

# 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!

There are 16 students from our parish scheduled to be confirmed later in May. Won't you consider praying for one (or two) of these young people as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation? Choose a name and **become a “Spiritual Sponsor”**. Include them in your prayers. This is a time when they will need faith more as they make decisions and plans for their life. Pray, too, for the parents and sponsors, to guide and encourage them to continue attending Mass and receiving the sacraments. Students' names are in the Atrium.

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$880.38 to support those who live on the margins and in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give—envelopes are still available in the church entryway.

We extend sympathy to the family of Virginia L. Booher, who died on February 5, 2019. Her funeral was held here at St. Mary's on February 9. May she rest in peace.

We welcome Hoyt Samuel Fisher into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism during the 10:30 AM Mass, Sunday, February 10. Hoyt is the son of Michael and Angela (Palmer) Fisher. Welcome to this community of Faith!

Finance Council Meeting – **Tuesday, February 12**, in Marian Hall.

All women of the parish are invited to join the quilters on **Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** for a potluck meal at noon followed by a PCCW meeting and fellowship. Let's break up the winter with some warm fellowship with women of our parish.

## February 10, 2019

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*today's readings are in the  
hymnal, page 1106*

**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

**Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament**

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

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**Sunday, February 17, 10:30 AM** youth Mass; Grade 7 students will take on all the roles (except cup/host ministers) - 2 readers, 4 ushers, 2-4 greeters (open doors and hand out bulletins), and 3 gift bearers. The rest of the students will sit in the first pews on the tabernacle side of the church. We will let the servers who are already scheduled perform those roles.

**WE NEED ACTORS!** St. Mary's would like to perform the Living Stations of the Cross during this year's Lenten season. This will be a dramatic presentation of the Passion of our Lord. We are looking for actors 16 years and older. Please help us give tribute to Jesus' suffering and death this Lent by partaking in this production. Contact the parish office - 637.7711.

More than ever before people are making use of Automatic Transfers in payment of bills and purchases of products. The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish also provides a system for members of the parish to support the Church using this convenience. Avoid the inconvenience of writing a check. Save on the cost of support envelopes! Please pick up a form today in the Atrium for making your contributions to the Parish by means of automatic transfer from your checking account to that of the parish. Please notify the parish office with your name, bank name, amount of transfer and the date the transfer starts. (637-7711) Thank you!

Continued trial access available for the month of February to Catholic Faith On Demand – [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) – FORMED On Demand subscription service: login credentials **FORMED** [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) Username: [trial@formed.org](mailto:trial@formed.org) Password: Lourdes19! (Case sensitive. No spaces.) A link onto our Formed Leaders' Site is also included wherein you can find different tutorials and training resources on how to have people register and use the platform, whether on their computer or their smart phones: <https://leaders.formed.org/2019/01/17/one-step-registration-with-a-custom-registration-url/>

**Embracing your Call to Holiness – Saturday, March 2, 7:30 AM-4:00 PM**, a Catholic women's retreat, St. Mary's Community Center, 1828 Lynn Avenue, Altoona, WI. Early reservation by February 16 - \$25; regular reservation by February 23 - \$35. See brochure in the Atrium for more information.

The Diocese of La Crosse is again sponsoring 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for those couples celebrating fifty years of marriage. **Parishioners who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during this calendar year of 2019**, please contact your parish office by **March 10**, and provide your name, address, phone number, and anniversary date. Bishop William Patrick Callahan will send each couple a special invitation to attend a celebration, in their honor. The dates and locations of this year's events are July 14<sup>th</sup> at Christ the King Chapel – La Crosse; August 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's – Altoona; Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Bronislava – Plover.

**Safe Haven Sunday** – In the coming weeks, you will be learning more about an initiative called Safe Haven Sunday that will help families avoid the ill effects of pornography. Did you know that porn plays a significant role in marital strife and divorce? Research shows us that: 68% of the divorces involved one party meeting a new lover over the Internet; 56% involved one party having “an obsessive interest in pornographic websites”; 47% involved spending excessive time on the computer; 33% involved excessive time spent speaking in chat rooms. Learn more about ending porn exposure at [diolc.org/shs](http://diolc.org/shs). Come to church on Safe Haven Sunday—**March 10**.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend February 3, 2019

Adults: \$2,303.10

Offertory: \$231.00

Youth: \$5.00

CCHD: \$880.38

Total: \$3,419.48

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

## 2018-2019

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$32,405.00

Pledged: \$33,606.00

Cash to date: \$29,902.42

THANK YOU!

*Saints of the Week*

*\*SS. Cyril and Methodius*

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Saturday, 9 February, 5:15 PM +Chuck Brueggen**

(Bob & Angie Dickman)

**Sunday, 10 February, 8:00 AM + Guy Nicks**

(Guy Nicks Family)

**Sunday 10 February, 10:30 AM +Ryne David Fisher**

(Michael Fisher Family)

**Monday, 11 February, +No Mass**

**Tuesday, 12 February, 5:15 PM +Ginnie Lankamp-Becker**

(Carol & Jerry Langkamp)

**Wednesday, 13 February, 8:00 AM + Rose Rita Honzel**

(Jim & Ann Graham)

**Thursday, 14 February, 8:00 AM +Guy Nicks**

(Irene Nicks Family)

**Friday, 15 February, 8:00 AM +Parish Council of Catholic Women**

(PCCW)

**Saturday, 16 February, 5:15 PM +Ron & MaryJo DeWitt**

(Sarah DeWitt)

**Sunday, 17 February, 8:00 AM +People of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**

**Sunday, 17 February, 10:30 AM +Wilma Meyer**

(Jim & Ann Graham)

Please join us at the Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin, for the following retreat: **The Face of the Mercy of God; February 22-23; Friday, 7 p.m.-Saturday, 4 p.m.** Presenter: Sister Dianne Bergant; Investment: Full: \$165, includes overnight stay and all meals; Commuter: \$115, includes lunch on Saturday. **Register at [www.FSCenter.org](http://www.FSCenter.org) or 608-791-5295.** Pope Francis says that Jesus is the face of the mercy of God. What does mercy look like in our world today? How do we extend mercy to others and ourselves? This retreat will examine several biblical passages from both the Old and New Testament that describe the mercy of God, the mercy of Jesus and our own responsibility to be merciful.

St. Charles School Fundraiser – Ladies’ Night Out, 707 Eagle Street, Genoa, WI – **Saturday, February 23; arrive 6:30 PM; Art Project 7:00 – 9:00 PM.** Tickets \$35 at St. Charles School Facebook or Michele Trussoni, 608-632-9784; at the door \$40.

**Children's Come and See Day at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation** - Come and See is an opportunity to visit with the Sisters, pray, play and learn more about the Sister's life. **When:** March 23, 2019 **Who:** Girls ages 9-12 **Where:** Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse **Registration and Information:** Register by March 13 (or until filled) at [www.materredemptoris.org](http://www.materredemptoris.org) **Questions:** Contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or [materredemptoris@gmail.com](mailto:materredemptoris@gmail.com)

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*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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10:30 Mass, November to May.

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*“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” ~ John 3:16*