

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



This Week in Our Parish

Fr. Bill Kulas sends his thanks to the Women's Group for the food for meals at the parish rectory and the hospitality of all. Everything was well organized and made his work easy. 'You are all in my prayers and may God bless you and the parish. I will continue to pray that you receive a pastor soon.'

Scholarship - St. Mary's Parish and the PCCW will award two scholarships to high school seniors graduating in 2018 who will pursue their education at a school of higher education in the fall of this year. One award will be from the PCCW in the amount of \$500. A second award will be from St. Mary Parish (formerly known as *The Maureen Brennan Scholarship*) in the amount of \$450. Applications are available in the Atrium, parish office during business hours, or may be downloaded from the parish website. Completed applications must be submitted to the parish office by **Tuesday, May 1**. All high school seniors from Annunciation of the BVM are invited to apply. These scholarships are provided as a sign of the deep respect that the parish has for its youths and their ongoing formation and education.

St. Mary's PCCW will meet on **Monday, April 16, at 6:30 PM** in Marian Hall. We will be discussing the spring activities, the purchasing of new coffee carafes, and donation of a freezer. Please plan to attend and have a voice in your parish.

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

Parish Council and Finance Council Meeting: On Tuesday, April 24th at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall, the parish and finance councils will meet with Tara Lyons to begin planning for the future of our youth religious education and faith formation program. Tara Lyons, who has served as our religious education coordinator for the last two years, will not be renewing her position next year. During her time, she has gained valuable insights to help us discern what we want our program to look like as we prepare to hire someone new. Msgr. Scheckel gave us his blessing to meet as councils prior to being assigned a new pastor so that when our new priest comes we will be more prepared to interview and hire Tara's replacement.

April 15, 2018 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

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

Mgsr. Hundt will celebrate April 14-15 & 21-22 weekend Masses. The La Crosse Diocese will continue to send a priest to cover weekend Masses after February 28; but there will be no week-day Masses after February 27, until further notice.

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April 15, 2018

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

Thursday, May 3, Confirmation rehearsal begins at 5:30 PM in chapel (for students and sponsors). Mass is at 6:30 PM. Reception hosted by PCCW immediately following in Marian Hall.

The **La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Collection (LDCCW)**, (formerly called Low Sunday Collection), was \$617.25. Thank you to all for your generous donations. Funds collected are used to help in various ways in our Parish, Deanery and Diocese. For your information, a listing of some of the areas that are helped is on the bulletin board in the atrium.

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 21st 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

Richland Center Deanery Spring Assembly - Saturday, May 5th 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 or 608-647-0400.

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. 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**

Witnesses for Christ Conference August 10-11 - Do you have students and parents who do not go to Mass? Do those who enter the Church tend to stop receiving the Sacraments within a year? How do we cultivate a desire among children, young people and adults to want to encounter Jesus Christ in prayer, most especially in the Holy Eucharist? The seven Sacraments are the preeminent place of encounter with Jesus. Come and bring all of your catechists, RCIA team and leaders in your parish to practical and interactive presentations by Dr. James Pauley. His years of experience in the field and his study of the Sacraments, which led to his new book, will help us foster the encounter with Our Lord in the Sacraments. Further information coming soon.

MEN OF THE CROSS CONFERENCE - SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2018

You will not want to miss out on the 2018 conference, which will be taking place at Logan Middle School, located in La Crosse, WI. Dynamic speakers, Mass, confession, adoration and fellowship. Lunch included, student/\$25; adult/\$35. Stay tuned for more information at menofthecross.org

April 15, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend April 8, 2018

Adults: \$3,131.10

Offertory: \$188.62

Youth: \$2.00

Total: \$3,321.72

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

THANK YOU!

2017-2018

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$\$34,455.00

Pledged: \$37,268.00

Cash to date: \$35,673.00

Saturday 14 April, 6:00 PM +**People of St. Mary's Parish**

Sunday, 15 April, 7:30 AM +**Health of Klos Famil Members**

(Pat & Ed Klos)

Sunday, 15 April, 11:00 AM +**Joe Menne**

(Rita Menne)

Monday, 16 April, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**

Tuesday, 17 April, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**

Wednesday, 18 April, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**

Thursday, 19 April, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**

Friday, 20 April, 5:00 PM +**No Mass**

Saturday, 21 April, 6:00 PM +**PJ Hauser**

(Wayne & Rose Dahl)

Sunday, 22 April, 7:30 AM +**Tony Spaeth**

(Pat Spaeth Family)

Sunday, 22 April, 11:00 AM +**People of St. Mary's Parish**

*Saints of the week: *St. Anselm*

BELL CHOIR CONCERT - The Viroqua Community Bell Choir will present a concert at **2:00 PM on Sunday, April 15**, at the United Methodist Church, 221 South Center, Viroqua. The program includes prelude music by students of Kris Jenkins. Special vocal selections will be presented by Jacinta Henden and Hannah Marks. A freewill offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Wednesday, April 25th, 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 26th**. 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 to R.S.V.P. by April 9th! Seating is limited!**

Webinar on Conflict Resolution – Tuesday April 17 at 7 PM Every parent knows how difficult it is to follow God's will and maintain harmony within the home. There always seems to be something that causes disruption. And when that happens, family life becomes tense and irritating. Join Jeff Arrowood and Alice Heinzen, co-authors of the Teaching the Way of Love parenting series for an engaging one-hour discussion on how to handle conflict in the home. They will offer several practical steps that restore unity and reestablish communion when division happens. Register online at diolc.org/webinars. For more information, call 608-791-2673.


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/>.

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Rally in Eau Galle – Sunday, May 6--Come out to this amazing annual event sponsored by the Durand Deanery! For more information go to our website: <http://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/parish-rallies-and-retreats/>

Franciscan Core University – June 10-15 in La Crosse--A five-day summer, residential program for rising 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students which offers education, reflection, and experience on Catholic Social Teaching themes and principles using St. Francis of Assisi as a model for action. For more information, go to <http://www.viterbo.edu/franciscan-core>

Farmers' Hotline - With historically high numbers of farmers declaring bankruptcy, there is also a high amount of distress. There is HELP. We offer two helplines: The Farmers' Hotline in Madison is 800-942-2474 Organic Valley farmer hotline number is: 888-809-9297

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.

Now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. ~ Corinthians 13:13