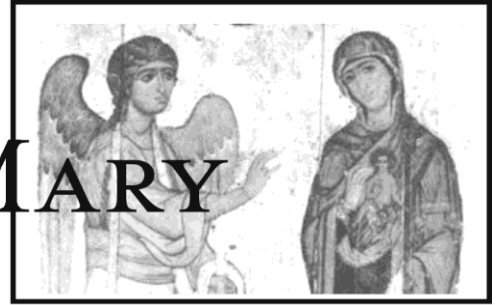


# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



## This Week in Our Parish

“*Roses for Life*” will be sold this weekend, **May 12/13, after each Mass.** Roses may be purchased for a donation of at least \$2 to support Wisconsin Right to Life. Please help to protect the most vulnerable human life.

**Graduation Mass, 7:30 AM, Sunday, May 20.** Fellowship following immediately after in the Atrium.

Annunciation of the BVM Religious Education program has been awarded two BEET (Bishop's Education Endowment Trust) Grants! Monies received from these grants will help fund this coming year's Confirmation Retreat, as well as start a Bible Campaign to put a new (St. Mary's Press) youth bible into the hands of all of our students! If it weren't for the support of you and others in our Diocese, these initiatives wouldn't be possible. **THANK YOU!**

The Reverend **Janusz A. Kowalski**, Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Owen and St. Bernard-St. Hedwig Parish in Thorp is appointed Pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Viroqua, with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 5, 2018.

The combined May 3, Confirmation Mass Confirmation collection will contribute \$130.01 to Food for the Poor and \$185.10 to Casa Hogar.

**We are looking for families or individuals who would like to adopt a garden on the parish grounds for the spring and summer.** If interested, you would plant flowers, keep it weeded, and give it occasional watering if needed, throughout the season. There is a sign up in the back of church. We currently have six gardens on our grounds that need to be adopted.

**Book Club** will meet **Tuesday, May 15, at 1:00 PM** in the church library.

**St. Mary's is looking to hire someone to focus on our lawn care this summer.** It will include cutting and trimming the lawn on the parish grounds. The parish will supply the riding mower and grass trimmer. Please contact the rectory as soon as possible if you are interested.

**May 13, 2018**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**

**Sunday Mass**

**Saturday**

6:00 PM

**Sunday**

7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Confessions are heard beginning  
5:30 PM 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

*Fr. William Kulas will celebrate May 12-13 and May 19-20, 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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# May 13, 2018

Beginning on **Thursday, May 10th until Sunday, May 20th**, let us join together in the prayer below to ask the Holy Spirit to inspire and strengthen us:

O Holy Spirit Beloved of my soul, I adore You.  
Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen and console me.  
Tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it.  
I promise to submit to everything that You ask of me  
and to accept all that You allow to happen to me.  
Just show me what is Your will, Holy Spirit.  
— Prayer by Cardinal Mercier

**Celebrate Rural Life on May 15<sup>th</sup>** - the Feast Day of St. Isidore, patron of farmers. Please consider reciting the Novena for St. Isidore, either in your parish or home with family. You may find them by visiting <http://diolc.org/social-concerns/rural-life/> and clicking on the links under "Preparation for Your Family and Parish."

**ANOINTED - June 4-12, 2018** - Are you a high school girl looking for something to renew your faith? Are you interested in learning what it's like to live as a religious Sister? If you are 14-18 years old, we have a week planned for you! Come join the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation! The week includes daily Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recreation with the Sisters and time spent serving others. You will also have time for individual meetings with the Sisters and instruction in topics related to prayer and the religious life. For more information and registration please visit [www.materredemptoris.org](http://www.materredemptoris.org) or contact Sister M. Consolata at [materredemptoris@gmail.com](mailto:materredemptoris@gmail.com) or 608-788-4530.

**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>.

**Come, Follow Days - June 12-13, 2018** - Young girls ages 9-13 are invited to Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse! Come spend time with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George learning more about your faith. You will enjoy prayer, food, fun activities and more! For more information and registration, please visit [www.materredemptoris.org](http://www.materredemptoris.org) or contact Sister M. Consolata at [materredemptoris@gmail.com](mailto:materredemptoris@gmail.com) or call 608-788-4530. Registration is open until filled with 30 girls.

