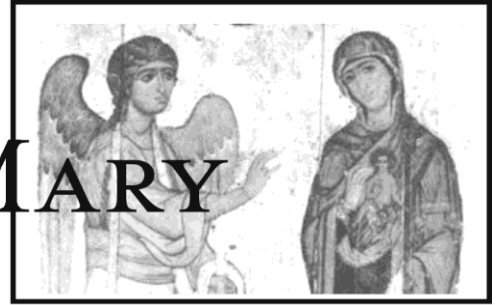


ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



This Week in Our Parish

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

Bible study with Father Janusz is held **Wednesdays at 1:00 PM** in Marian Hall. Everyone is welcome!

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Our pastor, Father Janusz’s birthday was Tuesday, January 15. A basket for cards is set out in the Atrium.

The Safe Haven Sunday website is up and ready to use - <http://diolc.org/marriage/safe-haven-sunday>. In the coming weeks, you will be learning more about an initiative called Safe Haven Sunday that will equip parents to protect family from the ill effects of pornography. According to sociologist Jill Manning, research indicates pornography consumption is associated with the following six societal trends.

1. Increased marital distress, and risk of separation and divorce.
2. Decreased marital intimacy and sexual satisfaction.
3. Infidelity.
4. Increased appetite for more graphic types of pornography and sexual activity associated with abusive, illegal or unsafe practices.
5. Devaluation of monogamy, marriage and child rearing.
6. An increasing number of people struggling with compulsive and addictive sexual behavior.

Learn more about ending porn exposure at diolc.org/shs
Come to church on Safe Haven Sunday – **March 10th.**

January 20, 2019

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

*today’s readings are in the
hymnal, page 1097*

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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January 20, 2019

PLEASE pick up your dishes (on cart in Marian Hall). Any dishes not claimed will be donated to Bethel Butikk.

Jan. 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children *From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal:* In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the "Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life".

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18-25.

Help is needed to take down church Christmas decorations after each Mass – Saturday, 5:15 PM, Sunday, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM – the weekend of **January 26 -27**.

GIVEN Retreats in January - GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating, and engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, lively music and adoration, prayer & reconciliation. GIVEN retreats help couples foster a deeper relationship that is rooted in Jesus Christ & His Church. Encourage the couples in your parish to attend either the event **this Saturday in Marshfield** at St. John the Baptist Parish or the retreat on **January 26th in Chippewa Falls** at Notre Dame Parish. Register at <http://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>.

Retreats offered by St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, Wisconsin:

Silent Men's Retreat: Reclaiming Our Personal Sabbath

February 15 – 17, 2019

Friday, 6:30 pm Supper – Sunday, 11:00 am

Guides: Glenn Svetnicka & Jolynn Brehm, FSPA Do responsibilities, obligations, pressures, technology, and expectations define and consume your life? This retreat offers an opportunity to experience Sabbath time as essential for balance and well-being. Using the symbols of an anchor and a compass, there will be time to discover and explore what brings stability and direction in life. A variety of centering activities will be available: walking, swimming, snowshoeing, reading, praying, and some guided activities – including a service project for St. Anthony's. We hope to empower you to create a strategy for reclaiming your personal Sabbath as an integral aspect of a healthy, holy life.

Cost: \$190

To register, call 715-443-2236, e-mail info@sarcenter.com.

Women's Retreat: Mothers' Sanctuary Retreat

February 22 – 24, 2019

Friday, 6:30 pm Supper – Sunday, 1:00 pm (after lunch)

Are you feeling weary from the responsibilities and upheaval of motherhood? Is it time to take a break from the 24/7 job of nurturing your children and be nurtured yourself?

Come find rest, solace, and inspiration in the heart of a monastery. You will be invited to renew mind, body, and soul. There will be meals served; quiet nights; conversation; and optional activities, prayers, and reflection times. Massage and essential oil therapy will be available as well as access to the Sacraments and a praise and worship service.

The event will be led by several mothers and a woman spiritual leader.

Cost: \$190

To register, call 715-443-2236, e-mail info@sarcenter.com.

January 20 , 2019

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend January 13, 2019

Adults: \$2,755.10

Offertory: \$259.00

Total: \$3,014.10

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

2018-2019

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$32,405.00

Pledged: \$33,506.00

Cash to date: \$29,661.17

THANK YOU!

Saints of the Week

**St. Agnes*

**St. Vincent*

**St. Marianne Cope*

**St. Francis de Sales*

**SS. Timothy and Titus*

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 19 January, 5:15 PM +**Storey Meyer**

(Leon & Joan Meyer)

Sunday, 20 January, 8:00 AM +**People of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**

Sunday 20 January, 10:30 AM +**Guy Nicks**

(Jim & Ann Graham)

Monday, 21 January, +**No Mass**

Tuesday, 22 January, 5:15 PM +**Orville Hendrickson**

(Eldon & Frances Ellefson)

Wednesday, 23 January, 8:00 AM + **Mr. & Mrs. Herman Brueggen**

(Bob & Angie Dickman)

Thursday, 24 January, 8:00 AM +**William Henry Whitehead**

(Eileen Whitehead Eggen)

Friday, 25 January, 8:00 AM +**Wilma Meyers**

(St. Mary's Choir)

Saturday, 26 January, 5:15 PM +**Chuck Brueggen**

(Angie & Bob Dickman)

Sunday, 27 January, 8:00 AM +**Charlie Dickman**

(Jay & Diana Thurston)

Sunday, 27 January, 10:30 AM +**Guy Nicks**

(Irene Nicks)

Dear fellow pro-lifers, you are encouraged to attend the **Day of Pro-Life Prayer which will be held at the Shrine on Tuesday, January 22nd**, the 45th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. If you can't be there the whole day, at least come to hear Joe Scheidler speak at 10 AM in the lower level of the church, followed by Mass in the main church. Joe is the godfather of pro-life activism in our nation. Twice there have been cases against him that have made it all the way to the Supreme Court and both times, the cases were decided in his favor. He has been a tireless pro-life witness since 1973, after Roe vs. Wade was passed, and he has inspired many in their pro-life work. His son Eric is now the director of the Pro-Life Action League, founded by Joe. I ask that you help promote this talk in your arenas of church, business, and community. Thank you for your pro-life witness. God bless you.

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 **Thorson Funeral Home** 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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"And if we can accept that a mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? ~ Mother Teresa