

August 23, 2020



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

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

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 4pm-5pm or
by appointment.

Contact the parish office to register,
schedule a baptism, schedule a wedding
(six months notice required), and to
request the Sacrament of the Sick.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday–Friday 8am-3pm

FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Thursday 8am-Noon

SCRIP

Scrip is sold before and after all week-
end Masses and in the parish office on
Fridays from 8am-3pm.

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OUR MISSION

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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.

Guidelines for Mass

7:30 AM Mass

- Masks are required; extras are in gathering space
- Doors are unlocked by 7 AM
- Four Entrances: center doors across from Trane parking lot; both side doors from Weston St., and Parish Hall doors
- Seating: two center sections
- Dismissal: lower kneelers and exit immediately
- Use church restrooms only

Weekend Masses

- Masks are required; extras are in gathering space
- Doors are unlocked 30 min. prior
- Entrances: main doors across from Trane parking lot and Parish Hall doors
- Accessibility entrance: side door from Weston St. (near tabernacle)
- Seating: follow directions of Greeters
- Dismissal: exit immediately as directed by Greeters

Receiving Holy Communion

- Follow directions of Greeters
- Allow physical distancing
- Remove/lower mask
- Receive in the hand (Please have palms and fingers straight/flat to allow minister to place the Host without making contact)
- Consume Host in front of minister
- Replace mask on return to pew

TV/Online Masses

TV Mass: The Saturday 4 PM Mass is broadcast live on KQEG and rebroadcast on Sunday at 10 AM.

Online Mass 4 PM Mass will continue to be live streamed on our website, our 7:30 AM weekday Masses will be live streamed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If additional volunteers come forward for training, we will expand this offering. To learn more about what is involved, please contact Joseph van Oss: webmaster@mnoclacrosse.org.

Private Prayer After Mass the church is locked and sanitized for the next Mass. Regrettably, this keeps the church locked during the day for private prayer. There is one exception: Wednesday it is unlocked by 3:30 PM for confessions at 4-5 PM.

Family Life

Wedding Banns (II) Aaron Westpfahl (MMOC) and Kendra Lee (MMOC) on Sept. 4, 2020.

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding.

Welcome to the Waters of Baptism Congratulations to Isaiah Peter Komay who was baptized on

August 15! We welcome him to God's family with great joy!

Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement Do you ever tell yourself: "I feel like I'll never measure up," or "My prayer life is not what it should be?" Everyone has faced such things and all of us need help in this area. Attend this virtual conference on Saturday, Aug. 29, presented by Fr. Timothy Gallagher. Learn to find freedom from one of the greatest obstacles in life – everyday discouragement. 4 presentations will be live-streamed by ZOOM webinar from 10 AM - 3 PM. For more details, download a brochure or to register online, go to diolc.org/witness. Cost is \$15.

Parish Study on Racism Join us for a book study on "Waking Up White", the first-person experience from Debby Irving, a story of finding herself in the story of race. This book is a community read sponsored by the La Crosse Public Library and the Waking Up White Regional Community Learning Collaborative.

The book is 250 pages broken up into nine sections that include several short chapters in each section with reflection questions at the end of each chapter. The book study will begin this fall and meet approximately twice a month to discuss each section. Based on interest, we can determine which night works best for everyone. There will be a minimal cost (no greater than \$10) involved for the purchase of the book. Please contact Peter Schmitz at schmitz.peter13@gmail.com or Kellie Schmitz at kellie.schmitz21@gmail.com by Aug. 29 to sign up for the class. We are looking forward to joining with you and the city-wide initiative in understanding the impacts of racism.

Scrip We have added new businesses to the Scrip form: Amazon, Home Depot and Panera. We have them in stock!

August 14 Scrip Drive Up Day Thank you to everyone who purchased scrip, donated items to Catholic Charities, and volunteered. It was a successful day on all fronts and Scrip sales were popular! The purchase total was \$33,000+. Our next curbside opportunity to purchase scrip and donate to Catholic Charities will be in September.

