

# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



## This Week in Our Parish

**Low Sunday Collection** - On **April 7th & 8th, Divine Mercy Sunday**, The Parish Council of Catholic Women will be taking a second collection for the good works they are doing throughout the Diocese. Please be generous. Thank-you.

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8** – celebration of the Feast of the Divine Mercy. Immediately after the 11:00 AM Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be followed by Benediction. All members of the parish are welcome to attend. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a powerful prayer given by Our Lord to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska for everyone to pray. The primary focus of the Divine Mercy Devotion is the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart toward those in need of it.

**Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Monday, April 9** is our parish's Patronal Feast Day. Fr. Klos will be with us to celebrate Mass at 6:00 PM. A potluck in Marian Hall will follow the Mass.

Through your generous contributions, the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish was able to forward \$1,043.65 to the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** (25% of which remains locally to assist those in our area) and \$1,760.51 to the **Door of Hope** (baby bottle collection). Thank you!

**Sunday, April 15, 8:00-11:00 AM** – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Banner Making in Marian Hall.

**Sunday, April 22, 9:30-10:45 AM** – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Rehearsal in main church.

**Sunday, April 29, 11:00 AM Mass** – Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

**Thursday, May 3, 3:00-8:00 PM; 6:30 PM Mass** – Sacrament of Confirmation

**April 1, 2018**

**Easter Sunday**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each  
month at 10:15 AM

**Norseland**

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

**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

**Wednesday, 4 April, 8:00 AM** –  
**Communion Service**

*Mgsr. Hundt will celebrate April 7-8  
weekend Masses. The La Crosse  
Diocese will continue to send a priest  
to cover weekend Masses after  
February 28<sup>th</sup>; but there will be no  
week-day Masses after February 27,  
until further notice.*

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# April 1, 2018

**Rice Bowl helps Catholic Relief Services AND the Local Community with Project Seed** - Did you know that, besides helping Catholic Relief Services alleviate hunger worldwide, 25% of the donations collected through your Rice Bowls stays in the Diocese to fund Project Seed? Since 1996, Project Seed has offered high quality, low cost seed to area farmers, with initial savings of 20-30%. Further assistance is available in cases of hardship. **Please return your Rice Bowls in the box provided in the Atrium.**

**La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Biennial Convention** - "Be the bearer of hope, joy and mercy", **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 AM to 3 PM** at St. Anne Catholic Church, 700 West Bridge Street, Wausau, WI. For more information visit the website [www.ldccw.org](http://www.ldccw.org)

**Richland Center Deanery Spring Assembly - Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at noon;** Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 32605 Durst Lane, Keyesville. Patti Pflugradt presents "Gifts of Love", A Ministry of Making Baby Clothes and Caskets for Grieving Families, as Featured in "Catholic Life Magazine". There will be a Potluck Luncheon. Contact President Candace McGrath for more information, [RichlandDeanery@gmail.com](mailto:RichlandDeanery@gmail.com) or 608-647-0400.

***Diocesan TV Mass ministry:** The recordings would take place beginning mid-morning with a rehearsal with all liturgical people (servers, lectors, and gift bearers) 30 minutes prior to the first recording of each "group" – Group I would be parishioners from Assumption Parish – Richland Center and Group II would be parishioners from Annunciation Parish - Viroqua. Each Mass is recorded in 27m 30sec. If you have not seen our TV Mass recordings in the past, please feel free to view them on our Diocesan website...*

*[www.dioc.org](http://www.dioc.org). **Update for the filming schedule** - The date proposed for these recordings is **Tuesday, July 10.***

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish:

May The Lord give you Peace! I extend my heartfelt and humble congratulations to you for surpassing your goal for the **Diocesan Annual Appeal**. Not lost on this achievement is the fact that this year we are celebrating our Diocesan Sesquicentennial. Like the gifts from the generations before us, your sacrificial gifts awaken a hope, a hope that endures, for countless people now and into the future. Again Congratulations! May God continue to bless abundantly the charitable and good works you do!

Bishop William P. Callahan

Servant of God, Fr. Joseph Walijewski pray for us!

