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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.

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4pm
Sunday 8am & 10am
Tuesday–Friday 7:30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm
or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8am-3pm

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 8am-3pm.
Silver Circle  Mark your calendar, the next Silver Circle potluck will be held in the Parish Hall Thursday, Nov. 15 at 11:15am, lunch served at 11:45am. A guest speaker from the La Crosse Police Department will give a talk about the many scams going around our area. We will be collecting cans of peaches and pears for the Salvation Army Christmas Baskets, please be generous!

Election Day: November 6  Exercise your faith...and your right to vote! Your Catholic Voice Matters!
- Consider the values and priorities expressed in the Republican and Democratic Party Platforms at diolc.org/faithful-citizenship.
- Review election and candidate information at various sites, both Christian and secular, including:
  - wisconsinrighttolife.org/vote/ (Wisconsin Right to Life)
  - wifamilyaction.org/election-central/ (Wisconsin Family Action)
  - prolificwi.org/legislation-and-elections (Prolife Wisconsin)
  - my.lwv.org/wisconsin (League of Women Voters)
  - elections.wi.gov/voters (State of Wisconsin Voter Information Center)

See Catholic resources (English and Spanish) from our bishops at diolc.org/faithful-citizenship. The Diocese of La Crosse does not endorse candidates or parties, but wishes to lend its voice in forming consciences for faithful citizenship.

Communion Calls  The following parishioners will receive Communion in their homes this week: Mary Carlson; Ed & Reddiece Semb; Olivia Krajewski; Carol & Clayton Weis; Gerald Sheehan; Catherine Larson; Betty Butterfield; Jim Lesch; Don Bowman; Janice Mosher; Margaret Bakkum; Marilyn Lawrence; Bob O’Connor; Barb Starkey and Lois Hayek. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist in their home, please call the parish office at 788.5483.

Monthly Mass Social  Please join us Thursday, November 8, after the 7:30 am Mass for coffee, conversation, and fellowship.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention For November  That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Food Baskets for November  Catholic Charities is grateful for all the food donations and is most in need of socks, underwear, long underwear for men; weatherproof gloves and hats for the whole family; non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners; coffee and hot chocolate.

Remembering Holy Souls in November  In the month of November we remember the souls of our faithfully departed, especially those whose funerals were held here at MMOC in October 2017 - September 2018.

Sharon Lintelmann  James Lyden
Ronald Strittmatter  James Sanchez
Art Yost  Rose Oldenberg
David Gregory  Bernadine Miller
Margaret Beito  Dorothy Blum
Helen Pitz  Charlene Hansen
Hugh Boschert  Fr. Edwin Thome
Donald Scheitzach  Jim Bina
James Krett  Mary Jo Carl
Raymond Hengel  Helen Schye
Sara Norton  Jerry Sullivan
Marian Crogan  Donna Werner
Vincent Schams  Rheta Rogneby
Sally Amundsen  Ashley Goyette
Philip Thaldorf  Norman Fuerhelm
Al Lueck  Lorraine King
Jean Kihm  Clyde Butterfield
James Woods  Evelyn Werner
LaVonne Lepsch  Bernice Driscoll
Dorothy Kaczorowski  Donald Chernick
Louis Krajewski  Marci Christopher
Joe Hottinger  Phil Steinhoff
Phyllis Mlsna  Bernice Celius
William Coughlin  Don Helfrich
Martha Coughlin  Sherri Seeling
Mary Sexauer

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 is in a place of honor near the Easter Paschal Candle for the majority of the month of November.
Evening of Remembrance An Evening of Remembrance Prayer Service will be held on Monday, November 5 at 6:30 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.

Pictures in Memory of Loved Ones Thank you to everyone who shared pictures of your loved ones. The picture display will remain in place through Monday’s “Evening of Remembrance”. You may collect your pictures after the 6:30 Service. Any pictures remaining will be placed in a box in the gathering space of the church to be picked up in the coming days.

Church Cleaning Many volunteers showed up early to help out on Saturday morning. Thank you so much!

Blest Art A representative with Blest Art is visiting our parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support these families in the Holy Land by selling their hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries and many pieces of olive wood art. Please consider purchasing their products. They accept cash, check and all major credit cards.

World Mission Sunday Thank you to all who supported the Missions. As of October 30, $1,225 has been collected. Extra envelopes are available on the Usher’s Table if you would still like to make a donation.

