

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



This Week in Our Parish

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

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women - St. Anthony's circle is in charge of the decorating and treats for the Caroling of the Choirs on December 2nd. 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.

A Family Life Committee and Social Justice Committee joint meeting will be held in Marion Hall on Tuesday, December 4th 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.

Our first Finance Council meeting will be **Tuesday, December 11, at 6:30 PM in Marian Hall.** The Finance Council will be meeting every other month.

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

November 25, 2018

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**
*today's readings are in the
hymnal, page 1192*

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 – 3rd 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 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

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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 Marian 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.*

Dates and times of special Masses:

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass – Friday, December 7, 6:30 PM and Saturday, December 8, 8:00 AM – Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, December 8, 5:15 PM Mass will observe the second Sunday of Advent

Youth Mass, Sunday, December 16, 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 5:00 PM Children's Mass

Christmas Day Masses, Tuesday, December 25 – Holy Day of Obligation: Midnight

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Tuesday, January 1, 8:00 AM and 5:15 PM – Holy Day of Obligation

Two Marches for Life – Washington, D.C. or Chicago - There are two excellent opportunities to march for life once again this year. The Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C., sponsored by the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, runs **Jan. 16-20, 2019**. Visit www.dioc.org/yya and click on "Pilgrimage for Life" to sign up. The March for Life Chicago is one day only, **Jan. 13**, and you can sign up by visiting www.prolifewi.org and scrolling down to the link. Both pro-life marches have buses leaving from locations around our diocese.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend November 18, 2018

Adults: \$2,320.00

Offertory: \$272.09

Total: \$2,592.09

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

2018-2019

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$32,405.00

Pledged: \$19,166.00

Cash to date: \$12,877.25

THANK YOU!

Saints of the Week

**St. Andrew*

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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**

Monday, 26 November, +**No Mass**

Tuesday, 27 November, 5:15 PM +**Bobby & Danny Cina**
(Barbara & Royal Ros)

Wednesday, 28 November, 8:00 AM +**John & Germaine Langkamp and Family**
(Jerry & Carol Langkamp)

Thursday, 29 November, 8:00 AM +**Agnes Thielker**
(Charles & Rhonda Antony)

Friday, 30 November, 8:00 AM +**David Swanson**
(Veronica Tresner Family)

Saturday, 1 December, 5:15 PM +**Paul Penchi, Jr.**
(Paul Penchi Family)

Sunday, 2 December, 8:00 AM +**People of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**

Sunday, 2 December. 10:30 AM +**Paul Penchi, Jr.**
(Patricia Rubasch)

Sunday, December 2, 2018 – 12th 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.

December 9th, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. Please join us for our annual Advent Day of Prayer. This is a day of reflection and prayer. We will journey with Mary to Bethlehem. Using imaginative prayer, we will enter into "deep listening" to all she "pondered within her heart." Inspired from Mary's journey, we will pause and reflect on our own personal "journey to Bethlehem" in anticipation of celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus in our lives. Sunday Mass will be celebrated together. Presented by Sr. Sandy Setterlund SSJ-TOSF. The cost for this day is \$45. Please call St. Anthony's at 715-443-2236 or visit us online at our Facebook page or at www.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 **Bethel Home & Services, Inc.** 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 is 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 3rd 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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"In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ~ John 1:4-5"