April 11, 2021





2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 weekend 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 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.



Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions will take place TODAY, April 11, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral from 12 Noon – 3:15pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at Noon. Confessions will be heard throughout the afternoon along with hourly recitations of the chaplet of Di-

vine Mercy. A Divine Mercy informational video will play at 12:20 and 1:30pm. Devotions will conclude with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3:00pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday How to Receive the Graces of the Feast of Divine Mercy: An abundance of Mercy is offered to those who:

- Are merciful to others through deed, word and prayer.
- Make a good and sincere confession during Lent (up to 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday).
- Worthily receive Holy Communion on the Divine Mercy Feast Day (or Saturday vigil).
- Venerate the Image of Divine Mercy.
- Trust in God's Mercy.

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened" (Diary #699). Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary #699). He went on to say, "I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy" (Diary #1109).

It is required of all Catholics to confess their sins at least once every year. If you haven't yet met this obligation, then take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to receive an outpouring of an ocean of graces that Jesus promises on this day. The Church allows for one to go to Confession up to 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. Those who have already confessed sins for Easter could make room for others that day. For more information on Divine Mercy, go to thedivinemercy.org.

Easter Flowers Please use the special envelope in your packets to donate Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones. More flowers will be purchased throughout the Easter Season to add to our extended celebration. A list of donors and memorials will appear in a future bulletin

Lent Collection Thank you to everyone who so generously gave to the Lent collection this year. \$14,637 will go to the St. Clare Health Mission! The mission started 28 years ago to serve the new population of Hmong that arrived in La Crosse. Today it continues its mission by serving the uninsured, underinsured, at-risk, and vulnerable in our community and in the surrounding area. Your donations are go-

ing towards a new Mobile Medical Van and other projects. Thank you!

Time for a New Ministry Schedule We will soon begin working on a new Ministry Schedule that will run from May through July for Minister of Holy Communion, Lectors, Cantors, and Greeters. 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 April 16 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.

Girl Scout Cookies Girl Scout Troop 4654 is hosting a Drive Thru Cookie Booth after each Mass THIS WEEKEND, April 10 & 11, at the main entrance of the Parish Hall.

Spring Chicken Que The MMOC spring Chicken Que is Thursday, May 13. This is a great opportunity to join your fellow parishioners in this worthwhile project. Some people find it so enjoyable that they take the day off from work!

New Scrip Cards You asked and we are happy to tell you that we are now selling \$25 Starbucks scrip!

Little White Books Free Easter booklets are available this weekend on a first come, first serve basis. These books offer daily, 6-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Easter.

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
- -Holy Communion: receive by hand
- -Dismissal: exit immediately as directed by Greeters

TV/Online Masses

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

Online Mass Saturday 4pm Mass is live streamed on our website and our 7:30am weekday Masses are live streamed Tuesday through Friday.

Family Life

Wedding Banns (III) Richard Wilhelm (MMOC) and Jean Melson (MMOC) on April 17, 2021. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their wedding.

New Parishioners MMOC is delighted to welcome Ruth Fairbanks and Ryan and Kathryn Glaze to the parish.

Marriage Preparation Retreats The La Crosse Deanery, which consists of 14 area parishes, will be offering Married Love: Two Becoming One, a marriage preparation retreat for engaged couples on April 24 and July 10, 2021. These retreats will take place at Mary Mother of the Church Parish. To register for a retreat, contact Mari Erickson at mnerickson95@gmail.com or 608-518-7655.

Religious Education

Edge/Life Teen Edge resumes Wed, April 14. Life Teen resumes as directed by Group Leaders.

Confirmation Sunday, April 18, Confirmation Mass at 12:30 p.m.

First Communion Sunday, April 25, First Communion Mass at 12:30 p.m.

Mite Box Collection The Mite Box program and collection for the Missionary Childhood Association is always an important part of the Lenten season especially during this pandemic year! Please return your Mite Boxes during this Easter Season to the Parish Office or in the collection basket when attending Mass. Thank you!

Aquinas Catholic Schools

Enroll Now for the 2021-22 School Year Aquinas is accepting new and returning students for grades 3P-12. To learn more call 608-784-8585 or visit www.aquinascatholicschools.org.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program Don't forget the application period for the 2021-22 Wisconsin Parental Choice Program is OPEN through April 15. Please visit our website or contact Nancy Pederson at nancy.pederson@aguinasschools.org.

