

November 1, 2020



MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



ALL SAINTS

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

Mary, Mother of the Church
parishioners are called to be the
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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.



Every vote counts! Don't forget to vote Nov. 3. Mary, Mother of the church is a polling place for Wards 25 and 26.

TV/Online Masses

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

Online Mass Saturday 4 PM Mass is live streamed on our website and our 7:30 AM weekday Masses are live streamed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Livestream Volunteers Needed We are looking for additional volunteers to come forward for training, especially for the 7:30 AM Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays. This ministry requires a bit of tech savvy to operate our AV system and our YouTube channel. Full training will be provided. To learn more about what is involved, please contact Joseph van Oss: webmaster@mmoclacrosse.org.

Guidelines for Mass

Weekend Masses

- Masks are required; extras are in gathering space
- Doors are unlocked 30 minutes prior
- Arrive at least 5 minutes early
- 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

Family Life

Welcome to the Waters of Baptism Congratulations to Brooks Ryan Roesch who was baptized on Oct. 17 and Conley Marie Cossette who was baptized on Oct. 24! We welcome them to God's family with great joy!

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Pedace, Sr. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to the family and friends who mourn their loss. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.*

Service of Remembrance A prayer service will be held on Monday, Nov. 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. This year we will **not** be inviting pictures in memory of loved ones as we have in past years.

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.

SCRIP When you buy scrip a percentage of your purchase is given back as a rebate. Aquinas Catholic Schools and Religious Education families use this rebate to help offset the cost of tuition. There is a large group of parishioners who donate their rebates to the Building Fund. There is also the option to buy scrip and donate your rebate back to the parish which also helps cover the cost of running the scrip Program (e.g. shipping, copy paper, and supplies). If you have never bought scrip before and would be interested in doing so for the benefit of the parish, please contact Holly in the parish at finance@mmoclacrosse.org or 788-5483 x3, and she will be happy to explain the process to you. Scrip is a great way to support the parish!

Scrip Drive-Up Day & Donations Drive!

Friday, Nov. 13
8 AM - 3 PM
During office hours

Scrip will be available in the **Parking lot near the Parish Hall doors**

- Same day order: complete the form in the bulletin
- Same day order: **NO FORM NEEDED** for 1-2 items

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Lets help those who turn to Catholic Charities in need of men's clothing items such as socks, underwear, long underwear, weatherproof hats and gloves; non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, including coffee and hot chocolate.

Chairs in the Parish Hall Throughout this pandemic we have been making every effort to keep our facility safe for everyone. Recently we had an extensive conversation with our cleaning supply company about using metal chairs vs upholstered chairs.

Mary Mother of the Church

Good news! We can use upholstered chairs and sanitize them! Upholstered chairs have many pores that can trap droplets so they are stuck and have a difficult time becoming airborne again. The fabric will also start to wick/absorb moisture away from the droplets which will speed up the breaking down of the virus. Disinfectant can be lightly sprayed on an upholstered chair after use and is ready for re-use in less than 15 minutes. Metal chairs can be disinfected but must be wiped down to remove any bio-load left behind. If a person leaves droplets on a metal chair, someone may pick up that droplet since metal is smooth and non-porous. Thank you to our team of Greeters who know that many hands make light work.

Scam Warning Digital scams are common, and a recent one was experienced in our parish. An email was sent from frkonopa2@gmail.com and it read, "Good afternoon, how are you doing? I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get this message. God bless, Fr. Brian, Pastor." Please note, the parish has its own computer server (and email address). Therefore, all emails from staff should come from @mmoclacrosse.org. If you receive an email from parish staff that ends with @gmail.com or any other variety, it's a scam.

Commander Board Gift Our new church sign was installed before Christmas last year and has served us well. We no longer need the commander board which had been rolled out to the parish yard to promote chicken-ques and cookie walks. Before attempting to sell it, the parish asked Holy Trinity Parish if it would enjoy it as a gift, since they borrowed it for their chicken-ques. They accepted! We continue to be grateful for the use of their school building from 2012-2018 when we didn't have classrooms to use for Religious Education. Holy Trinity did not charge any rent during those 6 years!

Religious Education

First Confession Meeting First Confession Parent AND STUDENT Meeting 1:00 pm Sunday, November 8, in MMOC Church. Masks will be required as well as social distancing.

FORMED FORMED is an online Catholic library that allows you to watch, listen, and read. Anywhere, anytime.

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tion – without any additional fee – via your mobile (iOS or Android), tablet, or connected TV device (Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire, OBOX, Chromecast, etc.).

--Enabling content on the go with offline playback on your mobile phone or tablet.

A few easy steps from your laptop or desktop to register:

1. Visit FORMED.org and Click "Sign Up"
2. "How would you like to sign up?" Select: "Sign Up as a parishioner."
3. It will ask you to "Create a new Account." As you type our parish name, you will see a pop up: "Mary Mother of the Church." Please click the option with our address: "2006 Weston St. La Crosse WI."
4. Enter your NAME and your personal EMAIL ADDRESS.

