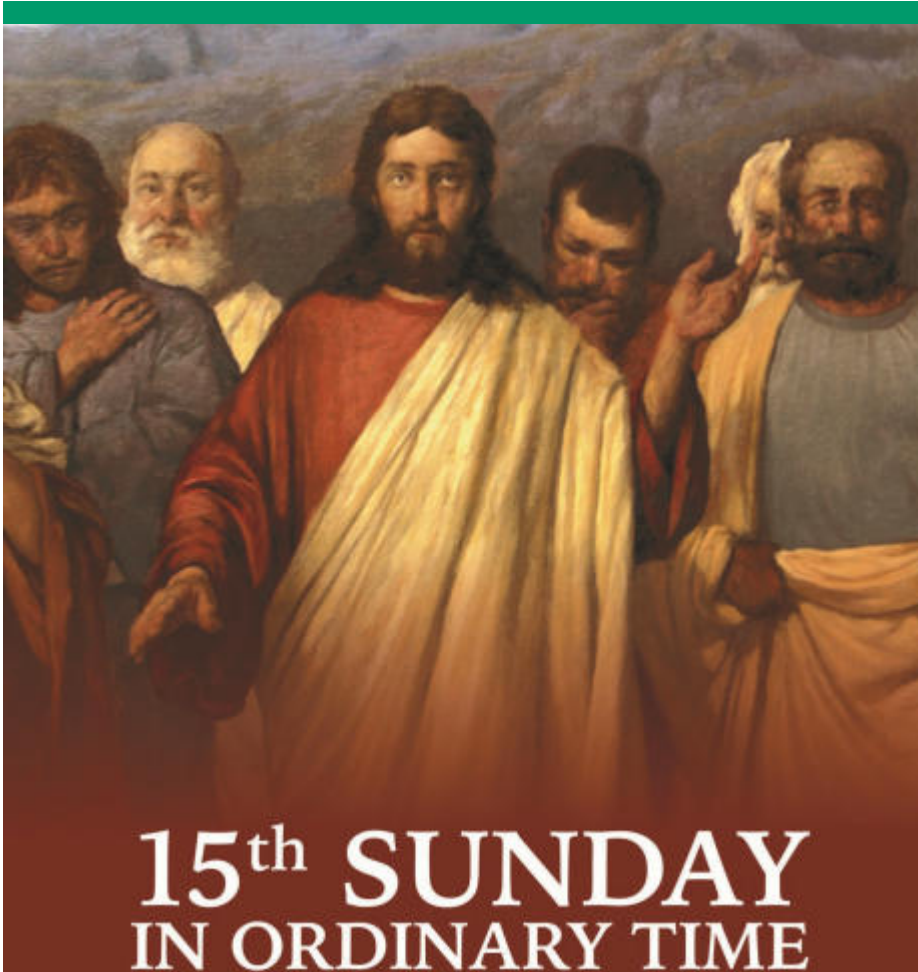


July 15, 2018



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Time for a New Ministry Schedule

We will soon begin working on a new Ministry Schedule that will run from August through October. Please submit any "Can't Serve Dates"

through the online scheduling tab on the parish website, www.mmoclacrosse.org or by calling the parish office, 788-5483, ext. 2 by Wednesday, July 18 at the latest. If you are new to the parish or have been here for a while and are interested in participating in a Liturgical Ministry, please contact the parish office to find out more.

Recorded Homilies The new camera in church is fully operative. Not only can church events be seen in the Parish Hall whenever needed; now, we can record homilies through our church's sound system, which allows clear sound quality. Check out the difference on the parish website and parish app, which can be downloaded via mmoc.mobi.



Food Baskets for July Catholic Charities is grateful for all the food donations and is most in need of Back to School Items, especially scientific calculators, flash drives, disinfectant wipes, binders, back packs, expo markers, Kleenex, washable markers, ear buds/head phones, and pencil sharpeners.

2018 Pastoral Council Elections Are you interested in serving your parish in a more active way? The Parish Pastoral Council meets about 4 times a year (usually 3rd Thursdays at 6:00 pm) to advise the pastor on a variety of topics concerning pastoral planning. Terms last for three years. If you are interested or if you want to learn more about this opportunity to serve your parish please call a member on the Election Committee:

Bill Brendel	787-8054
Sue Halter	769-4029
Bob Mahr	788-6599
Joan Weisenberger	788-8131
Father Konopa	788-5483 ext. 7

You may nominate yourself or recommend someone else: anyone who is a practicing Catholic, registered at Mary Mother of the Church, has received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and is at least 18 years old. Simply call the Parish Office (788-5483 ext. 2) with your nominations or self-nomination by July 17 at Noon. Someone from the Election Committee will contact the nominees to check on their level of interest and invite them to an informational meeting on August 7 at 6:00 pm. Elections will be September 22-23. Please give this some prayerful consideration!

