

January 30, 2022



MARY
MOTHER
OF THE CHURCH

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catholic Schools Week



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SCHOOLS

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-
end Masses and in the parish office on
Fridays from 8am-3pm.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CCO Small Faith-Sharing Groups

In his presentations to us on January 15-16, Father reminded us of our call to intimacy with Christ -- our union with Him -- to know Him. Once we know Him, then we are called to share Jesus with others - our mission. Our first step, however, must be to know Jesus. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They offer some suggestions, but Jesus presses them a bit further. "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answers, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." If you were asked this question by Jesus today, how would you answer Him? Could you answer Him?

The first book of the CCO series, *Discovery*, sets out to answer not only who Jesus Christ is, but more importantly, who He is to you! We journey together to discover the love of God the Father and who we are in His eyes. Additionally, we discover the Father's loving gift of salvation, Jesus Christ, and how to accept this generous and perfect gift. Is your heart looking for this gift? This Lenten season are you ready to discover who Christ is to you and who you are to Him?

After completing CCO, past participant Andrea Logue remarked, "I was able to push aside my pride and confidently say that I am a daughter of God; that I am worthy of God's love. My relationship with Christ is far more important than parishes, schools, or politics. Joy and peace are what He wants for us."

Several opportunities are available. Identify your preference, and contact the group leader with your name, contact information, and questions.

Monday:

6:00 PM Peter Schmitz (men only)
608-780-4181 or
schmitz.peter13@gmail.com

Tuesday:

6:00 PM Christine Kainz (men & women)
608-386-9851 or
cjam707@gmail.com

Wednesday:

1:00 PM Bill & Marilyn Jaekel (men & women)
608-792-9011 or
wrjaekel@gmail.com

Thursday:

9:30 AM Donna Keogh (men & women)
812-371-3059 or
keogh27dr@yahoo.com

6:00 PM Tammy Byington (women only)
608-498-0175 or
TammyByBy@gmail.com

6:00 PM Mike Keogh (men only)
812-371-0943 or
mekeogh@yahoo.com

Parish Social Join us Thursday, February 3 after the 7:30 am Mass in the Parish Hall for coffee, conversation and fellowship.

Silver Circle

Mark your calendars for February 17. If all stays safe, we will be having our quarterly gathering with food and good friends. More in next week's bulletin.

2022-2023 ACS



Enrollment and re-enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is now open! 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. We have options for financial aid beginning in 5K, after-school care options, and wide-reaching bus routes throughout the area!

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

Contact info@aquinasschools.org with questions. To enroll...

www.aquinascatholicsschools.org/enrollment

Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast

The Men's Club will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 13 from 8am-12 noon. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit cocktail, juice and coffee. \$5.00 per person; \$4.00 seniors (60+) and kids (6-12); Free for kids 5 and under. Come join us in the Parish Hall for great food and fellowship!



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 February 12, April 30 and July 16 at St. Patrick Parish in Onalaska. Couples must register at least two weeks prior to attend one of the retreats. Cost: \$75 per couple: To register email laxretreat@gmail.com. Provide your name, wedding date, parish and contact information.

Family Life

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Beranek and Patricia Gilster. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to the families and friends who mourn their loss. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

Religious Education

Confirmation Candidates Next meeting is February 6 at 6:00 in MMOC Parish Hall—Session #7. The Feb. 6 meeting replaces the Feb. 13 date.

Mary Mother of the Church

Communion Calls

The following parishioners will receive Communion in their homes this week: Jean Weigel; Gerald Sheehan; Catherine Larson; Carol Weis; Julie & Steven Pitsch; Ione Ross; Judy Van Voorhis; Joyce Ruetten; Barb Herlitzka; Mary Flottmeyer; Dick Rady. If you know of someone who would like to receive the Eucharist in their home, please call the parish office at 788-5483.

Men's Club

The next Men's Club meeting is Wed., Feb. 2 at 7pm in Room C of the Religious Education Center. All men of the parish are invited.

