

January 2, 2022



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS TIMES

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15-3:45 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-
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Fridays from 8am-3pm.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Requests are due to the office by Mon-
day in written format.

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OUR MISSION

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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.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Thank You for All You Do!

To everyone who made our Christmas Masses so beautiful: liturgical ministers, musicians, greeters, sacristans, and everyone who helped decorate the church. It is greatly appreciated.

Casting a Vision for the Parish

What comes after Building Our Future Together? Where do we focus our parish resources, especially our time and our energy? Where is the Lord leading us? What is the new vision? What new ministries are we called to establish?

Father Konopa has posed these questions to various groups in October and November and would like to bring the fruit of these discussions to the parish. All are invited to a ground-level gathering on the weekend of January 15-16 in the Parish Hall following weekend Masses. We won't be able to answer all these questions in 35-45 minutes but this will be a foundational presentation on the future vision.

MMOC TV Mass

WKBT is the new owner and manager of KQEG. They are unable to broadcast our online TV Mass live the way KQEG would do it. Our two options are 1) record a Sunday Mass earlier in the week or 2) broadcast Mass on a one-week delay. As an example, in order to broadcast our Easter Sunday Mass our church would need to be decorated for Easter during Holy Week for recording or we would need to broadcast Palm Sunday on Easter Sunday. Neither option isn't practical.

We will continue to live stream our 4PM Vigil Mass and post them on our YouTube channel which is accessed on our website: www.mmoclacrosse.org.

The Diocese of La Crosse celebrates Mass every Sunday on Channel 19 at 9:30 AM.

Time for a New Ministry Schedule

We will soon begin working on a new Ministry Schedule that will run from February 1 through April for Lectors, Cantors, Servers, Sacristan, Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters and Scrip Sellers. Please submit any "Can't Serve Dates" through the online scheduling tab on the parish website, www.mmoclacrosse.org under Ministry Scheduler or by calling the parish office, 788-5483, ext. 2 by Jan. 18.

Please consider actively signing up for other Masses: Ash Wednesday (Mar. 2), Holy Thursday (Apr. 14), Good Friday (Apr. 15), Holy Saturday (Apr. 16).

MMOC Weekly E-Bulletin

The weekly e-bulletin was switched several months ago to a new format and carrier. If you have not been receiving it or would like to receive it, contact Rose, Parish Secretary at 788-5483 ext. 2.

Parish Social Join us Thursday, January 6 after the 7:30 am Mass in the Parish Hall for coffee, conversation and fellowship.

2022-2023 ACS



On Monday, January 17, 2022, enrollment for the 2022-23 Aquinas Catholic Schools school year begins! If you are interested in exploring your options when it comes to education, we would be happy to show you what Aquinas has to offer. Current Aquinas families can also begin the re-enrollment process at that time.

Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition.

Please join us for our upcoming open house dates at Aquinas High School & Middle School:

AHS: Monday, January 10 at 6pm

AMS: Wednesday, January 12 at 6pm

For more information, contact:

AHS: Jennifer Small at 784-0287

AMS: Jenna or Gina at 784-0156

Family Life

New Parishioners MMOC is delighted to welcome Sarah Braatz and Samuel Kuhn to the parish.

Religious Education

No Class There will be NO CLASS for K-5, Edge and LifeTeen on Wednesday, January 5 due to a Catechists Meeting.

Classes resume for K-5, Edge, and Life Teen on Wednesday, January 12.

PCCW and Men's Club

The women of the PCCW and the Men's Club members will meet for a meeting and social on Wednesday, January 5, at 6:00 pm in Parish Hall. Ladies bring a hor d'oeuvres to share. All are welcome to come for fellowship and create new friendships!

Social Justice

Right To Life Signature Ad For those wishing to have their name included in the Sunday, Jan. 23 La Crosse Tribune ad on the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade, there will be volunteers collecting signatures and donations to cover the cost of the ad before and after all Masses on Jan. 11-12. The newspaper ad costs approx. \$4,000 so a suggested donation of \$3 per name or \$5 per family is requested to help cover the cost.

