

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



This Week in Our Parish

Father Janusz and the administrative staff of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish wish to take this time to wish all parishioners a joyous and blessed Christmas and a healthy and prayerful New Year!

May God bless you and keep you.



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

This week we welcome Kylene Walker Karwoski, son of Kenneth and Paula (Prasnicki) Karwoski II, into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism on December 22. Welcome to this community of Faith!

The Social Justice Committee has a basket in the Atrium to collect donations for the La Crosse Warming House and Catholic Charities from now until Christmas. A list of needed items is posted in the Atrium or choose an ornament (or two) of a needed item off the tree as a donation reminder.

HELP WANTED! Parishioners, please stay after the **December 23, 10:30 AM Mass** to help decorate the church in preparation for the birth of Christ. Men especially needed for various carrying and lifting tasks, setting up the tree, etc.

December 23, 2018

4th Sunday of Advent

today's readings are in the hymnal, page 1002

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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December 23, 2018

No Religious Education classes Sunday, December 23; Wednesday, December 26; Sunday, December 30; and Wednesday, January 2. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dates and times of special Masses:

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**

Join us at 4:30 PM, just before the 5:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve for caroling and a sweet rendition of the Nativity of our Lord presented by the children of our parish. Come celebrate with us!

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary choir is singing for midnight Mass and will start caroling at 11:30 PM.

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 more information. Anyone 13 and older may participate and will travel as a group. The "Early Bird Price" (forms and full payment in diocese office by **January 2nd**) is \$330.00 per person/\$300.00 per chaperone. After January 2nd, "Regular Price" is \$350.00 per person/\$320.00 per chaperone. **Sponsors: Anyone who would like to be a part of supporting life from conception to natural death but would not be up to the bus trip to Washington DC may be interested in sponsoring youth going on the Pilgrimage For Life please contact the parish office.**

The Luminaries would like to extend a great **BIG** thank you to the parishioners of St Mary's! The total money raised from the Christmas Card sales, cake walk, and two generous private donations was \$1,497.37. We are currently sending 3 youth--Patrick Corr, Ian Corr and Caspian Stevenson--to join the ranks of hundreds of thousands of other pro-lifers to stand up for Life in Washington, D.C. We ask that you keep these kids in your thoughts and prayers as they travel (January 16-20th) and march to put an end to abortion. If you are interested in joining them as a chaperone, please contact Tony Shay (DRE) 608.606.2459.

Parish Council will meet **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM in Marian Hall.**

Polish Priest Prepares Pierogis for Pro- Life: Come to learn how to make pierogis (Polish dumplings). Everyone is invited to join Father Janusz and our youth with this fundraiser on **Saturday, January 12th at 9:00 AM** in Marian Hall. The pierogis will be sold after all the Masses on January 12/13th - 5 for \$3.00, 10 for \$5.00

Note: The parish office will be open only on Monday, December 24; Thursday, December 27, from 12:30 – 4:00 PM; Monday, December 31; and Thursday, January 3, during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's.

December 23 , 2018

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend December 16, 2018

Adults: \$2,998.10

Offertory: \$274.18

March for Life: \$1,243.00

Immaculate Conception: \$40.00

Retired Religious: \$312.00

Christmas: \$15.00

Christmas Flowers: \$70.00

Total: \$4,952.28

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

2018-2019

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$32,405.00

Pledged: \$21,726.00

Cash to date: \$17,149.21

THANK YOU!

Saints of the Week

**St. Stephen*

**St. John*

**St. Thomas Becket*

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, 22 December, 5:15 PM +Gladys Kiedinger
(Dan & Rhonda Kiedinger)

Sunday, 23 December, 8:00 AM +Scott Lasky
(David & Carol Hall)

Sunday, 23 December, 10:30 AM + People of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Monday, 24 December, 5:00 PM+P.J. Hauser
(Hauser Family)

Tuesday, 25 December, 12:00 AM +Reinie Leis
(Angie Leis)

Tuesday, 25 December, 8:00 AM +Carletta Bausch
(Wayne Bausch)

Tuesday, 25 December, 10:30 AM +Richard Rubasch, Sr.
(Patricia Rubasch)

Wednesday, 26 December, 8:00 AM +Paul Penchi, Sr.
(Helen Pedretti)

Thursday, 27 December, 8:00 AM +Virginia Leis
(Jim & Shirley Wuensch)

Friday, 28 December, 8:00 AM +Guy Nicks
(Irene Nicks)

Saturday, 29 December, 5:15 PM +Parish Council of Catholic Women
(PCCW)

Sunday, 30 December, 8:00 AM +Paul Penchi, Sr.
(Helen Pedretti)

Sunday, 30 December, 10:30 AM +People of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Begin the New Year with Emotionally Mature Children - Do your children test your resolve with their emotional immaturity? Do you need some suggestions on how to moderate the drama in your family? Then plan to attend the Raise Them Well Webinar on emotional maturity, **January 7th at 7 PM**. You can be part of this webinar from the comfort of your own home. Just register and watch the entire presentation on your computer or smartphone. Cost \$5. Register at diolc.org/marriage/webinars/

Engaging Adults in the Theology of the Body – Tomah – **January 12, 9 AM – 3:45 PM, \$10/person – Queen of the Apostles Parish:** understand the basics of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. To register, visit diolc.org/yya/burninghearts or contact 608/791-2652, pboyle@diolc.org.

Diocesan Lay Formation Institute classes begins in fall of 2019 - Draw closer to Christ and deepen your knowledge of the Faith in a joyful community of learners! Registration is now underway for the next two-year cycle. Brochures and application forms can be downloaded at www.diolc.org/lay-formation. You can also watch a 3-minute slideshow shot at St. Anthony's Retreat Center. If you are interested, discuss this with your pastor. For more information, contact the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at ministries@diolc.org or call (608) 791-2667.

This week we highlight **Law Offices of Hopkins & Hopkins** 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.

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

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“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” ~ Luke 2:14