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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.
Mass Times For The Assumption  The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. In an effort to avoid distractions from construction noise there will be a vigil Mass Monday, August 14 at 5:30pm and Mass Tuesday, August 15 at 5:30pm. There will be no 7:30am Mass on Aug. 15. A few Liturgical Ministry positions need to be filled for the two Masses. Please check the sign in sheets when you arrive to see if you can help out.

Mission Co-op Weekend: Aug. 19-20  On August 19-20 we welcome Fr. John Arumai Nathan, provincial, and Fr. Maria Dass Irudayam, chaplain at Mayo Clinic Health System - Franciscan Healthcare, who will be here for our Mission Cooperative Weekend. MMOC is asked to support the ministry of the Capuchin Franciscans in Tamilnadu, India. They serve in 10 dioceses through various ministries, including pastoral work, social work, counseling, legal services, etc. They also serve in Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka.

In their Sri Lankan mission, almost 90% of the people are daily laborers. All of the Catholics are daily laborers. Many children became orphans and semi-orphans due to the last ethnic war. Many men have become invalids due to this war. A good number of youngsters have lost hope in life and have become drug addicts after the war when the availability of liquor and narcotic substances became abundant in the northern part of Sri Lanka. Teenage pregnancy is the norm of the day.

Most of the Catholics are recently converted from Hinduism, so it is the primary duty of the Capuchins to educate them in the Catholic faith. In some homes pictures of Christian saints hang next to pictures of Hindu deities, which means at least one or more of the members of the family are still practicing Hinduism. Poverty is the major problem of these people. They are living in houses built by government schemes.

In the Zimbabwe mission, 7 missionary brothers and 8 native friars serve in 5 of the 8 dioceses. They are celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the Capuchin Presence of the Custody of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.

In total, there are 42 brothers investing their energy first in formation, then in parish work. They give retreats to different groups of people, including priests and religious as well as lay people, and they conduct seminars and workshop for the youth.

Economically they do not have any sources of income apart from the General Curia and by parish contribution.

They humbly ask for our financial and spiritual support. Please be generous.

Church Sound System  The installation of our new sound system is complete! Audio Architects visited Sunday, August 6 for a “live sound check” and will return again in the Fall as a follow up. This will give us a couple months to get used to it. They will also return in early 2018 to install the camera when they install the Parish Hall sound system. Thank you to everyone who donated and prayed this would happen!

Food Baskets for August  Catholic Charities is grateful for all the food donations and is most in need of School snacks like crackers, cookies, pretzels, etc.; pop top items such as soups, vegies, beef stews, meats; and hearty soups, meats, and complete meals.

Disposal Of Religious Articles  We have the unique opportunity with our current construction site to take advantage of a large, deep hole to bury any unwanted, used, old, broken, or damaged religious objects that have been blessed. Anything that has been blessed should be burned (and then the ashes buried) or simply buried out of respect. A labeled box will be in the Gathering Space of the church from now until Aug. 15 to collect such items to be buried. LAST CHANCE TO BRING ANYTHING IN!

Wedding Banns  (I) Jesse Servais (MMOC) & Allyson Hennessy (MMOC) on August 26, 2017.
(I) Derek Register and Heather Neberman (MMOC) on September 1, 2017.
(I) Connor Johnson (MMOC) and Lindsay Fisher (MMOC) on September 1, 2017. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding day.

New Parishioners  MMOC is delighted to welcome James and Kathleen Spinner to the parish.
Religious Education 2017/2018 Save the Date  
Mark your calendars, student registration for the 2017-2018 Religious Education classes will be Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 pm in the church. There will be an opportunity for Safe Environment training this evening too.

Participants for Intergenerational Faith Activity Needed  
Would you be willing to write a short note or postcard sharing some answers to questions about your Catholic faith and practice to a 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade student of Aquinas Catholic Schools FIVE times this school year? Blessed Sacrament School is seeking 25 volunteers from each of the supporting parishes of Aquinas Catholic Schools who would be willing to participate in this activity for the 2017-18 school year. We are particularly seeking our senior parish members. Students will initiate contact in September with a letter introducing themselves and then asking a faith question like, “Why is the Catholic Church important to you?” or “When and how do you pray?” or “If you could ask God one question, what would it be and why would you ask it?” If you are willing to participate, please provide your name and mailing address to your parish office or you may email your name and mailing address to kay.berra@aquinasschools.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Football Mania Tickets  
Tickets for 2017/2018 Football Mania season will be available for purchase this weekend at all the entrances to the church by members of the MMOC Men’s Club.

The Pedey (Mike Pederson) Softball Tourney  
Please join us August 26th and 27th at the Shelby youth ball fields on 33rd St by Hillview. Games start at 8am each day. Come by and support this Men’s Club fundraiser and the 16 teams from across the area that will be participating.

Please support the parish, buy scrip!
7pm. Sponsored by St. Patrick Parish. The performance runs 65 minutes and is suitable for all ages. Admission is $10. For tickets and additional information, please contact St. Patrick Parish office at 608-783-5535, ext. 7 or for your convenience, MMOC parishioner, Virginia Horstman at 788-4426.