Aquinas Booster Club Auction Support the Blugolds on April 24 by attending the event at Aquinas beginning at 5:30 p.m. OR participating in the online event via the Greater Giving platform. New this year is the Golden Ticket. We will be selling 100 raffle tickets at \$100 each. One winner will be selected who will pick his or her top choice of 10 designated live auction items.

Man and Woman of the Year

Man and Woman of the Year Nominations If there is a man or woman that you would like to see acknowledged for their contribution to the parish, please send nominations to the parish office by May 16 to be recognized on the Patronal Feast Day, Mary, Mother of the Church on Monday, May 24 with 5:30pm Mass. Please include a brief description of

the positive efforts the nominee has made on behalf of MMOC.

Woman of the Year	Man of the Year
2001 Alice Kempton	2001 Everett Kuhn
2002 Alys Kerrigan/ Shirley Wenzel	2002 Brad Sturm
2003 Carol Breidel	2003 Henry Becker
2004 Mary Lou Larkin	2004 Rich Larkin
2005 Pat Darling	2005 Jack Darling
2006 Mary Schaub	2006 Ken Martin
2007 Virginia Hortsman	2007 Norm Suhr
2008 Sr. Kathy Stuttgen	2008 Tom Thibodeau
2009 Linda Gillette	2009 Joseph van Oss
2010 Germaine Klouda	2010 Mike Marco
2011 Maureen Monk	2011 Fred Monk
2012 Therese van Oss	2012 Mike Pederson
2013 Judy Roraff	2013 Dave Wagner
2014 Lu Ann Miller	2014 Deacon Richard Sage
2015 Betty Brendel	2015 Bill Brendel
2016 Linda Elsen	2016 Howard Olson
2017 Betty Stoll	2017 Wally Stoll
2018 Paula Heiderscheit	2018 Charles Heiderscheit
2019 Donna Omernik	2019 Bob Flottmeyer
2020 Mary Jo Lium	2020 Joseph van Oss
2021 ???	2021 ???

PCCW and Men's Club

Spring Rummage Sale – Important Announcement The PCCW Annual Spring Rummage Sale will be held on April 30 and May 1, 2021. Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced. While we appreciate your contributions, due to limited space constraints, we are ONLY ACCEPTING DONATIONS of the following items:

- Spring and summer clothing only
- Children and baby items
- Shoes and purses
- Cookware, bakeware, crockpots, coffee pots, mixers
- Puzzles and toys
- Bedding
- Gardening Items

Please save your winter items and holiday decorations for the Fall Rummage Sale! Donations may be dropped off in the Parish Hall on Thursday, April 29 until 4:00 p.m.

Attention Ladies, the following two positions for PCCW officers will be open for the upcoming year—President-Elect and Secretary. If you are interested in either of these positions or have questions about them, please contact Mary Schaub at 788-9306 or email - sschaub9306@charter.net.

LDCCW Annual "Low Sunday" Collection on April 10-11. All parishes have an annual collection to support the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW). Proceeds from this collection are used for education, conventions, workshops, leadership training, Spirituality Days, and charitable works throughout the Diocese. Thank you for your generosity.

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 (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org.The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of

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.

Scrip Drive-Up Day & Donations Drive!

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Friday, April 16 8 AM - 3 PM During office hour

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-- Same day order of 1-2 items: NO FORM NEEDED



Catholic Charities is grateful for all the food donations and is most in need of laundry soap, baked beans, canned meat, canned fruit, jelly, jam, coffee and hot chocolate

April Men's Gathering Saturday April 17 Join men in the La Crosse area at the 8 am Mass at Cathedral. There will be a one-hour reflection, prayer and discussion on the Seven Joys and Sorrows of St. Joseph at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall starting at 9am. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament afterwards. David Schreier will facilitate the talk and discussion. All men welcome!