Prayer to St. Michael Bishop Callahan has asked parishes to pray to St. Michael the Archangel for his assistance "to help rid us, the Church, of its current evils." Parishes were given latitude to decide the length of time, and MMOC will say the prayer until Advent begins on Dec. 1. Thank you to the 200+ people who signed Father Konopa’s letter to the bishop and pledged to fulfill the spiritual commitments prior to the Nov. 12-14 meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

A Handbell Choir For All Ages Is Forming Rehearsals will be on Fridays from 3:45 to 4:30 in the Music Room in the lower level of the Parish Hall. Just come and try it out - no long-term commitment expected. First rehearsal will be this Friday, November 9th. For more information, e-mail Nancy Misch at nancyinlax@yahoo.com

Family Life

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jeff Murphy, Mary Soller, and Marge Grosskopf. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to their families and friends who mourn their loss. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

New Parishioners MMOC is delighted to welcome Cecile Lewis; David and Tammy Zoroufy and their sons Luke and Aaron; Luke Medinger and Clara Degallier to the parish.

Catholic Education

First Reconciliation Meeting There is a meeting THIS Sunday in the parish Hall after the 10am Mass.

Men’s Club

Football Mania Winners Week 7 Congratulations to the following winners: Gina Caldwell, Luke Dobbins, Brent Dwyer, Stephanie Grover, Sue Olson, Vicky Baldridge, Mark Olson, Brian Smith, Todd Arens, Kathy Chapiewsky, Joe Cina, Jim Sinniger, Bill Antony, Tammy Brown, Ken Koeller, Bill Gilles, Tom Stuttgen, and Bev Dwyer!

Men’s Club Meeting The next Men’s Club meeting is Wednesday, Nov 7 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All men of the parish are invited.

Pancake Breakfast Thank you to the Men’s Club for the wonderful pancake breakfast last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who ate pancakes, over 300 people were served. Mark your calendars the next pancake breakfast will be Superbowl Sunday, February 3, 2019!

PCCW

November PCCW Social Join us for the PCCW Meeting on Monday, November 19 at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Audrey Lucier, Director at Franciscan Spirituality Center will speak on the topic, “At the Heart of Things: Diving Deep into Spirituality”. A Social with refreshments will follow. All the women of MMOC are members of our PCCW. Hope to see you there.
Calling All Crafters! We are looking for gifted parishioners who are crafty and would like to donate their special homemade crafts to our craft area at the 2018 MMOC Cookie Walk in December. Now is the time to begin thinking of your special projects. Please contact Vickie Kloss at 788-4828, Judy Wuensch at 788-6453, or Emily Waller at 788-0710 with your ideas or questions.

Mark Your Calendars The 2019 Cookie Walk is Saturday, December 8, 7:30am-1pm. We are back at home n our own Parish Hall this year!

Scrip

Plan Ahead For The Holidays As Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Christmas approach, please plan ahead for your Scrip purchases for all your shopping, baking, decorating and gift buying needs. Purchase scrip in the parish office on Fridays from 8am-3pm and before/after all weekend Masses. You can also buy scrip online, please call Brandee in the office for all the details 788-5483, ext. 3.

Ordering Scrip Online Please remember if you are ordering Scrip online that all requests made by Sunday night will be processed Monday morning and the Scrip cards will be delivered to the parish office by Friday afternoon.

Flood Relief

We received a thank you card from Catholic Charities for our $24,000 donation to local flood relief: $12,981.03 from a special collection; $10,890.56 from the fall Chicken-Que; $128.41 from the Works of Charity Fund.

Dear MMOC Parishioner,

Both as a fellow parishioner and as an employee of Catholic Charities, Thank You!

The gift of $24,000 that you so graciously entrusted to us will be used both before and after FEMA addresses the problems. Today, we are covering cost of day-to-day living like mortgage payments. Once FEMA has distributed their aid, we will cover necessities that they weren’t able to cover. Please know that I’m available if you have any questions.

In Christ, Grant Withrow

Disaster Recovery Helpline for Catholic Charities: 608-519-8038 or 888-212-4357 x. 1238

Liturgical Roles

November 10th & 11th

Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Gary Heilman, Linda Heilman, John Klouda, Kevin Moyle, Mary Olson, Kellie Schmitz
8:00 a.m. Gloria Biesen, Mike Kemp (sub req.), Chris Schlegel, Mary Jo Schumacher, Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles
10:00 a.m. Terry Bell, Betty Brendel, Bill Brendel, Carol Forer, Jean Francis, Anne Kerman

Sacristans

4:00 p.m. Germaine Klouda
8:00 a.m. Jane Vogel
10:00 a.m. John Conzemius

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Peter Schmitz, Mary Olson
8:00 a.m. Charles Heiderscheit, Joseph van Oss
10:00 a.m. Bill Brendel, Lisa Caya

Servers

4:00 p.m. Harmony Gasch, Kyle White
8:00 a.m. Tyler Kainz, Amelia Kainz
10:00 a.m. Abby Ziolkowski, Brett Ziolkowski

