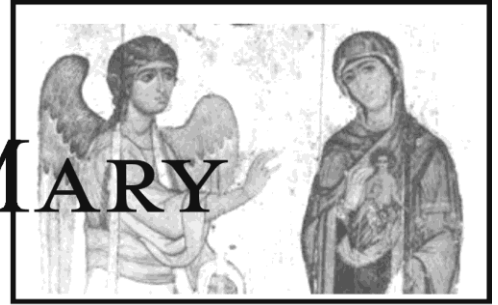


ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



This Week in Our Parish

But Jesus called them to Him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." - Luke 18:15-17 Are you interested in being in the refreshing presence of children and sharing the Word of God with them? St. Mary's is bringing back the Children's Ministry during the liturgy of the word at the 11:00 AM Mass, and we are in need of leaders. Please consider being a part of this important ministry for the families of our parish. If interested, please contact Aaron and Andrea Kane at 638-4645 or akane6335@yahoo.com.

The Parish Council is interested in getting more parishioners to participate in bringing up the gifts during Mass. There will be a small wooden carved fish that says "give us our daily bread" on the table where the gifts sit before Mass. If you would like to bring up the gifts that day, simply take the wooden fish and hold onto it until it is time for you to bring up the gifts. Please return the fish when you go back to bring up the gifts. Don't be afraid to volunteer, we'd like to see everyone participate. The ushers may also be asking for volunteers to bring up the gifts if the fish has not been taken before Mass begins.

Communal Penance Service for all members of the parish will be held beginning at **6:30 ~ 8:30 PM on Sunday, March 18**. Four priests from the Diocese will conduct the service.

"Soup, Socks & Skivvies" - RE Department Lenten Almsgiving initiative - Donations of soup, NEW socks, and NEW underwear accepted through **Sunday, March 18th**. Drop spot located in a corner of the atrium. Please **DO NOT** drop donations at the RE office or parish office. Thank you for giving!

Please note: Our Easter Sunday Masses will be combined into **one Mass to be held at 8:00 AM, 1 April, Easter Sunday in Viroqua**. St. Mary's in Coon Valley will reschedule their Easter Sunday Mass to 9:45 AM.

(Note - NEW parish fax number below.)

March 11, 2018

4th Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass

Saturday

6:00 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard before
Saturday Mass

Rosary

The Holy Rosary is prayed 30
minutes before all Weekend Masses

Bethel Home

Rosary held on 3rd Friday of each
month at 10:15 AM

Norseland

Mass and rosary held on 2nd & 4th
Wednesday each month at 9:30 AM

Friday 16 March - 4:30 PM rosary

5:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Communion Service

Evening prayer

Wednesday 21 March - 7:30 AM

rosary---8:00 AM Communion

Service followed by morning prayer

Friday 23 March - 4:30 PM rosary

5:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Communion Service

Evening prayer

Parish Website www.stmaryviroqua.org

Parish Fax (608)299-3721

Frances Campbell, Secretary/Bookkeeper (M-Tu & Th-F – 8 am-4 pm) stmaryparish@mwt.net (608)637-7711

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March 11, 2018

Fr. Charlie Richmond will celebrate weekend Masses March 17-18, Fr. Maria Dass will celebrate the weekend Masses March 24-25, and Fr. William Kulas will celebrate Holy Week Masses and services—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. The La Crosse Diocese will continue to send a priest to cover weekend Masses after February 28th; but there will be no week-day, Monday through Friday, Masses after February 27, until further notice.

Lenten Program

Communal Penance Service will be held **6:30 ~ 8:30 PM** on Sunday, March 18.

Palm Sunday Mass will be celebrated at **6:00 PM** on Saturday, March 24 and **7:30 AM** and **11:00 AM** Sunday March 25.

Holy Week

Holy Thursday Mass begins at **7:00 PM** on Thursday, March 29.

Good Friday Liturgy begins at **1:00 PM** on Friday, March 30.

Easter Vigil will begin at **8:30 PM** on Holy Saturday, March 31.

Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated at **8:00 AM** on Sunday, April 1.

On March 4, Fr. Joe sends greetings. He arrived in India safe and sound on the 2nd of March. It was a long journey, and he is very tired so is 'taking a rest'. He thanks everyone for their prayers for his safe arrival and conveys his kindest regards to you, his parishioners.