Catholic Christian Outreach

MMOC Small Faith-Sharing Groups As Catholic Christians, we are called to a deep, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In Him we find our freedom, purpose, and peace. Are you feeling a desire for a deeper connection with the Lord in daily living? Then consider joining a Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) faith-sharing group. These groups of 5-8 people meet weekly to review and discuss topics over a 36-week period. The CCO Faith Study series

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is a collection of helpful resources to clearly and simply explain truths and principles for living the Catholic faith. Each lesson integrates Scripture and Church teachings in its small group discussions.

This journey makes a difference:

"I would like to recommend CCO as a way to get to know your faith better and to be more confident of ways you can explain it to yourself and others. The 36 week format is a regular commitment long enough to establish a relationship to others in your group and to keep God centered in your life. It is good to have such a support group and I looked forward to each session.

"I liked the way all the lessons are backed by scripture. The unit with the biggest impact was about the Holy Spirit because I had never known the Holy Spirit in such depth. I now am more aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit, what scripture says about the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and how to make these gifts and presence a part of daily life. The other part that impacted me was the image of Jesus as the bridge over the chasm - or troubled waters - from imperfect humanity to the love of God. Because of this group my prayer life is richer and I walk with the Holy Spirit."

"CCO has been a great reminder and refresher class for renewing my faith. Through the meetings, I have learned how God loves each of us personally, the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives, how to grow in my relationship to God through prayer, scripture, and the sacraments, and how to put my total trust in God. Being raised a Catholic, these have always been there, but this was an opportunity to revitalize my faith life. I have become more prayerful. My appreciation of the Holy Spirit, the "forgotten" member of the Holy Trinity, has increased. Overall, this has been a rewarding experience helping me to learn and grow in faith so that I am able to fulfill God's plan for me to ultimately spend eternity with Him in heaven."

"CCO is well thought out, and easily builds from lesson to lesson. It has been interesting to find parts of the information similar to our non-Catholic, Christian friends who speak of "accepting Jesus into their hearts" with a specific date/moment of awareness. My decision to participate was a good one...

"CCO has been REINFORCING the basic Catholic/Christian truths of God's love, His plan for our redemption, his forgiveness and plan for each of us to help build up His Kingdom – our church family. That has been my belief in adulthood, but the focus/emphasis on these basics have been NEW and STRONGER.....especially our call to share and evangelize.

"Difference in my life/prayer? - - I have grown my awareness of GRACE from the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen me whenever I include HIM in every-

day life. My prayer life is more sincere, I feel prompted to pray more and feel even more at ease in prayer.

"The series of classes has been a great experience, and I would recommend it to any MMOC member. It has been enriching to hear others share their faith, and to grow in a better understanding of my own journey.

"To any person who would have reservations about committing 36 weeks, my thoughts are: Nobody knows what good God has for us, and any effort will be rewarded!"

Several opportunities are available starting in September, so please respond by September 1. Identify your preference and then contact the group leader with your name, contact information, and any questions you may have.

Groups open to women of the parish:

Monday evening (TBD possibly 6:30-8:00 p.m.) led by Christine Kainz: cjram707@gmail.com or 608-386-9851.

Tuesday evening (TBD possibly 6:00-7:30 p.m.) led by Lisa Doering: hormanhouse@gmail.com or 608-769-2894.

Tuesday evening (6:30-8:00 p.m.) led by Linda Schwartz: alrzschwartz@gmail.com or 608-792-0351.

Groups open to men of the parish:

Tuesday morning (TBD possibly 9:00-10:30 a.m.) led by Larry Weibel: lcweibel@gmail.com or 608-796-2355.

Tuesday evening (6:30-8:00 p.m.) led by Larry Weibel: lcweibel@gmail.com or 608-796-2355.

Groups open to women and men of the parish:

Wednesday afternoon (TBD possibly 1:30-3:00 p.m.) led by Deacon Richard Sage: 608-317-5584 or rsage@mmoclacrosse.org

Wednesday evening (6:00-7:30 p.m.) led by Pattie Nimocks: pattie.nimocks@gmail.com or 608-385-0865.

Thursday morning (8:15-9:45 a.m.) led by Sue Halter: skhalter@gmail.com or 608-769-4029.

