October 15, 2017

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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.
Diocesan Annual Appeal  The Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) is underway! As of October 6, 96 households have responded with $34,861 pledged. We urge you to respond to the Appeal with the same spirit of sacrifice and trust in God as you have in the past. There are blank pledge cards available on the Usher’s Table in the gathering space of church. This year our parish goal is $105,470. Any amount achieved in excess of our goal comes directly back to our parish. 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.

Welcome Msgr. Hundt  We are grateful to Monsignor Robert Hundt from the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal who offered our Masses this weekend and spoke on the subject of annulments, which is a ministry of reconciliation and healing. Please contact Father Konopa if you would like to learn more or if you would like to begin the process 788-5483 x 7.

Knights of Columbus Lifesavers  The Knights of Columbus Council 839 will be distributing Lifesaver candy after Masses this weekend and accepting monetary donations in support of Respect for Life Month. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. May God bless you!

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 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.

World Mission Sunday  On Oct 21-22 the Church asks for our spiritual and financial support of the missions. Please use the special envelope included in your regular envelope packet to make your donation. Extra envelopes will be available on the Usher’s Table.

New Life Choir  Rehearsal will be Oct 24 at 9am. We are always looking for new members! Please join us if you are interested. Contact mjlium@mmoclacrosse.org with questions.

Food Baskets for October for Place of Grace  Traditionally, MMOC has a food drive for Place of Grace during October. So, for the entire month of October, all donated items will be delivered to Place of Grace. The following are their greatest needs: detergent, paper towels, and toilet paper; Mac & cheese, coffee, mini-yogurts, peanut butter & jelly, tuna, spaghetti sauce, oatmeal, fruit cans, and lots of cereal.

15-Minute Scripture  Jesus says, “Call no one on earth your father” (Mt. 23:9), yet the Catholic Church calls the pope “Holy Father” and all her priests “Father”. Is this wrong? After weekend Masses on Oct. 28-29 our pastor will address this subject. Simply move to the front of church about 5 minutes after the closing hymn.

Donate to Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief  The faithful of the Diocese of La Crosse have been exceedingly generous in donating over $230,000 to hurricane relief for Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the surrounding areas. Great devastation is still being experienced in Puerto Rico. To make a donation, send your check payable to “Catholic Charities” and write “Puerto Rico Relief” in the memo line, to Catholic Charities, Puerto Rico Relief, 3710 East Ave. S., La Crosse, WI 54601. To donate online, visit www.diolc.org/social-concerns for instructions.

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 will be 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 Thursday, November 2 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  On Thursday, November 2, MMOC will remember and celebrate our loved ones who have gone before us marked by the sign of faith. As part of this remembrance, we invite any and all to bring to church by the weekend of Oct 28 - 29 a picture of your family members or friends who have died and we will arrange them in church. This is not just for those who have died this past year; consider doing this if you have never done it before. The display will be created Monday, Oct. 30 for the weekend Masses, but additional pictures will be added until the Nov 2 service. It would be helpful, but not necessary, if the picture is in a frame that could stand on its own. Simply place them in the box at the front entrance of church. Please make sure all
pictures are marked with your name so we can return them to the rightful owners. The display will remain in place through the Nov 5.

Family Life

Welcome to the Waters of Baptism
Congratulations to Stellan Kai Wopat who was baptized on Sept. 30, 2016 at the hospital and had the “ceremonies supplied” Oct. 7 at the 4pm Mass! We welcome him to God’s family with great joy!

United in the Bonds of Marriage
Congratulations to Timothy Hansen and Heather Heilman, who were married on Saturday, October 7. May the love they share be a living witness of how much God loves the world.

New Parishioners
MMOC is delighted to welcome Grant and Camille Withrow and their daughters Eliana and Gianna also Rick and Kim Haberman and their children Ethan, Adam and Kaitlyn to the parish.

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Do you or someone you know want a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church? Who is RCIA for? Persons in need of baptism, persons baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic, persons baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation. If you know anyone that is interested in becoming Catholic contact Tom Thibodeau; tahibodeau@viterbo.edu. Therese van Oss 788-5483, ext. 4, tvanoss@mmoclacrosse.org will also be able to assist you. Classes are on Sundays at 11am (following the 10am Mass).

Catholic Education

Rosary
October is the Month of the Rosary. This scriptural prayer invites us to spend some time meditating on the Mysteries of our faith: Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, and Glorious. The rosary is also prayed before each weekday Mass Tuesday through Friday beginning at 7:05 am.

Confirmation Class and Meeting
Wednesday night’s, (6:45-8pm) Oct. 18 class - “Who is the Holy Spirit?” is a requirement for Aquinas High School students. Sunday, Oct. 22 Confirmation Meeting grade 10 students, parents, and/or sponsor 6pm in the church.

Men’s Club

Football Mania Winners Week 5
Congratulations to these winners: Gary Larson, Dave Becker, Mark Misch, Bob Larkin, Lynn Ericckson, Bobby Hanson, Joan Deyo, Ken Herlitzka, Sandra Carr, David Korducki and Larry Fox!

PCCW

LDCCW Fall Assembly
The La Crosse Deanery Council of Catholic Women Fall Assembly is Monday, October 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Center. Chris Rogers of the Diocese will present "Getting Our Youth Involved in the Parish." All women of the parish are welcome!

Social Justice

Warming Center Volunteer Training Schedule
The last of the training sessions will be held Oct. 17 and Oct. 19. Orientation for new volunteers will be from 6:00-6:45 pm. Operational training for new and returning volunteers will take place from 7-8 pm. New volunteers need to attend one of each session. Returning volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend a training session. Sessions take place at the Warming Center, 413 Third St S. Please contact Mark Schimpf with any questions or to RSVP at mschimpf@cclse.org or 608.519.8020. More info is available at www.cclse.org.

