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.
Food Baskets for October  All items donated in the month of October will go to the Place of Grace. They are most in need of detergent, paper towels, and toilet paper; Mac & cheese, coffee, mini-yogurts, peanut butter & jelly, tuna, spaghetti sauce, oatmeal, fruit cans, and lots of cereal.

Lifesavers  Knights of Columbus from Council 839 will be distributing LifeSavers after all weekend Masses and accepting your donations to support local and state ProLife activities. Please be generous! May God bless you!

Sunday Choir  The Sunday Choir is always looking for new members. They rehearse every Tuesday from 6-7:30pm and sing twice a month at the 10am Mass. Join us in the new Music Room in the Lower Level of the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, contact Mary Jo Lium, Dir. of Sacred Music, mlium@mmoclacrosse.org.

Praise and Graze  Please join us Monday, October 15 for Mass at 5pm. This Mass will include Anointing of the Sick for those who would like to be anointed. Following Mass there will be a potluck dinner in the Parish Hall. Please bring a side dish or dessert to pass. If you are in need of a ride for this event, please contact Sr. Kathy at 788-5483, ext. 5.

Time for a New Ministry Schedule  We will soon begin working on a new Ministry Schedule that will run from November through January. 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 October 17 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.

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.aquinascatholicschool.org

Family Life

Requiescant in Pace  Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernice Celius and Donald Helfrich. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to their families and friends who mourn their loss. Eternal rest grant upon them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

New Parishioners  MMOC is delighted to welcome the following to our parish family: Amanda Butterfield and her son Greg.

PCCW

Fall Rummage Sale  Mark your calendars. The Fall Rummage sale will be Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20. Start saving your items to donate. We will no longer take donations of large furniture items, please consider donating them to TheExchange, please contact them by email at: theexchange@shelterdevelopment.org. Sign up sheets to volunteer for the Rummage Sale are in the Gathering Space of the Church.

Men’s Club

Football Mania Winners Weeks 3  Congratulations to the following winners: Robyn Davis, Lorraine Millich, Steve Weiland, David Happel, Jim Omernik, Gulers Corners, Bill Reinholdt, Marc Manninger, Jeff Laak, Jason Caldwell, Patrick Korger, Jordan Rose, Maria Morgan-Batheke, Julie Brosig, McKenzie Rindahl, Gary Vegel, Bea Gilles, and Erica Stanek!

Social Concerns

Stand Up for “Life” THIS SUNDAY!  2 - 3 pm; Corner of Losey Blvd & Madison St This Sunday is National Life Chain Sunday! The Life Chain is held throughout the US and Canada and is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world! The La Crosse Life Chain is TODAY (Sunday, October 7) from 2-3 pm along Losey Blvd, but join our MMOC Parish at the corner of Losey Blvd and Madison St. Let’s fill our area with MMOC support! Signs will be available for you at that corner (a suggested donation of 50 cents per person or $1 per family). Please join other MMOC parishioners in making this year’s Pro-Life statement a wonderful success!

Roe v. Wade on the Brink?  On Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m., Ben Nguyen will keynote the annual Gospel of Life Celebration at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall in La Crosse. Ben, past Chancellor of the Diocese of La Crosse, will explain what we should know about the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that is so much in the news with the Supreme Court nomination battle. Ben will answer questions like: How was Roe v. Wade decided? How does it square with the Constitution? Is it likely to be overturned? Ben is both a civil and canon lawyer and serves as Chancellor and Canonical Counsel for the Diocese of Corpus Christi. Bishop William Patrick Callahan will celebrate Mass at 6 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church preceding the talk.

La Crosse Warming Center Volunteer Training Schedule 2018-2019 Season  The 2018-2019 season for the La Crosse Warming Center is right around the corner! Volunteer Orientation dates are Monday, Oct. 8 at 1pm or 6pm or Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 1pm or 6pm. New volunteers need to attend Orientation. Returning
volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend Orientation. All sessions will take place at the La Crosse Community Warming Center located at 413 Third Street South in La Crosse. Please register by calling 608-782-0710. More information is also available at www.cclse.org.

The Catholic Charities Warming Center Once again this year Catholic Charities Warming Center will serve 40+ adults each night from November 1 through April 30. As always, the Warming Center depends upon volunteers to fill a variety of functions. Some provide dinner, others help in the evening as guests check in. Others staff the center overnight, working either part of the night, or all night long. Others come on duty in the early morning as guests have breakfast and prepare for the day. This season Mary, Mother of the Church will provide staff for the first and third Thursday evenings each month, including overnights. MMOC will have the following 12 nights of service: Nov 1 & 15; Dec 6 & 20; Jan 3 & 17; Feb 7 & 21; March 7 & 21; April 4 & 18.

Each night we will need volunteers for the following service and times:
Food for 40-50 people – deliver by 6:30 pm
Intake Volunteers, 5-8 volunteers from 6:30 pm to 9 pm
Late evening Volunteer, 1 volunteer from 9 pm to 12 am
1st Shift Night Volunteer, 1 volunteer from 9 pm to 3 am
2nd Shift Night Volunteer, 1 volunteer from 3 am to 8 am
Morning Volunteer, 1 volunteer from 6 am to 8 am
Cleaning Person, 1 volunteer from 8 am – 9 am

Sign-up sheets are in the gathering space of church, or you can call the rectory at 788-5483 ext. 2.

