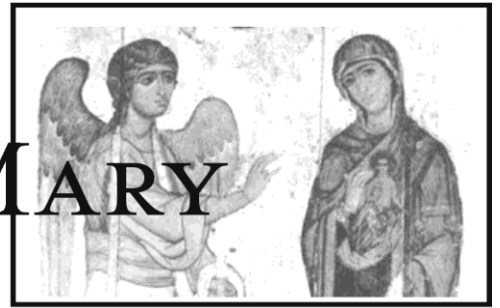


ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH



This Week in Our Parish

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

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

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 PM Parish Council meeting in Marian Hall.

Bible study with Father Janusz at 1:00 PM Wednesdays in Marian Hall continues on March 13.

Lenten Regulations - The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Lenten regulations are as follows:

1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary, to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Join our faith community in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. **Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl in the Atrium.** During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world.

Safe Haven Sunday will take place on March 10, 2019. At Mass, your pastor will directly address the harms of pornography and provide resources to support and protect individuals, marriages, and families in overcoming pornography and making their homes safe. **Parishioners may pick up this year’s free booklet, Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture, and prayer card in the atrium.** Throughout the book and resources, readers are encouraged to sign up for the seven-day text-to-opt-in program by texting “secure” to 66866. Visit: diolc.org/shs for more information.

March 10, 2019

1st Sunday of Lent

today’s readings are in the hymnal, page 1018

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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March 10, 2019

Sunday, March 17, 10:30 AM youth Mass; Grade 8 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.

The PCCW will be offering a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior of St. Mary's. Scholarship applications can be picked up in the atrium or at the parish office. The scholarship applications are due in the parish office by **April 15th**.

Your parish has purchased a gift for you – a free one-year subscription (2/6/19 thru 2/6/20) to Catholic Faith On Demand – www.formed.org – Netflix for Catholics! Each parishioner needs to create their own account under St. Mary's parish subscription. First, go to the FORMED website – www.formed.org; click on 'enter code' – enter St. Mary's code **CMW46N** (case sensitive) and follow the prompts; use your own e-mail address for your user name and create your own password. After you have created your own personal account, you can then use your e-mail address (user name) and personal password to login in the future on the site. (*Business card with logon information available in church entryway.*)

Understand and Engage with Scripture like never before - Watch *Genesis to Jesus* for free this Lent. Scott Hahn and Matthew Leonard of the St. Paul Center will make the big picture of the Bible become exceptionally clear and vibrantly alive for you. Sign up for free streaming here: stpaulcenter.com/streaming

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.

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.*

Reminder: Spring Parish Round Table Meetings - The Office for Communications is hosting Roundtable discussions this spring. Parish Administrative Assistants and Secretaries, School Administrative Assistants and Secretaries, ParishSOFT users, those involved in parish social media and other parish staff are welcome. Pre-registration is required: all meetings are 2 hours. Register online at <http://diolc.org/spring-parish-roundtable-meetings/>.

Celtic Retreat: Ireland's Holy Three | March 15 -17, St. Anthony's Spirituality Center, Marathon, WI. Friday, 6:30 pm Supper – Sunday, 1:00 pm (after lunch); Presenter: Fr. Dan Crosby, OFM Cap. Patrick, Brigid, Columcille (Columba) Ireland is often called "The isle of saints and scholars." There are many, but all would agree: The greatest are Saints Patrick, Brigid, and Columcille. They're Ireland's three patron saints – even buried together! Fr. Dan Crosby has studied and been inspired by each of them and will bring their lasting stories when he returns. Don't miss out on this time of faith and fun! Cost: \$200. To register, call 715-443-2236, e-mail info@sarcenter.co

March 10, 2019

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekend March 3, 2019

Adults: \$4,574.10

Offertory: \$195.85

Youth: \$5.00

Ash Wednesday: \$5.00

Easter Flowers: \$5.00

Total: \$4,784.95

Needed Weekly: \$3,400.00

2018-2019

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Target: \$32,405.00

Pledged: \$36,616.00

Cash to date: \$33,499.38

THANK YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, 9 March, 5:15 PM +Charles Toye

(Peg O'Rourke)

Sunday, 10 March, 8:00 AM, +Bob & Angie Dickman Family

(Bob & Angie Dickman)

Sunday 10 March, 10:30 AM, +People of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Monday, 11 March, +No Mass

Tuesday, 12 March, 5:15 PM +Guy Nicks

(Guy Nicks Family)

Wednesday, 13 March, 8:00 AM +Deceased Members of the Klos Family

(Pat & Ed Klos)

Thursday, 14 March, +Joe Menne

(Rita Menne)

Friday, 15 March, 8:00 AM +Homer Tresner

(Veronica Tresner)

Saturday, 16 March, 5:15 PM +Joe Hauser Family

(Joe Hauser Family)

Sunday, 17 March, 8:00 AM +Ed & Barb Martinez 50th Wedding Anniversary

(Pat & Ed Klos)

Sunday, 17 March, 10:30 AM +Richard Herken

(Richard Herken Family)

Saints of the Week

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

Bethel Home and Services, Inc., Annual Meeting, **Tuesday, March 26, 2019;** registration and fellowship at 6:30 PM; annual meeting to follow at 7:00 PM; location: Bethel Home & Services Fellowship room.

Spaghetti and Pasta Dinner - No need to cook on **Saturday, March 30th**. Join us at St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley for a great plate of spaghetti or pasta with sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, coffee, milk or water, followed by ice cream for dessert. Serving 4-7 PM. Only \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and those under 3 are free. There will also be wine and beer available for additional purchase (21 and older only). Proceeds to be used for Rectory repairs. Contact 608-452-3841 for questions.

Catholic Scout Retreat 2019 – May 18 - Place: St. Patrick's School – 100 South L Street – Sparta – WI; Time: registration 8:30 to 9:00AM sessions will end at 4PM; Meals: Lunch & snacks provided. No Cost free will donations accepted. For Information contact: Cindy Sjolander at 608-792-4911 or catholicscoutslacrossediocese@gmail.com

This week we highlight **Moser Trucking, Inc.** 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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"Heavenly Father, during this Lenten season, give me a new and expanded vision for my life. Help me to live full of faith. Teach me to find hope in the face of adversity"