

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



This Week in Our Parish

Many parishioners mentioned and asked if we could review and possibly change the weekend Mass schedule. After talking with the parish council and finance council, and following this request, all parishioners are invited to vote on the weekend Mass times. This **vote** is taking place **September 8th and 9th** after Communion at each Mass. Ushers will provide then collect the ballots. **Hours to choose:** Saturday, 6:00 PM or 5:15 PM, Sunday, 7:30 AM or 8:00 AM, and 11:00 AM. or 10:30 AM. Mass changes will start with the RE school year in October.

Quilt raffle tickets are available to pick up in the Atrium – one for each family in the parish. We would like you to pick them up and sell them or consider buying them if you cannot sell them. The funds raised by the quilt raffle support the PCCW's activities. The PCCW depends on these funds to keep up the good work that we do. There will be someone to collect your tickets or money two weeks before the October 17th, Fall Dinner.

Thursday, September 13, there will be a meeting of Pax Christi, Joseph Club, and Pro-Life groups in Marian Hall at **7:00 PM**.

There will be a PCCW meeting in Marian Hall on **September 18, at 6:30 PM** to finalize plans for the Fall Dinner. This will be for both men and women that are willing to help chair and organize the fall dinner. We are still in need of general chairpersons, kitchen chairpersons and dining room chairpersons. The annual fall turkey dinner is October 17.

"Sing a New Song Unto the Lord", it is time for the choir to return. The choir is looking for anyone who enjoys singing, any age, no experience needed. If you play an instrument and would like to contribute, come along too. Our **first choir practice will be 9:30 AM, September 23**. We practice every Sunday morning before the 11 o'clock Mass. If you have questions, please call Jacinta at 689-2354.

Parish Office location: ground floor in church north wing; entry through furthest northeast exterior door off church driveway loop, down short hallway, first door on right.

September 9, 2018

23rd 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 30 minutes before all Weekend and 20 minutes before all Weekday Masses

Rosary

The Holy Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before all 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 & 10:00 AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of each month after 8:00 AM Mass until Noon

Parish Website www.stmaryviroqua.org; Parish Fax (608) 299-3721

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

Frances Campbell, Secretary/Bookkeeper (M-Tu & Th-F – 8 am-4 pm) stmaryparish@mwt.net (608) 637-7711

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September 15, a breakfast will be provided in Coon Valley for the flood victims there. Anyone wishing to join in this effort, either by providing food or preparing and serving food, please contact Brenda Corr – 632-5208 or Jeanette Amundson – 632-3680.

Bethel Butikk in Westby serves all of Vernon County. If you are in need of clothing, food, etc., they will provide.

IN NEED OF DISASTER ASSISTANCE? – If you have been affected by recent flooding and are in need of assistance, please feel free to contact the Catholic Charities Disaster Helpline at 608-519-8038 or 888-212-4357 ext. 1238. We are here to help you with your disaster recovery. Catholic Charities is set up to offer monetary assistance with cleanup efforts and emergency needs. We are also available to work with you through housing and long term needs to get your life back to pre-disaster. Please feel free to give this number out to the residents in your area. Additional information may be accessed online at cclse.org.

For our parish, if you know of anyone who is hurt or needs assistance, contact the parish office or Father Janusz.

The parish is looking for two people to team teach the 8th grade Religious Education class on Wednesday nights starting on October 10th. Give it a try - get outside the box: challenge your spouse, lasso your best friend, furtively express interest and watch these kids set a fire of the Holy Spirit in your life. The fruits are many. Contact Fr. Janusz if interested.

Father Janusz will be going to Poland September 18 through October 5. During this time there will be no week day Masses. Msgr. Robert Hundt will celebrate weekend Masses September 22-23; and Fr. Patrick Collins will celebrate weekend Masses September 29-30.