That's it! No password is needed! An extra option: add an app to your mobile device!

This week on FORMED This weekend we celebrate one of the great feast days in the Church...the Feast of All-Saints Day. This feast day reminds us that we are all called to be saints. Those who have been declared saint and blessed in our church are our older brothers and sisters in the faith whose lives are set before us as examples of faithfulness to God despite life's difficulties. Through movies, documentaries, books and more, Formed.org offers a look into the diverse lives of the saints of the church in order to inspire us to follow their example in witnessing to a world in need of God.

Ministry with the Elderly & Sick

Homebound Many more people find themselves in this situation, at least temporarily.

-If you would like to receive regular phone calls ...

-If you need help with simple errands like groceries or medicines...

Please contact Sr. Kathy at 788-5483 ext. 5 or kathy@mmoclacrosse.org.

Let's be aware of our neighbors and support one another, especially through phone calls.

Make a Call, Be a Friend Simple acts of kindness make a difference. A simple call to a friend or family member is one of these acts of kindness. If you would like to make a call to someone beyond your current circle, consider making a call to a member of the parish family...and make a friend! Please contact Sr. Kathy who is aware of people who might enjoy a weekly phone call: 788.5483 x. 5. (If you are one of these people, PLEASE call Sr. Kathy so she can bring this blessing to you!) This effort was made when the pandemic began. Some people were called once, some are still receiving calls. As the weather turns cold and holiday travels are unknown, phone calls become more important. Please remember to make a call and be a friend.

Need Extra Help? If you are in need of help with yard work or small home repair, the Men's Club may be able to fill your need. Please call Sr. Kathy at 788-5483 ex. 5 or Francis Schelfhout at 780-9433.

Social Justice

Warming Center News On Sunday, November 1 the La Crosse Warming Center is opening for the 2020-21 Season. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, numbers at the Warming Center will be reduced.

THANK YOU to all who have volunteered to prepared Sunday suppers for the Warming Center. We only have one Sunday in April remaining to be filled. A reminder that food is to be prepared for about 25. Suggested foods are soup, stew, hotdish, BBQ, tacos – any simple meal – plus 2 gallons of milk. Bread and dessert are optional. Please deliver meals to the Warming Center, 413 S. 3rd Street between 6:30-6:45 PM.

Due to the pandemic, this year the parish has not made a commitment to provide staff volunteers at the Warming Center for any particular day or time. However, if you feel safe to volunteer to serve a vulnerable population the Warming Center is in need of volunteers. For information or to volunteer, please email the new **Warming Center Coordinator, Toni Van Kirk, (tvankirk@cclse.org)**.

WINTER COATS Catholic Charities is again hosting the annual "Coats for Kids" campaign. Donations of new or gently used coats for infants through adults (larger sizes are of greater need – no "trench" coats), warm and waterproof mittens, gloves, stocking hats, boots, and snow pants. **You may drop off these winter clothing items at KWICK TRIP STORES** in La Crosse, Onalaska, Holmen, West Salem, and Stoddard before November 22. (Please do **not** drop off these winter items in church.)

Mobile Meals MMOC has a small team of devoted volunteers who deliver pre-made, healthy, nutritious meals to people's homes. The Nov. 23-29 week is already covered but more support is welcomed for this monthly commitment to those in need. Please contact our parish's coordinator Sue Moyle 787-0076 or wsmoyle@gmail.com for more information.

Post-Abortive Healing Retreat Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information, contact Lisa Sommers at 715-204-9561 or rvstevenspoint@gmail.com.

PCCW and Men's Club

PCCW meeting There will be a meeting Monday, November 9, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be discussing upcoming meetings and possible fundraisers. We will also be looking at ways to keep in contact with our fellow ladies of the Parish.

Men's Club Calling all men of the parish! Come be part of the Men's Club! We meet every first Wednesday of the month, and our next meeting is Nov. 4 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Join us in-person or, new for November, join us virtually! Send an email to mensclub@mmoclacrosse.org for more info and a virtual meeting link. The Men's Club provides an opportunity for supporting one another and serving the broader parish. Be part of the fellowship and create new friendships!

