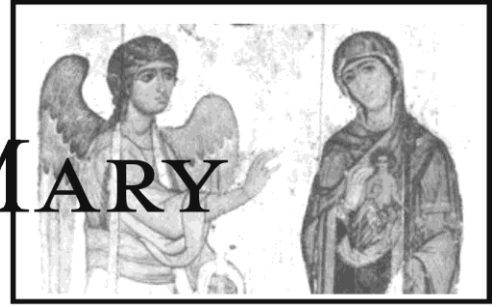


ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



This Week in Our Parish

Low Sunday Collection - 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.

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.

Sunday, April 8 – all day Confirmation Retreat in Marian Hall.

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.

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.

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

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.

April 8, 2018

2nd 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 7-8, 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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Sunday, April 22, 9:30-10:45 AM – 1st 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.

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.

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://diolc.org/social-concerns/news-events/) (<http://diolc.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.diolc.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 8, 2018

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend April 1, 2018
Adults: \$3,967.10
Offertory: \$694.42
Youth: \$2.00
Good Friday: \$1,032.00
Easter Flowers: \$25.00
Total: \$5,720.52
Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00
THANK YOU!

2017-2018

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$\$34,455.00
Pledged: \$36,9183.00
Cash to date: \$35,258.00

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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, 9 April, 6:00 PM +**People of St. Mary's Parish**
Tuesday, 10 April, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**
Wednesday, 11 April, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**
Thursday, 12 April, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**
Friday, 13 April, 5:00 PM +**No Mass**
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)

Saints of the week:

**St. Stanislaus*

**St. Martin I*

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!**


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>

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.

"Everyone in the world can belong to this group. A member of this group ought to perform at least one act of mercy per day; at least one, but there can be many more, for such deeds can easily be carried out by anyone, even the very poorest. For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by forgiving, and by comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray-that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy. And when the Last Day comes, we shall be judged from this, and on this basis we shall receive the eternal verdict." ~ St. Maria Faustina Kowalska