Sesquicentennial Books For Sale Celebrating its 150th anniversary (March 3, 1868 - March 3, 2018) the Diocese of La Crosse has published a beautiful, hardcover, full-color, 464-page coffee-table book exploring the Catholic faith of the people of west central Wisconsin: "Feed My Lambs". The \$33 books are on sale in the parish office.

Knights of Columbus La Crosse Council 839

The Knights of Columbus have supported the Silver Rose Run for Our Lady of Guadalupe for over 50 years. The roses are presented to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico on her feast day Dec. 12. With the expansion of the Run to 6 Roses 5 years ago, Wisconsin Knights joined in. The purpose of the Run is to bring people back to Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Mother the Ever Virgin Mary. The Rose will be at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, July 17 with a 10:15 prayer service followed by 11 AM Holy Mass. A prayer intention booklet will be available.

Catholic Education



Aquinas Catholic Schools is now enrolling for the 2018-19 school year

Preschool enrollment is still open for the 2018-2019 school year. Offered at both St. Patrick Elementary located in Onalaska and Cathedral Elementary located in La Crosse. Our program provides high-quality early childhood education for 3 and 4-year-old children. For enrollment questions please call (608) 784-8585 or visit admissions.aquinascatholicsschool.org

Baptism Class Parents who are welcoming a new baby to their families are asked to attend our Baptismal Preparation.

Session I - Sunday, August 5 at 9:00 - 9:50 am (immediately following the 8 am Mass)

Session II - Monday, August 6 at 6 - 7 pm

Upcoming Baptism weekends will be August 11 & 12 and September 8 & 9. Please contact the parish office to register: 788-5483 x. 2



Cathletics VBS Put on your running shoes and sweat pants! It is time to train to be a Champion for Christ! This sports-themed VBS will inspire kids to love Christ and others through games, stories, songs and crafts! Holy Trinity Vacation Bible School is open to all children entering grades K-5. This exercise will take place August 20-24, 9:00-11:30am. Contact Rebecca at Holy Trinity: holytrinityreled@charter.net or call 782-2028.



Mary, Mother of the Church

Holy Trinity Middle School Ministry Camp In conjunction with our Elementary Vacation Bible School program, we are very excited to be offering, for the first time ever, an option for our Middle School students!! All students entering Grades 6-8 are invited to join us for three evenings of prayer, fun and our ultimate goal...service in our community! Tuesday - Thursday, August 21-23, 6:30-9:00pm. Need not be members of Holy Trinity Parish to participate! Contact Rebecca at 782-2028 or holytrinityreled@charter.net for more info.

Family Life



Wedding Banns (III) Robert Gachnang (Sacred Heart, Marshfield) and Michelle Schaub (MMOC) on June 29, 2018. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding.

Welcome to the Waters of Baptism Congratulations to Parker Ray Saxton who was baptized on July 7 at the 4pm Mass! We welcome him to God's family with great joy!

Requiescat in Pace Please pray for the repose of the soul of Donna Werner. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to her family and friends who mourn her loss. *Eternal rest grant onto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.*



PCCW

"Will You Come and Follow Me?"

Women's Leadership Training Session
Saturday, August 4 9-3 p.m.
MMOC Parish Hall

Cost - \$30 Registration Deadline - July 23

The National Council of Catholic Women Leadership Training and Development Team is coming to La Crosse for a day of learning, prayer and formation. Leadership does not come with a title or position; it is our actions. We are all called to be leaders in our families, in our parishes, and in our communities. This session brings together Catholic women to listen, discuss, learn and share how leadership works together. Registration forms are on the Bulletin Boards at all the church entrances.

Ladies, we have been called upon to provide a light lunch (salads and desserts) for the attendees of this program. We will have sign-up sheets on the Bulletin Boards at all the Church entrances. Thank you in advance for your support.

