# April 6, 2025





# The 5th Sunday of Lent

#### **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 Fifth Sunday in Lent

#### **Easter Triduum Schedule**

Holy Thursday, April 17 at 7 PM with adoration until 10 Good Friday, April 18 at 1 PM Easter Vigil, April 19 at 8:30 PM Easter Sunday, April 20 at 8 AM & 10 AM

#### Lenten Regulations

Lenten regulations are as follows:

- 1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
- 2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

#### Silver Jubilee of our Parish

Mary, Mother of the Church was officially established on April 9, 2000. We celebrate this milestone this weekend of April 5-6. On Saturday, the mosaic of Divine Mercy is blessed at the 4:00 PM Mass and a celebratory dinner of meatballs and buttered noodles is served after the Mass at 6 PM. The dinner is free and no reservations are required. On Sunday, free donuts and a continental breakfast is served by members of Music Ministry in the parish hall after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. Let's celebrate the good things that have happened during the past 25 years as Mary, Mother of the Church looks forward to our future as we focus on His Life and His Mission.

#### **Parish Directories**

Parish directories will be available for purchase in the Parish Hall during the Silver Jubilee celebrations after Masses on the weekend of April 5-6. The cost is \$20. Directories will be available to purchase in the parish office after that weekend.

#### **Bulletin Deadlines**

Our publisher has given us advance deadlines for submission for upcoming bulletins leading up to Easter. Articles for April 13 bulletin are due April 7 and articles for the April 20 bulletin, articles are due April 11. The earlier bulletin submissions can be given to the parish office the easier it will be to make these deadlines.

#### **New MMOC Website Launching Next Week**

The new MMOC website is ready! You will see it when you visit www.mmoclacrosse.org beginning Easter Week. The new site incorporates best practices, device responsive design and online forms and incorporates photos and videos in new and attractive ways. It has been designed to help visitors get to know our parish family and provide needed information quickly.

We have had wonderful help along the way and wanted to thank our website redesign committee, our group of website testers and Ben Tierney-Morrison for the beautiful video on the home page. Please join us in a very special thank you to Joseph van Oss, whose 20+ years of dedication providing website services to the parish has laid the foundation for MMOC's digital pres-

ence on the internet as he "hands over the keys.".

Take a look and let us know what you think by emailing webmaster@mmoclacrosse.org.

#### **Cathedral Individual Confessions**

Priests will be available to hear individual confessions at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral on Monday, April 14 at 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Devotions are held at 4:00 PM every Friday during Lent through April 11. Eucharistic Exposition and individual confessions will take place prior to Stations of the Cross at 3:00 - 3:50 PM.

#### **NEEDED: Liturgical Ministers**

Liturgical positions need to be filled for Holy Week Masses. This includes Sacristans, Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters, Gift Bearers, and Servers. Please consider filling in if you are available. Go to www.mmoclacrosse.org and click on the Ministry Scheduler link at the top of the page, or call Jennifer at 608-788-5483. ext. 1.

#### **New Life Choir**

The New Life Choir will sing Easter Morning, April 20 at the 8:00 AM Mass. We will meet to rehearse on Tuesday, April 8 at 9:00 AM in the music room (lower level of the Parish Hall). Email or call Mary Jo Lium if you are interested in joining the choir mjlium@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 ext. 8.

#### Children's Choir

We are asking all children 5K and older to join our Sunday Choir in leading the music on Easter Sunday, April 20 at the 10:00 AM Mass. All music will be done from the balcony. We are asking everyone to be in the choir loft ready to go at 9:45 AM.

#### Time for a New Ministry Schedule

We will soon be working on the Ministry Schedule that will run from May 1 to July 31, 2025 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 April 18.

#### **Church Cleaning**

Thank you to everyone who helped give the church a spring clean on Saturday, April 5!

#### **Easter Flowers**

We are already receiving donations for Easter flowers in memory of loved ones. Flowers will be purchased throughout the Easter Season to add to our extended celebrations. You may use the special envelopes in your envelope pack for this. If you choose to use WeShare and donate electronically, please contact the parish office so that your memorial intention can be recorded for the bulletin as there is no option to add this online.

#### Rummage Sale

The Spring Rummage sale will take place on April 25 from 11 AM to 3 PM and April 26 from 8 AM to 11 AM. Donations may be dropped off from 8AM to 3PM on

Thursday, April 24 in the Parish Hall. We are unable to accept; curtain rods or blinds, file cabinets, magazines, binders, computers and televisions. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space. This event is a good opportunity for students to gain service hours!

### **Spring Chicken Que**

The Spring Chicken Que will be held on Thursday, May 8 for \$12 per ticket. Sign up sheets for volunteers and tickets will be available at Masses in the Gathering Space. For ticket reservations please call 608-518-6145. You can also reserve by emailing chickenque@mmoclacrosse.org. Please support this major parish fundraiser.

## Faith Formation

### **Family Faith Formation**

Family Faith Formation does not meet Wednesday April 2. Families should be working on their At Home Lesson 6-3: The Prodigal Son and 6-4: Catholic Prayer Traditions.