Mary Mother of the Church

Join our Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C., -- With two Special Guests! There has never been a more important time to join the March for Life on January 21 in our nation's capitol, with the Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court and the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Plus, our pilgrims will be addressed by two amazing speakers, before and after the March: Terry Beatley, Founder of Hosea Initiative, and Valentyna Pavsyukova, Founder of Chalice of Mercy. The Diocese of La Crosse will be chartering several buses, leaving on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 19, and returning on Sunday, Jan. 23. To learn more, visit diolc.org/respect-life.

Warming Center

January 9 meals and milk provided by: Kerry & Sue Groetsch, Pat Muehr, Amy Korgner and Andrea Logue. Food should be delivered to the Warming Center, 413 South 3rd St. by 6:00 PM.

Finance

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Please return your pledge card...even if "\$0" or "prayers only" is the response. There are extra pledge cards available on the Usher's Table in the gathering space of the church. Currently we have heard from 25% of our families. Thank you!



FORMED.org

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year! Check out the program FORMED Now! How to Pray on Formed.org.



Liturgical Roles: Jan. 8-9

Minister of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. Chris Schlegel (**Deacon**)
Mary Schaub, Linda Gillette
- 8:00 a.m. Gloria Biesen (**Deacon**)
Anita Olson, Mary Jo Schumacher
- 10:00 a.m. Anne Kernan (**Deacon**)
Rita Sanchez, Linda Schwartz

Lector

- 4:00 p.m. Joseph van Oss
- 8:00 a.m. Nancy Steinhoff, Charles Heiderscheit
- 10:00 a.m. Bill Brendel, Mary Jo Swartout

Server

- 4:00 p.m. Madison Schlegel, Sue Ernster
- 8:00 a.m. Jackson Harpenau, Martin Logue
- 10:00 a.m. Julien Gabbud, Abigail Schelfhout

Cantor

- 4:00 p.m. Mary Kulas
- 8:00 a.m. Sara Groetsch
- 10:00 a.m. Natalie Solverson

Musician

- 4:00 p.m. Randy Lyden
- 8:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf
- 10:00 a.m. Haylee Pagenkopf

Sacristan

- 4:00 p.m. Linda Gillette
- 8:00 a.m. Mike Wuensch
- 10:00 a.m. Linda Schwartz

Gift Bearer

- 4:00 p.m. OPEN, OPEN
- 8:00 a.m. Bruce Nordstrom, OPEN
- 10:00 a.m. OPEN, OPEN

Greeter

- 4:00 p.m. Kathy Stuttgen, Arian Arens, Jim Spielbauer, Neil Kumm, Joe Riemer, Patrick Hogan, Mark Misch, Lead-Lisa Doering
- 8:00 a.m. Cindy Klar, Bob Klar, Mike Juran, Dave Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Pat Burns, Donna Burns, Lead-Jon Mason
- 10:00 a.m. Jordan Stratman, Chuck Berendes, Charlotte Berendes, Christine Kainz, Terri Pedace, Trisha Stratman, Gabriella Stratman, Lead-Polly Berendes

Scrip Seller

- 4:00 p.m. Heidi Schlegel, Kevin Moyle
- 8:00 a.m. Charlene Jansky, Bob Jansky
- 10:00 a.m. Sue Pretasky, OPEN

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

7:30 AM † Merlyn Wavra
by John and Joan Mueller

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

7:30 AM † Winnie McGuire
by Melanie Johnson

Thursday, January 6, 2022

7:30 AM † Sharon West
by Joseph and Therese van Oss

2:00 PM † Henry and Frances Kreibich
Hillview by Jennifer Kreibich

Friday, January 7, 2022

4:00 PM † Herbert Meyers
by Jo Cook

Saturday, January 8, 2022

4:00 PM † Thomas C. and Ann F. Wilson
by Dr. Stephen and Jeanne Pavela

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:00 AM † Howard Olson
by Roger and Carol Forer

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

Building Our Future Together

The December 19 bulletin listed a number of projects to be accomplished in 2022 to address the final part of Phase IV of Building Our Future Together. The major emphasis is on the church entrance (narthex), church restrooms, and choir loft. After meetings on December 14 and 16, we can share these layouts to help visualize the renovations. This bulletin will focus on the main floor and next weekend's article will focus on the choir loft.