Religious Education

Registration for our Parish Religious Education program for the coming 2020-2021 school year has begun! Adapting to COVID-19 will bring changes.

The Diocese of La Crosse, on Monday, August 3rd, released their Directives and Guidelines for Religious Education programs in a time of Pandemic.

There is a lot to process. As you know, we work with the La Crosse Public School District to line up

our calendars, snow days, bus transportation, etc. The La Crosse School board has decided public schools will be online at least for the month of September. Given the daily challenges and uncertainty, we have decided to have our K-5 Parish Religious Education program virtual/online this 2020-2021. Kristin Johnson, our Director of Edge (Gr. 6-8) & Life Teen (Gr. 9-10) is also planning to have Virtual/Online Instruction as well for 2020-2021. We will all begin the week of October 4, 2020. Accommodations will be made for those students who may not have access to computers or the internet.

Those families who were in our RE Program this past year and those who have already contacted Therese (DRE) regarding the upcoming year, will be receiving an email which includes the Registration Form. Others interested will also find this Registration Form on our Parish Website. Please return the Registration Form as soon as possible so preparations can continue.

Please check the parish bulletin and website for future updates. If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please contact Therese van Oss at tvanoss@mmoclacrosse.org or 608-788-5483 ext. 4.

Lectio: Peter Bible Study Do you ever think of yourself as ordinary? Do you wonder if you are worthy to be called to holiness? Do you question the church?

If so, then you are not alone. St. Peter was an ordinary man, very similar to us. He is a man that can teach us more about our church and about our calling from God. Dr. Tim Gray will help you to understand how God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

Lectio: Peter is for everyone. No matter if you have little or great faith, Dr. Tim Gray will speak to you and help you grow in your faith as you learn more about our first pope, St. Peter. Through Lectio: Peter, you will learn more about the scriptures but also about the history of the church while also learning more about how God has a calling for you.

This fall we will join with two other parishes to bring you Lectio Peter.

Classes begin the week of Sept. 21 and will go through the week of Nov. 23. Choose the class that fits your schedule the best.

Mondays 9:15 – 10:45 am

St. Patrick's in Onalaska

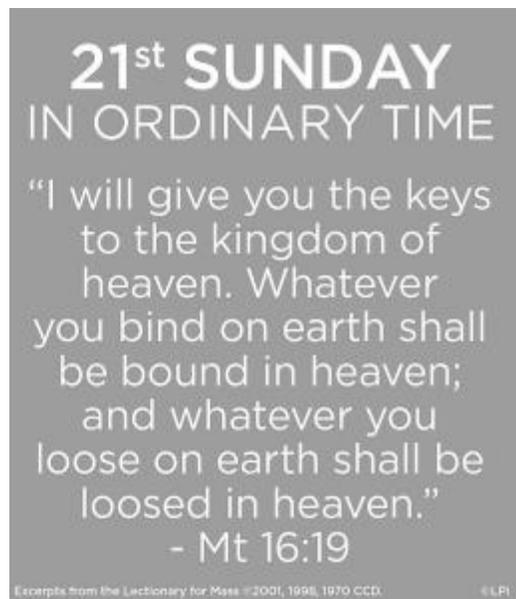
Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Mary, Mother of the Church

Wednesdays 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Holy Trinity

Cost for the program is \$15. Sessions begin the week of September 21 and continue until November 25. To register contact one of the participating parish offices or contact Amy Capelli at 608-783-0847 or dcapelli@charter.net



Liturgical Roles

August 29-30

Minister of Communion

10:00 a.m. Carol Forer

Lector

4:00 p.m. Sue Ernster

8:00 a.m. Joseph van Oss

10:00 a.m. Sally Egan

Cantor

4:00 p.m. Linda Kloet

8:00 a.m. Sara Groetsch

10:00 a.m. Paul Lansing

Musician

4:00 p.m. Mary Jo Lium

8:00 a.m. Mary Jo Lium

10:00 a.m. Mary Jo Lium

Welcome

4:00 p.m. Neil Kumm, Kevin Moyle, Mary Schaub, Steve Schaub, Chris Schlegel, Jim Spielbauer, Larry Weibel