Liturgical Roles

April 17-18

Minister of Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Jerry Roesler (**Deacon**) Mary Schaub (**Parish Hall**)

8:00 a.m. Bill Jackel (Deacon)

10:00 a.m. Shannon Klar (**Deacon**) Linda Schwartz (**Parish Hall**)

Lector

4:00 p.m. Mark Outzen

8:00 a.m. Bob Mahr

10:00 a.m. Polly Berendes

Server

4:00 p.m. **NOT FILLED**

8:00 a.m. **NOT FILLED**

10:00 a.m. **NOT FILLED**

Cantor

4:00 p.m. Paul Lansing

8:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf

10:00 a.m. Nancy Misch

Musician

4:00 p.m. Jenny Nielsen

8:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon

10:00 a.m. Christopher Carskadon

Welcome

4:00 p.m. Larry Weibel, Chris Schlegel, Steve Schaub, Kevin Moyle, Neil Kumm, Patrick Hogan

8:00 a.m. Kathy Skiles, Dan Skiles, Rosie Pennebecker,

Cindy Klar, Bob Klar, Mike Juran

10:00 a.m. Andrew Schwartz, Jon Mason, Phil Klar, Chuck Berendes, Charlotte Berendes, **NOT FILLED**

Seating

4:00 p.m. Virginia Horstman, Linda Gillette, Joe Riemer (sub req.)

Lead Joseph van Oss (sub req.)

8:00 a.m. Sandy Pitsch, Brian Logue, Donna Burns Lead Allan Baumler

10:00 a.m. Christine Kainz, Gabriella Stratman (sub req.), NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

Lead Lisa Doering

Worship Aid

4:00 p.m. Jon Mason, Kim Lansing

8:00 a.m. Peggy Baumler, Jonathan Baumler

10:00 a.m. Tammy Byington, Amelia Kainz, NOT FILLED

Money Counters

10:00 a.m. Bill Antony, Margaret Hammell, Patty Watson

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:30 AM † Ann Malin

by Mary Brozozowski

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

7:30 AM **† Bernadette Schumacher**

by Roger and Carol Forer

Thursday, April 15, 2021

7:30 AM **† Jerry Biesen**

by Gloria Biesen

2:00 PM **† Catherine Servais**

by Annette Langen

(Hillview is not open to the public)

Friday, April 16, 2021

By Virginia Horstman

Saturday, April 17, 2021

4:00 PM Marie and † Herbert Myers

by The Myers

Sunday, April 18, 2021

8:00 AM † Dorothy Weiland

by Her Family

10:00 AM Pro Populo

12:30 PM † Drew Coleman

By Robert Richardson

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



Building Our Future Together

The Blessed Virgin Mary Window

The crown is symbolic of Mary's role as the mother of a king. The letters A and M represent Ave Maria (Hail Mary), a prayer we pray so very often.



The letter M superimposed on the cross symbolizes Mary's relationship with Jesus; the mother who bore him, raised him, and stood at the foot of His cross.



The lower panel depicts a dove recalling the angel's words at the Annunciation, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" (Lk 1:34). Mary's purity is represented by the fleur-de-lis or lily. The 12 stars recall the words, "...and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev 12:1). The red, white, and blue shield represents Mary's role as patron of the United States.

Sts. Peter & Paul and the Four Evangelists Window



Sts. Peter and Paul: Peter is represented by a "key" recalling that Peter was given the "keys to the kingdom of heaven" by Jesus (Mt. 16:19). Paul is represented by the sword, symbolizing both his feisty apostolate and his martyrdom.



The four writers of the gospels are represented by the four winged creatures that Ezekiel beheld in a vision (Ez. 1:10-11). John's gospel emphasizes the work of the Holy Spirit and is written in a soaring spirit, so an eagle represents John.



Pictures by Joseph van Oss

Luke begins his gospel with the story of prophesy and birth of John the Baptist – the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, a priest. Because oxen were often offered for sacrifice by priests, an ox represents Luke.



A winged lion is Mark's symbol. The lion derives from Mark's description of John the Baptist as a "voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mk 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion.



Matthew begins his gospel by tracing the human lineage from Abraham to David to Jesus. Thus, Matthews' symbol bears a human face.

St. Joseph Window

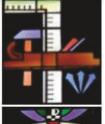
St. Joseph was a carpenter whose tools included a plane, square, hammer, and three nails.

St. Joseph is patron of the universal church. The church of Christ is represented here as a boat, making its way through sometimes stormy or unsettling seas, but always under the protection of Christ represented by the Chi-Rho atop the sail and the cross.

The stylized depiction of the lily recalls the purity of St. Joseph.

Thank you for the generosity which is accomplishing our Stained Glass Window projects. A blessed and joy-filled Easter

season to all! Please keep our parish and the success of this year's projects in your prayers as we Build Our Future Together.







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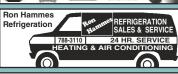
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