

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



This Week in Our Parish

We the parishioners of St. Mary Parish would like to welcome you, **Father Kowalski, to our parish.** We are looking forward to your spiritual guidance as our pastor. We hope you enjoy your new home as we keep each other in prayer. Welcome to Viroqua!

The PCCW provided food for the visiting priests for the past four months. Special thanks to PCCW President Joyce Humfeld for all her work.

St. Mary parish would like to thank Tammy Jefson for her past service as the Safe Environment Coordinator. Her resignation was effective the end of May. Anyone interested in assuming this volunteer position, please contact Father Kowalski.

Masses: St Mary's - Viroqua has been asked to participate in two TV Masses for the homebound. Filming will take place at St. Mary's Church in Richland Center on **Tuesday, July 10th.** Father Kulas will celebrate the Masses. We are asked to have at least 20 people attend and be at the church in Richland Center by 1:00 PM (rehearsal held at this time). The first Mass will be filmed at 1:30 PM, the second at 2:15 PM. Each Mass will be 23 minutes. *Please sign up in the Atrium if you are able to attend and indicate if you need a ride.*

National Council of Catholic Women: Leadership Training Development Team – Will You Come and Follow Me? **Saturday, August 4, 2018, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM; Mass at 4:00 PM,** Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, 2006 Weston Street, La Crosse, WI 54601. La Crosse Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Workshop; register by July 23rd – **registration forms available in the Atrium;** cost \$30/includes lunch and program resources. For more information, contact Lorraine Riedl, phone: 608-463-7662 or e-mail: kendallriedls@gmail.com .

Weekday Mass schedule beginning the week of July 8: Monday – no Mass; Tuesday – 5:15 PM; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – 8:00 AM.

July 8, 2018

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass

Saturday

6:00 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Daily Mass

Tuesday

5:15 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

8:00 AM

Liturgy of the Hours

This ancient communal prayer of the Church is prayed after all weekday Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard 50 minutes before all Weekend and all Weekday Masses

Rosary

The Holy Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before all Weekend and Weekday Masses

Bethel Home

Mass and 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

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In case of emergency, Fr. Janusz Kowalski, Pastor (715) 456-1450

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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/>

Want to love your spouse like God wants you to? Spouses know that great love is possible within the midst of the daily demands, yet at times, it can be difficult to show it as we could. Consider attending a Domestic Church retreat. Get real, concrete help so you can tap into what God has in store for you. Attending a 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. The next retreat is **August 16-19th** in La Crosse, WI. To register for the retreat, go to: diolc.org/marriage-enrichment/. Direct all questions to aheinzen@diolc.org.

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

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.

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 .

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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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend July 1, 2018
Adults: \$2,933.40
Offertory: \$359.00
Catholic Times: \$26.00
Total: \$3,318.40
Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00
THANK YOU!

2017-2018

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$34,455.00
Pledged: \$37,457.00
Cash to date: \$37,457.00

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, 7 July, 6:00 PM +**Agnes Thielker**
(Steve & Sue Schmitz)
Sunday, 8 July, 7:30 AM +**Virginia Leis**
(Jim & Shirley Wuensch)
Sunday, 8 July, 11:00 AM +**People of St. Mary's Parish**
Monday, 9 July, 8:00 AM +**No Mass**
Tuesday, 10 July, 5:15 PM +**Mark Hammes**
(Angie Leis)
Wednesday, 11 July, 8:00 AM +**PCCW**
(PCCW)
Thursday, 12 July, 8:00 AM +**Paul Penchi**
(Paula & Jerry Cina)
Friday, 13 July, 8:00 AM +**Carletta Bausch**
(Robert Peterson)
Saturday, 14 July, 6:00 PM +**People of St. Mary's Parish**
Sunday, 15 July, 7:30 AM +**Stanley & Carnelia Gros**
(Diana Sarma)
Sunday, 15 July, 11:00 AM +**Agnes Thielker**
(Jack & Pat Rouou)

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish:
May The Lord give you Peace! I extend my heartfelt and humble congratulations to you for surpassing your goal for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Not lost on this achievement is the fact that this year we are celebrating our Diocesan Sesquicentennial. Like the gifts from the generations before us, your sacrificial gifts awaken a hope, a hope that endures, for countless people now and into the future. Again Congratulations! May God continue to bless abundantly the charitable and good works you do!
Bishop William P. Callahan
Servant of God, Fr. Joseph Walijewski pray for us!

Honor your hero. Be a hero. **Donate blood. Tuesday July 10th, 12:00 – 5:30 PM** at the Church of Christ 825 Nelson Pkwy.

Sunday, July 15th, 2-4 pm, **Pie and Ice Cream Social**, Maplewood Terrace, 620 S. Garfield, Viroqua. Join us for homemade pie, ice cream, lemonade, and coffee. Freewill offering. Sponsored by the Bethel Home & Services Auxiliary. All proceeds to benefits projects for Bethel Home & Services.

Thursday, July 19th at 5 pm, **Burgers in the Park**, Davidson Park in Westby. Come and enjoy an evening of hamburgers and music in the lovely Davidson Park. Musical entertainment by Tor Eness. Proceeds benefit the Bethel Butikk Food Pantry. More details to follow at a later date.

The **St. James Annual Mass in Rising Sun** is scheduled for **1:30 PM on Sunday, July 22**. Our annual potluck and Cemetery Association will follow Mass.

Queen of the Americas Guild Conference, July 27-28, 2018 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Open to the public. For more information, visit www.queenoftheamericasguild.org , call 630-584-1822, or e-mail staff@queenoftheamericasguild.org .

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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.

Saints of the Week

*St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

*St. Benedict


*St. Henry

*St. Kateri Tekawitha

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