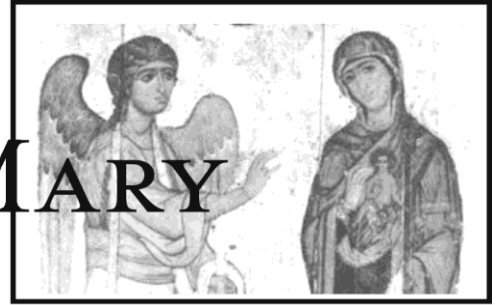


ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



This Week in Our Parish

Two Scholarships - Applications available in the Atrium, parish office during business hours, or may be downloaded from the parish website. Submit completed applications to the parish office by **Tuesday, May 1**. All high school seniors from Annunciation of the BVM are invited to apply.

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.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: SUNDAY MEALS FOR FORTNEY HOTEL RESIDENTS - A volunteer or a couple is needed to join a group of parishioners who take meals to residents of the Fortney Hotel. The new volunteer(s) would be taking meals to the residents on the first Sunday of the months of January and July. If you would like to join this parish ministry, please call Barbara Christie at (608) 634-2110. Please join in feeding the hungry!

We extend sympathy to the family of Agnes (Leis) Thielke, who died on April 13. Her funeral was held here at St. Mary's on April 18. May she rest in peace.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Paul Penchi, Sr., who died at home on April 17. Fr. Michael Klos will celebrate the funeral Mass Monday, April 23, at 11:00 AM, at St. Mary's in Viroqua. Visitation from 1:00-3:00 PM on Sunday, April 22, at the Viroqua Vosseteig Funeral Home and 10:00-11:00 AM at the church before the service on Monday. Burial in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery in Genoa following a luncheon at the Church. May he rest in peace.

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

April 22, 2018

4th Sunday of Easter

**World Day of Prayer for
Vocations**

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

*Fr. Larry Berger will celebrate April
28-29, and Fr. William Dhein will
celebrate May 5-6, 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 22, 2018

The PCCW will have a kitchen cleanup day **Wednesday, May 2, at 9:00 AM** to spring clean the kitchen. It will be followed by a pot luck.

Pease pick up your dishes after donating food for events and funerals

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.

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. *There is a signup sheet in the Atrium to facilitate carpooling to Keyesville.*



*All women of the parish are invited to the annual **Marian Banquet on May 7, at 6:00 PM**. Find your white gloves and hats for this evening of Tea party fun. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy a relaxing evening. A sign-up sheet is in the Atrium to help us with planning.*

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed on Sunday, April 22nd, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the **USCCB Vocations webpage** (usccb.org/vocations).

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.

April 22, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend April 15, 2018
Adults: \$2,047.45
Offertory: \$118.35
Total: \$2,047.45
Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00
THANK YOU!

2017-2018 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$\$34,455.00
Pledged: \$37,405.00
Cash to date: \$36,120.00

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**
Monday, 23 April, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**
Tuesday, 24 April, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**
Wednesday, 25 April, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**
Thursday, 26 April, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**
Friday, 27 April, 5:00 PM +**No Mass**
Saturday, 28 April, 6:00 PM +**People of St. Mary's Parish**
Sunday, 29 April, 7:30 AM +**Scott Lasky**
(David & Carol Hall)
Sunday, 29 April, 11:00 AM +**Wesley Schar**

Saints of the Week

**St. George* **St. Adalbert* **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen* **St. Mark* **St. Peter Chanel*
**St. Louis Grignon de Montfort*

Viroqua Legion baseball is having their **Lumberjack Breakfast April 22**, at the Viroqua Legion. It's 9-1, and cost is \$11.

BELL CHOIR CONCERT - The Viroqua Community Bell Choir has rescheduled its spring concert for **4:00 PM on Sunday, April 22**, at the United Methodist Church, 221 South Center, Viroqua. 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!**

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/> .

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

This week we highlight **Law Offices of Hopkins & Hopkins, LLP** as the bulletin sponsor of the week.
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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.

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

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