

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!

Please pick up your **2018 annual giving statement** – available in the Atrium. (*Statements in alphabetical order by last name.*) All statements not picked up will be mailed out beginning Monday, January 28.

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Sunday Meals for Fortney Hotel Residents – Sunday, **February 2nd**, is the next date we will be providing the meal. Food should be delivered to the kitchen in Marian Hall on Sunday, February 2nd by 12 PM Noon. Pans, with instructions, will be out in the Atrium this weekend. Take a pan home, make a hot dish, salad or desert and return next weekend. Join in feeding the hungry!

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.**

January 27, 2019

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

*today’s readings are in the
hymnal, page 1100*

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

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.

World Day for Consecrated Life – **February 2.**

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development.

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

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

Evening for Lovers: Couple's Prayer | February 17

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,

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.**

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.

January 27 , 2019

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend January 20, 2019

Adults: \$2,651.10

Offertory: \$330.00

Youth: \$5.00

Total: \$2,986.10

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. Thomas Aquinas*

**St. John Bosco*

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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)

Monday, 28 January, +**No Mass**

Tuesday, 29 January, 5:15 PM +**Orville Hendrickson**

(Eldon & Frances Ellefson)

Wednesday, 30 January, 8:00 AM + **Jayne Rouu Stalsberg**

(Jim & Ann Graham)

Thursday, 31 January, 8:00 AM +**Ed & Esther Skowron**

(Joseph & Patricia Biebl)

Friday, 1 February, 8:00 AM +**Margaret Downing**

(Pat & Ed Klos)

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**

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 **Questions:** Contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or 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 **Questions:** Contact Sister M. Consolata at 608-788-4530 or 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.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.

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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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~ St. Alphonsus Liguori*