-HOPE (4673). More at HelpOurMarriage.org.

Pancake and Omelet Breakfast

The Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman is hosting a pancake and omelet breakfast on Sunday, February 9 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. All you can eat Sausage and Pancakes \$10, Omelet, Hashbrowns and toast \$12, Biscuits, Gravy and Eggs \$10 or \$5 for a half order Kids 12 and under \$5 and Kids under 3 eat free. Proceeds will go to support the La Crosse Warming Center.

Human Trafficking Prevention Month

January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Learn more about the vast, tragic reality of human trafficking, and what you can do to make a difference, by visiting usccb.org/offices/migration-refugee-services/human-trafficking, or scanning the QR code.



Post-Abortion Healing Ministry and Retreats

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Project Rachel Ministry offers a compassionate heart and confidential help. Call 608.860.6698 or you can email projectrachel@diolc.org. There are also post-abortion healing retreats offered in the Diocese of Madison (March 28-30, 2025 and Nov. 7-9, 2025). For more information, visit madisondiocese.org/rachel or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code.



Men of the Cross "Forgiveness and Freedom"

Save the Date of March 8 at Blessed Sacrament Church, La Crosse. There will be Mass with Bishop Battersby and the keynote speaker will be Bob Kroll. More information will be available soon.

Consecrated Virginity Informational Weekend

"The rite for the consecration of virgins belongs to the treasures of Roman Liturgy. Jesus Christ left holy virginity as a legacy to His bride (the Church), one of His most precious gifts." Have you been given this gift? Join us Jan. 31 - Feb. 2 at Holy Cross Diocesan Center for an enriching, informational weekend about living in the world as a consecrated virgin. A registration form can be found by clicking at diolc.org/events or you can simply contact Barbara Swieciak at 608.788.7700 ext: 2271. For information in general about consecrated virginity for women living in the world, see diolc.org/consecratedlife/consecrated-virgins.

March for Life

In solidarity with the March for Life in Washington, D.C., there will be a local hour of prayer and protest outside Planned Parenthood, 1201 Caledonia St. in La Crosse, on Saturday, January 25, from 11 a.m. – noon. All are invited to join in this pro-life witness sponsored by La Crosse Life League.

Help for those suffering from the wildfires in California

As fast-moving wildfires continue to engulf neighborhoods in the Los Angeles area, Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) has launched a dedicated disaster relief donation campaign. All funds raised will assist those displaced or suffering because of the fires. To donate, visit ccusa.online/fires, scan the QR code to the right (allowing an easy way to paste into the bulletin so parishioners can donate) or text "FIRES" to 20406.



The Rosary in a Year Podcast

It's Not Too Late to Join In On January 1st, Father Mark-Mary Ames launched The Rosary in a Year podcast with Ascension Press. You are most welcome to join for FREE as an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ and the Blessed Virgin as you understand the beauty and significance of the rosary. This is a 10-minute daily podcast to hear about the basics, what it means to have a relationship with Jesus and Mary, the meaning of the prayers, understand better the different mysteries and how to meditate on the life of Christ to encounter Him. Download the prayer plan at AscensionPress.com/RosaryinaYear.

Aquinas Schools

ACS Enrollment

Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Current family re-enrollment is now open and new student enrollment begins January 20. You can call 608-784-8282 to schedule a tour. Contact info@aquinasschools.org with any questions.

After-Care Workers Needed

Blessed Sacrament Elementary School is looking for After-Care Workers from 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM. There is some flexibility with these hours. Please contact Kate Moll at 608-782-5564 or kate.moll@aquinasschools.org.

Mary, Mother of the Church

A Minute with Jesus

Why does Jesus want to stay with us always? You know that Jesus wants to stay with you always because He loves you unconditionally (completely). Why? Because He wants to be with the person He loves. How do you (we) know He loves you so much? Jesus gave His life for you by dying on the Cross so that your sins can be forgiven. Let's pray this right now and every day this week. Thank You Jesus that You want to be with me all the time.

For the Sake of a Smile

Homilies - More is Better?

There was a preacher who didn't know when to stop. A man came up to him and said, "Your sermon this morning sounded time like the peace and mercy of God." Being pleased to hear this, the preacher made the mistake of asking the man what he meant exactly, "Well," the man said, "It was like the peace of God" 'Which is beyond all understanding' (Phil. 4:7, and it was like the mercy of God because I thought it would endure forever!" Psalms 136:1.



Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

7:30 AM † Gloria Hundt
By Richard and Patricia Krause

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

7:30 AM † John Clark
By William and Marilyn Jaekel

Thursday, January 23, 2025

7:30 AM Colleen Vollenweider
By Dave and Linda Kloet
2:00 PM Service of the Word at Hillview Healthcare Center

Friday, January 24, 2025

7:30 AM † Doris Stuber
By Joe and Mary Sue Junyen

Saturday, January 25, 2025

4:00 PM † Lorraine Beal
By Evelyn Hammes

Sunday, January 26, 2025

8:00 AM Living and Deceased members of the Berry, Passe, Roskos and Baptist Families
By Nick Berry
10:00 AM Pro Populo



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

Liturgical Roles January 25-26

Minister of Holy Communion

- 4:00 PM Linda Heilman, Gary Heilman, Kelly Jakes, John Klouda, Christine J Nelson, Mary Schaub, Mark Outzen
8:00 AM Janice Berry, Nick Berry, Pat Burns, Donna Burns, Charles Heiderscheit, Steve Young
10:00 AM John Conzemius, Susan Halter, Lori Hammes, Kimberly Krejchik, Barbara Stetzer, Mary Olson

Lector

- 4:00 PM Sue Ernster, Peter Schmitz
8:00 AM Bob Mahr, Francesca Ortmeier
10:00 AM Jerome Iverson, Mary Jo Swartout

Server

- 4:00 PM Aubrey Jakes, Ellyana Jakes
8:00 AM Kaitlin Ortmeier, Olivia Taylor
10:00 AM Abby Scheiffhout, Izzy Scheiffhout

Cantor

- 4:00 PM Linda Kloet
8:00 AM Haylee Pagenkopf
10:00 AM Natalie Solverson

Musician

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

Song Leader

- 10:00 AM Linda Gillette

Sacristan

- 4:00 PM Linda Kloet
8:00 AM Jane Vogel
10:00 AM Linda Schwartz

Gift Bearer

- 4:00 PM OPEN, OPEN
8:00 AM Dave Ortmeier, Francesca Ortmeier
10:00 AM Rachel Egan, Sally Egan, Andrew Egan

Greeter

- 4:00 PM Phil Watson (Lead), Patrick Hogan, Olivia Rudie, Neil Kumm, , Jim Spielbauer, Mike Weissenberger, Joan Weissenberger, Steve Schaub
8:00 AM OPEN (Lead), OPEN, Allan Baumler, Peggy Baumler, Isabel Harden, Cindy Klar, Bob Klar, Kylie Ortmeier
10:00 AM Robb Pretasky (Lead), OPEN, Andrew Egan, Linda Gillette, Andrew Schwartz, Gabriella Stratman, Trisha Stratman, Gavin Stratman

Scrip Seller

- 4:00 PM Kevin Moyle, Kellie Schmitz
8:00 AM Mary Genz, Karen Perry
10:00 AM Tammy Byington, Sheri Skelton

Hospitality

- 8:00 AM Kim Lansing, Paul Lansing
10:00 AM Lisa Doering, Sam Horman, Casey Horman

Live Streamer

- 4:00 PM Joseph van Oss

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SUNDAY,
JANUARY 19,
2025

Total number of abortions in US
(1973 – 2020):

63.6 million+

Number of abortions in US
(2020):

930,160

Abortions per day:

2,548

Abortions per hour:

106

**1 Abortion every
34 seconds!**

Information from **All American Life League**

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

On January 22, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a presidential proclamation designating the third Sunday of January as National Sanctity of Human Life Day.

Churches and Pro-Life organizations across the United States use this day to bring awareness to the attacks that are waged daily against human life through the abortion industry.

One of the best ways we can protect unborn lives is by bringing into the light the darkness of abortion, and supporting local pregnancy help organizations who daily reach women and families with a message of hope.

“Hear me, coastlands, listen, distant peoples.
Before birth the Lord called me,
From my mother’s womb he gave me my name.” - Isaiah 49:1

January Pro-Life Initiatives, Prayers and Intentions:

Though the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision declaring a right to abortion was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2022, many states’ laws are hostile to preborn children. And so our pro-life prayers and efforts are just as important as ever. Learn more and find parish and personal resources from our U.S. Bishops at respectlife.org, or by scanning the QR code .






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