8:00 a.m. Pat Burns, Mary Cepek (sub req.), Kerry Groetsch, Sue Groetsch, Dave Lawrence (sub req.), Deke Stanek, Joan Weissenberger

10:00 a.m. Mary Jochen, Jerry Kernan, Anne Kernan, Kim Lansing, Robb Pretasky, Mike Wintheiser, Brenda Wintheiser

Seating

4:00 p.m. Lisa Doering, Linda Gillette, Virginia Horstman, Kathy Stuttgen, **NOT FILLED**

8:00 a.m. Allan Baumler, Bob Klar, Cindy Klar, Brian Logue, Erica Stanek

10:00 a.m. Charlotte Berendes, Chuck Berendes, Phil Klar, Pattie Nimocks, Linda Schwartz

Worship Aid

4:00 p.m. Mike Juran, Cathy Juran, Joe Riemer

8:00 a.m. Donna Burns, Martin Logue, Rosie Pennebecker

10:00 a.m. Kimberly Krejchik, Keith Krejchik, Andrew

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

7:30 AM † Peggy Linden
by Marlene Reipel and Art Fregin

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

7:30 AM † Phil Steinhoff
by Family and Friends

Thursday, August 27, 2020

7:30 AM † Helen Zieja
by Tom and Kathy Zieja

Friday, August 28, 2020

7:30 AM † Bob Steuck
by Nick and Kathy Nicks

Saturday, August 29, 2020

4:00 PM † Ken Kavanaugh
by Shirley Kavanaugh

Sunday, August 30, 2020

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:00 AM † Lilla Mae Sperfslage
by the Schwartz Family

Hillview Masses will be rescheduled for another time.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

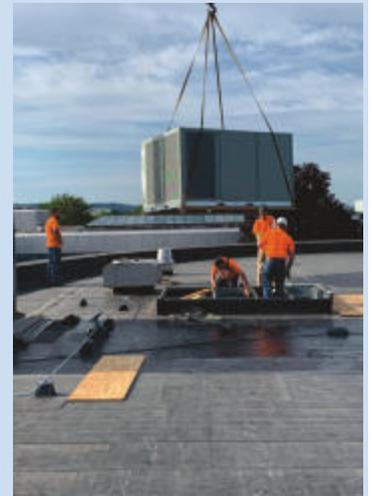
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OUR HEARTS
ARE RESTLESS UNTIL
THEY REST IN HIM."

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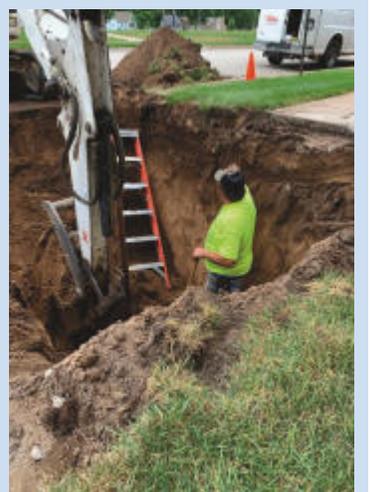
NOT OF THIS WORLD

Building our Future Together

We have experienced quite a lot of building activity in the past couple of weeks. In the first week of August, contractors had a very large crane on the premises to lift 2 of the new roof top chillers for our new air conditioning service. One unit was placed on the rectory roof and the other on the church roof above the balcony. A third unit will soon be arriving that will serve the main body of the church. That unit will be installed on the rooftop above the hallway of the Parish Hall. That section of roof was constructed with pre-stressed concrete to enable the placement of this new unit. We are also awaiting 2 new air handling units, one for church and one for the rectory. We expect them early in September and it will then take a week to 10 days for the installation. During the installation, we will not have air conditioning in the church.



This past week we had the installation of the new water main service from 21st Street. That connection services the church and rectory. The water service was installed 8' deep – 2' below the required depth – to help prevent any freezing hazards. A section of sidewalk was removed and replaced as part of the project. May the Lord continue to bless our efforts as we Build Our Future Together!



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