

# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



## This Week in Our Parish

We extend sympathy to the family of Linda Moran, who died in September 2018. Her funeral memorial Mass was held here at the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 16. May she rest in peace.

**SYMBOLON** “The Catholic Faith Explained” series, church library, Sundays, 9:15 – 10:15 AM.

NO religious education classes November 21 – Happy Thanksgiving!

**A Family Life Committee and Social Justice Committee joint meeting will be held in Marion Hall on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to come and be a part of these committees. A brief description of each committee is below. We hope to see you there.**

**Social Justice Committee:** The Social Justice Committee assists the parish pastoral council in fostering pastoral concern and action for justice in the world, especially in all areas of parish life. Its concerns include: promotion of the respect for all human life; the pastoral care of the afflicted, the needy, and the imprisoned; the pastoral care of migrants and refugees, just structures in the parish; stewardship; and the greater understanding of the Church’s teaching on social justice.

**Family Life Committee:** The Family Life Committee assists the parish pastoral council in fostering Christian family life in the parish. Among its concerns are: the central place of the family in all parish pastoral activities; parish hospitality and social activities; youth ministry, vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life; pre-marriage preparation; marriage enrichment; natural family planning; and the pastoral care of single adult Catholics, divorced Catholics, divorced and remarried Catholics, and widows and widowers.

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

*The parish office will be closed Thursday, November 22, for Thanksgiving.*

**November 18, 2018**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*today’s readings are in the hymnal, page 1189*

**Sunday Mass**

**Saturday**

5:15 PM

**Sunday**

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

**Daily Mass**

Tuesday

5:15 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

8:00 AM

**Youth Mass** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10:30 AM

Mass, November to May

**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 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 & 10:00 AM

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

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**St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women** met on November 7, 2018. The main topic of the meeting was the annual Fall Turkey Dinner in October. While the number of meals sold was down slightly from 2017, the meal was a success and brought in a profit of \$4,468.79; the quilt raffle profit was \$2,046.90. Recommendations for next year's dinner included better signage in the carry-out area, a separate area for selling extra food after the dinner, and ideas for improving advertising. Recognition of donations by various local businesses will be displayed in the dining room; and Joyce Humfeld, Jane Harter, Jeanette Amundson, and Pat Biebl were recognized for their outstanding job in preparation and leadership for the dinner. The PCCW would like all parishioners to know that buying quilt raffle tickets is not mandatory and donations may also be made to the quilters without buying tickets. The quilters play an important role in our church community. The quilted products they make are donated to flood victims, new baby blankets given out, donations are given to Catholic Charity and Door of Hope, and quilted items are also sold through Vernon Memorial Hospital's gift shop. New members are always welcome. Fellowship will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month starting in January after the 8:00 Mass. Donuts will be served. School supplies collected in August will be distributed January to St. Charles School in Genoa and Sacred Heart School in Cashton. A tote with a list of items residents appreciate will be available in the atrium to provide gifts for the residents at Vernon Manor. The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be at St. Mary's church this year; there is a signup sheet in the atrium for food donations. St. Anthony's circle is in charge of the decorating and treats for the Caroling of the Choirs on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Help would be appreciated as well as cookies or bars. If anyone is interested in being a co-chair for the St. Theresa's Circle, please contact Joyce Humfeld.

**Mass Schedule for Immaculate Conception, December 8** - The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception this year is Saturday, December 8, and it remains a holyday of obligation. Masses on Friday evening, December 7, and during the day of Saturday, December 8, will observe the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Masses beginning the evening of Saturday, December 8, will observe the Second Sunday of Advent. Catholics are to attend Mass twice that weekend, once to fulfill the holyday of obligation (Immaculate Conception) and once to satisfy the Sunday obligation.

**Parish Christmas Party!!** Join our parish family for some Christmas cheer and fellowship on **December 8th in Marion Hall (after the 5:15 p.m. Mass)**; we will gather to celebrate Christ's birth and Honor the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be fun for all ages which will include a gift exchange, a cake/dessert walk, kids' games, teen activities, music, and more.