Social Justice

Warming Center

Meals and milk for the Warming Center are needed by 6PM at 413 S. 3rd St. Special thanks to Joseph van Oss, Pattie Nimocks, Mary Schaub, LuAnn Miller, Theresa Vick for providing on January 30.

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As we celebrate the martyrdom of Paul Miki and his companions this week, we invite you to learn more about a modern martyr from the United States: In An Ordinary Martyr: The Life & Death of Blessed Stanley Rother we encounter this ordinary man who loved extraordinarily.

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. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602- 4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown 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/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to 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.

Liturgical Roles: February 5-6

Minister of Holy Communion

- 4:00 p.m. Kevin Moyle, Kellie Schmitz, Jerry Roesler
- 8:00 a.m. Nick Berry, Janice Berry, Mary Jo Schumacher
- 10:00 a.m. John Conzemius, Barbara Stetzer, Lori Hammes, Linda Schwartz (Choir)

Lector

- 4:00 p.m. Peter Schmitz, Chris Schlegel
- 8:00 a.m. Donna Keogh, Charles Heiderscheid
- 10:00 a.m. Pattie Nimocks, Emily Krejchik

Server

- 4:00 p.m. Keegan Gerling, Madison Schlegel
- 8:00 a.m. Catherine Harpenau, Spencer Harpenau
- 10:00 a.m. Ella Krejchik, Louie Berendes

Cantor

- 4:00 p.m. Linda Kloet
- 8:00 a.m. Nancy Misch
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Choir

Musician

- 4:00 p.m. Randy Lyden
- 8:00 a.m. Jenny Nielsen
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Jo Lium

Sacristan

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

Gift Bearer

- 4:00 p.m. Sam Horman, Lisa Doering
- 8:00 a.m. Linda Kaiser, Ron Kaiser
- 10:00 a.m. Shannon Klar, Phil Klar

Greeter

- 4:00 p.m. Larry Weibel, Ella Schuttenhelm, Steve Schaub, Mary Schaub, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, Lead-OPEN
- 8:00 a.m. Dave Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Peggy Baumler, Donna Burns, Cindy Klar, Dan Skiles, Kathy Skiles, Lead-Bob Klar
- 10:00 a.m. Trisha Stratman, Jordan Stratman, Andrew Schwartz, Anne Kernan, Cole Arentz, Sam Dickinson Gabriella Stratman, Lead-OPEN

Scrip Seller

- 4:00 p.m. Kevin Moyle, Heidi Schlegel
- 8:00 a.m. Charlene Jansky, Bob Jansky
- 10:00 a.m. Kimberly Krejchik, Sheri Skelton

MASS INTENTION POLICY

From the earliest days of the Church, an important Spiritual Work of Mercy has been “To Pray for the Dead.” Their souls are precious to the Lord and to us. Because Holy Mass is the highest form of prayer, the faithful are encouraged to “bring their prayer intentions” when they come to Mass. For centuries the faithful have requested the priest to “pray for my intention” and the practice began for a priest to offer one intention per Mass as his own personal intention. The intention is usually for a departed soul, but it can be extended to the living such as “For the living and deceased members of my family” or as broad as “Peace in the World.” As a sign of appreciation, an offering was given to the priest.

While Mass intentions are to be encouraged, our parish has more requests than it can fulfill on a timely basis. Currently, the first weekday Mass opening is November 23, 2022 and the first Hillview Mass opening (on Thursdays at 2 pm) is October 20, 2022. Typically, when an individual contacts the office with a single Mass intention request, the delay is usually met with disappointment.

The following Mass Intention Policy has been in effect since November 17, 2019.

