

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.

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Book Club will meet **Tuesday, February 19, at 1:00 PM** in the church library.

All women of the parish are invited to join the quilters on **Wednesday, February 20th** 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.

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.

Ash Wednesday, March 6, Masses will be at 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM.

Stations of the Cross will be observed on Sundays during Lent, immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass.

Father Janusz will be leaving for Poland Sunday, February 17, and returning March 3; we wish you a safe journey, Father! During that time there will be no weekday Masses; however, Deacon Don Tully will conduct a Communion Service several days each week. (*See Mass Intention Schedule*) Msgr. Robert Hundt will celebrate weekend Masses February 23-24; Fr. Michael Goodavish will celebrate weekend Masses March 2-3.

Schedule of Area Daily Masses:

St. Mary (Gays Mills) Monday & Thursday 8:30 AM
St. Mary (Coon Valley) Wednesday & Friday 8:00 AM
St. Philip (Rolling Ground) Tuesday 8:30 AM
Sacred Heart (Cashton) Tuesday & Friday 8 AM
Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe 11 AM
St. Charles (Genoa) W/Th/F 8:00 AM, Tuesday 8:30 AM

February 17, 2019

**6th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

*today's readings are in the
hymnal, page 1109*

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

Parish Website www.stmaryviroqua.org; Parish Fax (608) 299-3721

In case of emergency, Fr. Janusz Kowalski, Pastor (715) 456-1450

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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.

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 – FORMED On Demand subscription service: login credentials **FORMED** www.formed.org Username: 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/>

Last week, February 7-14, was National Marriage Week in the United States. To help all married couples celebrate their love, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has created a seven-day retreat that spouses can do each evening at home. Copies of "For Your Marriage" – a 10-page handout for the virtual marriage retreat are available in the Atrium.

The Diocese of La Crosse is again sponsoring 50th Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Celebrations for those couples celebrating fifty years of marriage. **Parishioners who will celebrate their 50th 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 14th at Christ the King Chapel – La Crosse; August 25th at St. Mary's – Altoona; Sept 8th 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. Come to church on Safe Haven Sunday–**March 10**.

Wish your spouse was more of a saint? Chances are your beloved wishes you were too! Learn how to become saints together at the Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat March 28-31st. Couples attending the retreat will experience what it means to love perfectly in Christ. Take your marriage to the next level of joy. Register today at diolc.org/marriage-enrichment/. For more information, call 608-791-2673.
Scholarships are available.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend February 10, 2019

Adults: \$2,648.00

Offertory: \$282.00

CCHD: \$265.00

Total: \$3,195.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

2018-2019

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$32,405.00

Pledged: \$33,631.00

Cash to date: \$30,287.42

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, 18 February, +**No Mass**

Tuesday, 19 February, 5:15 PM +**Communion Service**

Wednesday, 20 February, 8:00 AM +**Communion Service**

Thursday, 21 February, +**No Mass**

Friday, 22 February, 8:00 AM +**Communion Service**

Saturday, 23 February, 5:15 PM +**Guy Nicks**
(Guy Nicks Family)

Sunday, 24 February, 8:00 AM, +**Lewis Whitehead**
(Eileen Whitehead Eggen)

Sunday, 24 February, 10:30 AM, +**Wilma Meyer**
(St. Mary's Choir)

Saints of the Week

**St. Peter Damian*

**St. Polycarp*

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 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.

The documentary movie *UNPROTECTED A Pope, the Pill, and the Perils of Sexual Chaos* will be shown again at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 130 S. Losey Boulevard in La Crosse, on **Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 PM.** The first showing at Marcus Cinema was sold out. Highly recommended for high school students and older. No tickets needed. Free will offering accepted. Sponsored by V-Hawks for Life.

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 **Questions:** Contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or materredemptoris@gmail.com

This week we highlight **Bethel Home and Services** 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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