Liturgical Roles

November 7-8

Minister of Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Shannon Klar

Lector

4:00 p.m. Barbara Stetzer

8:00 a.m. Joseph van Oss

10:00 a.m. Polly Berendes

Cantor

4:00 p.m. Nancy Misch

8:00 a.m. Linda Kloet

10:00 a.m. Mary Kulas

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. Linda Gillette, Virginia Horstman, Betty Koenen, Mark Misch, Kevin Moyle, Steve Schaub, Chris Schlegel, Larry Weibel

8:00 a.m. Christine Kainz, Martin Logue, Brian Logue, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

10:00 a.m. Lisa Doering, Phil Klar, Jon Mason, Joe Riemer, Linda Schwartz, Andrew Schwartz, NOT FILLED

Seating

4:00 p.m. Kellie Schmitz, Peter Schmitz, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

8:00 a.m. Sue Groetsch, Kerry Groetsch, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

10:00 a.m. Charlotte Berendes, Chuck Berendes, Christine Kainz, Neil Kumm, Mike Wintheiser

Worship Aid

4:00 p.m. Patrick Hogan, Mary Schaub, Jim Spielbauer

8:00 a.m. Jonathan Baumler, Mike Juran, Amelia Kainz

10:00 a.m. Amelia Kainz, Brenda Wintheiser, Lizzie Wintheiser

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

7:30 AM † **Leo Hawes**
by Jack and Pat Darling

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

7:30 AM † **Queto and Caroline Weber**
by Jean Weber

Thursday, November 5, 2020

7:30 AM **Sr. Kathy Stuttgen (FSPA)**
by A Friend

Friday, November 6, 2020

7:30 AM † **Robert Strittmatter**
by His Family

Saturday, November 7, 2020

4:00 PM † **Richard Severson**
by Dee Smikla

Sunday, November 8, 2020

8:00 AM **Pro Populo**
10:00 AM † **Wilbur and Gretrude Kessler**
by Mark and Sue Halter

Hillview Masses will be rescheduled for another time.

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

Building Our Future Together

An update on the status of the building projects:

The masonry work near the stained glass windows, where the stone meets brick has been finished. The mason reports there were several locations where the original mortar "crumbled" as he began to drill out the space. We are optimistic these repairs will resolve several water infiltration problems.

The new lighting work in church is progressing – and the new bright light is amazing! There will also be new spotlights installed in the sanctuary as well as new controls. We are awaiting the delivery of some additional light fixtures to complete the work in the rectory.

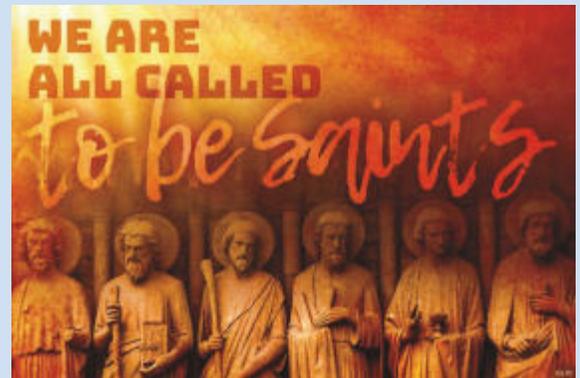
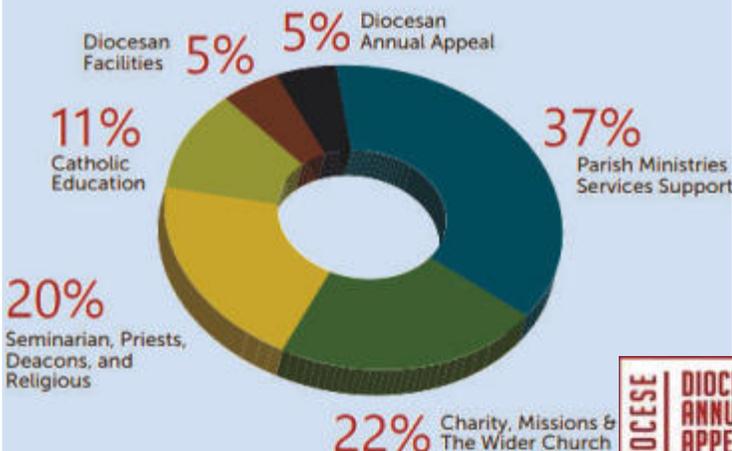
Work continues on the HVAC system. The shipping delay of the large air-handling unit for church has caused the project to lag behind schedule. The most recent information advises the unit will ship this week. Significant ancillary items remain to be done including heating and airflow controls, ductwork connections, and pipe insulation. The church boilers are functional but without the air-handling unit, they only provide limited warming capability. We are hopeful the system will be fully functional by Thanksgiving.

Please continue to pray for our parish and the safety of construction workers as we Build Our Future Together!

Finances

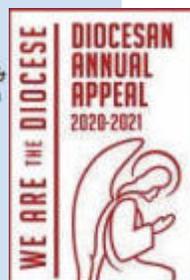
Diocesan Annual Appeal Every household will be receiving a mailing to support the needs of the local Church and beyond. Please take a moment to read the material and say the prayer. Then make your decision on this year's effort: "His Church Is Still Here, His Church Still Provides, His Church is You and Me." Let's act quickly and do our part as Mary, Mother of the Church!

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