#### **OCIA**

Please pray for our candidates who are preparing to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil: Ann Lorenz, Ashley Wateski, Braelyn Wateski, Scarlett Wateski, Corey Myers, Keila Ryan, Leah Brandner, and Sharyn Jordan.

Father of love and power, it is your will to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into his allembracing love. Please guide our candidates in the days ahead: strengthen them in their vocation, build them into the kingdom of your Son, and seal them with the Spirit of your promise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for them!

#### Confirmation

Twenty young men and women from Mary, Mother of the Church are set to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter season! Most will be Confirmed on Wednesday, April 23. This Mass is to be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman by Bishop Battersby. Some will be Confirmed on Wednesday, May 7. This Mass is to be celebrated at St. Patrick's in Onalaska by Bishop Battersby. All are welcome to attend one or both of these events in support of these young members of our parish family. Both Masses will begin at 6:30 pm. Come, Holy Spirit!

# Social Justice

# Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, April 15

<u>Food & Milk:</u> Linda Gillette, Pattie Nimocks, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN (milk) (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM)

Intake: Mary Olson, Nancy Imhoff, Linda Gillette, Rob Pretasky, Sarah Kopski, Sue Kratt, Bill Kratt (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM)

Morning Volunteer: Brad Sturm, Linda Sturm (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.

#### **Lenten Collection - Alliance Women's Clinic**

This year's Lenten Collection supports Alliance Women's Clinic - a state-of-the-art pregnancy resource center in La Crosse. They advocate for the unborn, women and families facing unplanned pregnancies. Please be generous and consider attending the Open House on April 8.



# **About Us**

Alliance Women's Clinic is a Christ-centered nonprofit medical ministry, offering free, compassionate care to women and families in the La Crosse area. Our professional team provides essential medical services, pregnancy support, and spiritual guidance.

Join us April 8 to learn more!

# Men's Club

The next meeting of the MMOC Men's Club will be April 9 at 7 PM.

# Around the Diocese

#### **Chrism Mass**

The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, and consecrates the Sacred Chrism used in the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15, at 10:30 AM., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending!

**Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27** 

The Deanery of the La Crosse Diocese has chosen the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. You are invited to make a pilgrimage for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27.

The schedule for the day:

9:00 AM Latin Mass

11:00 AM Spanish Mass

12:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet in Spanish

1:00 PM English Mass

2:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2:45 PM Divine Mercy Reflection & Consecration by Cardinal Burke

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet led by Cardinal Burke,

3:15 PM Benediction & Reposition

3:30 PM St. Faustina Relic Blessing & Veneration.

Confessions will be available 30 minutes before the 9 & 11 AM Masses until all are heard and then at 12 Noon - 4 PM. Cart shuttles will be available for pilgrims from 8AM-5PM. For more information, please call the Shrine at (877) 799-4059.

"On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday), the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." – Diary of St. Faustina #699

## **Weekly Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

7:30 AM + Corrine and Joe Juran

By Mike and Cathy Juran

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

7:30 AM + Gloria Hundt

By Evelyn Hammes

Thursday, April 10, 2025

7:30 AM Intentions of Nixie Oldenberg

**Bv Sue Halter** 

2:00 PM Service of the Word at Hillview Healthcare

Center

Friday, April 11, 2025

7:30 AM † Donald Wavra

By Susan and Dennis Hansen

Saturday, April 12, 2025

4:00 PM + Clifford Johnson

**By Sharon Johnson** 

Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:00 AM Julie Waterman

By Tony Weise

10:00 AM Pro Populo



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

# Liturgical Roles April 12-13

#### Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 PM Linda Gillette, Dawn Kutt, Christine J Nelson, Mark Outzen, Chris Schlegel, Kellie Schmitz

Therese van Oss

8:00 AM Charles Heiderscheit, Sue Moyle, Francesca

Ortmeier, Kathy Skiles, Dan Skiles, Steve

Young

10:00 AM Lisa Doering, Susan Halter, Anne Kernan,

Shannon Klar, Kathy McGettigan, Mary Olson

#### Lector

4:00 PM Peter Schmitz, Sue Ernster8:00 AM Bob Mahr, Barbara Stetzer10:00 AM Pattie Nimocks, Terri Pedace

#### Server

4:00 PM
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
Zeke Schramm, Jude Schramm
Nolan Richards, Perrin Richards
Christopher Hughey, Izzy Schelfhout

#### Cantor

4:00 PM Nancy Misch 8:00 AM Dawn Mazzola 10:00 AM Christine J Nelson

#### Musician

4:00 PM Mary Jo Lium 8:00 AM Mary Jo Lium 10:00 AM Mary Jo Lium

#### Sacristan

4:00 PM Mike Wuensch

8:00 AM Kathy Skiles, Dan Skiles

10:00 AM Carol Forer

#### **Gift Bearer**

4:00 PM Ben Gerling, Lindsey Goyette

8:00 AM Jennifer Friedman, Stephanie Schmitt 10:00 AM Jim McGettigan, Kathy McGettigan

#### Greeter

4:00 PM Phil Watson (Lead), Jackson Harpenau, Mary

Schaub, Steve Schaub, Chris Schlegel, Mike Weissenberger, Joan Weissenberger, Patrick