Dinners and Doings

Chicken Que Holy Trinity Parish, 1333 South 13th St., La Crosse, is having a Chicken-Q and Bake Sale on Tuesday, October 9. Serving 11 a.m. till it's gone. 1/2 Chicken, coleslaw, beans and bun - we grill our own chicken - $8. For deliveries and tickets call 608-406-5339. Tickets also at the door/Carry outs available. A portion of the proceeds will go to The Salvation Army and Catholic Charities.

Be A Man Of The Cross It is in giving that we receive. This year’s Men’s Conference on Oct. 27 in La Crosse will challenge and equip men to pick up their cross in service to their family and parish! Encourage the men in your life to attend and become the man God made them to be. For more information and to register go to www.menofthecross.org. Or email mensmin@diloc.org. The conference will start at 8:50am at Logan Middle School, 1450 Avon St. and will conclude with Mass with Bishop Callahan at St. James the Less church, 1032 Caledonia St. The cost per man is $40 before Oct. 15, after $45, which includes lunch.
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Administrative Committee Statement on Sex Abuse Scandals; Committee Releases Actions to be Taken Within Its Authority

September 19, 2018 – WASHINGTON – The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Administrative Committee issued the following statement in response to the recent sex abuse scandals: “Turning to the Lord.”

When each of us was ordained as a bishop, we were told: “Keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has appointed you to shepherd the Church of God.”

We, the Administrative Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, assembled last week in Washington at this time of shame and sorrow. Some bishops, by their actions or their failures to act, have caused great harm to both individuals and the Church as a whole. They have used their authority and power to manipulate and sexually abuse others. They have allowed the fear of scandal to replace genuine concern and care for those who have been victimized by abusers. For this, we again ask forgiveness from both the Lord and those who have been harmed. Turning to the Lord for strength, we must and will do better.

The Administrative Committee took the following actions within its authority:

1. Approved the establishment of a third-party reporting system that will receive confidentially, by phone and online, complaints of sexual abuse of minors by a bishop and sexual harassment of or sexual misconduct with adults by a bishop and will direct those complaints to the appropriate ecclesiastical authority and, as required by applicable law, to civil authorities.

2. Instructed the USCCB Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance to develop proposals for policies addressing restrictions on bishops who were removed or resigned because of allegations of sexual abuse of minors or sexual harassment of or misconduct with adults, including seminarians and priests.

3. Initiated the process of developing a Code of Conduct for bishops regarding the sexual abuse of a minor; sexual harassment of or sexual misconduct with an adult; or negligence in the exercise of his office related to such cases.

4. Supported a full investigation into the situation surrounding Archbishop McCarrick, including his alleged assaults on minors, priests, and seminarians, as well any responses made to those allegations. Such an investigation should rely upon lay experts in relevant fields, such as law enforcement and social services.

This is only a beginning. Consultation with a broad range of concerned parents, experts, and other laity along with clergy and religious will yield additional, specific measures to be taken to repair the scandal and restore justice. We humbly welcome and are grateful for the assistance of the whole people of God in holding us accountable.

As these initiatives get underway, the Administrative Committee invites each of our brother bishops to join us in acts of prayer and penance. This is a time of deep examination of conscience for each bishop. We cannot content ourselves that our response to sexual assault within the Church has been sufficient. Scripture must be our guide forward, "be doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

In all of this, we do not want anyone – ourselves included – to lose sight of those who have suffered from those who have acted or failed to act as the Gospel demanded. For survivors of sexual abuse, these days may re-open deep wounds. Support is available from the Church and within the community. Victims Assistance Coordinators are available in every diocese to help you find resources. We are grateful to hundreds of dedicated people who, since the adoption of the 2002 Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, have been working with the Church to support survivors and prevent future abuse.

To anyone who has been abused, never hesitate to also contact local law enforcement. If you don't feel comfortable for any reason with the Church providing help, your diocese can connect you with appropriate community services. With compassion and without judgement, the bishops of the United States pledge to heal and protect with every bit of the strength God provides us.

Acting in communion with the Holy Father, with whom we once again renew our love, obedience, and loyalty, we make our own the prayer of Pope Francis in his August 20 letter to the people of God, "May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace of conversion and the interior anointing needed to express before these crimes of abuse our compunction and our resolve courageously to combat them."
Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 9, 2018
7:30 am † Marlin Deyo
by Joan Deyo

Wednesday, October 10, 2018
7:30 am † Art Yost
by Don Helfrich

Thursday, October 11, 2018
7:30 am † Helen Sharon
by Bob and Connie Goodreau
2:00 pm † Mike Bahr
by Gary and Linda Werner
(at Hillview)

Friday, October 12, 2018
7:30 am † Helen Pitz
by Theresa Vick

Saturday, October 13, 2018
4:00 pm † Lorraine Keil
by Family & Friends

Sunday, October 14, 2018
8:00 am For the People
10:00 am † Norman and Ethel Biebel
by Their Family

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

Building Our Future Together

Stained Glass windows from the Servers Sacristy had to be removed for the construction of the fire wall between the church and parish hall. They have found new homes in the Religious Education Center! All of the windows have been encased in wooden frames and back lit with LED lighting. ABOVE: Classroom - A, an exact copy hangs in Classroom B.

BELOW: A triptych of windows hang along the west wall in Classroom C. Also note the sample of the style of classroom desk and chairs that were delivered on Thursday.

DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002 or kbecker@cclsc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: www.diolc.org . Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at (608) 791-2679; or tbrown@diolc.org

The stained glass window that hang above the sofa in the Adult Faith Formation Room.