This is a potluck; so, if you are able, please plan on bringing some or all of the following:

- A dish to pass (Main dish, side or salad)
- Dessert for the cake/dessert walk (Cake, bars, cookies)
- Bottle of wine (optional)
- a small wrapped gift(s) for the gift exchange

If you are not able to bring any of the above...please come. What is most important is that "you" are there. Be sure to look for the signup sheet in the atrium as we will need little elves to help bring this all together! Contact Fran in the parish office if you need more information. 637.7711

**Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious** - Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. All of us, in some way or another, have benefitted from their many years of service in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes. Your gift to the national Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medication, nursing care, and more. The collection for this campaign will be at Holy Mass the weekend of **December 8-9**. Thank you for your support! *Roughly 94 percent of donations to the fund directly aid senior religious and their communities.*

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend November 11, 2018

Adults: \$3,498.20

Offertory: \$280.26

Youth: \$2.00

Mission Sunday: \$50.00

Total: \$3,830.46

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

## 2018-2019

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$32,405.00

Pledged: \$17,081.00

Cash to date: \$12,792.25

THANK YOU!

### *Saints of the Week*

*\*St. Cecilia*

*\*St. Clement I*

*\*St. Columban*

*\*St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions*

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday, 17 November, 5:15 PM +Carletta Bausch**  
(Jim & Ann Graham)

**Sunday, 18 November, 8:00 AM +People of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**

**Sunday, 18 November, 10:30 AM +Paul Penchi, Sr.**  
(Patricia Rubasch)

**Monday, 19 November, +No Mass**

**Tuesday, 20 November, 5:15 PM +Paul Penchi, Sr.**  
(Veronica Tresner)

**Wednesday, 21 November, 8:00 AM +Agnes Thielker**  
(Lorraine Olson)

**Thursday, 22 November, 8:00 AM +Patti Lovstad**  
(Teresa M. McCormick Family)

**Friday, 23 November, 8:00 AM +Paul Penchi, Jr.**  
(Robert Peterson)

**Saturday, 24 November, 5:15 PM +Agnes Thielker**  
(Tammy & Daron Jefson)

**Sunday, 25 November, 8:00 AM +Paul Penchi, Sr.**  
(Alice Atteln)

**Sunday, 25 November, 10:30 AM +People of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**

**Thursday, November 22, 2018 – Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner** – serving in the Annunciation of the BVM Marian Hall from 11 AM – 1 PM, deliveries available—call Tom at 608/606-1310.

**Sunday, December 2, 2018 – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Charles Steak Fry** – serving 11 AM to 2:30 PM; cost: \$13/person. Location: Retreat Sportsmen's Club, E3460 County Road M, DeSoto.

A Christmas Concert to benefit A Place of Grace will be held **Sunday, December 2nd, 2 PM** at the Roncalli Newman Chapel, 1732 State Street, La Crosse. Music will be provided by Prairie Smoke with special guest Ariane Lydon on harp and guitar. Cash and non-perishable food donations will be joyfully received to assist in the mission of A Place of Grace.

**Dec. 9 Journey to Bethlehem** - Please join us at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI on December 9th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for our annual Advent Day of Prayer. This year's Advent Day of Prayer, facilitated by Sr. Sandy Setterlund, FSPA, will prepare us to journey with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, pondering in our hearts, as Mary did, what the Nativity of the Lord means to each of us and how we can honor the gift of Jesus' birth always. The day includes celebration of Sunday Mass as well as continental breakfast and the noon meal. The cost for this day is \$45. Please call St. Anthony's at 715-443-2236 or visit our website at [sarcenter.com](http://sarcenter.com) to register for this day of prayer. If you would like to stay at St. Anthony's on the night before or after this event, please call to inquire about the cost and availability of overnight accommodations.

This week we highlight **JBC Johnson Block CPAs** 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.*

*Please note:*

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Book Club will meet regularly the third Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM in the church library. Everyone welcome to attend and share and discuss your current reading selection – biographies, historical, religious, human interest.

*Gentle reminder to please return books borrowed from our church library so others may enjoy them, too.*


Youth Masses will be celebrated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10:30 Mass, November to May.

A children's Mass is scheduled for Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

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