Hogan

8:00 AM Allan Baumler (Lead), Pat Burns, Donna Burns, Kerry Groetsch, Sue Groetsch, Cindy

Klar, Bob Klar, Karen Perry

10:00 AM Robb Pretasky (Lead), OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, Jackson Massa, Abby Schelfhout,

Mike Wintheiser

#### Scrip Seller

4:00 PM Kevin Moyle, Heidi Schlegel8:00 AM Bob Jansky, Charlene Jansky10:00 AM Tammy Byington, Sue Pretasky

#### Hospitality

8:00 AM Dave Ortmeier, Francesca Ortmeier

10:00 AM Lisa Doering, Sam Horman, Casey Horman

#### **Live Streamer**

4:00 PM Joseph van Oss

**Divine Mercy Mosaic** 

Inspired Artisans installed the mosaic on Saturday, vation and protection of our water re-March 29, for the blessing this weekend as we celebrate sources is also an important effort to enour parish's Silver Jubilee. The small vigil candle sconc- sure the availability of clean water for future es will be powder coated and installed later this month, generations. How can you demonstrate and the Sacred Heart statue will be relocated to the hall- God's mercy? way of the Parish Hall this spring.

This article focuses on the Corporal Works of Mercy: highlighting the seven medallions that depict how we are to bring the Mercy of Jesus to our neighbors in need, as Jesus shared with St. Faustina, "I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere" (Diary 742).

Jesus' heart, representing His Blood, are life for souls and radiate through these medallions. quate and appropriate clothing. Jesus' call From top to bottom:

Feed the Hungry

Give Drink to the Thirsty

Welcome the Stranger (Shelter the Homeless)

Clothe the Naked

Visit the Sick

Visit the Imprisoned

Bury the Dead

The first six Works of Mercy come directly from Jesus' parable of the goats and sheep.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory... the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them...He will place the sheep

on his right and the goats on his left.

who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom pre- hospital, home-bound, or in a nursing home? pared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you the need to Visit the Imprisoned. Those gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked serving sentences in our local jails are and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison made in the image and likeness of God and you visited me.

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these ters and sons of the Eternal Father. Our least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matt. 25:31-40.

> ea students receive free or reduced lunches, mercy. and 1 in 3 people are considered poor or

near poor. These statistics highlight the great need for our food pantries and other social services. We have baskets in the sanctuary at every weekend Mass (and holy day) for food, which is delivered to Catholic Charities. Also, our Matthew 25 group gathers on Thursday afternoons in our parish kitchen to extend this mercy to to your neighbor?

so non-profit organizations that seek to bring water to need is a great act of mercy.

less developed areas of the world. Conser-



A place to call home is a struggle for some in our area.



Our parish assists the Warming Center, which provides shelter from Nov. - April by covering the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays of the month. Other local agencies and organizations seek to assist individuals and families in finding, securing, and furnishing

a home. Many people simply need a welcoming smile or The Corporal Works of Mercy tend to the an invitation to belong, including those in our parish and physical needs of others. Each medallion de- families. (Thank you, parish Greeters!) As you meditate sign was chosen to help us meditate on how to on the image of loving hands holding a home, how can live these Works of Mercy. The red rays from you Welcome the Stranger and Shelter the Homeless?

> Another basic need of each human is adeto Clothe the Naked reminds us to consider what excess we have in our closets that we could provide to Catholic Charities Men's Closet, the winter wear we can give to the



Warming Center or the financial resources we could donate instead of spending on more for ourselves. As you gaze at this image, consider how to give to those most in need.



Visiting the Sick became impossible during the recent pandemic, and the deep need for personal touch and interaction became crystal clear. This need has not changed. Do you have a next-door neighbor who would love to visit over coffee? Do

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you you have time to bring the Holy Eucharist to those in the

The image of a jail door reminds us of and thus have dignity as beloved daugh-



local Jail Ministry provides for their temporal and spiritual The first image, Feed the Hungry, is repre- needs. They have many ways in which you can support sented by hands offering a loaf of bread, their mission and donate materials. Take a moment to According to a recent COMPASS report, review their website, www.lacrossejailministry.org, and more than half of the Greater La Crosse Ar- ask the Lord to show you how He desires you to extend

> The final Work of Mercy is Bury the Dead, represented by the image of a casket and digging tools. Under significant risk to his own life, Tobit

took it upon himself to ensure his people were honored with a proper burial (Tobit 1:18-19). Today, we can extend this same mercy to others by attending funerals and

our community, especially through the Warming Center visitations, sending cards to those in mourning, requestoperated by Catholic Charities. As you meditate on this ing Mass intentions for our loved ones, or even pre-plan image, how can you bring God's mercy by providing food our funeral. Our parish has a wonderful team of volunteers: New Life Choir, Greeters, and many others, espe-The image of hands offering a drink of water reminds cially those who serve dinners and provide desserts. us to Give Drink to the Thirsty. In our area, this need es- While it is not easy to accompany the mourning or say pecially arises during the summer months. There are al- goodbye to friends and family, being present to those in SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



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