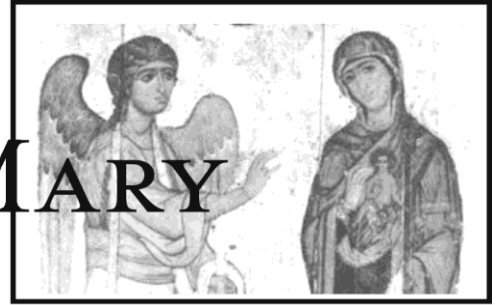


ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



This Week in Our Parish

After each Mass this weekend, India Stevenson and Clara Eddy are offering items for sale in the Atrium to fund their mission to Uganda.

America Needs Fatima Public Rosary Rally in Defense of Marriage will be held throughout the nation at **noon on Saturday, June 23**. You are invited to join us in praying the rosary at the corner of Main and Decker Streets in Viroqua.

Blest Art will visit our Parish June 23-24, 2018, on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When *Blest Art* visits, they will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art for sale. Please visit their display, after each Mass.

Stewardship during the Summer - Stewardship and Evangelization are the lungs through which the Church breathes.

There are four pillars of good Catholic Stewardship. The first pillar of stewardship is *Hospitality*. If people do not find us inviting and welcoming, they will not want to pray with us. *Prayer* is the second pillar; if they are not praying with us, they will suffer in the third pillar; *Formation*. The fourth pillar of stewardship is the fruit of hospitality, prayer, and is formation in action; *Service*. Service is vital in our Evangelization.

Therefore, as the summer travel season has officially begun, I'm encouraging you to reflect on your parish's approach to *Hospitality*. You may be receiving an influx of visitors. Think of the last time you visited another parish for the first time. Did you know where to park? Did you find your way around easily? Did you feel welcomed? Were you a bit nervous? What was positive about the experience and what was negative? Now think about your parish; how would you rate? Learn more here:

<https://catholicmissionarydisciples.com/news/16-tips-to-improving-your-parish-hospitality>

Annual Appeal: This is a reminder that the end of the Annual Appeal year is June 30, 2018. All payments must be postmarked by June 30th. Any payment received after June 30, will be applied toward next year's appeal. Please send your payments directly to La Crosse. The mailing address is Diocese of La Crosse, Attn: Annual Appeal, PO Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004.

June 17, 2018

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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 Mary (Coon Valley) Wednesday & Friday 8:00 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

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Mmgr. Hundt will celebrate June 16-17, weekend Masses; Fr. Eugene Wolf will celebrate June 23-24, and June 30-July 1, weekend Masses. Fr. Janusz Kowalski will celebrate a week-day Mass Thursday, July 5, and Friday, July 6, at 8:00 AM; regular week-day Mass times yet to be determined.

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/>.

US Bishops Proclaim Religious Freedom Week June 22-29 - *Serving Others in God's Love: Religious Freedom Week 2018* will take place from June 22-29. The Week begins with the Feast of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul, and includes the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist. For information and many resources, visit: <http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek>.

Dare to Follow Retreat - Who: Boys going into 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th grades; **When:** July 6-8, 2018; **Where:** Holy Cross Diocesan Center, 3710 East Avenue S., La Crosse, WI 54601. **What: Dare to Follow... When Jesus saw the fishermen at the Sea of Galilee, he asked them to leave everything and follow him to a new way of life. Jesus is calling, will you dare to follow him?** Spend a couple of days with young men your own age • Learning more about your Catholic Faith • Talking about the vocation of priesthood • Having fun. **Contact Vocations Office – 608-791-2667 | rorth@diolc.org**

THRESHOLD RETREAT - Who: For young men entering junior or senior year of high school, or any year of college, who have considered the priesthood; **When:** July 13 – 15, 2018; **Where:** Holy Cross Diocesan Center, 3710 East Ave. S., La Crosse, WI 54601. **Cost:** No Cost – Limited to 25 registrants. **What:** Three days of prayer and conversation and reflections on the priesthood as well as plenty of recreation. We invite you to take a couple of days this summer to listen, to pray, to ask, to seek, and to discover how the Lord is calling you. **Contact Vocations Office – 608-791-2667 | rorth@diolc.org** .