The Catholic Charities Warming Center
This season Mary, Mother of the Church will provide staff for the first and third Thursday evenings each month, including overnights.

This year Catholic Charities has hired an overnight staff person, however 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
- 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

Please call the rectory at 788-5483 ext. 2 to sign up.

Mobile Meals
Volunteers needed to deliver meals for the week of October 22-28. Please email Sue Moyle: Wsmoyle@gmail.com or call 787-0076 if you are able to help us with this worthwhile service. Thank you to all who have volunteered.

Dinners and Doings

MMOC Couples Social
Coulee Region Mardi Gras is a fundraising organization which has been generous to Aquinas Catholic Schools. Their main event is the Mardi Gras Ball typically held in February. Each parish forms a Mardi Gras Krewe during the fall in order to participate in the festivities.
On Friday, Oct. 27 from 6 - 9 pm, there will be an MMOC Couples Social at Snuffy's Bar (1903 West Ave. S.) where MMOC's 2018 Mardi Gras Krewe "Lord and Lady" will be announced. Adults are invited to enjoy this evening out, get to know some of the faces you see at church, and make new friends. This is a potluck event, so everyone and every couple is invited to bring a dish to pass. Beer will be provided.

**Men of the Cross Conference October 28** The 2017 Men of the Cross conference will be held in Chippewa Falls at McDonell High School on October 28. Speakers include John Pridmore, Fr. Richard Heilman, Jesse Romero and David DeWolf. For more information about the conference and to register, please go to: www.menofthecross.org.

**Mark Your Calendars**

**All Saints Day Mass Times** Wednesday, November 1, 7:30am, 12noon, and 7pm.

**Church Cleaning** Many volunteers are needed to clean the church pews on November 4 (Saturday) from 9-10:15 am. The parish will supply the rags and the cleaning solution (an all-natural product). Volunteers are encouraged to bring a 1-gallon bucket and gloves, especially if allergic to pine. Other tasks might be accomplished if there are good numbers. **Sign up sheets are in the back of church.**

**MMOC Silver Circle** Save the date! The next Sliver Circle gathering will be Thursday, Nov. 30 at the Southside Neighborhood Center.

**Memorials**

**Memorials Gifts (July-September)** Donations were made in memory of the following people: Mary Kiel, Ron Muehr, Pat McCabe, Betty Valley, Rita Mc Clintock, Robert Foley, Jack Mormann, Patricia Keaveny, Martha Konopa, Joann Derouin, Lorraine Keil, Jerry Weilandt, Adam Kendhammer, Tom Sinniger, Patricia Keaveny, Betty Fitzpatrick, Joann Derouin, Osiecki Family and Susan Gallagher.

**Liturgical Roles**

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

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<td>Dave Campbell, Sue Moyle (sub req.), Jerry Roesler, Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles, Jane Vogel</td>
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<td>Anne Kernan, Kathy McGettigan, Mary Olson, Mary Schaub (for the choir), Linda Schwartz, Barbara Stetzer, NOT FILLED</td>
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**Servers**

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**Musicians**

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<td>Bridget Misch</td>
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<td>Sunday Choir, Song Leader Needed</td>
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**Ushers**

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<td>Paul Chapiewsky, Jack Darling, Peter Engh, Bob Klar, Leah O'Neill, Howard Olson, Mike Vogel, Mike Weissenberger</td>
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<td>Al Bennett, Marlin Buchner, Jerry Kernan, Jim McGettigan, Nick Osowski, Marshall Servais, Daniel Skifton, Don Wavra</td>
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**Gift Bearers**

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**Scrip Sellers**

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**Money Counters**

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<td>Lynn Grosch, Neil Kumm, PJ Morrison</td>
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**Congratulation Aquinas High School Girls Golf team and coach Andy Foley on winning the WIAA Division 2 State Championships!!**

October 15, 2017
**Weekly Mass Intentions**

*Please excuse the construction noise which begins at 6am*

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017**
7:30 AM † Pat Wentzel  
by MMOC Parish Staff

**Wednesday, October 18, 2017**
7:30 AM † Archie and Janice Garbis  
by Charles and Paula Heiderscheit

**Thursday, October 19, 2017**
7:30 AM † Karen Arndt  
by Stephen Arndt
2:00 PM † Roger Horstman  
by Virginia Horstman  
(at Hillview)

**Friday, October 20, 2017**
7:30 AM † Ruth Karis  
by Charles and Paula Heiderscheit

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**
4:00 PM † Marion Roesler  
by Eileen Roesler

**Sunday, October 22, 2017**
8:00 AM For the People
10:00 AM † William and Patricia Mertens  
by Pat Mertens

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

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**Building Our Future Together**

*As of October 10*

813 Households responded (81%)

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Enjoy some pictures of the progress being made. Please continue to pray for our parish, for the safety of the construction workers and favorable weather conditions as we continue to Build Our Future Together.

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**Insulation being installed on the roof of the new Parish Hall**

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**Brick being laid**

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| PHASE IV | $820,000  
Church Maintenance |
|-----------|
| PHASE III | $900,000  
Religious Education Center |
| PHASE II | $3.90 Million  
Parish Hall |
| PHASE I | $400,000  
School Building Deconstruction |

$3.95mil  
Pledges and Other Projected Earnings  
Received  
(80% Cash on hand required to begin Phase II)  
ACHIEVED!