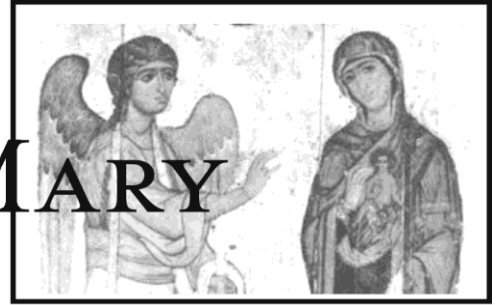


# ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



## 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!

Join our parish for **FAMILY FUN DAY!** On **Sunday, February 10th** St. Mary’s will be heading to Sugar Creek Bible Camp in Ferryville for a day of fellowship and fun for **ALL** ages. There will be tubing, broom ball, and horse drawn sleigh rides, for those who love to play in the snow. And for those who don’t want to venture outside; come sit by the fire and sip hot cocoa while visiting with your parish family. The cost is \$7 per person with a maximum of \$30 per family which includes: outdoor activities, hot dogs, chili, chips and cocoa. Sign up in the atrium. **Deadline February 3rd.**

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.

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

**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.**

**February 3, 2019**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

*today’s readings are in the  
hymnal, page 1103*

**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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# February 3, 2019

**Library News:** The transformation of the old library/cry room is complete, and it is in full use as the multi-purpose, spiritual education room proposed so long ago. Many people helped with this project; and donations in many forms kept costs on this project to a minimum. Fresh paint, a polished floor, new lights, relocated shelving, window coverings, a beautiful table, comfortable reading chairs, an area rug, a reading lamp and end table, some children's activity bags, wall art and the addition of a television for classes have all transformed this room into a functional meeting and learning space. Thanks to all those who donated their time, talent and treasure to this project. Parishioners continue to donate books to the library as well. Be sure to stop in and make use of this wonderfully transformed space.

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/>

**Is Your Marriage Hurting?** - Do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help married couples uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **February 8-10, 2018**, call 877-922-HOPE (4673), or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

Retreat offered by St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, Wisconsin:  
*Evening for Lovers: Couple's Prayer* / Sunday, February 17, 2019. Registration at 5:00 pm; Supper at 6:00 pm; Program from 7:00 – 8:15 pm; Presenters: Karl & Joyce Kontyko. Evening for Lovers encourages couples to share more deeply and consistently the two most important love relationships of their lives: their relationship with God and their relationship with each other. The evening will invite couples to experience sharing their spirituality on intimate levels, such as trust levels involved in being comfortable with worshipping God together. We pray that both husbands and wives will emerge from the evening blessed with a personal love relationship with Jesus that is deeper and more freely shared between them than ever before. Cost: \$45. To register, call 715-443-2236, e-mail [info@sarcenter.com](mailto:info@sarcenter.com),

**Men's Renewal Retreat – Marshfield - Feb. 23, 9am-3pm - It is great to be a man!** It's also a great challenge and at times even a battle. Plan to attend a **one-day retreat** that will focus on practical ways to become the man, father, husband, son that God intended. Because you were made for more! The retreat leader, Fr. Guisepppe, who some call “**Chuck Norris in a habit**” will challenge men to be who they were made to be! Retreat held at St. John the Baptist, 201 W Blodgett St, Marshfield, WI. Cost: \$20/person in advance (Includes morning snack and lunch) - \$25 at the door. Register at <https://menofthecross.org/>

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.

# February 3, 2019

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend January 27, 2019  
Adults: \$2,571.10  
Offertory: \$262.00  
Total: \$2,833.10  
Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

## 2018-2019

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$32,405.00  
Pledged: \$33,606.00  
Cash to date: \$29,776.17  
THANK YOU!

### *Saints of the Week*

- \*St. Agatha
- \*St. Paul Miki & Companions
- \*St. Jerome Emiliani
- \*St. Josephine Bakhita

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- Saturday**, 2 February, 5:15 PM +**Wilma Meyers**  
(St. Mary's Choir)
- Sunday**, 3 February, 8:00 AM +**Janet Timmerman**  
(Jarda & Ambrose Timmerman)
- Sunday** 3 February, 10:30 AM +**People of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**
- Monday**, 4 February, +**No Mass**
- Tuesday**, 5 February, 5:15 PM +**Orville Hendrickson**  
(Carol & Jerry Langkamp)
- Wednesday**, 6 February, 8:00 AM + **Charles Toye**  
(Peg O'Rourke)
- Thursday**, 7 February, 8:00 AM +**Guy Nicks**  
(Jeanette Amundson)
- Friday**, 8 February, 8:00 AM +**Alice Liniewski**  
(Joseph & Patricia Biebl)
- 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 +**People of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**

**Hearts Open Wide - High School Retreat at Mater Redemptoris House of Formation** - Come join other high school women for a weekend retreat designed to help you come to a deeper understanding of God's call for your life. Join the Sisters in prayer, fellowship, activities, and Mass. Attendance does not imply that a girl is in the discernment process. This weekend is just to find out what the life is all about while growing in prayer and having some fun. **When:** February 8-10, 2019 **Who:** Young women currently in high school **Where:** Mater Redemptoris House of Formation in La Crosse **Registration and Information:** Register by January 30th 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)

**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)

**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.dioc.org/lay-formation](http://www.dioc.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@dioc.org](mailto:ministries@dioc.org) or call (608) 791-2667.

This week we highlight **Vosseteig Funeral Homes.** as the bulletin sponsor of the week.  
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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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~ Luke 2:32