Parish HALL Rental Policy Over the past few months we have been working on drafts of a **Rental Policy** for our new Parish Hall and Religious Education Center. We have solicited input from several outside organizations and individuals who rent or contract these facilities, and have reviewed drafts with our Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, BOFT Commission, and parish staff. We have developed a policy effective July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. We have specifically stated a term of one year for the policy with the intention to be able to review, refine, and modify the policy after we have had some experience renting out the facility. The Rental Policy is available on the parish web site. You may phone the parish office (788-5483) and talk to Allie or Deacon Sage regarding the availability of the Parish Hall and Religious Education Center.

Dinners and Doings

St. Joseph The Workman Cathedral Anointing of the Sick Mass There will be Mass with the Anointing of the Sick Sunday, July 22 at 10:30am at the Cathedral. This sacrament is given to those who are preparing for major surgery, who have serious health concerns as well as the aging and the dying.

Queen of the Americas Guild Annual Conference The 13th Annual conference at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse will be held on July 27 & 28, 2018. The theme of this year's conference is "Our Lady of Guadalupe – Mother of the Civilization of Love". In addition to the keynote address by His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, others confirmed on the panel of presenters include Cardinal Rivera Carrera, Archbishop of Mexico City, Emeritus; Most Rev. Arturo Cepeda, archdiocese of Detroit; Msgr. Eduardo Chaves, Institute for Guadalupan Studies. For more info please visit: www.queenoftheamericasguild.org.

Healing Through Grief Group Mayo Clinic Health Systems, Franciscan Healthcare offers sessions and educational topics with time to share for those experiencing grief. These sessions take place alternating Mondays August - December from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the Dale Conference room on the second floor of the hospital next to Administration. The first session meets August 6 and will discuss "The Grieving Process: What's Happening to Me".

*I have a great need for my Lord.
I have a great Lord for my need.*

July 15, 2018

Building Our Future Together

Last weekend we had the opportunity to preview the lower level Religious Education Center, which also includes our new Music Room. Those who toured the lower level realized how fittingly it was described as a “preview tour” because there wasn’t any furniture except for the risers in the Music Room.

On Thursday we added a piano...because our church piano has been replaced by a Grand Piano (!!!) - allowing the piano in the sanctuary to be moved to the Music Room. Office furniture was scheduled for arrival this week, too. We’re on our way to having the lower level equipped for choir rehearsals, Religious Education on Wednesday evenings, and other uses. Our goal is to have it ready by September.

For Religious Education on Wednesdays, we have 6 rooms for 6 grades (Kindergarten – Grade 5). These students come directly from various elementary schools immediately after school to be taught by veteran catechists and teacher’s aides who are excited to use the new classrooms, too!

For the last 6 years, we have partnered with Holy Trinity to catechize Grades 6-10 on Wednesday evenings. Holy Trinity hosted the middle school students (Grades 6-8) and we hosted the high school students (Grades 9-10).

In early February we knew we had enough funds to complete the lower level and would be hosting our own middle school students, but so many other items had our attention: Lent/Holy Week/Easter, construction meetings and decisions, hosting first-time events in the Parish Hall (including the April 9 blessing and dinner), drafting a Rental Policy, and preparing the 2018-19 budget (among many other things). After the Confirmation Mass at the cathedral (April 25) and the final religious education class (May 2), we began to consider our Middle School Program (and High School Program).

We only had one parishioner helping Holy Trinity with the middle school program (Kara Herlitzke), so we would need at least 5 others to join the team. We also considered the teaching model we had been offering our middle school students: the textbook model. Available textbooks are written for Catholic Schools; however, our RE students essentially have a single “night class” each week from mid-September to late-April (“interrupted” periodically with Penance Services, Stations of the Cross, etc.), so it’s a real challenge to cover the material. As devoted as our catechists have been and as much energy as they exerted, it still is dependent on sitting with a textbook...and it doesn’t always capture the imagination and enthusiasm of our youth who are attending after a full day at school.

We learned more about the program offered by Roncalli Newman, Blessed Sacrament, and Cathedral parishes. It’s called “Edge.” It’s a 3-year curriculum for the 3 years of middle school, and it touches upon all the highlights of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It also has the feel of “youth ministry” each night:

-GATHER: Students gather as a large group for opening prayer and an activity centered around the topic for the evening.

-PROCLAIM: A catechist proclaims the teaching of the night in a large group setting.

-BREAK: The teens break into small groups with one or two adult catechists per group. They dissect the topic presented with questions and activities.

-SEND: The teens gather as a large group for a recap, a task or challenge for the week, and a closing prayer before being sent.

This sounds like a dynamic program which builds relationships with Christ and with each other, so when they return to their middle school, they feel supported and responsible to each other and to the Lord.