RURAL LIFE DAY in La Crosse Deanery - Wednesday, September 19, the Diocese of La Crosse will hold the 38th annual Rural Life Day on the Wall-Stone Holsteins farm owned & operated by the family of Dr. AnneMarie Elwing, Kevin, Emil & William Walleser located at S7414 Fortner Rd., De Soto, WI 54624 of the La Crosse Deanery. The day begins with 10:00 am Mass celebrated by His Excellency Bishop William Patrick Callahan and is followed by awards, recognitions, a blessing of crops and machinery, and a meal catered by the women of the parish. For more information, contact Dan Kitzhaber, Rural Life Committee Liaison, dkitzhaber@diolc.org.

Raise them Well Parenting Series | Registration Now Open - Alice Heinzen and Jeff Arrowood from the diocesan office for Marriage and Family Life have created an on-line webinar series for parents. This series will help Moms and Dads guide their kids from childhood to adulthood. The series includes six, one hour sessions. Each will zero in on a key area of maturity and offer parents practical strategies and resources. If you have children and want to raise them well, register today at diolc.org/marriage/webinars/.

Sesquicentennial Celebration Mass October 7 - To complete our diocesan sesquicentennial anniversary, on Sunday, October 7, at 10:30 a.m., Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman. A reception will follow at the La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Plaza. Tickets are not required; all are encouraged to attend. Please go to diolc.org/150 to RSVP by Sept. 20.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend September 2, 2018

Adults: \$3,423.00

Offertory: \$279.25

Total: \$3,702.25

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

THANK YOU!

Saints of the Week

**St. John Chrysostom*

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, 8 September, 6:00 PM +Gladys Kiedinger
(Dan & Rhonda Kiedinger)

Sunday, 9 September, 7:30 AM +Scott Lasky
(David & Carol Hall)

Sunday, 9 September, 11:00 AM + People of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Monday, 10 September, +No Mass

Tuesday, 11 September, 5:15 PM +Paul Penchi, Sr.
(Paul Penchi Family)

Wednesday, 12 September, 8:00 AM +Deceased Members of the Downing Family
(Pat & Ed Klos)

Thursday, 13 September, 8:00 AM +Rosalie Weber
(Brothers & Sisters)

Friday, 14 September, 8:00 AM +Paul Penchi, Jr.
(Paul Penchi Family)

Saturday, 15 September, 6:00 PM +Agnes Thielker
(Jeannie Halderson)

Sunday, 16 September, 7:30 AM +Paul Penchi, Sr.
(Paul Penchi Family)

Sunday, 16 September, 11:00 AM + People of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Donate blood in honor of 9/11. **Tuesday, September 11, 12:00 PM-5:30 PM**, Viroqua Church of Christ, 825 Nelson Parkway, Viroqua.

Sunday, September 16, 2018, 11 AM – 2 PM – St. Kevin Church Festival, 813 N. Washington St., Melrose, WI 54642. Family style, homemade, ham & turkey dinner, \$11/adult, \$5/children, kids under 6 eat free; country store, raffles, bingo, kid's games, beer & wine garden, TV for Packer game.

Help Catholic Charities Assist Flooded Residents of Gays Mills and Coon Valley Areas - Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse has been on the scene helping those afflicted by the massive flooding in Coon Valley, Gays Mills and the surrounding areas caused by the heavy rainfall of Aug. 27-28. To see how you can help financially or by volunteering, visit www.cclse.org/disaster-relief/ or call Catholic Charities' La Crosse office at 888-212-4357.

This week we highlight **Effinger Equipment** as the bulletin sponsor of the week.
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Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish'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.

Catholic Charities: DISASTER RECOVERY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Door to Door assessments- Community Outreach; Clean-up Crew; Helpline and data entry volunteer. If you are interested in becoming a disaster volunteer please contact Sr. Laurie Sullivan at 608-519-8043, email at lsullivan@cclse.org, or sign up online at cclse.org/volunteer

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*"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples. ~
Mother Teresa*