Encounter Christ in the Sacraments - Join us at Blessed Sacrament Parish in La Crosse on **August 10-11** for the “Witnesses for Christ Conference”. It is essential for DRE/CREs, Youth Ministers, Deacons, Catechists, Catholic School Teachers, Parents and any interested adult. Handing on the Faith to individuals at all age levels “is intrinsically linked with the whole of sacramental activity, for it is in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, that Christ Jesus works in fullness for the transformation of human beings.” (Saint Pope John Paul II *On Catechesis in Our Time*, n. 23) For a brochure with further details, a poster or to register, visit: <http://diolc.org/catechesis/>

Stress in Your Marriage? – Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking about it only make it worse...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is a program that helps couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage to find forgiveness and renewed love and trust. Countless couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages have successfully rebuilt loving relationships using this program. Presenters are couples who have been there. For information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **August 17-19, 2018**, call 1-877-922-HOPE (4673) *Fully confidential!*, or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

June 17, 2018

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend June 10, 2018

Adults: \$3,793.10

Offertory: \$282.00

Catholic Times: \$108.00

Total: \$4,183.10

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

THANK YOU!

2017-2018

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$\$34,455.00

Pledged: \$37,407.00

Cash to date: \$37,177.00

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, 16 June, 6:00 PM +Agnes Thielker
(Chuck & Mary Steinhoff)

Sunday, 17 June, 7:30 AM +Doug Reuter
(Ambrosia & Jarda Timmerman)

Sunday, 17 June, 11:00 AM +People of St. Mary's Parish

Monday, 18 June, 8:00 AM +No Mass

Tuesday, 19 June, 8:00 AM +No Mass

Wednesday, 20 June, 8:00 AM +No Mass

Thursday, 21 June, 8:00 AM +No Mass

Friday, 22 June, 5:00 PM +No Mass

Saturday, 23 June, 6:00 PM +PJ Hauser
(Hauser Family)

Sunday, 24 June, 7:30 AM +Wesley Schar

Sunday, 24 June, 11:00 AM +People of St. Mary's Parish

Saints of the Week

**St. Romuald*

**St. Paulinus of Nola*

**St. Aloysius Gonzaga*

**SS. John Fisher & Thomas More*

Thursday, June 21st, **Bethel Home Bus Trip**. Come along & enjoy "America's prettiest town" according to Forbes magazine. We'll hop on *Trolls Trolley* for a narrated scenic & historic tour of Decorah. There'll be enough time to explore the historic downtown with plenty of shopping before lunch. We'll enjoy a plated luncheon at the *Rubaiyat* restaurant with **choice of Pork loin with Lingonberry Sauce or Grilled Salmon topped with Crabmeat & Hollandaise**. After lunch we'll have a guided tour of the *Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum*. We depart Viroqua 8:00 AM; \$89 includes motor coach transportation, tours, lunch & tips. Call Bette to reserve your seat at 637-6323 or email bschoen@bethelhome.org.

Friday, June 22nd, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM, **Birchwood Prairie Groundbreaking Event**. Join us as we celebrate the groundbreaking of Birchwood Prairie, an independent living retirement community located in thriving Viroqua! Lunch will be provided. Free event. RSVP requested to Amanda at 637-6358 or awarthesen@bethelhome.org.

La Crosse Life League will hold their annual **Ladies for Life Tea on Sunday, June 24, 2018**, at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 130 Losey Blvd. S., in La Crosse from 2-4 PM. Join us for tea, sandwiches, treats, door prizes, activities for the little ladies, and pro-life speaker Jeff Arrowood who will talk on Raising a ProLife Family. Tickets will be \$10 for ladies 12 and up, \$5 for 3 to 11-year-olds, and girls under 3 are free. To decorate a table for this event, call Marie Allen at 608-784-5189. Tickets will be available through June 20 by calling Mari Erickson at 608-518-7655. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Thursday, June 28th, 4:30 – 6pm, **Bethel Village Strawberry Social**, 904 Wall Street, Cashton. Come enjoy a delicious supper, strawberry shortcake dessert, musical entertainment, and a pie & plant auction! Blood pressure checks by Scenic Bluffs. Freewill offering. We will also be collecting food pantry items for the Cashton Cupboard and Closet!

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 **Effinger Equipment** as the bulletin sponsor of the week.

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St. Mary's Mission Statement

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.


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.

Immersion Retreat - The Immersion Retreat will be held at the Chula Vista Resort November 9-11, 2018. The theme is "150," in honor of our Diocesan Sesquicentennial, as well as, a reference to Psalm 150. This will be for all high school age students. More information is coming soon.

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