Musicians

4:00 p.m. Judy Roraff
8:00 a.m. Judy Roraff
10:00 a.m. Judy Roraff

Cantors

4:00 p.m. Mary Kulas
8:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf
10:00 a.m. Rick Wilson

Ushers

4:00 p.m. John Dooley, Rich Larkin, Herb Meyers, Rick Mix, Kevin Moyle, Laura Papenfuss, Phil Watson, NOT FILLED
8:00 a.m. Kohl Blanco, Ed Garbers (sub req.), Joe Kotnour, Howard Olson, Mike Vogel, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
10:00 a.m. Andrew Fischer, Jerry Kernan, Gary Norton, Patrick Schams, Jalen Schams, Steve Shaker, Daniel Skifton, Don Wavra

Gift Bearers

4:00 p.m. Marie Meyers, Herb Meyers
8:00 a.m. Anita Olson, Howard Olson
10:00 a.m. Carole Malles, Ron Malles

Hospitality

8:00 a.m. Margie Ley, Tom Ley
10:00 a.m. Jordan Stratman, Trisha Stratman

Scrip Sellers

4:00 p.m. Kimberly Schmitz, Kellie Schmitz
8:00 a.m. Ann Kotnour, Joe Kotnour
10:00 a.m. Sheri Skelton, Gehrig Skelton

Money Counters

10:00 a.m. Kathy Chapiewsky, Fred Monk, Patty Watson
Building Our Future Together

The value of legacy has a special impact on us this time of year. During November we remember our deceased loved ones and pray for them, especially on All Souls Day and Veterans Day. We also begin preparations for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and we remember our family traditions. Perhaps it’s by making one of grandma’s favorite recipes or by using the heirloom dishes that were passed down to us as we set the table for the holiday feast; legacy is part of our family living.

In last week’s bulletin, we recalled legacy gifts of Lorraine Johnson, Dr. Gerald Miller, and Pat McCabe. These are not the only legacy gifts the parish has received.

Additionally, over the past three years that our parish has focused on Building Our Future Together, we have received memorial gifts (or “gifts in lieu of flowers”) to our Building Fund honoring about 160 different loved ones totaling nearly $73,000. Thank you to all for remembering your parish in this way.

In a week’s time, a mailing will arrive at our homes with a special request for your consideration.

What kind of legacy do you want to leave behind? Planned Gifts are one way to let people know what you will always value and cherish.

Did you know … if you are 70 ½ years old or older, you may be able to make a tax-free gift from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) directly to Mary, Mother of the Church Parish? Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is not difficult. Here are some pointers:

- You must be 70 ½ or older at the time of your gift.
- You may transfer any amount up to $100,000 directly from your IRA to a qualified charitable organization such as Mary, Mother of the Church Parish.
- The check must be made payable to Mary, Mother of the Church Parish (not to you). It may be sent directly to the parish (2006 Weston St., La Crosse WI 54601) or it can be sent to you for delivery to the parish.
- A Qualified Charitable Distribution is not included in your taxable income (which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA). Since it is not considered taxable income you may benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions.
- If you have not yet taken your Required Minimum Distribution for the year (generally by December 31), your IRA charitable distribution gift can satisfy all or part of that requirement.
- If you wish more information about this type of gift, a tax advisor or your IRA plan administrator will provide assistance. It is not too early to contact them if you plan a gift before December 31.

Please continue your prayers for our parish as we continue to Build Our Future Together.

### Weekly Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018**
7:30 am † Joe Kessler  
by Mark and Sue Halter

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018**
7:30 am † Helen Zieja  
by Tom and Kathy Zieja

**Thursday, November 8, 2018**
7:30 am † Kathleen Eagon  
by Betty Butterfield
2:00 pm (at Hillview)  
by Charles and Paula Heiderscheit

**Friday, November 9, 2018**
7:30 am † Janice Garbis  
by Charles and Paula Heiderscheit

**Saturday, November 10, 2018**
4:00 pm † Eleanor (Hawes) Corrigan  
by Jack and Pat Darling

**Sunday, November 11, 2018**
8:00 am † Elaine Weisbecker  
by Dick Weisbecker
10:00 am For the People

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

### The 2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal

For many years MMOC has met and surpassed the target with the confidence of knowing we are doing our part to help the broader church while enjoying the rebate which is returned to the parish. This fiscal year’s target is $103,190. Regardless of how generous our circumstances allow us to be, each of us can return our pledge cards. If a household cannot give this year, that’s understandable. But PLEASE, return your pledge card...even if "$0" or "prayers only" is the response. Let’s move closer to 100%!

![Graph showing progress towards the 2018 Diocesan Annual Appeal goal]