The restrooms will be renovated in the same style as the restrooms in the Parish Hall (and Religious Education Center). The doors will be widened and have mechanical entries. Both will have a 2nd commode installed. The plumbing will impact the terrazzo floor and require new flooring. This will be an improvement because the new flooring will be easier to clean. The automated faucets will be replaced with manual.

The large vanity closet in the Bridal Room (Mother's Room) will be modified because that space will be needed to expand the Women's Restroom on the other side of the wall. The vanity closet will be replaced by a tri-fold mirror cabinet with an overhead light. The hallway to the Women's Restroom will also be incorporated into the enlarged restroom. There will be a door from the Bridal/Mother's Room which will only be accessible during weddings.

Opposite the Men's restroom wall, a platform lift (not an elevator) will be installed to create access to the choir loft above. This will require the hospitality counter to be relocated and shortened. On the east side of the lift, a closet will be installed; on the west side, a small counter will be added.

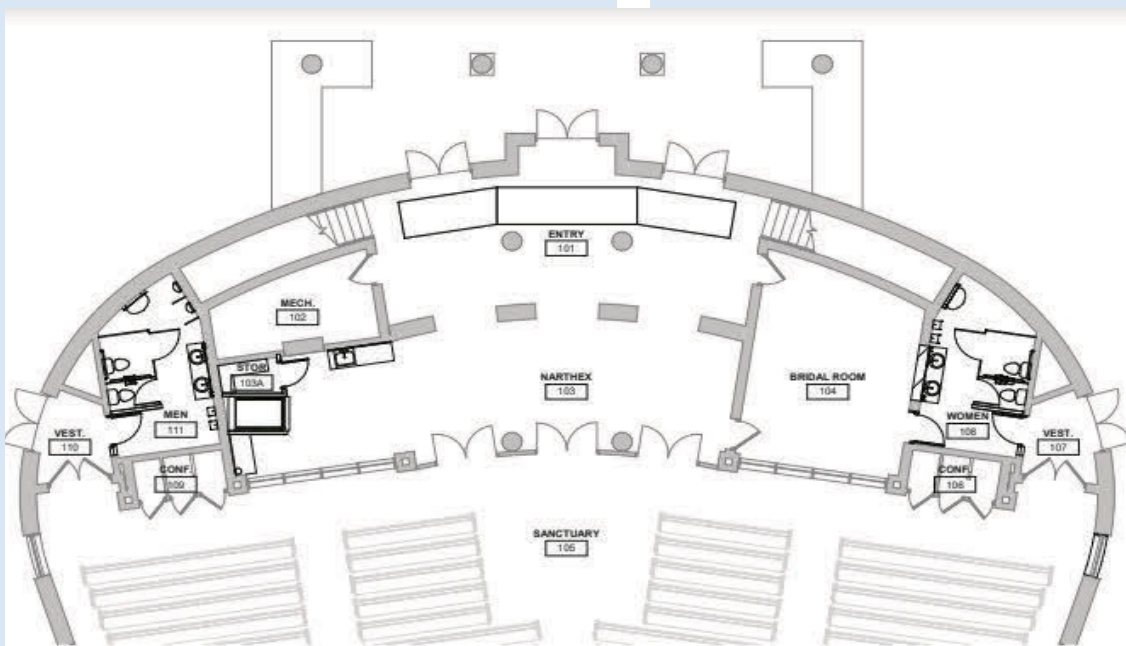
The confessionals will be updated with new flooring, walls, ceiling, and improved ventilation.

The terrazzo flooring in the gathering space will be cleaned and sealed, including the steps to the choir loft and the two sacristies in the front of church.

The ambo-pulpit in the sanctuary will be moved approximately 4½-ft toward the center of the sanctuary in order to provide a sightline for the pianist and more space for a small musical ensemble.

Our current timeline anticipates these renovations to begin after Easter (about May 1).

Thank you for the generosity which is accomplishing these projects. Please keep our parish and the success of this year's projects in your prayers as we Build Our Future Together. Happy New Year!



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