**Faith and Feminism: Resistance and Persistence in the Church** Scholar, theologian and author Gina Messina presentation will consider modern-day challenges for women in the Church and opportunities to find a voice, become empowered and participate in positive social change. Thursday, September 7 from 6:30-8 pm. Presentation with wine and cheese reception to follow. Investment: $25. Registration deadline: August 24. Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market Street. For more information: www.FSCenter.org | 608-791-5295

**Men’s Conference** St John the Baptist Parish, Waunakee, WI, in the Diocese of Madison is hosting the “Becoming Better Men” conference Saturday, September 16. The keynote speaker will be Steve Bollman, founder of the “That Man Is You” program. For more information visit us online at www.becomingbettermen.net or call 608-849-5121, ext. 118. $25 before Aug 31: $30 after Sept 1.

## Scrip

**Back to School Shopping** Unfortunately or fortunately, it’s that time of year again … Back to School! Classes at Aquinas Catholic Schools begin August 23rd and public school begins September 5th. We have a variety of scrip for all you back to school shopping needs:

- **Barnes and Noble** 8% $10 & $25 cards
- **Dick’s Sporting Goods** 8% $25 cards
- **Kmart/Sears/Lands End** 4% $25 cards
- **Kohl’s** 4% $25 & $100 cards
- **J C Penny’s** 6% $25 cards
- **Shopko** 3% $25 cards
- **Target** 2.5% $25 cards
- **TJMaxx** 7% $25 cards
- **Walgreen’s** 6% $25 cards
- **Walmart** 2.5% $25 & $100 cards

### Liturgical Roles

#### August 19th & 20th

**Ministers of Holy Communion**
- 4:00 p.m. Mary Calkins, Gary Heilman, Linda Heilman, Joyce Potter, Michelle Schaub, Mary Schaub
- 8:00 a.m. Dave Campbell, Tom Elsen, Diane Elsen, Anita Olson, Sandy Pittsch, Jerry Roesler
- 10:00 a.m. Carol Forer, Jean Francis, Joseph Kaiser, Tony Kath, Rebecca Kath, Mary Olson

**Sacrists**
- 4:00 p.m. Dorothy Beyer
- 8:00 a.m. Jane Vogel
- 10:00 a.m. Linda Schwartz

**Lectors**
- 4:00 p.m. Mark Outzen, Peter Schmitz
- 8:00 a.m. Joseph van Oss, Charles Heiderscheit
- 10:00 a.m. Rachael Kaiser, Mary Konop

**Servers**
- 4:00 p.m. Jackson Servais, Kyle White
- 8:00 a.m. NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
- 10:00 a.m. Katie Kaiser, Jacob Kaiser

**Musicians**
- 4:00 p.m. Bridget Misch
- 8:00 a.m. Judy Roraff
- 10:00 a.m. Judy Roraff

**Cantors**
- 4:00 p.m. Nancy Roraff
- 8:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf
- 10:00 a.m. Rick Wilson

**Ushers**
- 4:00 p.m. Peter Glodosky, Rich Larkin, Herb Meyers, Leah O'Neill, Laura Papenfuss, Don Stockelk (sub req.), Phil Watson, Steve Weiland
- 8:00 a.m. Paul Chapiewsky, Peter Engh, Howard Olson, Mike Pitsh, Mike Vogel, Rich Waller, Ed Watson, Mike Weissenenberger
- 10:00 a.m. Zanna Alexander, Al Bennett, Mike Burns, Steve Clements, Kevin Hennessy, Nick Osowski, Jim Servais, Marshall Servais

**Gift Bearers**
- 4:00 p.m. Lisa Servais, Tim Servais
- 8:00 a.m. Dave Ortmeier, Francesca Ortmeier
- 10:00 a.m. Carole Malles, Ron Malles

**Hospitality**
- 8:00 a.m. Joan Weissenenberger, Mike Weissenenberger
- 10:00 a.m. Betty Koenen, Mike Konop (sub req.)

**Scrip Sellers**
- 4:00 p.m. Vickie Kloss, Mary Schaub
- 8:00 a.m. Kathryn Emmert, Sue Moyle
- 10:00 a.m. Sheri Skelton, Gehrig Skelton

**Money Counters**
- 10:00 a.m. Alice Flock, Lynn Grosch, Margaret Hammell
Building Our Future Together

As of July 31
812 Households responded (81%)

| PHASE IV | $820,000 Church Maintenance |
| PHASE III | $900,000 Religious Education Center |
| PHASE II | $3.90 Million Parish Hall |

(80% Cash on hand required to begin Phase II)

$3.95mil

Pledges and Other Projected Earnings
$3.29mil

Received

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What a difference a week makes!

August 9

Steel was delivered this past week and immediately it began to be put into place. Sam Jaekel, Fowler & Hammer’s site supervisor, commented that this phase is almost like “putting pieces of a puzzle together!” “Almost” is the clue as there’s no guessing … all the pieces are numbered according to the architectural drawings. The shape of the new building is getting a little easier to see. Continued good weather has been a bonus for the workers.

One of the next steps will be to install the footings along the side of the church from the connecting doorway all the way to the rectory garages. These footings will support a cement block wall along the church and will begin forming the hallway connecting the Parish Hall’s entrances to the church entry. This wall will form the “firewall” between the church and the new building … thus satisfying code requirements and saving us the expense to add a sprinkler system in the existing church.

Enjoy the photos of the progress being made! Please remember to pray for the safety of the workers and for good weather as we pray for our parish and Build Our Future Together!