

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



This Week in Our Parish

Our second grade Religious Education students received their First Holy Communion Sunday, April 29. Congratulations to **Ruby Bailey, Rosalee Beach, Stella Fergot, Allie Halvorson, Odessa Huebner, McCormick Ivey, Madelynn Keenan, Jacob Kimmet, AJ Pedersen, Isabella Pedretti, Aonghus Radke, Royce Scoville, Madilyn Smith, and Olivia Willis!**

Congratulations to our young adults who were confirmed **Thursday, May 3**, by Bishop William Patrick Callahan! - **Jared Anderson, Andrew Bomkamp, Patrick Corr, Josephine Dobbs, Brooks Ekern, Tyler Hannah, James Hopkins, Ellie Kane, Payton Nelson, Ireland Wiegel, and Owen Cauffman.**



Grandmas, Mom's, Children, Sisters, and Friends of women of the parish are invited to the annual Marian Banquet on May 7 at 6pm. Find your white gloves and hats for this evening of Tea party fun. Paula Menn will give a presentation on "Hats from the Past". Bring a dish to pass and enjoy a relaxing evening. A sign-up sheet is in the Atrium to help us with planning.

A big THANK YOU! to the ladies that helped clean our church kitchen last Wednesday.

Everyone, please pick up your lost dishes in the church basement. There are two carts of lost dishes plus a few items from the kitchen that we no longer need.

"Roses for Life" will be sold on the **weekend of 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.

May 6, 2018

6th 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

Fr. William Dhein will celebrate May 5-6, and 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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The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, D.D., Bishop of La Crosse, makes the following announcements: The Reverend **Matthew N. Marshall**, Associate Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish and Roncalli Newman Parish in La Crosse, Chaplain at Aquinas High School and Middle School in La Crosse, and Chaplain to the Hmong Community in the La Crosse area, is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Mary Parish in Coon Valley, with residence at the Parish Rectory, effective May 8, 2018. He retains his appointments as Chaplain at Aquinas High School and Middle School and Chaplain to the Hmong Community in the La Crosse area.

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

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 or contact Sister M. Consolata at 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 or contact Sister M. Consolata at materredemptoris@gmail.com or call 608-788-4530. Registration is open until filled with 30 girls.

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 6, 2018

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend April 29, 2018

Adults: \$2,245.42

Offertory: \$416.04

Youth: \$.50

Total: \$2,661.96

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

THANK YOU!

2017-2018

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$\$\$34,455.00

Pledged: \$37,406.00

Cash to date: \$36,321.00

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, 5 May, 6:00 PM +PJ Hauser

(Hauser Family)

Sunday, 6 May, 7:30 AM +Charlie & Lucille Dickman

(Jay & Diana Thurston)

Sunday, 6 May, 11:00 AM +People of St. Mary's Parish

Monday, 7 May, 8:00 AM +No Mass

Tuesday, 8 May, 8:00 AM +No Mass

Wednesday, 9 May, 8:00 AM +No Mass

Thursday, 10 May, 8:00 AM +No Mass

Friday, 11 May, 5:00 PM +No Mass

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

Saints of the Week

*SS. Nereus & Achilleus

*St. Pancras

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. 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

This week we highlight **Oakwood Realty LLC** 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.

Liturgical Calendar

May 7 (Monday): Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral, observed throughout the Diocese outside of the Cathedral as a feast.


May 13 (Sunday): Solemnity of the Ascension.

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
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Mother Superior: The woman next door who, in addition to raising seven perfect children (with straight teeth and early admission to Harvard), has a full-time job, is chairwoman of several socially conscious committees, grows her own organic food, plays three musical instruments and, to top it off, is a lovely person. ~ Jane S. Mackay