**Human Trafficking Conference – June 20-22 in St. Paul, MN** - [Shared Hope](#), a leading expert on the issue of anti-trafficking legislation, education and service provision, is hosting a national 3-day conference in St. Paul, Minnesota, to equip, connect and inspire faith leaders and communities. The [JuST Faith Summit](#) will be held June 20-22 at Bethel University and will include nearly 50 plenary sessions and workshops with leading experts from across the nation, featuring a keynote address by Eric Metaxas, radio host and New York Times #1 bestselling author. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.justconference.org/faith-summit/>.

**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.

# May 13, 2018

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend May 6, 2018  
Adults: \$2,932.00  
Offertory: \$297.04  
Youth: \$3.25  
Total: \$3,232.29  
Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00  
THANK YOU!

2017-2018

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$\$\$34,455.00  
Pledged: \$37,406.00  
Cash to date: \$36,586.00

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday, 12 May, 6:00 PM + Storey Meyer**  
(Leon & Joan Meyer)  
**Sunday, 13 May, 7:30 AM + Wesley Schar**  
**Sunday, 13 May, 11:00 AM + People of St. Mary's Parish**  
**Monday, 14 May, 8:00 AM + No Mass**  
**Tuesday, 15 May, 8:00 AM + No Mass**  
**Wednesday, 16 May, 8:00 AM + No Mass**  
**Thursday, 17 May, 8:00 AM + No Mass**  
**Friday, 18 May, 5:00 PM + No Mass**  
**Saturday, 19 May, 6:00 PM + Patty Lovstad**  
(Jeanette Amundson)  
**Sunday, 20 May, 7:30 AM + Doug Reuter**  
(Jarda Timmerman)  
**Sunday, 20 May, 11:00 AM + People of St. Mary's Parish**

*Saints of the Week*

*\*St. Matthias*

*\*St. Isidore the Farmer*

*\*St. John I*

**Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, May 21** - On February 11, 2018, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments inscribed a new obligatory Memorial of "Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church," into the General Roman Calendar. This memorial will be celebrated every year on the Monday after Pentecost. A full Mass formulary—including Collect, Prayer over the Offerings, Preface, Prayer after Communion, and Entrance and Communion Antiphons—is already included within the *Roman Missal* in the section of Votive Masses: 10. Blessed Virgin Mary, B. Our Lady, Mother of the Church. A set of proper (i.e., mandatory) readings has been assigned for this new memorial. Since the precise verses and acclamation are not found together in any one place in the Lectionary for Mass, the USCCB Secretariat of Divine Worship has prepared a PDF resource of the readings to facilitate their use. White vestments are worn.

Please join us for the Mass celebrating the closing of the investigation of Father Joe's life and cause for sainthood on **Sunday, May 27, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.** at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. If you are unable to attend, you can watch the Mass live online at [www.dioc.org/live](http://www.dioc.org/live). Please continue to keep the Cause in your prayers.

**The "absolute priority" of formation** - The General Directory for Catechesis declares that the ongoing formation of those who hand on the Faith is to be an "absolute priority" (GDC 234). The Catechetical Institute is developing online formation that is appealing and that works through short videos followed by simple tasks that build skills. The online learning system will be a new certification element diocesan-wide. Details of the **June 1 training** at the Holy Cross Diocesan Center available at <http://dioc.org/catechesis/catechetical-leaders-info/>. Come and bring other leaders from the parish with you!

## **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](http://menofthecross.org).

This week we highlight **Viroqua Dental Center, LLC** as the bulletin sponsor of the week.  
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**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

**Save the Date!** Sunday, October 21, 2018, the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry along with The 177 Project will be sponsoring a Sesquicentennial Celebration for all high school youth. Details are coming soon.

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**Working mother:** What a woman becomes the instant she leaves the delivery room.

**Mother of Pearl:** Mrs. Bailey.

**Mother-to-be:** Woman who still takes sleeping through the night and doing errands alone for granted.

**Mother's Day:** What is made each time a child uses such beautiful words as "thank you" or "I love you."

~ Jane S. Mackay