1. Because Mary, Mother of the Church Parish has more requests than it can fulfill, an effort is made to accommodate as many people as possible. When a family or an individual requests many Mass intentions, the parish may ask if there is a willingness to forward them to a neighboring parish, a retired priest, or a priest living in the missions.
2. An individual (or a family) may request as many Mass intentions as they wish. However, in consideration of the needs of the parish and of others interested in scheduling a Mass intention, a maximum of six (6) Masses can be offered at MMOC within a given year, which includes Masses at Hillview Health Care Center. The only exception will be for recent funerals in which a maximum of twenty (20) Masses can be offered at MMOC and Hillview.
3. Mass intentions will be scheduled within 12 months of the date the request is made. The only exception will be for recent funerals in which a full 24-month period may be needed, with one of them being scheduled on a weekday closest to the one-year anniversary of death.
4. If there are more Mass intentions requested than the maximum number of this policy, they will be forwarded to another priest and these Mass intentions (and the names of the donors) will be published in the bulletin, but not the date and location of the Mass.
5. Mass intentions are filled on a first-come-first-served basis.
6. No more than two Mass intentions can be requested for weekend Masses or Holy Day Masses per year.
7. The date of the Mass intention is subject to change.
8. The suggested offering is \$10.00 per Mass requested.
9. Mass intentions are published in our bulletin with the name(s) of the person(s) requesting the Mass.
10. It is the responsibility of the person requesting the Mass intention to contact those they wish to be notified of the date and time of the Mass.
11. Though the Mass intention need not be announced at the Mass; it is normally included as part of the Prayer of the Faithful.

Finance



Online Giving

Thank you to all MMOC parishioners that use Online Giving for their contributions. With the start of a new year, please review that your credit or debit cards have valid information and have not expired.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Currently we have heard from 35% of our families. There are extra pledge cards available on the Usher's Table in the gathering space of the church. Thank you for your generosity!



Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

7:30 AM † Howard Olson
by Roger & Carol Forer

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

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

Thursday, February 3, 2022

7:30 AM † John Koenen
by Betty Koenen

2:00 PM † Ray Wuensch
Hillview by Patrick & Tracy Mullaney

Friday, February 4, 2022

7:30 AM † Servais & Werner Families
by Linda Werner

Saturday, February 5, 2022

4:00 PM † Bill Johnson
by Toni Weise

Sunday, February 6, 2022

8:00 AM † Lenna Campbell
by Rosa Wittenberg

10:00 AM Pro Populo

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

Building Our Future Together

As reported in the January 23 bulletin, the representative from the Allen Organ Company was scheduled to visit January 26 primarily to plan the location of the speakers for the digital organ. The sound of the speakers needs to blend before reaching the ears of the congregation, therefore, location is important.

We decided that our choir's location takes priority over the organ's speakers because vocalists need to hear each other well in order to blend their voices. This means the location of the speakers is a more unique challenge and truly required an onsite visit.

This meeting took place after the bulletin deadline. Please look for a report in next week's bulletin.

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.

Emergency Medical Equipment



Emergency equipment is only as good as the people around who know how to use it. On January 8 at the 4PM Mass, Tom Schaefer had a cardiac arrest and some fast acting people saved his life. Mark Outzen sprang into action starting chest compressions. Someone else came with an AED. Tom was shocked a few times and gained consciousness. By then an ambulance arrived and Tom got the timely help he needed, eventually leading to triple by-pass surgery in Rochester. He is back in his home. He thanks everyone for helping him with this "unfortunate happening."

We all need to know that we have emergency equipment in church and the parish hall. We have 3 AEDs. One is located on the west wall, just inside the parish hall by the kitchen. One on the east side of the parish hall near the bathrooms. The third is in the back of the church in the hospitality area by the sinks. Nearby, on a marked cupboard, there is a plastic tote that has health care items: blood pressure cuff, bandages, etc. (This will get moved to some other area in the back when the construction starts.) In the janitor's closet there is a refrigerator with some juice and other drinks if a diabetic is in need of quick sugar. There is a wheelchair in this closet along with one near the main entrance of the parish hall. The next time you come to church or walk through the parish hall, familiarize yourself with the location of these items.

Tom, we are happy you came to church that night and were with people who could help you. We wish you well in your rehabilitation as you regain your strength.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the past when an emergency has occurred at church. A CPR/AED refresher classes will be offered in the near future.



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