**Progress in the Fight Against Human Trafficking** - We have seen progress in the battle against human trafficking. Legislation recently passed the Senate that takes direct aim at websites that facilitate and profit from prostitution and sex trafficking. Four dangerous assumptions about human trafficking: Assumption 1: We've got the numbers *Wrong*; Assumption 2: Prosecution works *Mostly wrong*; Assumption 3: It's all about supply chains *Wrong*; Assumption 4: There is a 'solution' *Not yet*. A solution to trafficking is indeed within our grasp. But it will require much more of us, not least a commitment to being in this for the long haul – and a willingness to question even the most comforting of our assumptions. Read more about it on the [Diocesan Social Concerns website](http://dioc.org/social-concerns/news-events/) (<http://dioc.org/social-concerns/news-events/>) and learn more about this critical issue.

**Parish Finance Seminar – Registration now OPEN** - The Parish Finance Seminar will be Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at Three Bears Lodge in Warrens. Please see the agenda and registration form at [www.dioc.org/temporalities](http://www.dioc.org/temporalities). For your convenience, there is an option to pay by credit card. It is very important that a representative from each parish/school attend the Parish Finance Seminar. This is a great place to network with the other parishes/schools. There will be time for open questions again. **Registrations are due by April 23, 2018**

# April 1, 2018

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend March 25, 2018

Adults: \$2,531.10

Offertory: \$313.02

Youth: \$1.00

Good Friday: \$15.00

Easter Flowers: \$45.00

Total: \$2,905.12

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

THANK YOU!

### 2017-2018

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$\$34,455.00

Pledged: \$36,233.00

Cash to date: \$33,803.00

**Saturday, 31 March, 8:30 PM +PJ Hauser**

(Shirley Servais)

**Sunday, 1 April, 8:00 AM +Richard Rubasch**

(Lund Family)

**Monday, 2 April, 8:00 AM +No Mass**

**Tuesday, 3 April, 8:00 AM +No Mass**

**Wednesday, 4 April, 8:00 AM +Communion Service**

**Thursday, 5 April, 8:00 AM +No Mass**

**Friday, 6 April, 5:00 PM +No Mass**

**Saturday, 7 April, 6:00 PM +Larry Humfeld**

(Joyce & Roger Humfeld)

**Sunday, 8 April, 7:30 AM +Herb & Virginia Leis**

(Jim & Shirley Wuench)

**Sunday, 8 April, 11:00 AM +Richard Rubasch, Sr.**

(Pat Rubasch)

**Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4 – 5 PM:** Vernon County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Fellowship Room at Maplewood Terrace, 620 S. Garfield Avenue, Viroqua. Shawn Fish, Manager of Bethel Oaks Memory Care, will present Alzheimer's 101, a general overview of the types of dementia.

**Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:15 PM:** Bethel Auxiliary Meeting in the Kirkeeng Room, Bethel Home, 614 South Rock Avenue, Viroqua. All are welcome. **2:00 PM:** Auxiliary Program with residents in the Bethel Home Fellowship Room. Program by Pleasant Ridge String Performers and lunch by Marie Weltzin.

**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](http://diolc.org/diaconate).

**Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 11 AM – 1 PM:** Bethel Auxiliary Salad Luncheon at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 400 Congress Street, Viroqua. \$7 per person. Proceeds will go toward resident needs at Bethel Home and Services. Everyone is welcome!


Door of Hope would like to invite you to a free brunch at **Borgen's Café in Westby WI at 9:30 AM on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**. We will have a meal time followed by a fifteen-minute preview of what we do and how we are here to serve you and our communities. You may also ask questions and get more information about DOH after the breakfast. **PLEASE Call or Email Door of Hope @ 608-637-8688 / [doorhope@mwt.net](mailto:doorhope@mwt.net) to R.S.V.P. by April 9<sup>th</sup>! Seating is limited!**

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**Domestic Church Couples Retreat – Learn to Love your Spouse More** Are you a spouse who wants to love and be loved more deeply? Then register today for the Domestic Church retreat that will begin on Thursday, April 26th at 7 PM and end at noon on Sunday, April 29th. This couples retreat is your opportunity to begin a spiritual journey together (or deepen what already exists). It is also an introduction to Domestic Church for those interested in beginning formation in a Domestic Church circle. Registration is found at <http://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>.

**Happy Easter**

*As a community of faith, St. Mary Parish celebrates the love of Jesus through sacred worship and religious education; we cherish the dignity of each person, and we aspire to minister to all. We revere our history, embrace God's presence among us each day, and walk hopefully into the future.*

*"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."  
 ~ Pope John Paul II*