But, how are we going to prepare for this program? The three parishes invited us to consider joining them and we invited them to consider coming to Mary, Mother of the Church so we could host “Edge.” It feels like the best of both worlds: they offer an experienced team to lead Edge and we have a wonderful facility to host Edge. So, it’s going to happen!

We have one huge need: about 5 adults who are willing to be small group leaders for the BREAK session. About 5 adults who have a heart for “meeting our teens where they are at” and a heart that beats for Jesus and our Catholic Faith.

Next weekend, Kristin (Krocker) Johnson from Roncalli Newman Parish will speak at each Mass to describe the program, what is asked of volunteers, and to answer any questions after Mass.

It’s exciting to plan new ways to use our new facilities! Please pray for the “spiritual success” of the Edge program for our middle school students. It’s an important way in which we are Building Our Future Together!

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

7:30 am † Pat McCabe
by John and Elaine McKee

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

7:30 am † Robert Foley
by Gloria Biesen

Thursday, July 19, 2018

7:30 am † Jerry Weilandt
by La Verne Schaller
2:00 pm † Charlie Hall and Margi Higgins
by Linda Kuehl
(at Hillview)

Friday, July 20, 2018

7:30 am † Betty Fitzpatrick
by Lu Ann Miller

Saturday, July 21, 2018

4:00 pm Ron and Charlotte Phelps in honor
of their 60th Wedding Anniversary
by Jackie and Warren and LaVonne

Sunday, July 22, 2018

8:00 am For the People
10:00 am † John Smyth
by Scott Gerke

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



Building Our Future Together As of July 10, 2018

PHASE IV \$870,000 Church Maintenance	\$160 K	
PHASE III \$900,000 Religious Education Center	\$900K	\$775 K
PHASE II \$4 Million Parish Hall	\$4.00mil	\$3.91mil
	Pledges and Other Projected Earnings	Received
PHASE I \$400,000 School Bldg. Deconstruction	ACHIEVED!	

Liturgical Roles

July 21st & 22nd

Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. John Klouda, Betty Koenen, Kevin Moyle,
Mark Outzen, George Smith, Larry Weibel

8:00 a.m. Gloria Biesen, Anita Olson, Jerry Roesler,
Chris Schlegel, Jane Vogel, NOT FILLED

10:00 a.m. John Conzemius, Carol Forer, Barbara
Hauke, Shannon Klar, Lance Miller, Barbara
Stetzer

Sacristans

4:00 p.m. Germaine Klouda

8:00 a.m. Jane Vogel

10:00 a.m. Linda Schwartz

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Sue Ernster, Linda Gillette

8:00 a.m. Charles Heiderscheit, Donna Omernik

10:00 a.m. Pattie Nimocks, Nancy Steinhoff

Servers

4:00 p.m. BJ Gerling, NOT FILLED

8:00 a.m. Amelia Kainz (sub req.), Maria Kainz (sub
req.)

10:00 a.m. Ryan Schwartz, Zackary Schwartz

Musicians

4:00 p.m. Judy Roraff

8:00 a.m. Judy Roraff

10:00 a.m. Bridget Misch

Cantors

4:00 p.m. Linda Kloet

8:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf

10:00 a.m. Krista Clements Orlan (sub req.)

Ushers

4:00 p.m. Rich Larkin, Kevin Moyle, Dale Olson, Laura
Papenfuss, Don Stoeckly, Phil Watson, NOT
FILLED, NOT FILLED

8:00 a.m. Jack Darling, Paul Gale, Ed Garbers,
Howard Olson, Mike Pitsch, Mike Vogel,
Steve Weiland, Mike Weissenberger

10:00 a.m. Al Bennett, Darius Driver, Brit Larson, Jim
Servais, Bill Sherry, Jimmy Sherry, Daniel
Skifton, Phil Steinhoff

Gift Bearers

4:00 p.m. Ben Gerling, Holly Gerling

8:00 a.m. Abby Fitzgerald, NOT FILLED

10:00 a.m. Rachael Kaiser, Joseph Kaiser

Hospitality

8:00 a.m. Joan Weissenberger, Mike Weissenberger

10:00 a.m. Lisa Servais, Tim Servais

Scrip Sellers

4:00 p.m. Vickie Kloss, Sue Olson

8:00 a.m. Ann Kotnour, Joe Kotnour

10:00 a.m. Gehrig Skelton, Sheri Skelton

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10:00 a.m. Neil Kumm, Joanne Spindler, Patty Watson

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