Schedule of Area Daily Masses:

St Mary (Gays Mills) Monday & Thursday 8:30 AM

St Philip (Rolling Ground) Tuesday 8:30 AM

Sacred Heart (Cashton) Tuesday & Friday 8 AM

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe 11 AM

St Charles (Genoa) M/W/Th/F 8:00 AM, Tuesday 8:30 AM

Please pay attention: Kindly maintain silence inside the church. If you wish to talk and visit, please move to Atrium because some parishioners are praying.

50th Jubilee Celebrations – Request for Names – Due March 13th - Each year, we ask for your help in securing the names, addresses and phone numbers of those couples in your parish who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during this calendar year of 2018. Please relay to your parish office.

Ecumenical Lenten Rotation - **Wednesday, March 14** – Liberty Pole United Methodist Church, 5:15 PM – Light meal; free-will offering; 6:30 PM – Worship Service.

Arise! A Come and See Day with the Sisters! **Who:** Girls ages 9 - 13, who are interested spending some time with the Sisters and others who enjoy spiritual things, while finding out more about religious life. **When:** Saturday, **March 17, 2018.** **Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Where:** Mater Redemptoris House of Formation; [3730 East Avenue South; La Crosse, WI 54601](#) **Cost:** Donations accepted. **Register:** Online registration at www.materredemptoris.org. **Questions:** Please contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or [608-788-4530](tel:608-788-4530).

Sacred Heart School FUNdraiser – Saturday, March 17, 2018; Cashton Community Hall; doors open at 6:30 PM; music from 7 – 11 PM; \$5 admission (\$30 max per family); kids 3 & under get in free. Food, beverages, raffles, silent auction, live auction, and fun for the whole family. Money raised stays with the school.

March 11, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend March 4, 2018
Adults: \$3,824.10
Offertory: \$259.00
Good Friday: \$5.00
Easter Flowers: \$10.00
Total: \$4,098.10
Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00
THANK YOU!

2017-2018

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$\$34,455.00
Pledged: \$34,713.00
Cash to date: \$31,643.00

Saturday, 10 March, 6:00 PM +**Reinie Leis**
(Ralph & Betty Schedivy)
Sunday, 11 March, 7:30 AM +**Ed Pedretti**
(Helen Pedretti)
Sunday, 11 March, 11:00 AM +**Wesley Schar**
Monday, 12 March, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**
Tuesday, 13 March, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**
Wednesday, 14 March, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**
Thursday, 15 March, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**
Friday, 16 March, 5:00 PM +**No Mass – Communion Service**
Saturday, 17 March, 6:00 PM +**People of St. Mary Parish**
Sunday, 18 March, 7:30 AM +**Sandi Kuehn**
(Jim Kuehn Family)
Sunday, 18 March, 11:00 AM +**PCCW**
(PCCW)

Saints of the Week

**St Patrick*

Annual Spring Carnival: St. Charles PTO In Genoa, WI is hosting their 32nd Annual Spring Carnival on Sunday, **March 18th from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM.**

Bethel Home & Services, Inc. – Annual Meeting; March 20, 2018; registration, 6:30 PM; meeting, 7:00 PM.

Sacred Listening, Caregiving and Medieval Women Mystics Retreats at St. Anthony's - March 23-25 - "Sacred Listening and Speaking Silent Retreat for Women": Presented by Lee Ann Niebuhr, Betsy Schussler and Sr. Jolynn Brehm, FSPA (Cost: \$185). **April 14** - "Coping with Compassion Fatigue – A Workshop for Caregivers": Presented by Elizabeth Lewis (Cost: \$65). **April 27-29** - "Medieval Women Mystics": Presented by Fr. Jim Bartelme (Cost: \$185). Contact St. Anthony Spirituality Center at 715-443-2236, info@sarcenter.com. Go to www.sarcenter.com to register for an upcoming event. St. Anthony's is located 8 miles outside of Wausau on 40 beautiful acres of wooded land.

Diaconate Discernment Retreat Saturday, April 7 - Are you a man at least 35 years of age who feels a yearning to give yourself more radically to the service of God and the Church – preaching the Gospel, serving those in need, assisting at the altar? If you think God may be calling you to be a deacon, talk to your pastor about attending the Diaconate Discernment Retreat at St. Anthony's Retreat Center on April 7, 2018. Then call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at [608-791-0161](tel:608-791-0161). A new deacon formation class will begin in the fall of 2019 and attendance at the Discernment Retreat (this spring or next) is a prerequisite. For more information, visit diolc.org/diaconate.

On behalf of the Viroqua Ministerial Association, we are holding you in our prayers during this time of transition—losing Fr. Joe and waiting for your new priest. Sincerely, Rev. Jean Waldron

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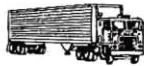
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